

INFO CENTRAL

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SENIOR PASTOR INFO

We have already seen God do amazing things through Celebrate The Life. How can we thank the Lord enough for the privilege of serving Him? We are tired, many of us are struggling with all sorts of physical problems (colds, flu, sinus infections, migraines, etc.), our nation is floundering under the leadership we have put in place in Washington, D.C., and we are deeply concerned about what is taking place in the Middle East (Iranians, Hizbullah, Hamas, Syria, Lebanon, etc. etc.). BUT, we are full of joy and gratitude to the Lord for the privilege of knowing and serving Him. If these are truly the last days of the Last Days (and I think that they certainly are) then the Lord is giving us an amazing opportunity to reach out to the people of our area with the Good News (Gospel) of Jesus Christ.

We have had nearly full or completely full houses for every one of the first four performances. This is the first time in my memory that even the first performance was completely full and I don't remember ever having such a large crowd on Sunday morning. God is blessing CTL in an unusual way this time around. We have had wonderful responses thus far as well. People lavish praises on the music and drama and "professional" quality of CTL. That is nice to hear but the things that really touch our hearts are the ones that tell us that someone has come to believe in Jesus Christ as a result of attending CTL. There have been six of those that we know of for sure thus far (through Sunday). We feel quite certain that there are many more of which we are not aware. We regularly hear stories about people who have trusted in Jesus during a CTL they attended years ago. So we believe that the Lord will continue to use this presentation for His glory for years and years to come. People are moved to consider the person, the work, and the words of Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the Living God throughout the performance of CTL. And many, without even realizing that they are doing so, come to the place of believing in Him or having their faith confirmed and strengthened through it.

As of this writing, Good Friday night's performance is sold out and the waiting list is already fairly long. Scores of tickets were sold on Monday for the Wednesday and Thursday night performances. In fact I just spoke with our "Ticket Queen" (Gayle Bakken) and she told me that tickets for Wednesday and Thursday are going very fast and that she would be amazed if we aren't completely sold out very soon. God is good and we thank Him for His hand of blessing and affirmation on the entire CTL ministry. Please be very much in prayer for Nate Kern (plays the role of Jesus) as he is struggling with a sinus infection. Please pray for our whole cast, choir and crew as we have a lot of illness circulating around. Please pray for protection, for healing and for strength in the midst of sickness and tiredness for everyone. And pray for people to come who will benefit most from being present in the CTL performances. Pray as well for God to move in powerful ways in peoples' hearts and for many, many more to come to faith in Jesus Christ.

This Sunday is Resurrection Sunday (Easter)! Well, every Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. But this

one is especially so. Remember the changes in the schedule this week. I hope to see you. D. V.

Maranatha,

Pastor Terry Kern <><

EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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 on Sunday, April 4. Nursery will be available 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

"Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

John 11:25-26

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 - April 1** Celebrate the Life Performance - 7:30 pm
- FRI - April 2** JOY Club @ McDonalds by Kmart - 9:30 am
Celebrate the Life Performance - 7:30 pm
- SAT - April 3** First Place 4 Health - 9:00 am
Worship Team Rehearsal - 1:00 pm
412 Ministries Youth Rehearsal - 3:00 pm
- SUN - April 4** 412 Ministries Youth Service - 8:45 am
412 Ministries Carmel Roll Fundraiser - 9:45 am
Worship Service - 10:45 am
- MON - April 5** Men's Living Stone Study - 6:30 am
CTL Pizza Party/Teardown Set - 6:00 pm
- TUE - April 6** Men's Study Group - 7:00 pm
- WED - April 7** MOPS - 9:00 am
412 Ministries R.A.G.E. & The Example - 6:30 pm
Worship Team Rehearsal - 7:45 am

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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