

# The Well

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

A newsletter of Fir Road Christian Church- May 2011

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## **Dan's Doodles: "It's A Miracle"**

Do you remember the "Miracle on Ice" from the 1980 Olympics in Lake Placid, New York? The United States team was made up entirely of amateur and college players and was coached by Herb Brooks. Nobody had very high expectations for the U.S. team. The Soviet team was considered the best team by far in the world at the time. In the semi-final round the Americans, against all odds, managed to defeat the powerful Soviet team. Nobody gave the Americans a chance to win that game. At the end of that game, commentator Al Michaels, uttered the now famous line "Do you believe in miracles?... Yes!" The Americans went on to beat Finland in the gold medal game completing their improbable Olympic run. This was an incredible accomplishment, but it really shouldn't be put in the "miracle" category when you think about it.

If you want to think about some truly amazing miracles you need to look no further than the gospel records of Jesus. He performed some amazing miracles during His time here on this earth. He healed people. He brought people back from the dead. He performed miracles showing His power over nature such as walking on water and calming storms.

Have you ever wondered why Jesus performed these miracles? When you begin to study the miracles that we have recorded in scripture you see that Jesus performed His miracles for a variety of specific reasons. They weren't just random acts of kindness. For the next 8 weeks we will discover some of the reasons that Jesus performed His miracles and how we can apply the lessons from these miracles to our own lives.

## **May Sermon Schedule:**

### **Sermon Series: "It's A Miracle"**

May 1<sup>st</sup> - "Look Out Below" *Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man*

May 8<sup>th</sup> - "Who Touched Me?" *Jesus Heals a Bleeding Woman*

May 15<sup>th</sup> - "Bye, Bye Beelzebub" *Jesus Drives out a Demon*

May 22<sup>nd</sup> - "How Dare You Heal That Person" *Jesus heals a crippled woman*

May 29<sup>th</sup> - "I'm Stuffed" *Jesus feeds the 4000* (Nick Terry will speak this day)

## **30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration- "Building On The Past"**

Plans are coming together for our July 10<sup>th</sup> celebration. Lee Williams and Steve Altheide have agreed to speak that morning during the church service along with Dan. There will also be a musical tribute through pictures that morning. A special lunch will be planned as well with activities after the lunch and we are going to invite the neighborhoods around the church to come be a part of our special day. Our recipes will be sent off the week of May 1<sup>st</sup> so we need your recipes now for the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary cookbook.

## Upcoming Events:

### Prayer Events:

#### **1) Fir Road monthly prayer event during our Sunday night service- May 1st**

**2) National Day of Prayer- May 5<sup>th</sup>**- The Joplin Area Ministerial Alliance and the National Day of Prayer Task Force will be joining together on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> to celebrate The National Day of Prayer. Leaders from across the community will lead out in prayer for every sector of government, the spiritual condition of our region, and those negatively affected by the downturn of the economy. We will gather between 12:15 and 12:45 on the steps of the Hall of Justice building located at 2<sup>nd</sup> & Virginia. Parking is available during the lunch hour in the parking lots to the south of the steps.

**4 State Men's Meeting-** May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Yearly Banquet at Ozark Christian College, 6:30pm, \$7 per person. Ladies are welcome to attend this event. **Speaker:** Cindy Dagnan **Topic:** Building on Life's Toughest Questions. Cindy is a speaker at national conferences, retreats, women's functions and marriage seminars as well as the author of five books.

**Church Rummage Sale-** The Church Rummage Sale put on by our Ladies Fellowship has been postponed until May 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am-2:00pm. Most of proceeds will go to help put a new roof on the house of Dan & Shy Rees. Thank you to everyone who has brought items for the sale. We will need some help on the day of the sale.

**Springfield Cardinal Caravan-** June 25<sup>th</sup>. Sponsored by the 50 plus gang. Everyone is invited to join in for a fun evening of fellowship. We will have reserved seats and an all-game buffet. We leave at 3:00pm and the game starts at 6:05pm. Tickets are \$24.25. Money is due May 22<sup>nd</sup> to Laura Ward to insure group seating and availability.

