



Info Central

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SENIOR PASTOR

Last evening, Sandie & I decided to go see the movie "Courageous." What a well done and enjoyable movie it is. I laughed out loud and teared up (I don't even feel silly admitting to it) a number of times during the movie. There is a great overall message to the movie (fathers being "COURAGEOUS" to live as men of God), but as Sandie and I were driving home, we were discussing all the other "sub-messages" that were worked so beautifully into the movie. There were so many and we realized that this is just an extremely wholesome and yet entertaining movie. I highly recommend it to you. Having a very special place in my heart for law enforcement officers and public safety community servants anyway, this movie (the main characters are deputies with a sheriff's department) really challenged and impacted me. The movie deals in a very powerful way with the death of a loved one, moral purity, parent-child relationships, marriage relationships, bitterness, friendships that are positive and life-enhancing and friendships that are foolish and destructive, honesty and integrity, and the COURAGE to live in such a way as to honor God and live your life for His glory. And, there were actually positive references to the Bible, the Gospel was shared quite clearly, and church life was presented in very positive ways. I suspect there was a lot of "spiritual warfare" that went on in the writing, shooting and production of this movie. But I don't think you will be disappointed in any way when you see it.

On another topic, I hope you are keeping a close eye on the events that are taking place in the Middle Eastern world. I encourage you to read Ezekiel 38-39 again in the next few days. These two chapters describe the Battle of Gog & Magog – an event that is yet to take place but clearly occurs as part of the very last days of life on this earth in this age. The chapters describe a coalition of nations who form an alliance to attack and annihilate Israel. This coalition is under the leadership of "Rosh" (head) who is identified as "Gog of the land of Magog" (38:2). He leads this attack on Israel, which is living "unprotected" in the Land. The nations making up the coalition are identified – present day Iran, Turkey, Libya, and North African nations that probably include present day Egypt, Sudan and Ethiopia. All are under the leadership of the "Russian Prince." The vast armies of this giant coalition attack Israel and Yahweh intervenes – MIRACULOUSLY – destroying the entire army of coalition forces "on the mountains of Israel." Whereas Israel was defenseless against such a vast army, God's miracle completely destroys the entire coalition army. It takes seven months for the Israelis just to bury the dead soldiers of the coalition forces (38:12), and for seven years the people of Israel will "burn" (use as fuel) the abandoned weapons of the coalition forces (38:9). As I read the front page of the Fox News website everyday, I believe I am reading the prequel to Ezekiel 38-39. Libya, immediately after the death of Qaddafi, instituted a very severe form of Sharia Law, aligning themselves with the Iranians. Egypt, a long time ally of Israel, has fallen into very radical Muslim hands. Turkey, another longtime ally of Israel, has recently kicked out Israel's ambassador and has taken a very hard-line stand against Israel. Vladimir Putin, the "hard-core" former Russian Prime Minister recently announced that he will again "run" for that role (everyone knows he will win). Putin has strong ties with the Iranians and the Ezekiel 38-39 coalition is virtually "in

place." All of those nations have expressed their hostility toward Israel and the Iranians have for years been calling for Israel's annihilation. All that is needed now is for them to declare themselves the "coalition" to go in and "destroy" Israel. Given the present political situation, does anyone believe there is a sentiment anywhere in the leadership in Washington D.C. or in Europe to step in and "stand" with Israel? As I said earlier, I hope you are keeping your "eye" on events in the Middle East and reading your Bible at the same time. WHY? Jesus said, "Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming... Therefore you also be ready...." (Mt. 25:42, 44). This Sunday we will celebrate the Lord's Table together and I look forward to seeing you, D. V. (If the Lord is willing). Maranatha, PTK

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INFO CENTRAL NEWSLETTER WILL BE MONTHLY-LAST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

NEIGHBORHOOD PARTY!

BRINGING BACK THE 50'S

October 31, 2011 there will be costume party at the church from 5-8 p.m. Food, inflatable's, candy, door prizes, and a bonfire will be provided. Wear your best/most creative costume to win the *Best Costume Award!* See you there!

APPEARING IN CONCERT-MARK SCHULTZ

To Benefit the Homeless in Bismarck-Mandan

When: Friday, October 28, 2011

Where: Belle Mehus Auditorium

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$25 General Admission; \$45 VIP; \$20 for groups of 10 or more

Tickets available at: Dan's Supermarket or Rainbow Shop

All proceeds to benefit **Welcome House, Inc.**

THE GROWING YEARS

What it Means to be Financially Balanced

Starting October 23 at 9:00 a.m., we will be studying what it means to be financially balanced. In this six-session study by Andy Stanley, you'll be challenged to examine what you really believe about finances and faith. This study is filled with insightful perspectives and practical exercises to build a biblical foundation for just about every aspect of your finances.

POSITION AVAILABLE

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

ZONE 56 PUMPKIN PARTY

All **5th** and **6th** graders are welcome to come for a night of pizza, pumpkin painting/smashing **Friday October 28**. Bring a friend!

WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO

- WED-Oct 26** MOPS Steering, 9:00 a.m.
Fusion Ministry WT Rehearsal, 4:45 p.m.
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Discovery Zones for kids, 6:30 p.m.
Worship Team Rehearsal, 7:45 p.m.
- THURS-Oct 27** First Place for Health, 6:00 p.m.
- FRI-Oct 28** JOY Club @ McDonalds by Kmart, 9:30 a.m.
Zone 56 Pizza/Pumpkin Party, 6:00 p.m.
Chinese Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.
- SUN-Oct 30** Growing Years/Primetime/Adult Sun School 9:00 a.m.
Children's Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship, 9:45 a.m.
Children's Church, 10:15 a.m.
Worship Service, 10:15 a.m.
- MON-Oct 31** Living Stone's Men's Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.
Neighborhood Party, 5:00 p.m.
Women's Small Group Study, 7:00 p.m.
- TUES-Nov 1** 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 CAPTAINS INFO

Doris Ann Van Beek

LOST AND FOUND

If you are missing jewelry, eye glasses, or keys please check the church office. We also have lost and found under the stairs in the basement.



SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Two Seminars at Evangel Church
Saturday, November 12, 2011
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS GRIEF SEMINAR

AND

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS DIVORCE CARE

Registration fee is \$5.00 a class, which covers a continental breakfast and a holiday survival guide. Register online at www.goevangel.org/forms, or call 255-0500. Flyers and cards are available at the Information Center.

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