

INFO CENTRAL

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SENIOR PASTOR INFORMATION

After the second hour worship service yesterday (Sunday, Jan. 17) we had a congregational meeting scheduled. Being a holiday weekend, it was probably an unwise time to schedule the meeting. Our attendance was down and our Youth Ministry Sno-Camp was that weekend as well. And, perhaps the most significant "drain" on attendance was the fact that the Minnesota Vikings were playing the Dallas Cowboys in the NFC playoffs (it is nice to be able to say that the Vikings were in the process of "overwhelmingly defeating" the Cowboys, who going into the game were the "hottest" team in the NFC, maybe even the hottest team in the NFL).

As it all turned out, we did not have enough members present to establish a quorum so we were not able to actually conduct any business. We had three things scheduled as agenda items to be covered: accepting new members (there are five); a first reading of proposed changes in our FEFC Constitution in order for us to affirm the new Doctrinal Statement of the Evangelical Free Church of America; and a first reading of a proposed position statement of FEFC on the Gospel (a Free Grace Position). The acceptance of new members can occur at the annual meeting of the Church in a couple of months. The Constitution change will need to be moved forward to that meeting as will the proposed Position Statement on the Gospel. If you would like to read the proposed changes to the Constitution and/or the position statement, please contact the church office or go to the FEFC website www.firstefree.com and check them out. Just so you know, the FEFC Counsel of Overseers (Elder Board) has unanimously approved both of these proposed documents. Neither of these two matters is controversial at this point. The EFCA Doctrinal Statement was a very controversial issue a few years ago but the most controversial aspects of it were changed and then the new Doctrinal Statement was passed quite easily. The Position Statement on the Gospel is stated in general and positive terms. Much of it is quoted verses from the Bible, so it is anchored in the Scripture, not in a theological system.

One more thing, I would like to encourage all of us to pray daily for *Celebrate The Life*. If you haven't begun already to do so, please commit yourself to praying every day for CTL. Pray for the preparations, the production team, the cast, the choir, the crew, the technical team, the advertising, the ticketing process, the letters that go out to churches in the region, for people to hear of CTL and for thousands and thousands of people to come. Pray for the final parts of the filming that need to be done for the film – a completely new theme and film this year (pray for the film director, filming crew, actors, film editing process, etc.). There is a great deal to be done. Pray for unity, plenty of volunteers to help in every area, and for God's guidance and direction in the myriad of details that must be managed. And begin praying about your own circle of people to invite, perhaps especially the people for whom you will actually buy tickets and arrange for them to attend. Please also pray for sellout crowds throughout the seven performances of CTL, 2010. Thanks for your prayers. I do look forward to seeing you this Sunday as we worship, fellowship and study God's Word together. D. V. Maranatha (O Lord, Come)!! PTK <<<

ADULT COMMUNITY: THE GROWING YRS

Starting January 24, Pastor Kevin and Anita Lardy will be leading the series Love & Respect based on the book by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs. In this series, based upon Ephesians 5:33 and extensive biblical and psychological research, Dr. Emerson Eggerichs reveals the power of unconditional love and unconditional respect and how husbands and wives can reap the benefits of marriage that God intended. Please sign up at the Information Center today!

DISCOVER FEFC

This is our introductory class to First Evangelical Free Church. It includes getting to meet others who are new to FEFC, finding out what the ministries are and reviewing our church's basic beliefs. This class also offers preparation for membership, if that is desired. Contact Pastor Kevin at the church office at 223-3330 or email Pastor Kevin at kevin@firstefree.com for more information. The next Membership/Discover classes will be January 24 & 31.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday School Pictures: Preschool – 6th grade, we will be taking class pictures on Sunday, January 24 during the class time. Pictures can be seen and preordered on January 31st in the foyer. If you have any questions, contact Nanette or Linnet 223-3330.

ALL CHURCH POTLUCK

Sunday, February 7, Teen Challenge will be sharing during our worship services. We will be their hosts at a church potluck following the second service. Every family should bring a large main dish; those with last names A-L, bring a large salad; and last names M-Z, bring a dessert. Help will be needed to get things set up during the second service, putting the food out, and cleaning up afterwards. Please call Sharon Curtiss if you are interested in helping.

CTL T-SHIRTS

This year the publicity committee has designed CTL t-shirts for the FEFC church family to purchase as another method to promote CTL. The shirts will be dark brown with CTL information printed on the front and back. If you'd like to purchase a shirt, a printout of the t-shirt logo and the sign up sheet to pre-order is located at the Information Center in the foyer at church. Pre-order sign-up will be available until January 24. The t-shirts are \$10 each and are available in adult sizes small to XXL. We are suggesting that everyone wear their t-shirts on Friday, February 26 to promote CTL.

CRAFTMANIA

Cozy & Comfy Craftmania: Ladies, join us for the next Craftmania on January 22 and 23. We will meet on Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (lunch on your own). The apple cider will be brewing all weekend to keep us warm and cozy. You are also invited to join other crafters at the former Governor's mansion on 4th Street in Bismarck on January 30 as they host a Crafter's Bee. Kathy V. will be doing a public demo from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Snacks are provided. RSVP to Kathy V.

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 - Jan 21 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 - Jan 22 JOY Club @ McDonalds by Kmart - 9:30 am
- SUN - Jan 24 Worship Service/Sunday School/Primetime/Adult
Community/ The Growing Years - 9:00 am
Discover FEFC - 9:00 am
Fellowship - 10:15 am
Worship Service/Sunday School - 10:45 am
Discover FEFC - 12:00 noon
CTL Scene 3 Drama Rehearsal - 2:30 pm
CTL Scene 4 Drama Rehearsal - 3:30 pm
CTL Choir Rehearsal - 3:30 pm
CTL Scene 12 Drama Rehearsal - 5:00 pm
- MON - Jan 25 Men's Living Stone Study - 6:30 am
Council of Overseers - 7:00 pm
- TUE - Jan 26 Women's Bible Study - 9:00 am
Women's Bible Study - 6:30 pm
Men's Study Group - 7:00 pm
- WED - Jan 27 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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