

# INFO CENTRAL

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## SENIOR PASTOR INFORMATION

I couldn't help but make the "prophetic" connections between what Jon Lee and Kirby Evanger were telling us about on Sunday morning and the Scriptures' discussion of life in the end times. In case you were not present this past Sunday (January 24), our Elder of Missions & Outreach (Jon Lee) and a member of the Missions & Outreach Board (Kirby Evanger – who also is a banker who is fully aware of what is taking place in the financial industry) gave a very important report. The report was about the impact of the global economic "upheaval and challenges" upon the lives and ministries of missionaries. The devaluation of the dollar in relation to foreign currencies is obviously having a very major impact. As the economic policies and behaviors of the Obama administration and the present US Congress continue to create more and more debt and endanger businesses and jobs in America, giving to churches and to missions continues to tighten. And, Kirby told us that one thing high on the Obama administration agenda is the reduction and/or removal of the charitable giving tax deduction. Obviously, such a cynical decision would affect all ministry greatly and missionaries would feel it even more deeply. Then there is the double taxation that missionaries are facing, particularly the Gibbons serving in France. So the challenges that missionaries are facing are both presently huge and looming larger with each day it seems.

Kirby also mentioned the moves on the part of the Obama administration to "global accounting practices" and a "global currency" and therefore a "global economy." There are several things that have already been put quietly (and even secretly) in place to move the American economy toward full cooperation with global accounting practices and that submit America's economic structure to greater global dependence; compromising America's independence and economic strength. I recently read an article written by the CFO of a large ministry based in the eastern part of the US outlining the agreements President Obama made at the G-20 Summit that was held in Pittsburgh in late 2009. It was startling to read what he agreed to without any news media making any fuss about it or expressing any concerns for what is taking place.

As I listened to Kirby and Jon talk on Sunday and reread the article afterward, I realized that while there are many things happening in the world that are OBVIOUS signs of the times (e.g., the increase in number and severity of earthquakes – as the most recent one in Haiti) there are also some very important things taking place more "UNDER THE RADAR" that are just as obvious, just as significant and perhaps even more profound (as in the very strong indications of the entire globe being "forced" toward a global economic system and a one-world currency). It is very important to realize that while these things have been predicted as end times events for many years, they are actually becoming a reality today. Remember, the book of Revelation makes it abundantly clear that at the mid-point of the Tribulation, there will be one world ruler who will emerge (The Beast whom many call the Anti-christ) and his "chief of staff" that the Bible calls the False Prophet. This False Prophet will have the ability to control all commerce in the world – all buying and selling (Revelation 13:17). That will

clearly require a one-world currency and a global economic structure/system. All commerce will be under this one man's control and he will restrict it to those who have the "mark of the beast" on "their right hand or on their foreheads." As I type these words, passages of Scripture and Songs about the Second Coming of Christ flood into my mind. "People get ready, Jesus is coming, Jesus is coming soon....." (song). "Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless...." (II Pet. 3:14). "Beloved, now we are the children of God, and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure." (I John 3:2-3). I could go on and on with passages of Scripture that are pertinent and that speak directly to this subject, context and time in which we are living. That is why I close every communication I write with the word, "MARANATHA" ("O Lord, Come!")!

I do look forward to worshipping, fellowshiping and studying God's Word together with all of you this coming Sunday. Maranatha, Pastor Terry Kern <><

## 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 31. 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.

## MEN'S RETREAT

"Getting Back on Track .... Life After A Pit Stop" is this year's theme. The speaker will be Mike Montgomery, who is the Adult Discipleship Pastor at Salem E Free in Fargo and the Worship Leader is Royce Adamson. The dates are February 19 - 21, for more information go to the Information Center for a registration form.

## LIVING STONES MEN'S STUDY

The men's study that meets on Monday mornings at 6:30 a.m. will be starting a new study—The Fight of Every Believer by Terry Law, beginning February 1. The focus of this book is learning to conquer the thought attacks that war against our minds.

*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.



**Stewardship Update: December 31, 2009**

	<b>Month to Date</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Total Income	\$ 130,173.91	\$ 752,719.49
Total Expense	\$ 85,443.07	\$ 576,169.96
Income Over/(Under) Expense	\$ 44,730.84	\$ 176,549.53

More detailed information is available upon request! Please contact Pat O'Dell at the church office.

**WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO**

- THU - Jan 28      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 29      JOY Club @ McDonalds by Kmart - 9:30 am
- SUN - Jan 31      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 13 Drama Rehearsal - 3:15 pm  
CTL Choir Rehearsal - 3:30 pm  
CTL Scene 14 Drama Rehearsal - 4:15 pm  
CTL Scene 6 Drama Rehearsal - 5:00 pm
- MON - Feb 01      Men's Living Stone Study - 6:30 am  
Fellowship & Caring Board - 7:00 pm  
Worship Board - 7:00 pm
- TUE - Feb 02      Women's Bible Study - 9:00 am  
Women's Bible Study - 6:30 pm  
Men's Study Group - 7:00 pm
- WED - FEB 03      MOPS Steering - 9:00 am  
Cooks Nite Off - 5:00 pm  
FFFEAST/412 R.A.G.E. & The Example - 6:15 pm

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