



Info Central

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SENIOR PASTOR~

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OF OUR NEWLY ELECTED LEADERS AND FOR ALL OUR LEADERS WHO ARE STILL IN OFFICE. AND PRAY FOR AMERICA TO TURN BACK TO GOD!

I just got back from the Woodlawn Cemetery in Steele, ND where Lawrence Blumhagen's earthly body is now buried. I was profoundly reminded of a very valuable lesson at the Family Prayer and Sharing Service we held in Lawrence's honor on Sunday evening. The service was the most unusual family prayer service before a funeral that I have ever had as a pastor. I opened the service with some scripture and prayer and then the sharing began. It went on for about an hour and a half and was story after delightful story of Lawrence's life and all the joy and laughter and merriment he brought into everyone's life. His family and his friends all knew him as a hardworking man who loved them all but who was determined to also make them laugh and enjoy life. I realized that it is really easy to get too intense and too stressed and that reflects an imbalance that takes a lot out of the joy of living the Christian life. So, I am hoping that going forward you will be seeing me more as Prov. 15:13 describes: "A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance..." I think that Pastor Jeremy being on board now will help in that regard too. He is a genuinely funny man. Praise the Lord. And send me any good "clean" jokes you know. Maybe I'll even share some of the best ones with everyone on Sunday mornings.

Maranatha PTK <<

THE CARING MINISTRY



The Caring Ministry Team has completed two workshops thus far. These workshops were provided to give the participants a basic understanding of some of the skills useful in serving within a caring ministry. The topics covered included feelings and their impact on our lives; dealing with loss and the grief that follows; and developing listening skills to offer comfort and support to those in need. We appreciate the valuable feedback provided by each participant. It has helped us define what worked in these sessions and in what areas we can make some improvements. We are looking forward to offering additional workshops as well as providing more in-depth training as we move forward. Please continue to watch the bulletins and Info Central for upcoming educational opportunities. Anyone interested in serving on this exciting new ministry is encouraged to sign up at the Caring Ministry table in the foyer. As always,, your prayers and support for this ministry are great appreciated!

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DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCK BACK SATURDAY NIGHT.



PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE FUNDRAISER

"Fundraiser" for Pre Youth Group (5th & 6th Graders) November 7th between and after services, we will be having a "Pancake & Sausage" fundraiser. 50% of the proceeds go to OCC, the rest will be used to purchase supplies, equipment and to do outreaches that are in the planning process.

FILL YOUR STOCKINGS~

Come to the Missions Brunch at 10:00 am on Saturday, November 13. Bring your stockings full and overflowing as we will be counting your savings to determine the amount we will be sending as a Christmas gift to our missionary women.

SPECIAL NEED OFFERING ~

Rick and Denise Kronk are missionaries living in Germany and working with the North African Muslims in Europe. Recently their government informed them of a large tax bill they now owe that they were unaware of. If you would like to help them with this need, please make a check out to FEFC and in the memo line write "KRONKS".

PRAISE GATHERING 2010

Come and get involved in the worship orchestra or choir. Everyone who enjoys music can participate! We'd love to see all of our CTL, choir people, along with anyone else who wants to join us. Let me know if you are interested in the orchestra so we can make a folder for you in advance. Contact Barb at 223-3330 or email her at www.barb@firstefree.com.



Rehearsal Dates

- Worship Orchestra - Sunday, Nov. 14 @ 4pm
- Worship Choir & WT - Sunday, Nov. 14 @ 5pm
- Orchestra & WT - Wednesday, Nov. 17th @ 7pm
- Orchestra, Choir & WT - Sunday, Nov. 21st @ 8:30am
- Service begins @ 10am



Appearing Live LEGACY FIVE

At Century Baptist Church
Sunday, November 14th
3:00 and 7:00 - Doors open 1 hour prior
Free Will Offering will be taken

WHITE CROSS

Wednesday, November 10th
10:00am - 2:00pm

CRAFTMANIA

Women and girls: We craft on Friday night from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and again on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
NEXT CRAFTMANIA Nov. 6th and 7th.

