



Info Central

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SENIOR PASTOR

There are so many prayer needs right now. We spent a long time praying in our staff meeting yesterday morning and again in our elders meeting in the evening. We need to continue to pray for the families who are undergoing severe physical and emotional trials in their lives, the folks who are facing the flooding problems due to the heavy releases of water from the Garrison Dam, all the people in other parts of the country who have lost loved ones and everything else in the recent tornadoes in the Midwest, and the nation of Israel, given the recent comments by our President that so compromises their national security.

Then I also want to encourage us all to remember to pray for Lian and Annie Liu and their two children as they leave later this week to go back to their home in China. They are the first people in their entire extended families to become believers in Jesus Christ. They have asked us to uphold them in prayer as they visit their families and friends and share with them the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As their church family here in the USA, we consider it a marvelous privilege to stand with them in prayer while they share the Good News with their friends and loved ones there. Please pray for them every day beginning now and throughout the next couple of weeks while they are gone. Pray for wisdom, courage and boldness for them. Pray for prepared hearts and divinely appointed opportunities to share the gospel. Pray for both sowing and reaping opportunities as the Lord leads them and, of course, pray for safety in their travels and for good health. We look forward to hearing the stories of what God did for them and through them.

I am deeply impressed of late of the increased frequency and increased intensity of the environmental disasters occurring in our world, of the intensified focus on Israel and the surrounding nations in the Middle East, of the apocalyptic warnings that are coming to us so regularly regarding economic crises, and just a whole sense globally that God is doing something very unique. I think of the verses in Joel 1:2-3 which say: "Hear this you elders, and give ear, all you inhabitants of land. Has anything like this happened in your days or even in the days of your fathers? Tell your children about it. Let your children tell their children and their children another generation." The Prophet Joel's major prophetic focus in the Day of the Lord, which is the period of time surrounding the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ – including the Tribulation Period, the Second Coming itself and the setting up of the Lord's Millennial Kingdom here on earth. Folks, we are living in the times that Joel and the other prophets of the OT and in the times described by Jesus as the very last of the Last Days – the days that take us into the "Day of the Lord." If I had any doubts a few years ago that we are in those final days, I don't have them anymore. The intensifying of the natural disorder & catastrophe along with

increased intensity of the Middle East conflicts and realignments of the last couple years, along with the increased pressure to divide the land of Israel and decrease her national security, ALL THAT SPELLS FOR ME - THE TIME DRAWS NEAR!

As we see the Day approaching, we must live soberly and fully to serve Christ and share the Gospel. Let's redouble our prayers for opportunities to share the Gospel and seize every one that we are afforded. Let's pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Let's purify our hearts and our lives. Let's be bold witnesses testifying in the power of the Holy Spirit of the grace and the love of Christ.

And let us rejoice that our "redemption draws near!"

Remember, beginning this Sunday, there is just one worship service at 10:00 a.m. See you Sunday, D. V. Maranatha PTK <><

PASTOR SHILOH & ROBYN MORRIS

Pastor Shiloh has accepted the call to our Associate Pastor of Children's Ministry. He and his family plan on being here mid-June. We are excited to have them join our ministry!

CHANGE IN OPEN HOUSE

Stephanie Sonneson's open house will be June 25 at Mandan, ND from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

PRAYER POWER TREE

The Carrie's Kids, Prayer-Power Tree, is decorated with cards. On the back of these cards are specific needs of the homeless in our community. Please take a card from the tree and offer your personal prayer. God knows your greatest gift is prayer. PLEASE HELP! For more information about Carrie's Kids, please visit www.carrieskids.com

STEER OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to join us at our open house picnic as we celebrate a record-breaking year and over one million dollars sent to missions this fiscal year! The open house will be held at the STEER, Inc. Office (1553 N 12th St. Bismarck, ND) on June 7, 2011. We will be serving brats and burgers from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We hope you are able to celebrate with us! R.S.V.P. to 258-4911 or events@steerinc.com

MEMORIAL/GRADUATION DAY SERVICE

10:00 A.M., MAY 29

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL/CHILDREN'S CHURCH

PANDAMANIA VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Have a wild time at VBS June 5-9. Please register your child/children at the VBS table in the foyer. If you would like to volunteer in the fun at VBS, you may participate in many ways such as being a crew leader, chadder movie mania leader, and much more. Sign up at the VBS table in foyer.

WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO

- WED - May 25** Hebrew Class, 5:15 p.m.
- THUR - May 26** 1st Place 4 Health, 6:00 p.m.
- FRI - May 27** JOY Club @ McDonalds by Kmart, 9:30 a.m.
Friday Night Singles, 7:00 p.m.
Chinese Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.
- SUN-May 29** Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.
- MON - May 30** Living Stones Men's Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.
- TUES-May 31** Men's Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

FEFC Student 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

WOMEN'S SUMMER STUDY-*Discerning the Voice of God: How to Recognize When God Speaks* by Priscilla Shirer

Learn to recognize God's character, language, and tone of voice as you spend time in His Word and understand the role of the Holy Spirit. Includes insightful comments from a variety of respected authors. Sign up at the information desk or call Elaine at 258-9329 to order a book. *Bible study begins June 7 and goes through July 26.*

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