

INFO CENTRAL

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SENIOR PASTOR INFO

I was just reading Psalm 92 in connection with preparing the FFEAST lesson for the ninth week of this first session. Our memory verse for that week is Ps. 92:4. I was so encouraged I had to read it to all the staff in our staff meeting. I know a lot of people are fearful these days; unsettled by many things. And there is a lot to be "unsettled" about; politically, socially, economically, globally, culturally, nationally, etc. (Notice I did NOT add 'environmentally' as I have never believed any of this 'global warming' stuff and I as I read my Bible, I don't even get a hint of God's telling us that we humans have any control over the climate; God takes care of all that). That's why I asked Dr. Martin to share a little bit this past Sunday about the H1N1 virus. I wanted to give everyone an opportunity to hear from the mouth of a genuine medical and infectious diseases expert that this is nothing to panic about; not much different right now than a normal influenza season. **But folks, whatever lies in store for America or for the world, our God is STILL SOVEREIGN and He has not lost control.** I am truly convinced that God is doing something quite dramatic in the world these days. I don't have any idea of how long it will take for this "stage" of His program to play out. I do know that He is being patient so that more can come to repentance (II Peter 3:9). America is nowhere to be found in any direct way in the end times pictures that are painted (such as Ezekiel 38-39) in Scripture. So it seems quite clear that every movement of world events that diminishes America as a world power only moves us another step closer to the end times pictures. I know that the present State of Israel is not a "believing" Jewish nation (i.e. the nation as a nation does not recognize Jesus as The Christ/Messiah), but no one can deny that the present return to the land of Israel by Jews (read Ezekiel 36-37) from all around the world (Aliyah – Hebrew word for "ascent") is such a supernatural phenomena that we know for certain that God is doing something dramatic and thrilling today. Here in America we may face some challenging days economically and in other ways, but now is the time for all of us as Christians to become more and more invested in doing the things that God says to do in the end times. It is time for many of us to change our focus. Many of us have been living our whole lives with this picture in our minds of storing up wealth for a comfortable retirement in which we fully relax and take leisurely trips around the nation or even around the world. We think that we have worked hard and now we deserve to 'play' for awhile. That is not the picture that I get from the Scripture (remember James 4) of what our 'goal' in life ought to be and it may be less and less a reasonable expectation for the vast majority of us in the future. But with the Bible in hand, we can look the future in the face with confident assurance that our Great & Glorious God will care for our needs and will never leave us nor forsake us. And we will have ministry opportunities like we have not had here in America since the Great Depression. People are already hungry for truth like they haven't been for a long time. And as the world scene continues to change with dramatic speed, people will develop a greater and

greater appetite for TRUTH. Let's cling to God and to His Word; we could be in for quite the ride.

By the way, thanks to those of you who responded to the plea for help to make up some of the shortfall in the Josh McDowell expenses. A little over \$900 more came in on Sunday and we are now a bit under \$2000 short of meeting all expenses related to having Josh here. If you want to have a part please just designate your gift to help with the expenses of the Josh McDowell weekend.

I do truly and sincerely look forward to seeing you on Wednesday at our FFEAST and then again on Sunday as we gather for Worship, Study, and fellowship according to the Scriptures (Hebrews 10:25) D.V. Maranatha, PTK <><

MISSIONS & OUTREACH FUNDRAISER

On Sunday, Oct. 18th after the second worship service, our Missions & Outreach Board would like to offer everyone in our church an opportunity to be a third-world MISSIONARY for just one mealtime. The Missions & Outreach Board will be hosting a Missions Fundraiser Meal in the Community Room. The meal that will be served is an **"EAT LIKE THE THIRD WORLD"** meal. It is a **surprise** what you will be served. It is a fundraiser meal in that the Missions & Outreach Board is asking you to donate whatever amount you would normally spend on going out to eat on Sunday to Missions. As we are all aware, due to budget constraints our Missions budget was cut this last year. We will use the proceeds of this "fundraiser meal" to divide equally among the missionaries whose support we had to cut in this last budget cycle. Larry and Cindy Renner will also be sharing some of the stories and pictures of their recent missions trip to East Asia.

FAMILY FUN FAIR

The Family Fun Fair is Saturday, October 31 from 5 - 7 p.m. That means we need candy - lots of it! A bucket will be located in the foyer. If you would like to help out at this event, job descriptions and a sign up sheet will be located at the Information Center. If you have any questions please contact Linnet or Nanette at 223-3330.

FFEAST on WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

This is our new GROW level ministry at FEFC. Currently we are doing a study of Old Testament prophecies and prelude to the coming of Christ! The evening includes family time, food, in-depth teaching from God's Word & small group time. Registration will be open at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. The meal begins at 5:00 PM and all activities at 6:15 PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Church front office is looking for a few interested individuals to do receptionist duties during the week between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Any hours you are willing to work would be appreciated. Please call Gayle.

412 Ministries

PRIMETIME: Sunday for Jr. High & Sr. High @ 9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT : 6:15 – 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

THE PLANE TRUTH ABOUT CHRISTMAS!

Our bags are packed and the pilots are ready for take-off aboard the "Plane Truth" Airlines. All we need is YOU! Auditions/rehearsals Sunday, at 10:45 a.m. You will find us in terminal 10 located in the Senior High room in the basement. We have a seat reserved for you and hope your bags are packed. We are now cleared for take-off. If you have any questions please contact Anita Lardy at 751-2723.

KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE CHILDREN

The kindergarten and first grade Singing Airport Attendants will report to rehearsal in Concourse Room 200 (three-year-olds' Sunday school room) from 10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m on Sundays. Join us in making the airport rafters ring! If you have any questions, call Nanette Cornell at 663-1170.



WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO

- THU - Oct 15 1st Place for Health - 6:00 pm
Young Adult Bible Study - 7:00 pm
Women's Ministry Team Meeting - 7:00 pm
- FRI - Oct 16 Joy Club @ McDonald's (by K-Mart) - 9:30 am
NDFA Balancing Grace & Truth Seminar - 7:00 pm
- SUN - Oct 18 Worship Service - 9:00 am
Sunday School/Primetime/Adult Comm. - 9:00 am
Fellowship - 10:15 am
Worship Service - 10:45 am
Sunday School - 10:45 am
Missions & Outreach Fundraiser - noon
Parents of Youth Meeting - 2:00 pm
- MON - Oct 19 Men's Living Stone Study - 6:30 am
Adult Student Min. team Mtg. - 6:30 p.m.
Missions & Outreach Board - 7:00 pm
- TUE - Oct 20 Women's Bible Study - 9:00 am
Women's Bible Study - 6:30 pm
Men's Study Group - 7:00 pm
- WED - Oct 21 MOPS - 9:00 a.m.
Cooks Night Off - 5:00 pm
FFFEAST - 6:15 pm
412 R.A.G.E. - 6:15 pm
412 The Example - 6:15 pm
Worship Team Rehearsal - 7:45 pm

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