

INFO CENTRAL

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SENIOR PASTOR INFO

Well, we've all had a bit of a break from me "filling" this space. But I'm back ☺!! I don't know if you are experiencing the same things I am these days or not, but I often feel overloaded & overwhelmed. It seems that if you follow current events in the world, there is nothing but chaos, cause for concern, fear, doubt and alarm: H1N1 virus, overwhelming national debt, leadership in Washington, D.C. who have gone wild with spending, the most alarming and foolish focus on things that shouldn't be focused on (bringing the terrorists from Guantanamo Bay here to stand trial in the U.S. as if they were Americans) and complete neglect and silence on the real issues and concerns in our nation and world (sending troops to support our troops in Afghanistan and actually doing something about the Iranian threat to Israel and our national security). Meanwhile, a man who is in our own military services commits the most horrendous attack on our own military service men and women, while having already made it clear that he was dangerous, committed to his bizarre radical beliefs and unstable as can be. We live in the foolish times when everyone is so paralyzed by political correctness that no one did/does anything to prevent this radicalized Army officer from committing the worst "internal" attack on a military installation in our Nation's history. Wow!

What is going on?

There is only one place to turn in times like these and Sunday we are going to turn there together – to the Praise and Worship of our great and awesome God! We will spend time in the Scriptures together. We will hear testimony of how amazingly and faithfully our God works even in the darkest hours of our lives. We will sing praises and we will worship our glorious and sovereign King of the Universe together. We will remind one another from the Scriptures and from our hearts that we have nothing to fear for Yahweh is with us and He has not relinquished any of His Sovereign control over any of the affairs of this world. He has promised to us His faithful presence and His committed care in our lives. He has not promised us ease, a government that we can rely upon, a lifestyle that we have been used to, all of the bells and whistles, trinkets and toys we have grown so accustomed to having, or any of that. He has promised that we will always have HIM. And that, dear Friends, is all that we need, now or forever. AMEN? AMEN! I do truly and sincerely look forward to seeing you on Sunday as we gather for our Annual Praise Gathering and for the Fellowship Meal afterward according to the Scriptures (Hebrews 10:25) D.V. Don't forget to bring nonperishable food items for the offering and your Operation Christmas Child Shoebox. Maranatha, Pastor Terry Kern <><

SUNDAY PRAISE GATHERING

Sunday, November 22, 2009, is Praise Gathering Sunday. We will have one worship service at 10:00 a.m. Nursery will be available but there will be no Sunday School. There will be a movie and activity for children 3 years old to 3rd grade. Children will be released during the Praise Gathering service. If you have any questions please call Linnet or Nanette at 223-3330.

PRAISE GATHERING MEAL

Help is needed for the harvest meal, which will be after our Praise Gathering service on November 22. Volunteers are needed to help roast turkeys, set up and clean up. For the potluck meal, families with last names beginning with letters A - L please bring a hot potato dish and dessert; M - Z please bring a hot potato dish and salad. If you have any questions or if you can help in any way, please call Sharon Curtiss.

SHARE THE HARVEST

Nonperishable food items will be collected during the Praise Gathering Sunday worship service. This is a great opportunity to share with those in need as you bring the food items forward during the service. We invite you to bring canned food and nonperishable items to the worship center. Items will be donated to the Salvation Army food pantry just in time for the holidays. The Salvation Army does request that all items be newly purchased to avoid outdated. They especially appreciate pancake syrup and five to ten pound bags of flour and sugar, however, they are accepting donations of any nonperishable. It is a joy to give; this helps many families in need. Let this be our opportunity to SHARE THE HARVEST.

**One Worship Service
November 22 at 10:00 a.m.**

CELEBRATE THE LIFE (CTL) AUDITIONS

We will be having auditions for the CTL drama on November 29 and December 6 at 4:00 p.m. If you are interested in any of the many roles and you have not tried out before, please come to one of these two dates and try out for that part. If you are interested in the same role you had before, please let us know. For a list of the parts available, please go to the CTL stand near the Worship Center entrance and pick up the list. Also, for all you singers out there, start warming up those vocal chords and come to the auditions to try out for solos, duets, or small group.

FEFC'S GOT TALENT

All FEFCer's are invited to attend and/or participate! Sign-up for a spot in the talent show - don't be shy!!! Share your talent (only 10-12 spots) sign up at the Information Center. Content needs to be approved by Barb or Pastor Kevin. So join the Christmas party on December 2, 2009, at 6:30 pm here at FEFC. Bring a favorite Christmas goody to share. If you have any questions contact Barb at barb@firstefree.com or call 223-3330.

CREATION SEMINAR "IN THE BEGINNING"

Recent fossil discoveries and the scientific and religious implications. Geologic evidence of ancient life suddenly appearing has been the focus of philosophical debates for many years. How does this evidence fit in with a literal interpretation of scripture? Joseph A. Martinetti, MS, will be giving the presentation. Join us for this free seminar Saturday, December 12 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

