

# INFO CENTRAL

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## FEFC BENEVOLENCE FUND

Perhaps it would help to rename it "The 610 Fund" after Galatians 6:10 - "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith." This is exactly why our benevolence fund exists - to do good to others and especially to those who have special needs within our own church family. The fund is administered by our Fellowship and Caring Board, Elders and at least one of our Pastors. The fund is maintained almost solely by the cash gifts given in the retiring offering received at the Worship Center doors at the close of our communion services. The benevolence fund offering is usually not even publicly mentioned but there have always been enough funds given by generous and caring people to maintain enough of a balance in the fund to help with the needs that come to our attention.

## THE EVENT

Sunday, November 8, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. everyone is invited to a time of contemporary worship and teaching. You will be able to text in questions and try to stump Pastor Terry or you can enjoy the awesome fellowship around a cup of warm coffee and snacks.

## SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

If you're separated or divorced, the holidays can be a lonely, stressful, depressing time. But there's hope. Join us for an encouraging seminar that will help you survive the holidays and discover new ways to enjoy them again. Saturday, November 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Evangel Assembly of God. Information can be picked up at the information center or please feel free to give Pastor Kevin a call at 223-3330

## HOLIDAY HAND-ME ~~DOWN~~ UPS!!!

Need to "recycle" holiday décor? Bring your holiday (4th of July, Thanksgiving, Valentine, etc.) items including "like-new" toys to FEFC Community Room **PRICED AND READY FOR SALE** Friday, November 13 from 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. **SALE DAY** is Saturday, November 14 from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. All proceeds will go to Operation Christmas Child boxes. If you plan to donate items, volunteer to help, or if you have any questions, contact Lynn Schindler.

## 2nd ANNUAL PACK A SHOE BOX

Sunday, November 15, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. is the second annual pack-a-shoe-box party. We will have the items to pack the shoe boxes, so just show up and pack a shoe box. Remember, if you are unable to pack your own box and want us to do it for you, either drop off a donation at the church office or at the Information Center on Sundays or, if you want to bring a bunch of items on the 15th, you can do that too. The chili will be provided, so all you have to do is show up and help pack boxes.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We are looking for volunteers to help during Operation Christmas Child drop off week November 16 - 23, 2009. If you can vol-

unteer for 1/2 hour, 1 hour, 2 hours, or all day, please go to the Information Center and sign up for the amount of time you can be there. If you have any questions, please contact Chuck Curtiss .

## 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. Please call Sharon Curtiss if you can help in any way.

## SUNDAY PRAISE GATHERING

Sunday, November 22, 2009, is Praise Gathering Sunday. We will be having one Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. There will be NO Sunday School. Nursery will be available. We will also have an FEFC Church Family Potluck meal and, if you can help roast turkeys, set-up and clean-up, 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 creamed soups, 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) 2010 EASTER MUSICAL

It is hard to believe it is almost time for CTL to begin. Mark your calendars for the 2010 CTL performance dates of March 26, 27, 28, and 31 and April 1 and 2. We will be having auditions for the CTL drama on November 29 and December 6, so watch for details. Please, please start praying for CTL. Here are some areas of CTL that you can pray for, the people who are involved in CTL (set, decorating, promotions, ticketing, sound, lights, cast members, choir members, and leaders) for who you can invite and, more importantly, for those in the audience as they hear about God's love, perhaps for the first time. See the CTL table in the foyer on Sunday for more information on how you can get involved.

*"God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble."*

*Psalms 46:1*

