

INFO CENTRAL

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR INFO

Hi, everyone! It's hard to believe we are in the month of August. The summer has sure flown by, but we still have some summer left, and hopefully you have had a great summer so far. I have just a couple of things to mention that I would like all of us to consider. The first thing I want bring to your attention is the "Neighbors and Friends" Party coming on September 11th. We had a meeting last Wednesday to begin planning for the event and a lot of ideas were shared and I sensed a real excitement among the people at the meeting. We have a number of work teams that are beginning to make plans and organize for the event, and we are going to need many more people who will be willing to work at the event. If any of you would like to get involved in making the party a success, we will have a sign up sheet at the Information Center for the next few weeks for you to sign up, and we will get you plugged into the areas that we are going to need as many of you as possible to be involved in. Again, our purpose for the party is to show our neighbors who live in the areas around our church, that we care about them and are thinking of them and that we would like to be friends with them. We want to accept our neighbors just as they are, and we value them for who they are: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself"-Galatians 5:14. So, please consider getting involved and being a part of the fun that we will have, as we interact with our neighbors on September 11.

Secondly, it was very exciting to hear the vote from last Sunday's congregational meeting that we overwhelmingly want Jeremy and Jessica Oakland to come and be our new Youth Pastor. As you saw in their visit here, they are genuine in their faith in Christ and in their love for the youth. As a staff, we can't wait for Jeremy to come on board with us here and to bring a new personality and set of gifts to compliment the strengths that we already have on the staff. We see Jeremy and Jessica fitting in so well here. I remember moving our family here just two years ago, and the anxiety that comes with a big move. At the time, we still had a house to sell and that was a big hurdle that we had to cross and through much prayer, we were able to get the house sold and were able to put that pressure behind us. I personally know what Jeremy and Jessica must be thinking right now as the decision to come has been made. We can be a huge help for the Oaklands, if they knew that we were standing in the gap for them and praying for their own house to sell, and that the other details of the move would come together. God can do anything, even when the housing market says that home sales are difficult. I remember all of you praying for our own home in Nebraska to sell and it was such a relief when it did, and how encouraging for our family as we watched how this congregation went before the Lord on our behalf. Galatians 6:2 tells us to "Bear one another's burdens", and we also see in Philippians 2:2 where Paul is encouraging unity among the believers to "fulfill my joy by being likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind." Let's encourage Jeremy and Jessica through our prayers that their home would sell soon and that they can move here as soon as possible!! Thanks for all you do in the lives of one another. God is doing a great work among our people, and let us continue to look out for the needs of each other. See you this Sunday!

In Christ, Pastor Kevin

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

CARING MINISTRY

What tangible acts of service can I do to help a person in grief? This will be included in the education ministry events planned for this fall.

It is not the right thing to say "call me if you need something." The person in a state of grief will not call you, you need to call them again and ask if you can help them in a specific way. The education and training this fall will help you discover specific ways to offer help to a person experiencing grief.

Elementary Age K-6th grade:

Back To School Bash

August 18th from 6:30pm – 8:00pm There will be an inflatable, scavenger hunt, games, food, prizes. This will be a fun and exciting night that you won't want to miss. Bring your friends and join the fun!! Questions contact Linnet Walter 223-3330

Children's Ministry Name Update:

Thank you to those of you who placed your vote in naming our Children's Ministry! Because of the great response we received this past Sunday, we will be doing the final vote on Sunday, August 15th. Here are the top five name choices in random order:

B.L.A.S.T. (Bible Learning And Sharing Together)

Kids Konnection

God Squad

Powerzone

KidZone (Kids One for Christ)

When voting (one vote per person) please put your name on the piece of paper for your chance to win a pizza meal (2 pizzas from Little Caesars, Breadsticks, 2 Liter bottle of pop & dessert).

If you are not here to cast your vote on August 15th, please email or call me with one of the five name choices listed above. Votes must be placed by Monday, August 16, 2010 at 12:00pm. Linnet Walter 223-3330 or linnet@firstefree.com

Children's Sunday School (Preschool-6thGrade):

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

WE NEED YOU!

The church is looking for men who would be willing 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 are interested in helping, please sign up at the Information Center in the foyer.

ANNUAL MEN'S SPORTING CLAY SHOOT

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

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



THE GROWING YEARS

Will resume meeting on September 12th and be going through a parenting series. Stay tuned for more information!



Neighbors and Friends Party

We have an incredible opportunity to join together in prayer for the upcoming "Block Party" outreach. Please be diligent in praying for the following:

1. Pray for God's blessing and leading in this outreach
2. Pray for open hearts from our neighbors
3. Pray for a unity in our church to work together for this purpose
4. Pray our neighbors will see and feel the love of Jesus Christ through our church family and this event.



WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO

- THU - Aug 5** First Place 4 Health 6:00 pm
Young Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm
- FRI - Aug 6** JOY Club @ McDonalds by Kmart - 9:30 am
Young Adults Medora Trip 5:45 pm
- SUN - Aug 8** Worship Service/Sunday School/Primetime/College Life/Adult Community 9:00 am
Fellowship 10:15 am
Worship Service 10:45
- MON - Aug 9** Education Board 6:30 pm
Fellowship & Caring Board 7:00 pm
Stewardship Board 7:00 pm
- TUE - Aug 10** Motorcycle Run Clark Station @ Exit 161 6:30pm
Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm
- WED - Aug 11** Mom's in the Park Zoo 10:00 am
White Cross 10:00 am
412 Ministries R.A.G.E. and The Example - 6:30 pm
Men's Softball @ Cottonwood #8 - 6:30 pm
Worship Team Rehearsal 7:45 pm

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