

INFO CENTRAL

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF ADULT MINISTRIES INFO

It has been fun to watch all the excitement within our church for Celebrate the Life as so many people are involved and everyone is anticipating the performances and the potential impact they will have on so many people from our community. The number of details and the number of people required to pull the whole performance together is amazing! I have talked with a number of people, who I just happen to run into, who ask who I am and when finding out that I am a pastor at First Evangelical Free Church, they tell me how much they enjoy CTL and how it has impacted their lives. As I have been thinking about what CTL is all about, and really what this season of the year means for each of us, I remembered a little story that I came across a number of years ago that gives me a right perspective as I head into the Easter season. Someone once said, "If you were to look at Rembrandt's painting of The Three Crosses, your attention would be drawn first to the center cross on which Jesus died. Then as you would look at the crowd gathered around the foot of that cross, you'd be impressed by the various facial expressions and actions of the people involved in the awful crime of crucifying the Son of God. Finally, your eyes would drift to the edge of the painting and catch sight of another figure, almost hidden in the shadows. Art critics say this is a representation of Rembrandt himself, for he recognized that by his sins he helped nail Jesus to the cross."

It was because of our need for a savior from our sins that Christ died for us on that cross that day. All of our sins were taken and laid upon Jesus and were crucified with Him. 2 Corinthians 5:21 says, "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." Jesus was without sin, but He died for our sins, so that we could be declared righteous before God. This story is a great reminder for me of what Christ came to do for me and you, and that His vision was always on the cross. I realize that it was my sins and your sins that He took to the cross with Him, in order that He would demonstrate the greatest show of love in dying for our sins. I pray that as you envision this picture of Rembrandt, you too may see a familiar face in the picture. Yours!

Pastor Kevin Lardy <><

CTL T-SHIRT DAY!

Friday, February 26th is wear-your-CTL-T-Shirt Day! We would love to have you wear your CTL T-Shirt to help promote CTL this year.

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 at 222-1484.

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 as soon as possible.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES CANDIDATE WEEKEND

After many months of meetings, emails, phone calls and visits, your Youth Pastor Search Committee has located and called an excellent young couple to come and candidate for the position of Pastor of Student Ministries here at FEFC. Chad and Nikki Englund will be here March 5 to March 7, 2010. The itinerary for that weekend is as follows:

Friday March 5:

- 6:00 pm: Roundtable Discussion with Adult Ministry Leaders for Youth
- 7:00 pm: Youth Fun Night (Englunds will give personal spiritual journey testimonies)

Saturday, March 6:

- 7:00 pm; All Church Social to meet the Englunds. Chad will teach a youth-directed lesson for all. The entire church is invited to attend.

Sunday, March 7:

- 9:00 am: Englunds will give personal testimonies at the beginning of the service. Chad will teach the Jr./Sr. High Sunday School class.
- 10:45 am: Englunds will give their personal testimonies during the service.
- 12:00 pm: All Church Soup/Sandwich Social followed by a questions and answer time
- 2:00 pm: Parents' question and answer time with the Englunds
- 6:00 pm: Congregational Meeting to vote on calling of the candidate

**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 25 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 26 JOY Club @ McDonalds by Kmart - 9:30 am
- SAT - Feb 27 First Place 4 Health - 9:00 am
CTL 2nd Half Walk Through - 9:00 am
- SUN - Feb 28 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 15 Rehearsal - 2:30 pm
CTL Scene 16 Rehearsal - 3:15 pm
CTL Choir Rehearsal - 3:30 pm
CTL Scene 8 Rehearsal - 4:15 pm
CTL Scene 19 Rehearsal - 5:00 pm
- MON - Mar 01 Men's Living Stone Study - 6:30 am
Fellowship & Caring Board - 7:00 pm
- TUE - Mar 2 Women's Bible Study - 9:00 am
Women's Bible Study - 6:30 pm
Men's Study Group - 7:00 pm
- WED - Mar 3 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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