

INFO CENTRAL

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SENIOR PASTOR INFO

A number of you asked me on Sunday when I was going to show pictures of Israel. When I said that I already showed them last Thursday evening, there was a great deal of surprise. I know there wasn't much notice and it is a very busy time so I will probably schedule another time a bit later in the summer to show pictures and just sit around and talk about Israel and current events etc. Obviously, I don't have to be coaxed too much to talk about Israel and I love to show you pictures and try my best to help anyone who wants to gain a "feel" for Israel (especially for the Golden City - Jerusalem) to do so. If that interests you, please let me know or let the church office know that you would like to be a part of an evening like that. Also be sure to suggest a time and even a night of the week when you would be able to attend. We will then set up another time. I am praying and seriously considering putting together a tour group for next year (probably March/April time frame). If you have a serious interest in a two week tour, please let me or the church office know that. I need to begin planning such a tour relatively soon.

Also, I desire to put together a short term missions team to go to Israel (primarily Jerusalem and Tel Aviv) to do ministry there. That could happen at any time. I just received an email from the director of the soup kitchen and humanitarian aid director of Chosen People Ministries that they need help/volunteers desperately. That would probably involve a couple of weeks of time - we would probably do ministry for about a 7-9 days and then "tour" Jerusalem for a few days & possibly even get up to Galilee.

The cost of flights over to Israel is about \$1500-\$1700 depending on when you go. For a short term missions team there would be an additional cost per person for food and travel in country, lodging in country and other incidentals. Also, a short term missions team would have a project (building or remodeling materials, food pantry supplies, clothing collection and shipping, medical supplies, or other kinds of projects in which we might get involved) for which the team would have to raise funds to provide. If you are interested in such a ministry venture please let either myself or the church office know of your interest and the level of your interest ("I may be interested, I am pretty sure I am interested, I definitely will go, I just need to know the dates, etc).

On another topic, I want to thank all of you who prayed for our staff as we held our Strategic Planning meetings last week. It went very well and I am so pleased with the passion and ownership and heart for ministry of our staff. Everyone on our staff works hard and has a great heart for the FEFC ministry/ministries. And there is a strong unified desire on our "collective hearts and minds" to shore up the weaker areas and to make the areas of strength even stronger. Jon Hanson facilitated the meetings for us so I could be a participant in the planning process and not have to focus on being the facilitator. It worked very well and we have delivered the notes and deliberations of the meetings to the Elder Board. There were many goals and objectives defined and dated that surfaced in the two days of meetings. Some of the things we deliberated about will probably begin coming to light in the next few weeks. Please watch the bulletin and this InfoCentral for information about Task Forces being set up to take on specific issues/ministries that need revamping or refocusing. There will probably be a couple of surveys coming your way to help us all gain more clarity in what everyone in our congregation is thinking/need so the ministries can more effectively and strategic in helping us "present every man (person) complete in Christ." (Col 1:28). We will need your involvement, interest, investment and your prayers. We long to honor and obey our Lord and His Word with whatever days we have left here to do His work and further the cause of Christ.

Well we had a wonderful time encouraging and honoring our graduates this past Sunday. This week we will be honoring our Savior and obeying His command by celebrating the Lord's Table. You definitely will want to

be present and to participate in this very important time. I do look forward to seeing you as we gather to worship, fellowship, study God's Word and encourage one another - Deo Volente. Maranatha, PTK<><

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 @ 400-6533. This fall we will start up again on Sunday mornings studying topics relevant for young families.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 6-10th 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Are your children ready to go on a High Seas Expedition? We will be taking a voyage through God's Word in some fun and exciting ways. Come along and join the Fun! Kids, invite your friends; free postcards are available at the VBS table. We are still looking for some crew leaders so if you would like to help out, please email me or sign up at the VBS registration table located in the foyer on Sunday mornings.

VBS Training:

Preschool: Tues, June 1st at 6:30pm; questions call Nanette
Elementary: Crew Leaders Tues, June 1st at 6:30pm; questions call Linnet

OPEN FORM

All parents of children at FEFC are invited to join us for an open forum to discuss and brainstorm for our Wednesday night Children's Program/Club. Please feel free to attend Wednesday June 2nd @ 6:30pm or Wednesday June 16th @ 6:30 pm.

**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 20** First Place 4 Health - 6:00 pm
Young Adult Bible Study - 7:00 pm
- FRI - May 21** JOY Club @ McDonalds by Kmart - 9:30 am
- SUN - May 23** Worship Service/Sunday School/Primetime/Adult Community - 9:00 am
Fellowship - 10:15 am
Worship Service/Sunday School - 10:45 am
- MON - May 24** Men's Living Stone Study - 6:30 am
Adult Ministry Team Meeting - 6:30 pm
Mission and Outreach Board - 7:00 pm
- TUE - May 25** Men's Study Group - 7:00 pm
- WED - May 26** 412 Ministries R.A.G.E. and The Example - 6:30 pm
Men's Softball @ Cottonwood #7 - 6:30 pm
Worship Team Rehearsal - 7:45 pm

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