

INFO CENTRAL

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SENIOR PASTOR INFO

I'm working these days on the FFEAST lesson plans for the adult teaching times. It is, of course, one of my most favorite topics; namely, Old Testament Prophecy regarding Jesus, The Christ. I am reading, looking up Hebrew words, doing some exegesis in Hebrew passages in the Old Testament, and just generally having a great time studying some of these wonderful prophecies. Some of them were written down some 1,500 years before Jesus was born. When these prophecies are strung together into one beautiful portfolio of credentials, it becomes quite the resume. And it is just a small part of that resume that we will be studying together in this first 10-week session of FFEAST.

Ogden Nash said, "How odd of God to choose the Jews." David Larsen said, "God did not choose the Swedes, the Germans, the Indians, the Egyptians or any other racial or ethnic group in the same way in which He selected the Jews." These two quotes orient us to the major Covenants of the Old Testament times (Abrahamic, Davidic, New) that God made with the Jewish people (and with Jewish individuals) that are inseparably linked to most beloved Jew of all, **Jesus of Nazareth who is THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD!** One very distinct and growing tragedy of so much of Christian thinking and theological training in our day is the idea that the Church has replaced Israel (Replacement/Covenant Theology) in God's plan and program. I believe that idea alone renders great portions of the Old Testament irrelevant; all the while giving those who hold to it the idea that they have a superior/deeper understanding of those passages. Nothing could be further from the truth. Replacement Theology/Supercessionism is to me a belief that steals away and discards the very heart and soul of the beauty and meaning of the Old Testament. I am praying that during our first session of FFEAST as we study a few of the Old Testament Prophecies concerning the Christ/Messiah that we would also be able to clarify how unconditional and how clear Yahweh's commitment to ethnic Israel/Jews really is. We Gentiles, have been grafted in and given a place at the table of God's blessing. That is for sure. But we have not 'replaced' God's chosen people, the Jewish. Prayerfully, all that is taking place in our world today will come into fresh focus as our Great and Awesome God is clearly in the process of bringing time as we know it to a close. It could be today, even before you read these words that I am typing right now. It could be tomorrow and it could be before we gather together for another Sunday of Worship and Study and Fellowship together. I do hope and look forward to seeing you this Wednesday in our first night of FFEAST and then again on Sunday, D. V. Remember Hebrews 10:25 – not a verse I reference to pour guilt on anyone but rather I believe God honors those who obey His commands, and I hope to encourage us all to obey God's commands.

Maranatha, Pastor Terry Kern <><

JANITORIAL POSITION

A part-time janitorial position is available at the church. Flexible hours available. If you are or someone you know is interested,

please contact Pat at the church office at 223-3330 or email him at pat@firstefree.com.

DAKOTA MEN OF FAITH

Surviving the Economic Meltdown, the sixth annual men's conference will be held September 18 - 19, 2009, at the Element. Join with men from all over the state and from many denominations for this conference that will encourage and strengthen you in your walk with God. The speakers for this conference are high caliber, combining local men with nationally known speakers: Dr. John Townsend, Miles McPherson, Steve Farrar, Bob Upgren, Milo Hatzenbuehler, and Maury Millican. Tickets can be purchased at Evangel Assembly of God.

CHILD DEDICATION

The next dedication service is on Sunday, October 18, 2009. If you would like to dedicate your child, please contact the church office at 223-3330 by October 14, 2009.

DISCOVER FEFC

This is our introductory class to the 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 the church office at 223-3330 or email Pastor Kevin at kevin@firstefree.com for more information. The next Membership/Discover classes are on October 11 and 18, 2009.

CRAFTMANIA

Join us for the next Craftmania scheduled for September 25 & 26 at FEFC. Women and girls who enjoy scrapbooking, knitting, or any kind of crafting, meet every other month at the church. We craft on Friday night from 6:00 to 11:00 PM and again on Saturday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We usually meet the 2nd weekend of each month, but have postponed meeting so as not to conflict with Folk Fest Weekend activities. Call Kathy V. if you have any questions.

WHAT'S IN YOUR LIBRARY?

Stop in the library and "check out" the recently added books, CD's, and DVD's. Most of the items were recently donated by our generous FEFC people. New items have been ordered and will be in the library in September.

STEER

You are invited to attend the 2009 Missions Conference sponsored by STEER, Inc. which will be held on October 2 & 3, 2009, at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck. The conference theme is "All Things are Possible with God". Kim Meeder, Mark Mittelberg and Josh McDowell are the featured speakers. There is no registration fee and everyone is welcome to attend whatever events fit into their schedule. If you would like tickets to any of the meal events, Kathleen Jorgenson will have them available at the Information booth on Sunday mornings or you can call her at STEER, Inc. at 258-4911.

412 Ministries

PRIMETIME

Sunday morning for Jr. High & Sr. High 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

6:30 - 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 - Sept 17 1st Place for Health - 6:00 pm
Young Adult Bible Study - 7:00 pm
- FRI - Sept 18 Joy Club @ McDonald's (by K-Mart) - 9:30 am
Friday Night Singles - 6:30 pm
- SUN - Sept 20 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 - Sept 21 Living Stone Study - 6:30 am
Adult Student Ministry Team Meeting - 6:30 pm
Missions & Outreach Board - 7:00 pm
Stewardship Board - 7:00 pm
- TUE - Sept 22 Women's Bible Study - 9:00 am
Men's Study Group - 7:00 pm
- WED - Sept 23 MOPS - 9:00 am
Cooks Nite 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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