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**Fir Road Christian
Church
With One
Heart...
Glorifying God**

Dan's Doodles: No Limits

Do you ever put limits on God? I know I do at times. I try to keep God in my nice little comfortable box. But I want to encourage all of us to dream big as far as what God wants to do through Fir Road Christian Church. Look at what it says in Ephesians 3:20: *"God can do anything, you know far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us."* (The Message Version)

It is easy to dream people sized dreams, but I want to encourage us to dream God sized dreams. We need to make sure that we are willing to try things that are bigger than what we could do on our own. If everything we tried to do, we could do on our own, then why do we need God? So, let's dream bigger than ourselves and get God involved in the process. That's where faith comes into play.

We do need to keep in mind that God usually uses people to accomplish these big dreams and we need to

make sure that we are willing to do our part in making those dreams happen. So, let's make sure that we are serving God with all of our hearts and keep in mind that whatever our dreams are, God's are even bigger. This is an exciting time for our church and I'm glad to be a part of it.

In Christ,

Dan Toney

DREAM BIG!

Current Sermon Series: Expect the Unexpected

A Study of Jesus From the Book of John

We will continue to work our way through the book of John during the month of July. We can learn so much when we simply study the life of Jesus. It is so true that when it comes to Jesus we need to learn to expect the unexpected. Jesus is an amazing savior.

Here are the titles of the messages in July:

July 4th- John 6: "Called to be Cannibals?"

July 11th- John 7: "Lord, Liar, or Lunatic?"

July 18th- John 8: "Go ahead, throw that stone."

July 25th- John 9: "That's Gross"

Make it a priority to be a part of our weekly worship celebrations this summer; however, don't forget that you can listen to the sermons online at www.firroadcc.org if you miss a week.

College/Young Adult Class

Attention all college students and young adults. Dan Toney will be teaching a class for you this summer. We are currently going through a video series called "Facing the Unknown" from the life of Abraham.

Overall, we will touch on issues that are relevant to your age group. So, don't feel left out college students, we have something specifically for you on Sunday mornings this summer. Sunday school starts at 9:00am.

OPEN HOUSE AT THE TONEYS'
You are all invited to join us for ice cream sundaes at our house on July 25th anytime from 3:00-5:30.

Come check out our home and have a time of fellowship.
(Our house is right next to the church)



Missions Minute: **MARANATHA BIBLE CAMP**

Maranatha Bible Camp is a non-profit corporation owned by our member Churches. So, in a sense, if you are a member of one of their member churches, you are a part owner of MBC! There are around 40 Churches that participate as members. The member Churches elect board members to serve as the Directors. The annual meeting for the camp is usually held in the late summer or early fall. (2010 date is August 29). The Directors meet monthly to discuss the business of the camp and make decisions. The Directors hire on site Managers, (currently Jim Clay and Penny Cox) to oversee the year-round, daily business of the camp.

What We Are Trying To Do

The mission of Maranatha Bible Camp is to challenge people, especially children and teens, to get to know Jesus Christ and to mature in Him. Knowing and growing in Christ comes through accurate study and application of God's written Word and through the living examples of committed Christ-like mentors and teachers. MBC hopes to accomplish this mission by providing outstanding summer camp programs and year round retreats to help people to focus on the Lord and His Word.

MBC Philosophy of Camp Ministry

MBC is committed to providing:

- a consistent Scripture base,
- in a physically balanced lifestyle,
- with family style relationships,
- and with activities and experiences that are fun and memorable.

MBC is able to do this:

- through home congregation and family support,
- the willing participation of Christ-like volunteers,
- and by remaining a flexible ministry tool in the hands of God

Currently, Fir Road is planning to take attend the following upcoming Maranatha Bible Camps:

Jr. High	June 27th - July 2nd
First Chance 2	July 5th - 6th
Middler 2	July 7th - 9th
Kindergarten	July 17th
Junior 3	July 21st - 24th

KIDZ KORNER

VBS IS COMING!!!

God Rocks! Starlight Rescue: A Galactic Adventure with God
Join us as we blast off into outer space and learn how to shine like stars in the universe!

When: August 2-6th from 6-8:30 p.m.

Who: Pre-K through 5th Grade.

VBS Registration Water Party: August 1st from 6-7 p.m.
VBS is fast approaching and there are plenty of ways to get involved and volunteer. See Barb if you are interested in helping.

Summer Fun Nights! Wednesday and Sunday nights we are having summer fun activities. This is a great time to get to know other kids and invite your friends!

Check out the Kid's Korner bulletin board for destinations and locations. Hope to see you there!

