

INFO CENTRAL

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR INFO

The Power of Prayer

John Bunyan, the writer of "Pilgrim's Progress," once said, "You can do more than pray after you have prayed, but you cannot do more than pray, until you have prayed." When I came across this quote, I had to read it several times to get the true meaning of what Bunyan was communicating. Bunyan knew the power of prayer in his life! Everything for him started with prayer and he felt that he could do nothing until he had gone before God with his petitions. His greatest effort would be useless without first engaging in God's incredible power.

In Ephesians 1:19-20, Paul reminds us of the incredible power that we have in God. It says, "...and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places." We have this same power in Jesus Christ who lives within us. The power that resurrected Christ from the dead is proof of what God can do in us and for us. Of all the great resources that have been given to us in this life, the greatest is the ability to go to our Father in Heaven and to give our prayers and supplications to Him, knowing that the creator of all things hears our every word. What an amazing truth! In Ephesians 6 starting at verse 10, Paul tells us that our battles are not with flesh and blood, but against Satan and his forces. He goes on to tell us that we need to put on the full armor of God in order to do battle with the enemy's subtle tricks to defeat us. In the verses that follow he tells us what the armor is, and starting with verse 17, he tells us to "take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication." The commentary in my Bible about this verse says this, "Without prayer, all the armor in the world would be of no use." Prayer is what holds it all together!

I am often convicted of my lack of prayer when I consider all that I have within me to do great things. This is not any of my own doing, but only because of what Christ has done for me and because of his mighty power that works within me. Let us all resolve to make prayer for one another and ourselves and, more importantly, to be in communion with God to be of such importance that it is the highest priority we set for each day. "Let us therefore, come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need"-Hebrews 4:16. See you this Sunday!

God Bless,

Pastor Kevin Lardy

FFFEAST FFFFFUN SWIMMING AND SOCIALIZING EVENT

Everyone is invited to come to the Mandan Community Center (901 Division Street NW, Mandan) on Sunday, April 18th from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. for fun in the pool. This is a free event and will be a great outreach opportunity for you to invite your friends

and neighbors. We have a room reserved, so bring a snack to share. You may bring pool noodles and small inflatable water toys. Please wear modest swimming suits. Come for a socializing, splashing and snacking good time!

SO LONG INSECURITY

For over a decade, Beth Moore's teaching has touched the hearts of women worldwide. In her new message, "**So Long Insecurity**," Beth is sure to make yet another remarkable impact on women today and for generations to come as she exposes the lies that have debilitated women for ages.

In this one-day simulcast event on April 24, women will learn to conquer fear and doubt and will discover the liberating confidence and security that can only be found in Christ. Worship throughout the day will be led by Travis Cottrell.

Join us at First Evangelical Free Church (205 43rd Ave. NE) for this free women's event. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. and the program will end at 2:30. Go to www.firstefree.com for more information or call 223-3330.

2010 GRADUATES

Graduate recognition is Sunday, May 16. We will have a program in the bulletin listing all our high school and college graduates. If you are a college graduate and would like to be listed, email gracia@firstefree.com. Please include your full name, degree/major, college graduating from, and future plans. If you are a high school graduate and have not received a graduation packet from us, please contact Gracia immediately at 223-3330.

WEDDING INVITATION

"*Before us lies the open road... a future filled with adventure and love.*" Susan M. Griffin and Richard P. Janke joyfully invite you to share in their happiness as they unite in marriage on Saturday, May 15, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. at FEFC. Reception immediately following in the church community room. If you have a motorcycle, bring it along for a short wedding ride.

RSVP before May 3, by email at rickandsue@bis.midco.net.

LIVING STONES MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Monday morning Men's Living Stones study group who meet at 6:30 a.m. will be starting a new study on April 19 entitled "The Faith" by Charles Colson. All men are invited to start their week with a time of study and prayer.

RECEPTIONIST/CLERICAL POSITION

A part-time Receptionist/Clerical is needed at the church. If you or someone you know are interested in working 30 hours per week, please contact Pat at the church office.

CHILD DEDICATION

The next dedication service is planned for Sunday, May 9, 2010. If you would like to dedicate your child, please contact Barb at 223-3330 or email barb@firstefree.com as soon as possible.

412 Ministries

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

CONDOMINIUM FOR SALE

Our church has a condominium for sale. It has two bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, a small laundry room, living room, dining room, kitchen, two small decks and a single garage (1,128 square feet). All appliances, stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer are included. Please contact Pat at 223-3330 for more details.

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.

WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO

- THU - April 15** First Place 4 Health - 6:00 pm
Escape the Coming Night Men's Study - 6:30 pm
Young Adult Bible Study - 7:00 pm
- FRI - April 16** JOY Club @ McDonalds by Kmart - 9:30 am
- SAT - April 17** First Place 4 Health - 9:00 am
- SUN - April 18** Worship Service/Sunday School/Primetime/Adult Community/The Growing years - 9:00 am
Fellowship - 10:15 am
Worship Service/Sunday School - 10:45 am
FFFest Swimming & Socializing - 5:00 pm
- MON - April 19** Men's Living Stone Study - 6:30 am
Adult Ministry Team Meeting - 6:30 pm
Missions & Outreach Board - 7:00 pm
- TUE - April 20** Men's Study Group - 7:00 pm
- WED - April 21** MOPS - 9:00 am
412 Ministries R.A.G.E. & The Example - 6:30 pm
Worship Team Rehearsal - 7:45 am

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.

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