

INFO CENTRAL

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SENIOR PASTOR INFO

We all enjoyed hearing from Josh McDowell this weekend. All messages were very powerful and challenging - from his message about his ministry among Islamic peoples at the Steer Banquet on Saturday evening, to his excellent and timely message about the foundations for the credibility of the Bible on Sunday Morning, to his very moving personal testimony shared with the young people at the FIRE on Sunday Evening. I was especially moved and challenged by his message about ministry to the Muslims and what YHWH is doing among them. These amazing things are stories of YHWH's work that we never hear anything about except we hear them from those who are working "under the radar" with Muslims. Ever since I had the incredible privilege of going to Iraq and seeing and hearing of the way YHWH is working with my own eyes and ears, I have been intensely interested. I know Josh is right on when he speaks of hundreds and thousands of Muslims having dreams and visions of the Lord Jesus. Clearly, our blessed Adonai YHWH (Lord God) is at work and He is at work in some marvelous and unprecedented ways. We live in absolutely exciting times!

On Sunday night, Josh spoke at the FIRE at the Civic Center. He shared the very moving story of his own childhood - growing up in a home where his father was tragically addicted to alcohol and beat Josh's Mom regularly. Josh was a boy who grew up in deep anguish and explosive anger. He spoke from his heart to the teens there and then shared his own journey of coming to faith in Christ. It was very well done and extremely effective. There were around 2500 people there and when Josh gave the invitation at the end, there was an amazing and really significant response. The "counseling area" was completely overwhelmed. There were actually about 400 response cards turned in. There has not been time to go through all of them and find out how many first time decisions for Christ there were among them but I personally know of several from my own conversations. It was an amazing time and we know that our Heavenly Father was at work in some very powerful ways.

Our church was responsible for Josh McDowell being the speaker at the FIRE on Sunday night. When Steer, Inc. got Josh to commit to speaking at this year's Steer Banquet, Josh McDowell ministries called me (because our previous relationship with Josh in the Right From Wrong Campaign about 10 years ago). They wanted to have me commit to a contract to have Josh speak here in Bismarck as he did on Sunday. This required me/us to sign a contract for \$5000 plus expenses (motel and airfare) for Josh and his team (probably a total of around \$6000). I went to our FEFC Counsel of Overseers and to the Stewardship Board at that time with the proposal and we all agreed to enter into the contract. That was about two years ago. We were originally going to have a large event here at our church on Sunday evening but we agreed to combine efforts with the FIRE in order to make Josh available to a larger audience.

The reason I am telling you all this is because we intended that the

offering from the FIRE event would really help to defray the costs of having Josh here. However, the total offering at the FIRE on Sunday night was only \$4700. The costs for the FIRE to rent the Civic Center alone were in the vicinity of \$9000. So we (First Ev. Free) were not able to recoup much of any of our costs to provide Josh as the speaker. Our retiring offering on Sunday morning yielded only \$1421. So we are well short of offerings to cover the costs of having Josh here this weekend - about \$4500 short. I want to make this known to you in the event that the Lord has laid this on your heart as an opportunity to invest in the ministry that Josh had here in Bismarck this past week. If so, please consider helping us with the costs related to providing Josh as our Speaker on Sunday AM here at our church and then at the FIRE on Sunday evening.

I do look forward to seeing you on Sunday. Don't forget, God delights in your being with the body of Christ too. In fact He tells us "not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together" (Heb. 10:25). See you, D. V. Maranatha, Pastor Terry Kern <><

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 kevin@firstefree.com or call the church for more information. The next Membership/Discover classes are on October 11 & 25.

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.

CHILD DEDICATION

The next dedication service is on Sunday, October 18, 2009. If you would like to dedicate your child, please contact Barb at 223-3330 or email barb@firstefree.com by October 14, 2009.

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.

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 on October 11th in Concourse Room 200 (three-year-olds' Sunday school room) from 10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Check in at the Plane Truth Airline counter in the foyer to sign up, if you haven't done so already, and pick up an information sheet. 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 8 1st Place for Health - 6:00 pm
Young Adult Bible Study - 7:00 pm
- FRI - Oct 9 Joy Club @ McDonald's (by K-Mart) - 9:30 am
- SUN - Oct 11 Worship Service/ discover FEFC - 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
Discover FEFC - noon
- MON - Oct 12 Living Stone Study - 6:30 am
Education Board - 6:30 p.m.
Stewardship Board - 7:00 pm
- TUE - Oct 13 Women's Bible Study - 9:00 am
Women's Bible Study - 6:30 pm
Men's Study Group - 7:00 pm
- WED - Oct 14 White Cross - 10:00 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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