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

Dan's Doodles: Be The Church

What is the church? Is it a place that you go to once or twice a week to try to get your spiritual needs met? That would be a typical mindset of many American Christians. If a particular church doesn't meet their exact needs then they simply move on to the next church that hopefully will meet their needs. In other words, many Christians have a consumer mentality when it comes to church. Unfortunately that is not a very Biblical mindset of what the church is all about.

We tend to think of the church as a place. But the New Testament refers to the church as a body of

believers with Christ as the head of that body. In other words, the church is about people not a place. And each person in the church needs to find their place to help and serve in the body.

And so I want to encourage all of us to "be the church", not just go to church. There is a big difference. Many people today have become disillusioned with the church. I believe that part of the problem is that we haven't been the church to the world around us.

At Fir Road, let's strive to "be the church." And that includes finding ways to show the world around us

what the church is all about. I would love it if you guys would help me brainstorm ways that we can "be the church" to the community around us. What if we found a family who needed repairs done to their house and we just went in and made those repairs free of charge, no strings attached. What if we drove around on a Friday night in the church van and passed out free hot dogs? Those are just a couple thoughts to get your creative juices flowing. Let's "BE THE CHURCH." This is an exciting time for Fir Road Christian Church!

In His Service,
Dan Toney

New Newsletter- THE WELL

We are excited to announce that we have a new monthly newsletter called "The Well." We hope that it will be a helpful way to communicate with you about what is going on at Fir Road. If you have information that you would like to include in the newsletter please submit it to the church office by the 20th of each

month.

To save money, "The Well" will not be mailed out each month. It will be sent out by e-mail and it will be available through our website (www.firroadcc.org). We will also print off some copies and have them available at the welcome center at the church each month. For those who aren't able to come to

church and don't have e-mail we will be willing to send it to those people by regular mail.

So sit back and enjoy reading through the very first issue of "The Well."

New Ministry Opportunity: Creative Team



“An atmosphere where it is ok to broken”

Here are some goals of our Sunday morning services. 1) Real Connection with God. 2) A feeling of “realness”. Nothing fake. Nothing for show. 3) Meaningful, powerful worship through music. 4) To create an excitement and a “buzz” about our services. 5) Everyone takes away at least one thing from each service. 6) An environment of unconditional love and acceptance (no matter what social class they are from). 7) An atmosphere where it is ok to be

“broken.” 8) A Spirit filled atmosphere rather than a professional feel.

With those goals in mind, we know that they just don’t happen automatically. A lot of hard work and prayer and creativity go into making something like that happen.

This is where you might fit in. We are looking to put together a creative team to help plan and organize our services. You will meet with Dan at least once a month as a team to look at the various

theme’s for the coming month and brainstorm how to bring those theme’s home in the most effective way.

We will need different types of people on this team such as “artsy” types, “technical” types, “idea” people, “practical” people, outside the box people that are able to get those creative juices flowing.

If this sounds interesting to you please contact Dan right away. We want to get this going as soon as possible.

Missions Minute: Cookson Hills

Since its beginning in 1957, Cookson Hills has offered help, hope, and healing to abused and neglected children and worked with their families to break the cycle of abuse, neglect, dependency, and failure. Cookson Hills provides a Christian based alternative to government-run foster care or the juvenile justice system.

Cookson Hills seeks to partner with supporting churches and individuals to offer help, hope, and healing to children and families who find themselves caught in circumstances that threaten irreconcilable harm, government intervention, or loss of a child.

Cookson's mission objectives are:

- to demonstrate God's unconditional love to children and their families
- to provide a Christian home and school environment
- to model the principles of Christian living in the environments of family, school, church, and work
- to educate children and encourage them to strive toward academic and vocational excellence
- to promote Christian service in children and staff

Services provided by Cookson include - family style living, therapeutic services, and educational services.

Currently, Fir Road is looking at ways to develop our support for Cookson, by possibly adopting and/or sending care packages to their families. We are checking with Cookson to see what their needs might be and the best way to provide encouragement to their families and staff (without disrupting what systems they have in place). We would like to get the entire church involved in this! We will keep you updated on what we here back from Cookson and how this develops. We also hope those interested in finding out more about this ministry will consider attending their open house on June 5th.

OUR VISION

To restore children and families in crisis to a life-changing relationship with Christ.

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CORNER

Summer is starting and we have a ton of great activities to be involved in. From pool parties to camps to VBS, we are going to learn about Jesus and have fun doing it. But I want to take a second to reflect on something. Are you excited about church?

Is youth group an important part of your week? I hope the answer is yes. So I want to challenge you to share that excitement with your friends. We want youth group to be important

to them too. 2 Timothy 1 encourages us not to be afraid but to testify, to share Jesus because God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power. So GO! Share God's love and see what awesome things God does for His kingdom through YOU.

In Christ,
Barbara Terry

Summer Dates: (More info. can be found on our summer calendar at the welcome center):

*Sunday and Wednesday night programs as scheduled

*Pool Party June 5th

*Summer Camps- various weeks in July

*VBS August 1st-6th

*Back to School Party August 14th



News & Notes

- If you would like to post something on the welcome center please clear it with the office first. Thank you.
- We have a few computers and monitors available that we are giving away. Contact the office if you are interested.
- Don't forget that you can listen to the sermons each week on our website: www.firroadcc.org under the heading "Media". We will be periodically making updates to the website so check it out from time to time.