Early bird registration for Summer Camps has passed but it's not too late to sign up to go. Contact Barb if you need more



News & Notes

- Have you looked at the website lately. We are continually making changes to the website so keep checking back. (www.firroadcc.org)
- New phone number: Dan & Holly Toney's Home number: 417-627-9674

Thank You

Fir Road Family,
Thank you very much for the gift card to For-All! I can't wait to go purchase a new Bible!! Also I want to thank you for all the support you've given me over the past several years.
Lauren McRae

Dear Church Family,
Thank you very much for the gift card to For-All Bible Center. And thank you for always supporting me and being there.
Love, Korie Johnson

Youth Ministry Page



I have coached my son Tanner's Little League team this year and it has been a lot of fun. We have a great group of kids on our team. We have had a really good team this season but we have lost two games this week that were very close. In both games we made mistakes at the end of the game. Our guys were pretty discouraged Tuesday night after the game.

After the game I told them first of all we all win as a team and we lose as a team. Secondly, we made mistakes through-out the game but the one at the end of the game is the one that gets magnified. Thirdly, we have to learn from our mistakes but we can't dwell on them. Flush them down the toilet and get ready for our game on Thursday.

As the body of Christ we are a team. We may play different positions and have different roles but let us never forget we are a team.

1 Corinthians 12:12 "The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body."

As a part of this team we are all going to have successes along the way and we are all going to make mistakes. We should not magnify our teammate's mistakes.

1 Corinthians 12:25-26 "So that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it."

When someone on the team messes up they generally feel pretty crummy about it. We have to learn from it but flush it. Dwelling about it is not useful. We cannot change the past. All we can do is learn from it and move on. When we have a teammate that is discouraged and down we need to pat them on the back and be encouraging. **Romans 8:1** "There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

We all should be comforted knowing that we have a Lord full of grace and mercy. No condemnation. The Lord flushes all our mistakes down the toilet. We should too.

Kelly D. Ross

Youth Minister

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Youth Group July Events

Sunday School (9:00a.m. – 10:00a.m.)

Middle School and Sr. High students will continue to meet together through the summer. This class is led by Kelly Ross.

Sunday Evenings

- July 4th No evening activities
- July 11th Pool Party at Greg and Amy Skiles (6pm-8pm)
- July 18th Meet at church / Preparing for CIY (6pm-7pm)
- July 25th Softball Game at Frank Dean Ball Park in Carl Junction (6pm-8pm)

Wednesday Evenings

- July 7th Meet at church Group Activity: Stepping Stones
- July 14th Meet at church Group Activity: Nuclear Fence
- July 21st Meet at church Group Activity: Ricochet Ball
- July 28th Meet at church Group Activity: Spider Webb

CIY Move Conference July 19-July 24

We have a group of 34 going to CIY this summer in Carbondale, Illinois. Please keep them in your prayers.

July 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Blayne Allen	3
				Jr Hi I Camp		
4 Independence Day 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship Service NO Evening Worship	5 7:00pm Ladies Book Club	6 10:00am Ladies Bible Study	7 7:00pm Youth Group & Children's Group	8	9 6:30pm Friday Night Music/Games Beth Stephens	10 50+ Gang Springfield Cardinals trip
	First Chance Camp		Middler Camp			
11 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship Service 3:00pm Elder & Deacon Meeting 6:00pm Evening Worship Keegan Skiles	12 7:00pm Ladies Book Club	13 10:00am Ladies Bible Study Jenna Eichelberger, Lindsey Gordon	14 7:00pm Youth Group & Children's Group Misty Howard	15 Ladies Swim Party/Cookout	16	17 Kindergarten Camp
18 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship Service 6:00pm Evening Worship Last day to order Angel Food - July	19 6:30pm 4 State Men's Fellowship 7:00pm Ladies Book Club	20 10:00am Ladies Bible Study Morgan Howard	21 7:00pm Youth Group & Children's Group	22	23	24 Abby Clingan
	CIY Move Conference - Illinois					
25 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship Service 4:30pm Ladies planning meeting 4:30pm Missions Mtg 6:00pm Evening Worship Amy Skiles	26 7:00pm Ladies Book Club	27 10:00am Ladies Bible Study	28 7:00pm Youth Group & Children's Group 7:00pm Prayer Night	29	30	31 9:30-11:30 Angel Food Distribution



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We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.firroadcc.org

The Prayer Room is Here

The prayer room is now set up and ready to go. Be sure to check it out. We have a cross set up in one corner of the room that makes a great focus for prayer. Worship music is available to play in the background. White boards are on the walls to share prayer requests and answered prayers. We think you'll find that it is a neat setting to open up your heart to God.

If you want to use the prayer room when the church isn't open just contact us and let us know and we will make sure you can use it.

You might also think about stopping in there for a few moments on Sunday morning to help prepare yourself for worship.

Overall, the prayer room helps create an atmosphere of coming into God's presence.



"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14

RECENT BAPTISM:

Ryan Adamson: (May 31st)- It has been fun to see Ryan get excited about God and the changes that are taking place in his life. It is now his new church family's job to help encourage Ryan and help build him up in his faith. Ryan is joined by his wife Tiffany and his children Rex and Faith.

