

INFO CENTRAL

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF ADULT MINISTRIES INFO

FFFEAST Update

Hi, everyone! I hope all of you are doing well and that you are encouraged by the work of Christ in your life and in the lives of our fellow believers. I have been encouraged lately by the stories that I hear from people about the changes and hope that God is bringing to many in our congregation. Each Sunday, I am challenged by Pastor Terry and his passion for the Word of God to let it impact me to see His incredible love for me and you and to see His desire to speak to our hearts and minds for life change that we can be more and more like Christ. These are not easy times that we are living in, but in spite of the difficulties we are to persevere in the midst of the struggles around us. In Romans 5:3-5, Paul tells us "that we glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us." I have a long ways to go at truly rejoicing in trials and seeing them as God's way of molding me and sculpting me into the vessel that He wants me to be, but the hardships of today force me to cling to Christ more and more as I see how inadequate I am to deal with life's struggles in my own self. I have always been one who has wanted to be in control of my life, but God has never allowed me to be at peace with myself or Him when I am focusing only on my own self. I long for the day when we will be with Christ and away from this ugly world, but in the time being, God continues to mold us into His servants to touch one another with His love and to reach out to those who do not yet know Him!

I wanted to mention briefly a couple of things about the FFFEAST ministry. We have met now for five weeks and I have been so encouraged by everyone who has taken part in it. Because it is a new ministry, and we knew that there would be some bugs to work out, we have witnessed the incredible grace that all have shown towards this ministry and towards one another. We have seen everyone jumping in and doing their part to make this ministry a success. People have taken leadership in being table discussion leaders and sometimes at a moments notice and have done a great job. People have jumped in and have participated in the family time when maybe they didn't want to be standing up front, but they did it anyway and what a blessing it became for all of us to see so many different people of all ages taking part in this family event. It has amazed me how people can pull together and take table and chairs away in such a quick amount of time and get things set up for FFFEAST and be ready and in their seats for the family time at 6:15 p.m. All of you have amazed me and I am so privileged to be a part of this church family.

Last week we had fewer numbers because of the weather and sickness but in prior weeks we have averaged around 225 people at the FEAST events. This includes children and adults. Wow! It's bigger than we ever imagined. We strive to emphasize the church

family, but we don't want to lose sight of the fact that we desire to see our families memorize the scriptures together and to study and talk about the scriptures with one another. We will strive to keep these our priorities for FFEAST. And, if you have not been a part of FFFEAST up to this point, we are always welcoming new people and hope that others will come and be a part of this Wednesday night ministry. I have to go, but thanks for the time to share a few thoughts. I look forward to seeing you this Sunday for our morning services.

God Bless,
Pastor Kevin Lardy

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.

HOLIDAY HAND-ME DOWNS 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. 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.

FFFEAST 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 at 222-0332.

WEATHER RELATED CANCELLATIONS

On very rare situations we could cancel events here at the church due to severe and dangerous weather. The decisions will be made by 7:00 a.m. on Sundays and 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Please check KFYZ 550 AM radio station as well as www.firstefree.com for this information.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

"Fall" back on Sunday, November 1. Set your clocks back and sleep an extra hour!

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



EMAIL INFO CENTRAL

The church office is looking for ways to help save costs. If you have an email account, we would sure love to put you on our email list for the newsletter. If you do not have an email account, we would love to keep mailing you the newsletter. To start receiving Info Central via email, please email Wendy Backman at wendy@firstefree.com.



If you no longer wish to receive Info Central, please contact the church office at 223-3330 or email Wendy Backman at wendy@firstefree.com.



WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO

- THU - Oct 22 1st Place for Health - 6:00 pm
Men's Study Escape The Coming Night - 6:30 pm
Young Adult Bible Study - 7:00 pm
- FRI - Oct 23 Joy Club @ McDonald's (by K-Mart) - 9:30 am
- SUN - Oct 25 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
- MON - Oct 26 Men's Living Stone Study - 6:30 am
Council of Overseers - 7:00 pm
Youth Pastor Search Committee - 7:00 pm
- TUE - Oct 27 Women's Bible Study - 9:00 am
Women's Bible Study - 6:30 pm
CTL Production Team Meeting - 7:00 pm
Men's Study Group - 7:00 pm
- WED - Oct 28 MOPS Steering - 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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