

# The Well

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

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## Dan's Doodles: New Life

I saw the first flowers that I have seen this season today in my yard. Some yellow daffodils were starting to bloom. It is always exciting to see new life after everything has been brown and dead during the winter months. It's especially exciting this year after the winter weather we've had to deal with.

The new life springing up from the ground is a good reminder to me of the new life that we have in Christ. I love 2 Corinthians 5:17 that says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" When we make the decision to be Christ followers, we get a fresh start in life. Sometimes it is easy to forget that though. We kind of forget what a cool thing it is to be a new creation. Spring can be a good reminder.

So as you begin to see new life all around you this spring, remind yourself of the new life that we have in Jesus Christ. It's a life that will last forever.

Because of Jesus,

*Dan*

## March Sermon Schedule:

### Practical Christianity: Nuts & Bolts of Living a Christian Life

Mar. 6th- James 3:1-12 "Did I Say That Out Loud?"

Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>- James 3:13-18 "So That's What Wisdom Is"

Mar. 20<sup>th</sup>- James 4:1-17 "Send Satan Scurrying"

Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>- James 5:1-12 "Patience Is Not A Four Letter Word"



We will continue to work our way through this wonderful book filled with great insights into giving our everyday Christian lives a boost.

## The Fir Road Challenge

Many of you chose to take The Fir Road Challenge on Sunday Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> based on the teachings of James 2:14-26 about the importance of our faith and deeds working together. If you weren't able to be there we would still encourage you to take the challenge. The challenge is to try and bless one person in the name of Jesus this week. There are a million ways to do it, so pray about it and get those creative juices flowing. And our goal is to try to bless somebody that isn't already a part of our church. If you have stories to share about neat things that have happened, feel free to e-mail them to Dan at [dantoney@firroadcc.org](mailto:dantoney@firroadcc.org) and we are also going to have a time this Sunday, Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> to share about what God has been doing this week.

And guess what? It's ok to continue trying to bless people even after this week. In fact, it really should become a way of thinking where we are looking for ways to show the love of Jesus to other people all the time.

## Congratulations

We are excited for **Kracia Woody** as she made the decision to be baptized on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. Kracia is a senior at Webb City High School. She is a special young lady (just ask Robert Gorham). Be sure and introduce yourself to Kracia and welcome her to our Fir Road family.

## Upcoming Events:

**March 6<sup>th</sup> - Sunday Night at 6:00pm at the church-** Mission: Revival. Nick and Barb will be leading us in an interactive worship and prayer event. Through music, multi-media, and prayer they will lead us in an evening designed to heighten our awareness of missions in our neighborhood and around the world. Make plans to be a part of this special evening.

**March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30-** 4 State Christian Men's Fellowship right here at Fir Road. Guys, it will never get more convenient to come to one of these meetings than being right here at our own church. This group's overall purpose is to help plant churches, but the monthly gatherings are a great time of fellowship, singing, and teaching with other Christian men. And don't forget that we will end the evening with homemade pie.

The speaker this month will be Tony Allmoslecher from Fairview Christian Church in Carthage. The topic is "How Can a Christian Make the Best of His Time?"

Hope to see you there.

**Upward Soccer is Here:** The fields are ready to go. The teams are set. The coaches are in place. It must be time for Upward Soccer. Practices will start the week of Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> and the first games are on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Right now, 178 kids are signed up play. Please be praying for the kids that they will learn more about Jesus during the season and that seeds will be planted in their hearts. Pray for the coaches and all the other volunteers as well. It's going to be a great year.

**Ladies Ministry for March-** "Christian, Christian How Does Your Garden Grow?"

Ladies please mark your calendars for **Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00** and join us for your Garden Night. Holly Toney will be bringing our devotion. We would love to have you come and be a part of our fellowship. Please note that for the month of March we are meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday due to Spring Break.

Looking Ahead:

April-We will be doing a service project as a group

May 26<sup>th</sup> Ladies banquet

June 23<sup>rd</sup>-Prayer walk and breakfast

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

Middle School:

Mar. 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>- The Sandwich at Maranatha Bible Camp

Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>- Comedian Tim Hawkins concert

May 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>- CIY Believe

High School:

April 2<sup>nd</sup>- Winter Jam 2011

Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>- Comedian Tim Hawkins

July 18<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>- CIY

**Children's Ministry Update:**

Parents and kids and anyone else for that matter: if you haven't checked it out yet, you need to check out the new link to our children's ministry page from our website. The link is MXM (Children). It is full of cool information about the children's ministry. You can read about what MXM is all about (Mark 10 Ministry) and see the current children's newsletter. They also have a Facebook page. When you are on Facebook, just search for MXM and you will see it. And kids don't forget about your big lasers and lunch event on March 27<sup>th</sup>. What are you waiting for, go check it out ([www.firroadcc.org](http://www.firroadcc.org)). It is really cool stuff. Talk to Nick if you have questions about anything.

