

The Well

"If anyone is thirsty let him come to me and drink." John 7:37

A newsletter of Fir Road Christian Church- April 2011



Dan's Doodles: "What A Ride"

Last week I took my family to Silver Dollar City. That seems to be one of the most popular things to do in this area so we decided to give it a try. We were joined by about 50 gazillion other people that thought it was a good idea to go last Thursday, as well. I am finding that I enjoy standing in lines less and less the older I get.

My favorite ride is called simply "The Giant Swing" and that describes it pretty well. It is an enormous powerful back and forth swing. It is an extremely "souped up" version of a regular playground swing. I think my stomach is still about 60 feet in the air at the top of the ride. If you've ridden that ride before you know what I mean. Since it was the first time I had ridden the ride, there was a little fear of the unknown right before I rode it. It was a little scary, but ultimately it was exhilarating. When the ride ended, my daughter said, let's ride it again, and we did. It was a lot of fun.

I have been here at Fir Road for just about a year now, which is hard to believe. To be honest, it was a little scary as I started out here. There were a lot of unknowns and I wasn't sure how things were going to turn out. And it hasn't always been easy, but I can honestly say that it has been a fun and exhilarating ride and I want to get back on and ride it again.

On Sunday April 10th the title of my sermon is "State of the Church Address". Just as the United States president gives a "State of the Union address" each year dealing with our country, we are going to take a look at where we are as a church based on 1 John 3:11-24. We will look back at some of the victories over the past year and look ahead to where God is leading us this coming year and beyond. I hope you can join us.

Because of Jesus,

Dan

April Sermon Schedule:

April 3rd- "Prayer Power" James 5:13-20 (Final message from the book of James)

April 10th- "State of the Church Address"

April 17th- "Here Comes The Son" (Get ready because the son of God is preparing to rock the world)

April 24th- "He's Alive. He's Alive" (Resurrection Sunday)

30th Anniversary Celebration- "Building On The Past"

It was 30 years ago in July that a group of people felt called by God to start a new church. God has done some amazing things through this church in the last 30 years and we want to celebrate some of those victories and build on those victories as we prepare for the future.

July 12th is the special Sunday to mark on your calendar. We are a planning a special day that you will want to be a part of. It will include a lunch after church that day. More details will be coming.

Also, we are hoping to put together a **30th anniversary cookbook** and we need your best recipes to make that happen. We are asking for up to 6 recipes. You can give those recipes to Mary Dean Williams or to the church office.

One more thing: if you would like to be a part of the **planning team** for this special weekend, there is going to be a meeting on **Thursday night, April 14th at 7:00pm** at the church.

Resurrection Week Activities

We have a great week of events planned to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior.

Wed. April 20th (7:00pm) Community Service at the Stark auditorium. Various ministers, including Dan, will examine the "7 sayings of Jesus" while he was on the cross.

Fri. April 22nd (7:00pm) Good Friday service at the church. We will trace the path of Jesus on his road to the cross in a prayerful way.

Sat. April 23rd- Inflatables during Upward soccer and Egg Hunt after the games. **WE NEED PEOPLE TO DONATE CANDY TO PUT IN THE EGGS.**

Resurrection Sunday:

Breakfast and Prayer Walk event: We will have breakfast together starting at 8:45 followed by a time to celebrate the resurrection down by the cross on our walking trail. We will not have our regular Sunday School classes that day.

Resurrection Service: Join us for our 10:15 service as we focus and celebrate the fact that "He's Alive, He's Alive." This is a great day to invite friends, as many people are more open to going to church on Resurrection Sunday.

Congratulations

We are excited for **Damen and Nicole Bourassa** as they both made the decision to be baptized on March 20th. Damen and Nicole are already a very active part of our church and we are very thankful for everything they do. Their excitement for Christ is clearly evident in their lives.

We also praise the Lord that **Faith Adamson** made the decision to give her life to Christ and be baptized. You can't help but be touched by Faith's enthusiasm for following Christ. Way to go Faith! We are so happy for you as are you parents Ryan and Tiffany.