**Upward Soccer Celebration- Monday May 16<sup>th</sup>** Jerry B. Stark Auditorium 6:30pm. Special Guest: Thomas Rudebeck...Master Illusionist. This will be a great night of family entertainment. The kids will receive their end of season award and have a great show to watch. Feel free to invite family and friends to attend.

**Ladies Banquet-Thursday, May 26** at 6:30 here at the church  
Our theme is "Fruit of the Spirit" and Jennie Belzer will be coming to share with us from Columbia, Missouri. We will eat at 6:30 with our speaker following. Watch for the sign-up sheet at the Information Center to bring food.

**Marriage Matters Seminar: June 4<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-8:00pm.** One of our sister churches (Blendville Christian Church) is hosting a marriage seminar led by Dr. John Caldwell. Cost is \$25 per couple, which includes a Saturday evening banquet. Registration deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>. Session one is called "The Assault on Marriage" and session 2 is called "Successfully Going the Distance."

Note: John had a very successful ministry at Kingsway Christian Church in Indianapolis, IN for 36 years. He also taught some seminary classes. Dan Toney had him for a class at Cincinnati Bible Seminary and would highly recommend him.

## Facts and Figures:

- Average weekly worship attendance for April- 189 (260 on Easter Sunday)
- Average Weekly General Fund Giving- \$3737.60  
(Weekly General Fund Budget (\$3750))

# May 2011

*WITH ONE HEART...Glorifying God!*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship Service 4:00pm Deacon Mtg 6:00pm Prayer Night	<b>2</b> 6:30pm 4 State Men's Banquet 7:00pm Ladies Bible Study at Collier's	<b>3</b> 10:00am Ladies Bible Study at Ross' 7:00pm Elder's Training	<b>4</b> 7:00pm Youth & Children's groups at church	<b>5</b> National Day of Prayer	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 8:00am - 2:00pm Rummage Sale Soccer Games
<b>8</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship Service NO Evening Worship Mothers Day	<b>9</b> 7:00pm Ladies Bible Study at Collier's	<b>10</b> 10:00am Ladies Bible Study at Ross' 7:00pm Elder's Training	<b>11</b> 6:00pm C J Baccalaureate 7:00pm Youth & Children's groups at church	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6:30pm Music Night at Church	<b>14</b> Soccer Games
					CIY Believe-Tulsa	
<b>15</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship Service 11:45am Soup & Salad 4:00pm C J Graduation 6:00pm Evening Worship	<b>16</b> 7:00pm Ladies Bible Study at Collier's 7:00pm Upward Soccer Celebration	<b>17</b> 10:00am Ladies Bible Study at Ross' 7:00pm Elder's Training	<b>18</b> 7:00pm Youth & Children's groups at church	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship Service 12:15pm Children's Family Dinner 6:00pm Evening Worship	<b>23</b> 7:00pm Ladies Bible Study at Collier's	<b>24</b> 10:00am Ladies Bible Study at Ross' 7:00pm Elder's Training	<b>25</b> 7:00pm Youth & Children's groups at church	<b>26</b> 6:30pm Ladies Banquet	<b>27</b> C J Last day of school	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship Service 6:00pm Evening Worship	<b>30</b> Memorial Day	<b>31</b> 10:00am Ladies Bible Study at Ross' 7:00pm Elder's Training				

## Congratulations Graduates

### High School:

Jacob Spencer  
Casey Sheeley  
Dylan Long  
Dylan Kirkpatrick  
Payton Calhoon

### College:

Austin Schilling

*(See bulletin board in the lobby for pictures and announcements)*

Baccalaureate is May 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-6:45 (Dan will be speaking)

Graduation is May 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm

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

### Middle School:

May 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> - CIY Believe  
Jr. High 1 Church Camp- June 26-July 1

### High School:

June 17-18 Shoal Kirk Retreat  
July 18<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> - CIY Summer Conference

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

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

June Family Event- Gentry Arkansas Petting Zoo Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Don't Forget about Camp:**

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.

## Highlights of a great Resurrection Day