Thank You

Thank you to those who helped clean and get the church house ready for us to live in and for the food items that were donated. We are thankful to be a part of a church family that cares.

The Toneys

Thank you to everyone who helped make the second season of "Upward Soccer" a successful one. We appreciate all of your hard work. Many seeds were planted and lives were touched.

Youth Ministry Corner



“As Christians, God wants us to grow spiritually. He does not want us to be infants tossed around and blown here and there.”

Grow. “We will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things **grow** up into him who is the Head, that is Christ.” Ephesians 4:14-15 As parents we watch our infants grow. They grow into children, teenagers and young adults. I have known many of our graduates since they were infants and it was awesome watching them walk across that stage receiving the prize that they have worked for over twelve years to achieve. As Christians, God wants us to grow spiritually. He does not want us to be infants tossed around and blown here and there. He wants us to grow up into

him. To be like him. I know everyone is excited about summer break. A time to relax, hang out at the pool, spend time with friends, be on the ball field, sleep. We are looking forward to having a good time this summer at FRCC. We have our Youth Retreat and Jr.High Church Camp coming up in June and CIY Move conference in July. We will be doing exciting activities on Sunday and Wednesday evenings all summer. We are going to have a ton of fun this summer! But let me tell you something... we want you to **GROW**. To continue to grow up in your relationship with our Lord. To press on toward the goal of some day

crossing that stage and receiving the prize for which God has called you heavenward in Christ Jesus. Check out our monthly flyer for details on what all is going on this summer. If you need anything call or text me at 437-7630 or email me at kross@firroadcc.org

In Christ,
Kelly Ross

Angel Food Ministries

Fir Road Christian Church is a host site for ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES. Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing grocery relief and financial support to communities throughout the United States. Angel Food is available in a quantity that can fit into a medium-sized box at \$25 per unit. Each month's menu is different than the

previous month and consists of both fresh and frozen items with an average retail value of approximately \$50. Generally, one unit of food assists in feeding a family of four for about one week or a single senior citizen for almost a month. The food is all the same high quality one would purchase at a grocery store. There are no second-hand items, no damaged or out-dated goods, no dented cans without labels, no day-

old breads and no produce that is almost too ripe. Also offered are specialty boxes such as steaks, chicken and pork. Many participants in this bonus program appreciate the expanded choices. Additionally, there is no limit to the number of units or bonus foods an individual can purchase, and there are no applications to complete or qualifications to which participants must adhere to.

Place your orders by June 19th. Distribution is Sat June 26th from 9:30-11:30. Order by mail or online at angelfoodministries.com We accept cash, money order or EBT.

June 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7:00 Youth Group & Children's Group	3 7:00pm- Parsonage cleaning night	4 Youth Retreat- Camp Redbud	5 Youth Retreat *Kids Pool Party
6 9:00- Sunday School 10:15-worship Service 3:00pm- Elders & Deacons meeting 6:00pm- Evening activities	7 4 state men's meeting- Duenweg	8	9 7:00pm- Youth Group & Children's Group	10	11 Music/Game Night	12
13 9:00- Sunday School 10:15- Worship Service 6:00 Evening Activities	14	15	16 7:00pm- Youth Group & Children's Group	17	18 7:00pm- Ladies Game night	19 Last Day to Order Angel Food
20 Father's Day 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship Servie No Evening Service	21	22	23 7:00pm- Youth, Children's Groups	24	25	26 9:30-11:30 Angel Food Distribution
27 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship Service 4:30- Ladies planning meeting 4:30- missions meeting 6:00pm- Evening activities	28	29	30 7:00 Prayer Night 7:00pm Youth Group & Children's Group			

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Prayer Room Coming!!!

We are in the process of working on a new and improved prayer room. We want it to be a place where you feel very comfortable coming into the presence of God. A cross will be set up. There will be boards to share prayer requests and answered prayers on. You will be able to listen to music etc...

Overall, we think it will be a neat environment for you to spend some time with God.

Also, don't forget our trail across the street that is a great place for a prayer walk. You can stop in front of the cross along the way or stop and sit on the bench by the pond and spend

some time with God in the midst of his creation.

In addition, once a month we will have a prayer night where we will simply gather and pray together as a church family. We have already had a couple of these events and they have been pretty special. The last prayer meeting we came up with a list of things to be praying about for our church. Here is the list if you weren't there:

-Unity, Youth, Visitors, Boldness to invite people, creativity in reaching out, specific ministries of the church, how does God want to use us, that we would grow in love for one

another, for the leadership, Dan's family/transition, spiritual growth not just numerical, special summer activities, and no division over petty things.

Would you be willing to pray about these items as well?

We hope to have some other special prayer events throughout the year as well. This all is because we believe that prayer is important and powerful. It makes a difference! Let's be a church of prayer!

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective"
James 5:16b

RECENT BAPTISMS :

Jake Stephenson: Jake just graduated from Carl Junction High School. He plans on attending Pittsburg State and playing baseball. Congratulations Jake. This is better than any athletic accomplishment you'll ever achieve. You are now a champion in God's eyes.

Richard Phillips: Richard has become a familiar face around Fir Road in recent years. He has been through a lot in his life and it is so exciting to see him giving everything over to the Lord. Congratulations Richard.