



Info Central

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January 4, 2011

SENIOR PASTOR INFO

I wish you all a very blessed and joy-filled 2011. It is my earnest prayer that you will discover new levels of intimacy with God and that your life and home will be filled with His love and grace. We certainly don't know what 2011 will bring, but we can be assured that God has a firm grasp on the affairs of this world, our church and our lives. As the old song says, "I don't know what the future holds but I know WHO holds the future." And I want to say a word of heart-felt thanks from all of us Pastors for all the generous gifts and kind expressions of love we received from you during the Christmas season. You have overwhelmed us with your kindness. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



Edwin Wagner went home to be with the Lord in the transition from 2010 to 2011. His funeral was on Monday in Turtle Lake, ND. As I spoke from the Scriptures to the people gathered to pay their last respects to a good man and soldier hero, I was struck by the fact that in the "not very distant" future, if Jesus doesn't return, every-one of our families will be standing up and saying things about us at our funeral. We are all shaping today what they will be saying tomorrow. I know I want my sons and others to say of me that I was a man of God who followed hard after the teachings of the Word of God and lived out the love of Christ in my everyday life.

We received a resignation from Linnet Walter from her position as Elementary Coordinator, effective December 31, 2010. Linnet has been absolutely tireless in her great work in our FEFC children's ministries. I know that Linnet has given her "all" working with our children and I personally thank her and her family for all the sacrifices and effort she has invested in FEFC Children's Ministries.

We will have to hold a meeting very soon with parents of our elementary children and people involved in our Children's Ministries in order to set our course for the administration of our Children's Ministries for the immediate and short term future (next few months). But for the longer term future, we will need to make some decisions with regard to overseeing our Children's Ministries. There has been a great deal of talk over the last years of the fact that our church is of a size now where we need to have a Children's Ministries Pastor (in the same way as we have a Pastor of our Youth Ministries). I became much more aware of this need when Josh McDowell was with us over a year ago and so strongly emphasized that churches need to place a far greater emphasis on their ministries to children. Our culture is reaching out to children at younger ages and seeking to capture their young minds and hearts. We need to develop and grow our Children's Ministries if we are going to continue to have an impact for good and godliness on the children of our church families and of our community. So please, be MUCH in prayer as we as a church move through these times of change and yet seek to do the ministry for the cause of Christ that the Lord has called us and commissioned us to do together.

This Sunday is our first Communion Service of 2011. Please prepare yourself for the service. I do look forward to seeing you then, if the Lord is willing (D.V.). Maranatha PTK<><

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

JONAH:

Navigating a Life Interrupted By Priscilla Shirer

Begins Tuesday morning, January 4, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 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 Elaine for the morning class or Debbie, for the evening class. Childcare is provided for the morning class.

NEW MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

"The Great Adventure:" starting January 11, 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.

FIRST PLACE 4 HEALTH

First Place 4 Health is a Christ-centered weight loss and healthy living program that focuses on the four essentials of health and well-being: the mind, emotions, body and spirit. See how putting God first can lead to successful weight loss. This Bible study will begin a new session on January 6, 2011. Please contact Beth Thompson

SPIRITUALITY: REFLECTING GOD'S ATTRIBUTES, AFFECTIONS AND INTENTIONS

Starting Sunday, January 9 at 9:00 a.m. Led by Dr. Kent Martin.

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.

HEBREW CLASSES WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 5:15

Pastor Terry will be facilitating this three-month class. Cost for the book and workbook is \$52.99. Mark Hathaway is the contact person, .

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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)

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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

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EMAIL INFO CENTRAL

We are looking for ways to help save costs. If you have an email account, please email your address to:

office@firstefree.com

LIVING STONES MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Meets Monday mornings from 6:30-7:30 a.m. We are studying *Experiencing God*, by Henry Blackaby. For more information contact the church, 223-3330 .

WEATHER RELATED CANCELLATIONS

Please check KFYZ 550 AM radio station as well as www.firstefree.com for information regarding possible cancellations due to the weather.



WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO

- THURS - Jan 6** 1st Place 4 Health, 6:00 pm
Men's Bible Study, 6:30 pm
Young Adult Bible Study, 7:00 pm
- FRI - Jan 7** JOY Club @ McDonalds by Kmart 9:30 am
Friday Nite Singles, 7:00 pm
- SUN - Jan 9** Communion Service/Sunday School/ Primetime/ Adult Community, 9:00 am
Fellowship, 10:15 am
Communion Service/ Sunday School, 10:45
Youth Worship Team Rehearsal, 12:00 pm
- MON - Jan 10** Living Stones Men's Bible Study, 6:30 am
Worship Board, 7:00 pm
Stewardship Board, 7:00 pm
- TUE - Jan 11** Women's Bible Study 9:00 am
The Great Adventure Men's Bible Study, 7:00 pm
- WED - Jan 12** MOPS Steering Comm., 9:00 am
Cook's Nite Off, 5:00 pm
Hebrew Class, 5:15 pm
412 Ministries, R.A.G.E. & The Example, 6:30 pm
God Squad Adventure and God Squad Extreme, 6:30 pm
Worship Team Rehearsal, 7:45 pm



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