



# Info Central

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One of my favorite passages of scripture is 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31. It is a long passage, so I won't include it in this article, but I encourage you to take out your Bible and to read it for yourself, to get the full scope of what it is talking to you and me about. My take on this passage for this article is that while there is a sense in which the body of believers is to support and provide for the needs of each individual member, we are not to forget that this is not the primary purpose of the church. Too many of us attend church to have our "needs met." Too many people leave churches, complaining that the church has not met their needs. The church is to build up itself in love, but the goal of the church is to live out the life of our Lord Jesus Christ, to His glory!! We, the church, are the body of Christ. This means that we, as the church, are to carry on His ministry in the world today. The church ministers to itself, to build itself up, so that it may carry out its mission, and that mission is living out Christ in a fallen world to be light in the midst of darkness. We have become so preoccupied with the church's ministry to us as individuals that we have failed to concentrate on our church's mission to the world, and our obligation to sacrifice ourselves in ministry to and through the church to the world. The question is not, "What is the church doing for me?" The question is, "What can I contribute to the church to participate in its fulfillment of its mission and calling? Below is a letter I received from Lisa who has been looking for people to help with the MOPS ministry. I want to share it with you, because MOPS does reach out into our community and has an incredible impact in the lives of women and children who come to our church to be part of what MOPS has to offer. If there are any of you who can help with this ministry to women in our community, I know that the MOPS leaders would love to have you join them. And, as we move forward, there will be more and more needs that need to be met in helping our church move forward to reaching our community for Christ. And, there are many needs even now! Consider what God would have for you to do to reaching our community for Christ.

When I had my first child 7 years ago, I quit my full time job as a phlebotomist, moved 50 miles from town and became a stay at home mom. I went from being surrounded by people and confident in my daily tasks to being isolated and unsure of almost everything I was doing. My husband was gone 12 hours a day, 4 days a week at work so I felt so alone.

Then someone told me about MOPS. When I went to my first meeting I felt a weight lifted off my shoulders. This was exactly what I needed. I found friendship, encouragement and great speakers. We took time to share prayer requests and praises at our table and then prayed together. I was so glad to have found a place where I was encouraged, empowered, inspired and I could bring my child and leave her with caring volunteers.

This is where you can help! Seven years ago when I first came to MOPS, there was a spot available for me and my child because we had enough Volunteers helping with Moppets. Right now, we still have moms on a wait list from August because we do not have enough Moppet Volunteers. We need your help! Over half of the Moms attending MOPS are not from FEFC! What an amazing ministry opportunity you have to watch children so these moms are able to hear the Gospel!

Even if you can only help one day, we would greatly appreciate it! If you are older and can't lift children or bend, we could use you to sit and rock babies. There is a place for everyone! Men are welcome Volunteers! We have 3 men that have been Volunteering for the past the few months, and the children are growing much attached to them. And even teens are welcome.

These are the dates for this Semester's meetings:

January 18, February 1, 15, 29, March 14, 28, April 11, 25

The time is from 8:45-11:10am. If you would be able to help out for any of these days please let me know as soon as possible. We need the most help in the Infant Nursery (6mo+), Toddler Nursery (1year +) and in the 2 year old room. Your help is greatly appreciated! If you are unable to Volunteer, please keep the MOPS program in your prayers. Pray for the women and children attending MOPS. Pray for the Volunteers and that God provides the Volunteers that we need. Pray for the speakers, Mentor Moms and Steering Team. Contact Lisa Taylor @ 663-5371 or 527-8350; *Hope to see you Sunday! Pastor Kevin*

## RAISING A MODERN DAY KNIGHT

Every man wants to succeed with his son. Deep down, we all dream of releasing into the world a son whose life is highly competent, whose character is rock solid, and whose aspirations are noble. In short, we long for a son who will make us and others proud!

RMDK has everything you need to complete your journey. This 6 week study will help you put a strategic plan in place for raising your son (or daughter) by giving you practical tools you can use to teach your son the important lessons in life. This study will begin on **Monday, Feb. 20th at 7:00 PM in room 107/108**. Sign up in the foyer, or contact Bill Davis for more information!

## ENGLISH HIGH TEA

**Saturday, February 4, 2012. 3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.** Join us to celebrate this wintery landscape by bringing its hues indoors as you enjoy pastries and desserts prepared just for you. Jessica Oakland will entertain you with music and laughter. Deb Sauer from Steep Me a Cup of Tea will share the preparation and history of High Tea. Please bring your own tea cup. It can be as fancy as you would like. You will have an opportunity to share a story about your tea cup.

## MEMBERSHIP CLASS

If you are interested in becoming a member of FEFC, please attend both classes provided. Classes will be February 19 and 26 from 9-11:30am in the conference room. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Kevin @223-3330.

## WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO

- WED-Feb 1** MOPS, 9:00 am  
Corporate Prayer MTG, 6:30 pm  
Fusion Ministries, 6:30 pm  
Adventure/Discovery Zone, 6:30 pm  
WT Rehearsal, 7:45 pm
- THUR-Feb 2** First Place for Health, 6:00 pm  
Young Adult Group Study, 7:00 pm  
Dakota Men of Faith Meeting, 7:00 pm
- FRI-Feb 3** JOY Club @ McDonalds by Kmart, 9:30 a.m.  
Chinese Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.
- Sat-Feb 4** Women's High Tea, 3:00 pm
- SUN-Feb 5** Adult/youth/kids Sunday School, 9:00 am  
Fellowship, 9:45 a.m.  
Children's Church, 10:15 a.m.  
Worship Service, 10:15 a.m.
- MON-Feb 6** Living Stones Men's Study, 6:30 am  
Fellowship & Caring Board, 7:00 pm  
Worship Board, 7:00 pm
- Tues-Feb 7** Women's Bible Study in the morning, 9:00 am  
Women's Evening Bible Study, 6:30 pm

## *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

## **KIDZONE MISSIONS MADNESS**

**Six week giving goal of \$1000**

**(February 1 - March 14).** Funds will support the Shenyang Reach Global City Team Foster Care Project in China. *Parents* — Kids are encouraged to do extra chores to earn money to give to this Missions emphasis. If the \$1000 goal is reached, each kid will get to "pie in the face" Pastor Shiloh, Pastor Jeremy OR a KidZone Leader on Sunday, March 25th @ 11:30 AM.

## **CHILD DEDICATION**

FEFC will be having a child dedication service February 26th. If you would like your child or children dedicated, please contact Barb and Wendy at the church.

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