



Info Central

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Senior Pastor

Sandie & I would like to take this last opportunity to thank all of you who have been so kind and generous in your expressions of love and appreciation toward us over the last few weeks. We have been overwhelmed with your tears and hugs and kind words. We plan to answer each card and letter we have received from you with a personal word of response but we also want to tell you all how much we have appreciated all your kind and encouraging words. There is clearly a bond of love and affection that has been built over these many years that is hard to describe with words. But through the cards and the many personal conversations we have had with so many of you, you have been so gracious – we have been deeply moved and gratified. Obviously there is a special connection that people have when they are bonded together in the love of Jesus Christ and in sharing His Word together. As so many of you have said to us, we say to you, “we will never forget you and we do look forward to seeing you and sharing together more in the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Over the last few weeks I have been reminded of the scene that is described in Acts 20:17-38 when the Apostle Paul met with the Elders of the Church at Ephesus. They were saying “goodbye/so long” as well. It is a scene in which a great deal of affection and love was expressed. There was deep sorrow at the separation and obviously they were going to miss one another a great deal. But, always the man of the Word of God, the Apostle Paul gave them warnings about the false teachings and teachers with which they would have to contend, AND he also “commended them” to God and to the Word of God. Verse 32 says: “And now brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.” The Apostle Paul loved them, he had great affection for them, he wanted the very best for them, and he knew that the best thing that he could offer them was to “commend” them to God and more specifically, to the Word of God. It would be the source of grace, the means by which they would constantly be strengthened and built up and the means by which they would be trained and equipped to live out the kind of lives that would result in them having an “inheritance” in the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus, THE CHRIST! I can’t think of any better way to honor you all and say “thank you” to you than to “commend you to God and to the word of His grace.” And while we do not know when He will descend from heaven with a shout (the rapture of His Church), we know it could be at any moment and we believe it will be very soon. So, this “so long” may not be “so

long.” And since Sandie and I have no plans to leave Bismarck, I’m quite sure that our paths will cross from time to time. We pray for you the blessing that God gave to Moses to give to Aaron the High Priest. This blessing was to be prayed over the children of Israel: “The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace (shalom).” (Numbers 6:24-26). Perhaps you have never noticed verse 27 that immediately follows the blessing. It says this: “So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them.” Maranatha, PTK <<< >>>

PRAYER SERVICE

Corporate Prayer service begins **Wednesday, December 7th, 2011** at 6:30pm. Please make it a priority and be a part of it! We want to encourage our church family to pray to our Father God and make our praises and requests known to Him on a regular basis! **Join Us!**

OPEN HOUSE FOR TO HONOR SANDIE KERN

All women are invited to an open house at Peggy Martin’s home between 1-5pm on Saturday, December 3rd. Sandie has diligently served in many ways during their time here and this is your opportunity to express your appreciation and love to her. *Notes of affirmation are welcome!*

NEW MEN’S STUDY-*Courageous Living*

All men are invited to a Men’s study starting Monday, November 28th at 7:00pm in room 108 downstairs. The study will be led by Ron Tangen.

Courageous is still playing! The Courageous Living study group will be meeting at the Grand Theater at 6:30PM on Monday, December 5th to go to **Courageous**. Any other men interested are welcome to join us!

MEN LEADERS NEEDED!!

There is an urgent need for men to be table leaders for the “Teen Challenge” study on Monday evening at 7pm. For more information talk to Ron Aller or Bill Jennings .

CALLING ALL TECHIE PEOPLE

We are looking for a few good people to help in the Tech Ministry (Sound, Computer, Lights, and Video). Let Wendy know what area you are interested in helping or if you have already helped in Tech ministry before and want to get involved again. Please contact Wendy Backman at 701.223.3330 or email her at wendy@firstefree.com.

WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO

WED-Nov 30	MOPS, 9:00 a.m. Kid Zone Christmas Practice, 4:00 p.m. Fusion Movie, 6:30 p.m. Family Movie Night for kids, 6:30 p.m. Small Group MTG, 7:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal, 7:45 p.m.
THURS-Dec 1	First Place for Health, 6:00 p.m. Young Adult, 7:00 p.m.
FRI-Dec 2	JOY Club @ McDonalds by Kmart, 9:30 a.m. Middle School Mania, 7:00 p.m. Chinese Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.
SAT-Dec 3	Ladies-Open House for Sandie Kern, 1:00 p.m.
SUN-Dec 4	Growing Years/Primetime/Adult Sun School 9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School, 9:00 a.m. Membership Class, 9:00 a.m. Fellowship, 9:45 a.m. Children's Church, 10:15 a.m. Worship Service, 10:15 a.m. Membership Class, 11:30 a.m.
MON-Dec 5	Living Stone's Men's Bible Study, 6:30 a.m. Women's Small Group Study, 7:00 p.m. ND Teen Challenge Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. Men's Study-Courageous Living, 7:00 p.m. Fellowship/Caring Board MTG, 7:00 p.m. Worship Board MTG, 7:00 p.m.
TUES-Dec 6	Morning Women's Bible Study, 9:00 a.m. Evening Women's Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

FUSION STUDENT MINISTRIES

JR. HIGH (7th & 8th grades)

SR. HIGH (9th-12th grades)

Sunday for Jr. High & Sr. High @ 9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT: 6:30- 8:30 p.m.

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 CAPTAIN INFO

Doris Ann Van Beek

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POSITION AVAILABLE

We are currently taking applications for a secretarial/bookkeeping position at the church. Please email your resume to fefcoffice@firstefree.com.

UPCOMING SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- December 4, Pastor Daryl Thompson will be preaching.
- December 11 Children's Christmas Program.
- December 18 we will have a special Christmas service with Pastor Kevin and Pastor Jeremy sharing.
- December 24 Christmas Eve Service at 5:30 pm
- December 25 Christmas Day service at 10:15 am and Pastor Jeremy will be preaching
- January 1, 2012 Pastor Kevin will be preaching.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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