

# INFO CENTRAL

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**March 23, 2010**

## SENIOR PASTOR INFO

We received the final decision from Chad Englund on Sunday evening. After much prayer and processing Chad decided not to accept the position of Associate Pastor of Student Ministries here at FEFC. He spoke to Bob Schindler (Chairman of the Search Committee) and myself by phone on Sunday evening and then sent a formal letter stating his decision and the reasons for it on Monday.

We are all somewhat surprised by the decision after the lengthy and thorough process that we have been through with the Englunds. Chad explained that the reasons for not accepting were not financial. He went on to say that the discussions about housing concerns and finances came up rather early in our search process and did end up dominating his attention and focus for much of the time. We were able to come to final and satisfactory agreements on both the housing concerns and the financial matters. It was then, Chad explained when he was "freed up" mentally and emotionally to evaluate his own ministry focus and how it fit with the position we are seeking to fill here in Bismarck, Associate Pastor of Student Ministries. In the end, Chad has made some philosophical and personal adjustments in his ministry focus and could not in good conscience accept the position here in Bismarck.

At first, this is a very disappointing and even frustrating decision. But as I prayed and discussed these new developments with the Elders, I have been brought back to the place where we should always be – "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6) Dr. Bob Schindler expressed his intentions to the Elders that the Search Committee would reconvene and begin their work of finding another candidate. He already has some ideas for expanding the search. Randy Alexander (Elder of Education overseeing Youth Ministry) assured the Elders that we have a strong leadership team in place presently in our Student Ministries and they are prepared to move ahead with the task God has given us to do. So, while we may not understand fully what the Lord is doing right now, I am confident that our Heavenly Father is still absolutely sovereign and absolutely good at the same time. We can trust Him and His goodness and guidance, He has called us to be faithful and to serve Him and obey Him and those things we are both ready and pleased to continue to do.

Please be very much in prayer for the Youth and the Children's Ministries of FEFC. Please be very much in prayer for the Search Committee as they move forward in their work. Please be constantly in prayer for Celebrate The Life, which begins on Friday evening this week. This is an amazing ministry opportunity that the Lord uses in ways that we cannot imagine and probably will never know until we get to heaven. But again, He calls us to faithful obedience and service. What a joy it is to serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

Please remember that this Sunday morning is a Celebrate The Life presentation and it begins at 10:00 am. It is not a ticketed per-

formance, so it would be a really good time to bring friends, family, and neighbors that do not attend church regularly. See you then. D. V.

Maranatha,

Pastor Terry Kern <><

## PALM SUNDAY & EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 28, 2010 we will be presenting CTL for our church family at 10:00 a.m. This is not a ticketed event.

The Sunday Schedule for Easter Sunday will be as follows:

8:45 am - Youth Service

9:45 am - 412 Ministries Carmel Roll Fund Raiser

10:45 am - Worship Service

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

There will be no Sunday School Sunday, March 28 or Sunday, April 4. Nursery will be available this Sunday, March 28 at 10:00 a.m. and on Easter Sunday, April 4 at the 10:45 a.m. service only. If you have questions, please call Nanette or Linnet at 223-3330.

## NP DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The 2010 Northern Plains District Conference will be hosted by Bethel Church of Fargo on April 8 - 10, 2010. The conference theme is "Understanding the Times: Knowing what the Church Should Do" with guest speakers Pastor David T. Olson, Director of the American Research Project. The world is changing. The culture of America is changing. That change influences how the gospel is communicated. In his three sessions, Pastor Olson will help us learn how to build cultural connections, create authentic passion for ministry and help our churches focus their energy on their strengths. Registration forms are available at npd.efca.org or at the Information Center at the church.

## SO LONG INSECURITY

Thousands of women have already made plans to attend in Atlanta, GA and in over 400 churches in the US and over 40 churches in Canada. It will be a wonderful day as women gather to hear the biblically sound teaching of Beth Moore and worship leader Travis Cottrell. It is free to you, but the women in the Tuesday Bible studies have given generously to bring this event to this area. It is our prayer that the message of security found only in Jesus Christ will transform many lives. Invitations are available at the Information Center. Plan to bring your friends. The doors open at 8:30 a.m., April 24. There will be an hour-and-a-half break for lunch...bring your own or eat at a restaurant. You won't want to miss this exciting time planned with you in mind.

**Annual Meeting  
April 12 at 7:00 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

**CONDOMINIUM FOR SALE**

Our church has a condominium for sale. It has two bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, a small laundry room, living room, dining room, kitchen, two small decks and a single garage (1,128 square feet). All appliances, stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer are included. Please contact Pat at 223-3330 for more details.

**PART TIME JANITORIAL POSITION**

A part-time janitorial person is needed at the church. If you or someone you know are interested, please contact Pat at the church office.

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 - Mar 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 - Mar 26** JOY Club @ McDonalds by Kmart - 9:30 am  
Celebrate the Life Performance - 7:30 pm
- SAT - Mar 27** First Place 4 Health - 9:00 am  
Celebrate the Life Performance - 3:30 pm
- SUN - Mar 28** Celebrate the Life Performance - 10:00 am  
Celebrate the Life Performance - 3:00 pm
- MON - Mar 29** Men's Living Stone Study - 6:30 am
- TUE - Mar 30** Men's Study Group - 7:00 pm
- WED - Mar 31** Celebrate The Life Performance - 7:30 pm

**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.

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