

INFO CENTRAL

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SENIOR PASTOR INFO

I want to alert all of you to something of extreme importance that is underway here in our state. As we all know, religious freedom is under attack in this country. A large number of states have already passed similar amendments in an effort to forestall the efforts of many at the federal level to restrict religious freedoms in many ways. The North Dakota Family Alliance is spearheading an effort in the State of North Dakota to circulate petitions to gather signatures for a Religious Freedom Restoration Amendment to the North Dakota State Constitution. If the needed 26,000 signatures are gathered, this amendment would be on the ballot in the November 2010 election. First Evangelical Free Church is joining hundreds of churches across our state to circulate petitions to gather these signatures. Over the next several weeks, we will be printing the language of the RFRA that has been drafted, making announcements in our church services clarifying the details of the amendment, making petitions available, seeking out people who would circulate petitions, and then have the completed petitions notarized to be sent to the Secretary of State's office for verification. Only eligible voters in the State of North Dakota may sign the petitions and each voter may sign the petition only once.

I personally believe (all of our pastoral and ministry staff as well as our FEFC Elders have agreed) this is an extremely important effort in which we, as Christians, ought to be personally involved. Our present administration and congress in Washington D.C. has made it perfectly clear that they do not believe this nation should continue as it was founded and as it has been functioning in the 200 years since. The Hate Crimes legislation that is being formulated in Washington, D. C. is designed to severely oppress Americans' freedom to live out their sincerely held religious beliefs. These efforts to destroy religious freedom in our country are NOT something that is a remote possibility in the distant future. These are present, verifiable efforts already underway in our nation's capital. This is not a case of Christians becoming overly zealous and over reacting to issues of minor concern. This is a time and issue of extreme import that we as the citizens of this nation and this state ought to be aware. And we must make every effort to forestall this sordid and evil agenda by politicians who do not share the beliefs we hold and have gained from the Scriptures. In my opinion, this Religious Freedom Restoration Amendment to the North Dakota State Constitution is a big step in the right direction.

Remember, this is Memorial Day weekend and we have only one Worship Service on Sunday at 10:00 am and there is no Sunday School. 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. This fall we will start up again on Sunday mornings studying topics relevant for young families.

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.

2nd HOUR CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

There is NO second hour (10:45) Sunday School throughout the summer. If you have any questions, please call Nanette or Linnet at 223-3330.

1st HOUR CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

June 7th will be our first Sunday of summer Sunday School at 9:00 am. Many of the Leaders will be taking a break over the summer. We are in need of your help over the summer, so if you have a weekend that you will be in town and would like to help, please let us know. Thank you! Linnet Walter 223-3330 or linnet@firstefree.com.

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

Wednesday Night Children's Ministry 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.

MOMS IN THE PARK

We will be meeting every Wednesday from 10:00-1:00 so pack up the kids and lunch if you like and come and enjoy some fun and fellowship with other moms. We will be choosing a different park every week. Please feel free to come and go as you please. Contact Shauna Upgren for more information.

June 9 Sertoma Park (Just off of Riverside Park Rd. We will be near shelter #8 right by the zoo.)

June 16 Schaumberg Arena/Wachter Park (South of Expressway behind the Schaumberg Ice Arena on Reno Ave or South 3rd Street.

**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 27** First Place 4 Health - 6:00 pm
Young Adult Bible Study - 7:00 pm
- FRI - May 28** JOY Club @ McDonalds by Kmart - 9:30 am
- SUN - May 30** **Memorial Day** Worship Service 10:00 Only
No Sunday school
- MON - May 31** **Memorial Day**
Office Closed
- TUE - June 1** Women's Tues. Morning Bible Study 9:30 am
Womens Tues. Evening Bible Study 7:00 pm
Men's Study Group - 7:00 pm
VBS Training - 6:30 pm
Motorcycle Run Clark Station @ Exit 161 6:30pm
- WED - June 2** 412 Ministries R.A.G.E. and The Example - 6:30 pm
Men's Softball @ Cottonwood #9 - 6:30 pm
Worship Team Rehearsal - 7:45 pm
Children's Ministry Open Forum 6:30 pm

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