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SENIOR PASTOR INFO

Our celebration of the Lord's Table together this past Sunday was, again, an incredible time of worship and adoration of our Savior. It is one of those most precious and cherished times here on this earth, to gather together to express our love and gratitude to our Blessed Lord for WHO HE IS as well as for what HE DID at Calvary. But it never ends there because the HOPE that the world and each of us has IN HIM is yet another level of joy and gratitude – as we emphasized in the Communion Service from Colossians 1:27, "Christ in you, the hope of glory." We have such a beautiful, inspiring, joy-filled, freedom-giving, hope-filled message to share with people – the GOOD NEWS of JESUS CHRIST. In these days of turmoil, frustration, and fear in our world, we have the privilege of being Christ's messengers and ambassadors to offer His love and His grace. May God help us to share the message of Christ more faithfully, more boldly, and more effectively every day.

There are always many things to pray for as a church family. I want to especially ask you to pray for the following:

- Perhaps you are unaware that Pastor Jeremy and Jessica's home sale in Princeton, MN fell through at the very last hour. It came as such a shock to them as they had been assured by both realtors that all was in order on the part of the buyer. Of course, all the other potential buyers and renters that were in process several months ago, had found other homes so this has created a very real hardship for Pastor Jeremy and his family. Please pray for God's intervention and even in a horrible market and very difficult time of year to sell a house, that their home would sell and that the Lord would also supply every need for Pastor Jeremy and their family.
- Please pray for Nanette Cornell and our FEFC Children's Ministries in these days of transition and change. There are kind of two "tracks" that need prayer. The first is the immediate needs that we have in order to continue to care for the ongoing ministry needs in our Children's Ministries. Nanette has stepped up in a remarkable way and is working very hard to coordinate and facilitate the immediate and short-term staffing and operational needs. But we need your prayers and help. If you are willing and able to be involved in our Children's Ministries, please let Nanette or our church office know. And please be in prayer. The other "track" for prayer is the long-term plan to grow and develop our FEFC Children's Ministry. The Staff, Elders, Education and Stewardship Boards are all working together to get a proposal/plan in place soon. We are in the early stages of our "Investing In The Harvest" Capital Campaign as well. So there are many things "on our plate" as a church family. But these are also very exciting and even thrilling times. It seems God is preparing FEFC for greater ministry in the days ahead and the enemy is surely

also very hard at work to hinder us. So, we need to be much in prayer as a church family. Please be sure to make these needs that I have mentioned here a regular part of your daily prayer life.

This Sunday I will begin a new sermon series about which I am very excited. I have called it: "Connecting With Heaven in 2011." The series is based on James' admonition and promise in James 4:8; "...draw near to God and He will draw near to you." See you Sunday (D. V.).

Maranatha Pastor Terry Kern <><

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted, by Priscilla Shirer

Begins Tuesday evening, January 18, 2011 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. What do we do when God interrupts our lives? Many times, like Jonah, we run! In this seven-session Bible study, Priscilla redefines interruption and shows that interruption is actually God's invitation to do something beyond our wildest dreams. Sign up at the information center or call Debbie, for the evening class.

NEW MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

"The Great Adventure:" NOTE New start date **January 18,** Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

"Authentic Manhood, Winning at Work and Home:" starting January 18, Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

DISCOVER FEFC AND MEMBERSHIP CLASS

This is our introductory class to First E Free Church. It includes getting to meet others who are new to FEFC. Finding out what the ministries are and reviewing our church's basic beliefs. This class also offers preparation for membership if that is desired. This class is January 23 and 30. Contact Kevin at 223-3330 or at Kevin@firstefree.com if you are interested.

ALL-CHURCH POTLUCK

We will be hosting Teen Challenge for an all-church potluck on January 30. Everyone should bring a LARGE main dish and those with last names beginning with A-L a LARGE dessert and M-Z a LARGE salad. Help will also be needed to get the food out and cleanup. Please call Sharon Curtiss if you are able to help. Thank you.

PARENTS OF CHILDREN INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON JANUARY 16, 2011

We are requesting all parents of children (2 years old -6th grade) to join us for a short meeting to inform you about the plan for this semester of Children's Ministry. The meeting will be on Sunday, January 16, 2011 after the second worship service at 12:00 noon in the Worship Center.

