

INFO CENTRAL

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR INFO

A Quick Heads-up on Adult Ministries for the Fall

Last year we developed a new ministry called FFEAST. This was to be a test run for a year to see how well it would work with our Wednesday evening Children's Ministries. The purpose behind this format was to get **families** to work together in studying the Scriptures. The entire curriculum for children through adults was created by the ministry staff. The other purpose was to try to adopt a different way of doing small groups. The teaching was done as a large group, but then people got into smaller groups for prayer and discussion.

This summer we reviewed FFEAST to see if it met the objectives that we were trying to achieve. Although there were many good aspects to FFEAST, I decided, along with the counsel of other ministry staff members, that we needed to do away with the FFEAST idea for the following reasons: We felt the Children's Ministry suffered because many adults were involved with the adult portion of FFEAST. In trying to do the Children's Ministry and adult bible study together, we spread ourselves too thin. We also felt that the small groups that were developed for FFEAST did not accomplish all that we had intended for them in terms of a strong focus on prayer and group discussions. With time being limited and all the groups meeting in the same area, we were not able to focus on the relational aspect of small groups as much as we wanted. And so, going forward we will not be having FFEAST anymore, but will focus our attention on the Children's Ministry and go back to a traditional system of doing small groups in the homes.

We want to call the small groups, "**Deeper Life**" groups to fit the vision of the church that was implemented with KNOW GROW SHOW. Our "Deeper Life" Groups fall under the GROW portion of our vision statement with its purpose being that every person grows in their relationship with Christ through deeper relationships with others. We are hoping that many of you who were involved with FFEAST will get involved in one of the Deeper Life groups this September. The Children's Ministry is going forward with new ideas and plans for Wednesday evenings, and I want to encourage our adults to come on board and help with that ministry to make sure that our kids are being encouraged and nurtured by our adult family. So, we say good-bye to FFEAST, but I look forward to a renewed commitment and energy to our kids and to our Deeper Life group ministry in this church! More information about the Deeper Life will be coming soon.
God Bless, Pastor Kevin

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE THIS FALL

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Cooks Nite Off (Community Room)
6:00 – 6:15 p.m. Cleanup
6:15 - 6:30 p.m. Kids Worship & Praise (Community Room)
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Kids Club Time (Various Classrooms)
6:30 – 8:00 p.m. 412 The Example/R.A.G.E (Youth Room)
7:45 – 9:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal (Worship Center)

WE NEED YOU!

The church is looking for willing men to get involved in a work project here at the church on Saturday, August 21. The project involves cleaning up all of the garbage around and inside the church garage, as well as putting up a new fence behind the garage. If you're interested in helping, please sign up at the Information Center in the foyer.

ANNUAL CAMPING TRIP

Men and Kids

August 27 & 28, 2010 at Cross Ranch. Food will be provided. Bring canoes, tents, camping and fishing equipment. Cost is \$15/family, plus state park entry fee. Please sign up at the Information Center.

Terrific Two-Year-Olds

Do you have a child who will be two years old by September 1? There is a great Sunday school class just for the two-year-olds. Please register your child on the Sunday school registration form. If your child will be two after September 1, you may register them in November for the winter quarter, which will begin on December 5. Please contact-Nanette at 223-3330 or nanette@firstefree.com with questions.

Children's Ministry Name Update:

It's official! Our Children's Ministry name is "**God Squad.**" Thank you to all who voted. The winner of the drawing is **Elaine Walker**. Congratulations!

Children's Sunday School (Preschool-6th Grade)

Our fall Sunday School does not officially begin until September 12. Sunday School registration will begin Sunday, August 15 and each family must fill out a new form for their children. If you have any questions, please call Nanette for preschool or Linnet for elementary @ 223-3330.

NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS

Come Play with Us! September 11, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at FEFC's backyard

Here's what we need you to do:

Please RSVP at the Information Center by Sunday, August 22 if your family is planning to join in the fun so we can plan for food. If you want a really cool t-shirt for this event you can sign up for that, too! Also, please consider pitching in to help with this event for our next-door neighbors and church family. You can call the church or sign up at the Information Center. Thanks for helping us make this a great success!

HOW TO GET OUT OF DEBT IN 5-7 YEARS!

The Financial Health Fair, a non-profit corporation, proudly presents a FREE seminar, with Bob Marette, Thursday, September 16, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sign up now and get your registration packet. Bring a list of your creditors, balance, monthly payments, and bring a calculator. You will leave with an idea of when you will be out of debt. Seating begins @ 5:30 pm. Child care provided. (Love offering will be taken).

CARING MINISTRY

Have you noticed the table in the foyer introducing our new Caring Ministry? You will find the Caring Ministry brochure and brief descriptions of the various current ministries and developing ministries. These ministries will prove to be real "life savers" for any of our church family experiencing tough times. At the table is a sign-up sheet that simply indicates you may be interested in a particular ministry. Deborah Weibel, Peggy Martin, Pastor Kevin, Doug Schelhaas, and/or Phyllis Hanson will be available at the table to visit with you and answer any questions you might have. Please stop by the table, have a Life Saver, and see how you can become a life saver.

412 Ministries

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

COLLEGE MINISTRY College Life @ 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

One Worship Service		
Sept. 5	Labor Day Weekend	10:00
Nov. 21	Praise Gathering	10:00
Dec. 26	Christmas	10:00
Jan. 2	New Year	10:00

ANNUAL MEN'S SPORTING CLAY SHOOT

August 22 @ 3:30 pm at Capital City Sporting Clays
Cost is \$21.00 Bring your own gun and 3 boxes of shells:
BBQ to follow. PLEASE RSVP to troy.shirley@uscm.org

WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO

- THU - Aug 19** First Place 4 Health 6:00 pm
Young Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm
- FRI - Aug 20** JOY Club @ McDonalds by Kmart - 9:30 am
- SUN - Aug 22** Worship Service/Sunday School/Primetime/College Life/Adult Community 9:00 am
Fellowship 10:15 am
Worship Service 10:45
Annual Men's Sporting Clay Shoot 3:30 pm
- MON - Aug 23** Council of Overseers 7:00 pm
- TUE - Aug 24** Motorcycle Run Clark Station @ Exit 161 6:30pm
Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm
- WED - Aug 25** MOPS Registration 9:00 - Noon
412 Ministries R.A.G.E. and The Example - 6:30 pm
Worship Team Rehearsal 7:45 pm



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