

# INFO CENTRAL

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## SENIOR PASTOR INFO

I have been praying for our US Military forces in Afghanistan with renewed fervor and frequency recently. I read this morning of a US Marine who was shot in the helmet by an insurgent sniper but “miraculously” was unhurt. He and his brother Marines agreed that God was involved in their protection. So please pray for our US Marines, soldiers, National Guardsmen, airmen and sailors who are fighting for our freedom & are in harm’s way on our behalf.

Every time we come into this time in a Celebrate The Life year, I am reminded again of how fierce the spiritual battle is that we are in. I don’t ever recall a CTL season when it was not clear that our FEFC family comes under unusually intense attack from the forces of evil. This year is certainly NO EXCEPTION! There are relational challenges that are otherwise easy and amicable. There are always mishaps, complications that are simply unprecedented, equipment breakdowns, and all sorts of things that seem to come at us with a distinct character of having “enemy fingerprints all over them.” I always sit down and read and reread Ephesians 6 at this juncture of the CTL “season.” I always consider the strategies of the enemy – where he is attacking now and why he attacks the life of our church in that particular place. I always try to identify his “flaming missiles” so that we can hold up the “shield of faith” to them (please notice Eph 6:16 says, that ‘the shield’ will not only block them but will also “extinguish” them. Sports enthusiasts often say that the best offense is a great defense. Apparently, a Christian or Church that is fully armored with the spiritual armor and prayer is in no danger from the attacks and assaults of the Devil and his forces. BUT, we must be in PRAYER. The Ephesians 6 passage emphasizes the necessity of prayer and watchfulness. The praying should be done standing fully armored in the spiritual armor and the praying must be, at all times, in the Spirit (Eph 6:13-18). I Peter 5 also warns us that the Devil is prowling about like a hungry lion looking for opportunities to “devour us” (I Pet. 5:8). A heart of humility and a steadfastness of sober and vigilant faith is again the way for a Christian to “stand strong” in the spiritual war. That is especially true in the times of unusual assaults from the enemy. That time is NOW so let’s all get suited up and let’s get ‘prayin.’ Will you join me please in praying earnestly, fervently and continually for the people, the preparations and the presentations of CTL? Will you pray for people to come – for a full house for every performance? Will you pray for people to come to faith in Jesus Christ and for nominal Christians to grow in Christ? Will you pray for safety for all involved in CTL and for good health for all as well? Will you pray for all the equipment to work well and for all the details and work yet to be done in a timely way and with excellence? And will you pray that our beloved Savior and Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified, honored and worshipped in

this community and region in glorious and powerful ways because of Celebrate The Life??? Please join us in PRAYER!

And as always, I do look forward to worshipping, fellowshiping and studying God’s Word together with all of you this coming Sunday, DEO VOLENTE – D.V. – “If the Lords wills.”

Maranatha,  
Pastor Terry Kern <><

## CRAFTMANIA

Craftmania will be on Friday, February 19 and meet from 6 - 11 p.m. in the FEFC foyer. This month we will meet only on Friday evening. Come and fellowship and work on your favorite craft! Bring along a craft project you are working on or one that you want to finish. If you don’t have a current project to finish, join the group this month to cut out and sew Christmas stockings for an upcoming Christmas in July. Get the details at Craftmania on the 19th!! Hope to see you! Call Kathy at 224-1885 if you have any questions.

## WILD GAME FEED

Calling all men for February 20 at 5:30 p.m. Bring your favorite wild game dish and a side dish. Bring your kids! Door prizes, presentations, a great speaker and a good time of fellowship. If you don’t have wild game, bring something “tame.” Questions: Call Doug Schelhaas or email [eschelhaas@yahoo.com](mailto:eschelhaas@yahoo.com).

## BAPTISM

Our next baptism service is scheduled for Sunday, May 2, 2010. If you are interested in being baptized or would like to know more about baptism, please attend any one of these classes for adults and youth: Sunday, March 14 at 12:00 noon or Thursday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. Class for children is on Wednesday, March 17 at 6:30 p.m. Call the church office to sign up.

## 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](mailto:barb@firstefree.com) as soon as possible.

## CTL PARKING TEAM

Men, we would like you to join the CTL (Celebrate the Life) Parking Team. If you are interested in helping during the performances March 26, 27, 28, 31, April 1, and 2, or have questions, please contact Ron Tangen.

**Congregational Meeting  
March 7 at 6:00 pm**

*412 Ministries*

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

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT : 6:15 – 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 - Feb 18      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 - Feb 19      JOY Club @ McDonalds by Kmart - 9:30 am  
Craftmania - 6:00 pm
- SAT - Feb 20      First Place 4 Health - 9:00 am  
CTL 1st Half Walk Through - 9:00 am  
Men's Wild Game Feed - 5:30 pm
- SUN - Feb 21      Worship Service/Sunday School/Primetime/Adult  
Community/ The Growing Years - 9:00 am  
Fellowship - 10:15 am  
Worship Service/Sunday School - 10:45 am  
CTL Scene 1 Rehearsal - 2:30 pm  
CTL Scene 7 Rehearsal - 3:15 pm  
CTL Choir Rehearsal - 3:30 pm  
CTL Scene 3 Rehearsal - 4:15 pm  
CTL Scene 21 Rehearsal - 5:00 pm
- MON - Feb 22      Men's Living Stone Study - 6:30 am  
Missions & Outreach Board - 7:00 pm
- TUE - Feb 23      Women's Bible Study - 9:00 am  
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Men's Study Group - 7:00 pm
- WED - FEB 24      MOPS - 9:00 am  
Cooks Nite Off - 5:00 pm  
FFFEAST/412 R.A.G.E. & The Example - 6:15 pm  
Worship Team Rehearsal - 7:45 pm

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