

INFO CENTRAL

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR INFO

During quail season in Georgia, an Atlanta journalist met an old farmer hunting with an ancient pointer at his side. Twice the dog ran rheumatically ahead and pointed. Twice his master fired into the open air. When the journalist saw no birds rise, he asked the farmer for an explanation.

"Shucks," grinned the old man, "I knew there weren't no birds in that grass. Spot's nose ain't what it used to be. But him and me have had some wonderful times together. He's still doing the best he can - and it'd be mighty mean of me to call him a liar at this stage of the game!"

I have never had a dog (for very long!), and so I am not sure what the relationship is between a man and his dog, but I know for many it can get very close. You can interpret the story several different ways, but what I want it to communicate is that we all need encouragement from time to time. This world has a way of beating us down with all the negative media and hectic lifestyles, along with the incredible stresses that we all feel from work, family, finances and many other sources. We all need encouragement! I enjoy the stories that I have read and heard of how people's attitudes about themselves, life and others have turned on a dime when someone took the time to just listen and to give an encouraging word. Proverbs 15:23 says, "and a word spoken in due season, how good it is!"

William Barclay, in his "Letters to the Hebrews," wrote: "One of the highest of human duties is the duty of encouragement...It is easy to laugh at men's ideals; it is easy to pour cold water on their enthusiasm; it is easy to discourage others. The world is full of discouragers. We have a Christian duty to encourage one another. Many a time a word of praise or thanks or appreciation or cheer has kept a man on his feet. Blessed is the man who speaks such a word." I know that for me, the encouragement of others has lifted me out of a depressing moment to give me a more realistic view of how life really is as a believer in Jesus Christ. I have great hope and security in who I am in Christ, and no matter how bad things may appear, I know that it's all going to be okay, because I know what the end result is for all who believe in Him. I love Hebrews 10:24-25 which reads, "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." Let's all be encouragers and maybe we can change the world; at least for those people we meet. Have a blessed day!! Hope you are with us this Sunday as we will meet at 9:00 a.m. for our normal service, but at 10:45 a.m., we will be having a special baptismal service. See Ya'!!! In Christ, Pastor Kevin Lardy

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 by May 7, 2010.

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 ricksandsue@bis.midco.net, or by phone 220-6157.

MEN'S FRATERNITY

QUEST FOR AUTHENTIC MANHOOD

Men....you can make an impact on someone's life. Remember how key people in your life impacted your spiritual journey. The Teen Challenge men in our Tuesday evening men's study need this type of person. Join us on Tuesday evenings as we begin "The Quest For Authentic Manhood," a 24-week Robert Lewis study that focuses on a man's core identity and gives an overview of basic manhood issues. It will help men deal with various identity issues by looking back at past wounds and other things that may have distorted their idea of biblical masculinity. Throughout the course of the study, men will learn how to clearly define manhood and will finally be able to give a succinct and passionate answer to the questions, "What is a man?" and "What am I living to be?" This study will begin on Tuesday, June 1, FEFC, room 301/302.

ERNIE HAASE AND SIGNATURE SOUND

We are very thankful to have one of the premier Southern Gospel quartet groups coming to Bismarck June 11. Normally this group would not consider a seating venue under 2,000 but God opened the door and made a way for them to minister at FEFC and the community. You can purchase tickets at the church. Tickets are \$17.50 each with children 6 and under free.

SUPPORT FOR THE GOLDADE FAMILY

Hello from the Outreach Committee of Grace Lutheran Brethern Church. We are letting you know about our current project to benefit the Goldade family. After some prayer and consideration, our outreach committee at Grace LB will be doing some spring cleaning, repairing and upgrading all over their property. **We have a good volunteer work crew in place, but are needing some help from you for funding for the project.** Please prayerfully consider helping with a little or a lot of the funding as we will be putting it to very good use for them. Please send your help to : Goldade Project, Grace LB Church, 503 N 24th St., Bismarck, ND 58501. If you would like this to be an anonymous donation, please note that on your check. Thank you so much for all you do in prayer and action for this awesome family.

MOPS BAKE AND RUMMAGE SALE

The second annual MOPS bake sale and rummage sale will be held Saturday, May 8, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at FEFC. We would love your donations of baked goods and rummage items in good condition. If you have anything to donate, please bring them to the church by Wednesday, May 5. Put your items in the Community Room behind the room dividers, along the wall. Thank You!

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.

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.

WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO

THU - April 29 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 30 JOY Club @ McDonalds by Kmart - 9:30 am
Craftmania - 6:00 pm

SAT - May 1 First Place 4 Health - 9:00 am
Craftmania - 10:00 am

SUN - May 2 Worship Service/Sunday School/Primetime/Adult
Community/The Growing years - 9:00 am
Fellowship - 10:15 am
Worship/Baptism Service/Sunday School - 10:45 am

MON - May 3 Men's Living Stone Study - 6:30 am
Fellowship & Caring Board - 7:00 pm
Worship Board - 7:00 pm

TUE - May 4 Men's Study Group - 7:00 pm

WED - May 5 MOPS - 9:00 am
412 Ministries R.A.G.E. & The Example - 6:30 pm
Worship Team Rehearsal - 7:45 pm

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.

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.

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