

INFO CENTRAL

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SENIOR PASTOR INFO

I read an article this week in a Christian magazine that I believe is a serious wake-up call to Christian Parents and to all Christians.

The article was titled, "U. S. Textbooks Distort Truth, Promote Islam." The article appeared in the latest issue of "Israel, My Glory" magazine published by a highly respected Christian ministry called "The Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry Inc." I read the article with intense interest and not a little chagrin. The article reported the results of a five-year study of 28 textbooks that are presently being used in the U. S. Public Education System. The study found a number of very disturbing things about which every American Christian will want to be aware. The study found that Islam is generally presented in a very favorable fashion and that Christianity and Judaism are generally presented in a negative light or as mere belief systems with little credibility. Here are a few of the things the study of these textbooks revealed. The study found that these textbooks either distorted or flat out lied about facts of history regarding Jesus, the nation of Israel, the Arab/Israeli Wars, and about the Bible and the Quran. These texts taught that Jesus was a "Palestinian" which is a blatant effort to distort the truth that Jesus was/is a "Jew." The texts teach a very distorted version of the facts of the history of the Arab-Israeli wars and conflicts over the years since the State of Israel was born. The texts teach that Israel was the aggressor in those wars. The texts teach that Israel started those wars. The texts teach that Israel put Palestinian Arabs in refugee camps while the truth is that the Arab Nations themselves are the ones who have created Palestinian Refugee Camps. The texts teach also that the US and Israel are the ones that are responsible for Muslim Terrorism, including the attacks on 9-11. In addition, the same glossary in one of the textbooks teaches as a fact that the Quran, the holy book of Islam, was received by Muhammad as a direct revelation from God. But the same glossary states that the Ten Commandments were moral laws that Moses "CLAIMED" to have received from the Hebrew God Yahweh. This is unconscionable. This is a pack of intentional lies that are being taught to our children on a regular basis in the public school classrooms of American children. These are books paid for by American tax dollars. It is outrageous to me. If you would like to read about the study and check out the names of the textbooks that were used for the study, you can do so at troublewithtextbooks.org. I urge all parents to take this seriously and to contact your schools and find out if any of these texts are being used at any of our schools here in central North Dakota. But, I also encourage all of us to pray for the peace of Israel, to pray for America and to be spiritually prepared for new challenges each day brings. "But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. 'And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled.' But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; having a good conscience...." (1 Peter 3:14-16a). I do look forward to seeing you this Sunday, D.V. We will

return to our regular Sunday Morning schedule and to our study of Revelation I. May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Maranatha, PTK <><

DISCOVER FEFC

This is our introductory class to First Evangelical Free Church. It includes getting to meet others who are new to FEFC, finding out what the ministries are and reviewing our church's basic beliefs. This class also offers preparation for membership, if that is desired. Contact Pastor Kevin at the church office at 223-3330 or email Pastor Kevin at kevin@firstefree.com for more information. The next Membership/Discover classes are May 31 and June 1.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's summer Bible study will be held Tuesday morning from 9:30-11:30 a.m. beginning June 9 and goes through July 28. Childcare is provided with registration fee. Contact Elaine Schelhaas to register before May 29.

MOTORCYCLE TRIP

Calling all motorcycle enthusiasts! June 5 - 7 we are going to do a weekend ride to the Black Hills in South Dakota. Anyone wanting more information can contact Rick Janke at 220-6157.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEN'S STUDY

The Men's study will be meeting at 7 p.m. during the summer months in the same place. We will be taking a break from Winning at Work & Home and going through the Promise Keepers Marathon Study during the summer.

HONG KONG IN 2010

There is a need for a church team to come to Hong Kong in February 2010 to serve at the China Area Conference for American missionaries serving in Asia. The dates are from February 8 to 12, 2010. They need a church team to come lead worship and provide childcare for the missionaries attending the conference. The travel to Hong Kong would be self-funded. If anyone is interested, they can contact Larry or Cindy Renner.

VBS - CROCODILE DOCK

VBS - just a few days away. June 1 - June 5 from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Registration forms are available at the VBS table or check out our church web sight where you can sign up online or download a registration form. Also don't forget to check out the VBS table to see who the "Crocodile Dock" CD winners are. **We need your unwanted newspapers for VBS.** Please just leave them at the information desk. Thank you! Questions call Linnet at 223-3330.

THANK YOU

I want to thank all of you who have been praying for the sale of our home here in Bismarck. Through your prayers the Lord has blessed us with a buyer and I can now join my husband in New York. Though our time here was short, I am so thankful that part of God's plan for us was to spend time with all of you growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you for your kind, caring hearts. *Judy Braley*

412 Ministries

PRIMETIME

Sunday morning for Jr. High & Sr. High 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

R.A.G.E. Jr. High (7th & 8th grades)

THE EXAMPLE Sr. High (9th & 12th grades)



PRAYER CHAIN INFO

Please call the Phone Prayer Chain Captains and e-mail your requests to Laurie Grosz at the e-mail address below to activate your prayer requests.

E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN INFO

prayer@firstefree.com

PHONE PRAYER CHAIN CAPTAINS INFO

DAYTIME : Catherine Grosz

EVENING : Doris Ann Van Beek



CLASSIFIED ADS

If you have items to sell or give away, the classified ad service is for you! A classified ad service for our FEFC attendees is being provided. Detailed information is posted on the bulletin boards in the community room and next to the library.



WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO

- THU - May 28 Young Adult Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.
- FRI - May 29 Joy Club @ McDonald's (by K-Mart) - 9:30 am
Friday Night Singles - 6:30 pm
- SUN - May 31 Worship Service - 9:00 am
Sunday School/Adult Community/Primetime-9 am
Discover FEFC - 9:00 am
Fellowship - 10:15 am
Worship Service - 10:45 am
Sunday School - 10:45 am
Discover FEFC - 12:00 pm
- MON - June 1 Living Stones Men's Study - 6:30 am
VBS - 6:30 pm
Fellowship & Caring Board - 7:00 pm
- TUE - June 2 Motorcycle Run @ Clark Station Exit 161 - 6:30 pm
VBS - 6:30 pm
Hope in a Hostile World Study; 7:00 pm
- WED - June 3 412 R.A.G.E. - 6:30 pm
412 The Example - 6:30 pm
All Church Prayer - 6:30 pm
VBS - 6:30 pm
Men's Softball at Kelly #10 - 6:30 pm
Men's Bible Study - 7:00 pm
Worship Team Rehearsal - 7:45 pm

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