**40+ Group:**

March 20- After church fellowship Dinner

Bring your favorite soup & salad

Everyone is welcome

**The Robe-** Stained Glass Presentation

Friday, April 1st - 7:30 pm

Dinner Out Option

See Sign-Up list for details

# March 2011

*WITH ONE HEART...Glorifying God!*

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
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|   |   | <b>1</b><br>10:00am<br>Ladies Bible Study at Ross'<br>7:00pm Elders Training Class                     | <b>2</b><br>7:00pm Youth & Children's groups at church  | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b><br>Life Groups at various times throughout the week. |
| <b>6</b><br>9:00am Sunday School<br>10:15am<br>Worship Service<br>3:00pm Elder & Deacon Mtg<br>6:00pm<br>Evening<br>Worship     | <b>7</b><br>7:00pm Ladies Bible Study at Collier's<br>7:30pm 4 State Men's Meeting at Fir Road<br>Soccer Practice | <b>8</b><br>10:00am<br>Ladies Bible Study at Ross'<br>7:00pm Elders Training Class<br>Soccer Practice  | <b>9</b><br>7:00pm Youth & Children's groups at church  | <b>10</b><br>7:00pm Good News Banquet<br>Soccer Practice  | <b>11</b><br>6:30pm Music Night at Church<br><br>Sandwich - MBC | <b>12</b>   |
| <b>13</b><br>9:00am Sunday School<br>10:15am<br>Worship Service<br>6:00pm<br>Evening<br>Worship<br>Daylight Saving Time Begins  | <b>14</b><br>7:00pm Ladies Bible Study at Collier's<br>Soccer Practice  | <b>15</b><br>10:00am<br>Ladies Bible Study at Ross'<br>7:00pm Elders Training Class<br>Soccer Practice | <b>16</b><br>7:00pm Youth & Children's groups at church | <b>17</b><br>7:00pm Ladies' Gathering<br>Soccer Practice  | <b>18</b>   | <b>19</b>   |
| <b>20</b><br>9:00am Sunday School<br>10:15am<br>Worship Service<br>11:45am<br>Fellowship<br>Dinner 6:00pm<br>Evening<br>Worship | <b>21</b><br>7:00pm Ladies Bible Study at Collier's<br>Soccer Practice  | <b>22</b><br>10:00am<br>Ladies Bible Study at Ross'<br>7:00pm Elders Training Class<br>Soccer Practice | <b>23</b><br>7:00pm Youth & Children's groups at church | <b>24</b><br>Soccer Practice                              | <b>25</b><br><br>MO Christian Convention                        | <b>26</b><br>Soccer Games begin                               |
|   |   | C J School Spring Break  |   |   |   |   |
| <b>27</b><br>9:00am Sunday School<br>10:15am<br>Worship Service<br>4:30pm<br>Missions Mtg<br>6:00pm Evening<br>Worship          | <b>28</b><br>7:00pm Ladies Bible Study at Collier's<br>Soccer Practice  | <b>29</b><br>10:00am<br>Ladies Bible Study at Ross'<br>7:00pm Elders Training Class<br>Soccer Practice | <b>30</b><br>7:00pm Youth & Children's groups at church | <b>31</b><br>7:00pm Women's Fellowship<br>Soccer Practice |   |   |

## **We will Miss You:**

Dear Fir Road Family

It's hard to believe that we have been worshiping with you guys for almost 11 years. From the first day we stepped in the door you made us feel welcome and loved. When we left Ozark, and moved to Neosho almost two years ago we made the decision to continue worshiping with you and we have been continually blessed. But over the last few months we have found it increasingly more difficult to be as involved in the life of the church as we would like because of the distance we need to travel. For the past several weeks we have been attending Racine Christian Church and have felt very welcome there, and though we found it very hard to make this decision we have decided to transfer our membership there. I will greatly miss serving on the worship team, which in my mind is still the best in the area thanks to the great leadership of Greg. Fir Road is blessed with a strong eldership and ministry team and as Paul said in 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 5:17 "The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching." For our beloved brothers and sisters in Christ at Fir Road we leave you with some words by Thomas Kempis: *"In the cross is health, in the cross is life, in the cross is protection from enemies, in the cross strength of mind, in the cross joy of the spirit, in the cross the height of virtue, in the cross perfection of holiness. There is no health of soul, no hope of eternal life, save the cross."*

God Bless you all,

Tom and Liz Garner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to thank you all for the nice cards and notes that you have sent to me over the past month. They were appreciated very much.

This note is very hard for me to write, but the time has come for me to make a change. I hope you all understand.

I will be going to church in Columbus. The church is only ten miles from my house.

I will always cherish your friendship.

Your sister in Christ,

Linda Parsons

**Be sure to check out our upcoming events bulletin board for information about things like the Missouri Christian Convention, Good News Productions International Annual Banquet, OCC Women's Retreat, Third Day Concert, the OCC Spring Musical and more.**

**DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR PRAYER ROOM!!!**