If you didn't get a chance to see the video testimonies from Damen, Nicole, & Faith be sure to go to the Fir Road Christian Church Facebook page and take a look. They will touch your hearts.

Other upcoming Events:

Sunday Nights:

Apr. 3rd- Concert of Prayer

April 10th- OCC students to share about the mission trip that Tom & Marla Nutt led them on over spring break.

4 State Men's Meeting- Christian Church of Carl Junction- 7:30pm Program: Christ in the Passover: A dramatic interpretation by Joe Garman president of ARM prison ministry.

Visionary Parenting weekend workshop. Parents this is designed to help you become better parents and strengthen your families. It will take place at the First Baptist Church in Carl Junction and led by well-known speaker Dr. Rob Rienow. It will take place from 9:00am-3:00pm. Cost is \$10/adult or \$20/couple. Lunch is provided. Discover God's grand vision for your family. They are willing to waive the fee if money is an issue. Brochures with registration information are at the Welcome Center at our church.

Walk 4 Life 2011- This is a fundraiser event for Life Choices. Sunday April 10th, Landreth Park- Joplin, Registration & Hot dogs at 12 noon. Walk Kickoff- 1pm. If you have questions you can talk to Denise Kramme. We believe that Life Choices is vital ministry in the Joplin, area promoting the importance of Life.

Church Rummage Sale: The Women's Ministry will be holding a rummage sale at the church on Saturday April 23rd starting at 8am. Donations and volunteers are needed. Nicole Bourassa is the contact person.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 8:00am Soccer Games Life Groups at various times throughout the week.
3 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship Service 12:30pm Elder & Deacon Mtg 6:00pm Concert of Prayer	4 7:00pm Ladies Bible Study at Collier's 7:30pm 4 State Men's Meeting/ Christian Church of Carl Junction	5 10:00am Ladies Bible Study at Ross' General Election-Bldg in use	6 7:00pm Youth & Children's groups at church	7	8 6:30pm Music Night at Church	9 8:00am Soccer Games Deeper Life-OCC
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24 8:45am Breakfast & Prayer Walk 10:15am Worship Service 6:00pm Evening Worship Resurrection Sunday	25 7:00pm Ladies Bible Study at Collier's	26 10:00am Ladies Bible Study at Ross'	27 7:00pm Youth & Children's groups at church	28	29	30 8:00am Soccer Games

Youth Events: In addition to the regular weekly events here are some upcoming special events. Talk to Kelly for more details.

Middle School:

April 2nd - Winter Jam 2011

Apr. 8th - Comedian Tim Hawkins concert

May 12th-14th - CIY Believe

High School:

April 2nd - Winter Jam 2011

Apr. 8th - Comedian Tim Hawkins

June 17-18 Shoal Kirk Retreat

July 18th-23rd - CIY Summer Conference

Children's Activities: For a great look at what is going on with our kids be sure to see the new Children's ministry newsletter called "MXM TO GO".

April Family Event- Egg Hunt and Inflatables Saturday April 23rd

May Family Event- BBQ at the Park Sunday May 22nd after church in the park by Country Club Estates

June Family Event- Gentry Arkansas Petting Zoo Sunday June 19th.

Summer Camp is Coming:

We are excited about another fun year of camp. A discount is available to youth who regularly attend Fir Road Christian Church. Information is available at the welcome center about when we are going and the prices.

Thank You:

Thank you for the prayers, phone calls and texts during my Dad's illness and more recently after his going home. We are all comfortable in knowing Dad is in heaven and as Elli says, "he is walking and talking." Thanks again and God bless you all.

Love,
Rose Mary

LIFE GROUPS

Session 3 Will Begin this week and run through the week of June 5th. It is a 10 week session. A lot of great things have happened through our Life Groups already this year. If you join a group we will try to place you in a group that best meets your station of life. This is a great time to join a group, it could be life changing. Talk to Dan if you have any questions.