

INFO CENTRAL

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SENIOR PASTOR INFO

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week our Ministry Staff is engaged in two days of Evaluating and Planning. We are going to spend significant time evaluating our present ministry (from one end to the other). We want to be honest with ourselves and open before the Lord in doing this. How are we doing in terms of the mission/purpose that God has laid out for us? What are the strong areas of our ministry and what are the weaknesses? On what areas and ministries do we need to focus? We will be evaluating every age ministry (it will be hard to do for the Youth Ministry without a Youth Pastor in place) and we will be doing the evaluation in light of our Mission Statement verse – Colossians 1:28. We have divided that mission statement into KNOW-GROW-SHOW ministries to help us have a structure upon which to focus ministries. So the KNOW-GROW-SHOW framework will be the basis of our evaluation and then our planning and goal setting going forward.

Of course, these two days are only a small part of this ongoing process of evaluation and planning. Our Ministry Boards and the congregation at large must participate, embrace the divine commission and engage with the leadership in fulfilling the “mission” that the Lord has set out for us to accomplish. So please pray for our staff, for our leadership and for our church family as we seek to do what the Lord has called us to do. I was reading in the book of Joshua this week and as Joshua prepared the people of Israel to begin to “take the Promised Land” he called on them to “sanctify themselves” for the crossing of the Jordan River (this is something we don’t give much attention to anymore). We know the story, how YHWH mightily & miraculously “stacked up” the waters of the Jordan River – some 20 miles back, as well as “stopped up” all the tributary streams flowing into the Jordan, AND dried out the soggy soil so that the entire nation of Israel crossed the mighty Jordan on dry ground. Joshua 5:1 tells us about the reaction of the people in the land upon seeing and hearing what the God of the Jews did with the Jordan River. It says that “their hearts melted and there was no spirit in them any longer.” Then came the “battle of Jericho” – and the walls tumbling down. YHWH was entirely faithful, but the children of Israel were often NOT faithful in return. We want to learn the lessons of both their successes and their failures.

There are many challenges to ministry in this day and this culture. But there have always been many challenges to serving, honoring and obeying the Lord in any culture and in any time. So please join us in praying for our church life and ministry and for FEFC to be a church that in the power of the Holy Spirit honors and brings glory to our Heavenly Father and our Blessed and only Savior, Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

This Sunday is a time when we will gather again, according to the plan and the pattern of God’s Word for worship, study of the Word of God and for fellowship and encouragement. We will also be honoring all of our graduates in both worship services. I do look forward to seeing you and sharing this important time together- D. V. Maranatha (O Lord, Come)!! Pastor Terry Kern <<

FFFEAST FFFFFUN EVENT

The Princess Bride will be playing on Wednesday, May 19th 6:30pm - 8:30pm. There will be Food, Prizes, and Games for all ages. Don’t miss out on the fun!! Bring your friends! Tickets are going fast so please be sure to pick up your FREE Tickets at the Information Center.

ERNIE HAASE AND SIGNATURE SOUND

We are very thankful to have one of the premier Southern Gospel quartet groups coming to Bismarck June 11. Normally this group would not consider a seating venue under 2,000 but God opened the door and made a way for them to minister at FEFC and the community. You can purchase tickets at the church.

THE GROWING YEARS

The Growing Years Community Group is taking a break from meeting on Sunday mornings during the summer months. There will be socials throughout the summer, so watch for announcements via email or the bulletin. Our first social is a family picnic, June 4th at the Optimist Park (16th St. and Spalding Ave) at 6 pm. For more details please contact Jayna. This fall we will start up again on Sunday mornings studying topics relevant for young families.

YOUTH PASTOR SEARCH

The Search Committee is busy looking over resumes and reviewing the possible youth pastor candidates information. They were discussed at their last meeting that we really need to pray for this person whomever that may be and thought that it would be wonderful if the whole church would do the same. We are asking that as a church we pray for the next youth pastor whomever that may be, the youth group as they meet on a weekly basis, and for the search committee during this process.

COOPERSTOWN BIBLE CAMP

Cooperstown Bible Camp is having its 8th Annual Golf Scramble Fundraiser on June 5th, 2010. The golf Scramble Fundraiser is a way for a group from your church to enjoy a fun day of golfing, while at the same time supporting this valuable ministry. If interested pick up a registration form at the information center in the foyer.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday morning women’s Bible Study begins June 1st and we will be studying walking by faith; lessons learned in the dark by Jennifer Rothschild. Join us Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am. Child care is provided. Sign up at the Information Center or call Elaine .

Tuesday evening women’s Bible Study begins June 1st and we will be studying victorious living. Sign up at the Information Center or call Phyllis.

**One Worship Service
May 30 at 10:00 a.m.**

412 Ministries

PRIMETIME: Sunday for Jr. High & Sr. High @ 9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT : 6:30- 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.

Lost and Found: Pastor Kevin needs your help, please. He is looking for the Bible Study "Experiencing God" by Henry Blackaby he loaned out. If you have the study, or know who might have it, would you please return it to him. It would be very much appreciated. Thank you!

WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO

THU - May 13 First Place 4 Health - 6:00 pm
Escape the Coming Night Men's Study - 6:30 pm
Young Adult Bible Study - 7:00 pm
Women's Ministry Meeting - 7:00 pm
Pastor Terry's Israel Presentation - 7:00 pm

FRI - May 14 JOY Club @ McDonalds by Kmart - 9:30 am

SUN - May 16 Graduate Recognition/Worship Service/Sunday School/Primetime/Adult Community - 9:00 am
Fellowship - 10:15 am
Graduate Recognition/Worship Service/Sunday School - 10:45 am

MON - May 17 Men's Living Stone Study - 6:30 am
Adult Ministry Team Meeting - 6:30 pm
Mission and Outreach Board - 7:00 pm

TUE - May 18 Men's Study Group - 7:00 pm

WED - May 19 MOPS Appreciation Brunch - 9:00 am
412 Ministries R.A.G.E. and The Example - 6:30 pm
Men's Softball @ Cottonwood #10 - 6:30 pm
FFFFFFFUN Movie Night - 6:30 pm
Worship Team Rehearsal - 7:45 pm

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EMAIL INFO CENTRAL

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