

firmly rooted



*"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord,
continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up
in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught,
and overflowing with thankfulness."*

Colossians 2:6-7

Tom Donnelly, Pastor

DECEMBER 2019

PASTOR'S PEN

December Greetings!

Kimberly and I are enthusiastically embracing the theme of Gratitude from November and carrying it over into our December and into the new year!

What are we grateful for, you may ask?

Besides health, home, family and our lives together in ministry, we look at what that ministry has done over the past year and we see God's faithfulness in all of it! Look with us for a moment...

Rooted Gen, LifeGroups, continued success with the Literacy Program, the growth of Firmly Rooted with new families that are on fire for the Lord, and so many other things!

We invite you into this month as our gratitude focuses on the most compelling gift each of us has ever been given - the gift of

our Savior in the form of a human baby. God gave His only Son to suffer and die for you. He would have done it if you were the only one. He loves YOU that much.

May your December be one in which you intentionally focus on gratitude and God's greatest gift. Thank you all for being on this journey with Kimberly and I. From our home to yours, we wish you the peace that only He can give, now and in 2020.

Peace
Pastor Tom



HOLY LAND TRIP 2021!

Have you ever wanted to see and walk where Jesus walked? Touch and pray at the ancient wall of Jerusalem?

In February of 2021,
Pastor Tom and

Kimberly will be leading a group to Israel. They will be teaching and guiding us through this most Holy Land and where Christianity was born.

For those interested, or just praying about going, there is info at the What's Up table after worship on Sundays and also by calling the church office.

Office: 18 N. Washington St.
Oxford, MI 48371
(248)572-6563
Hours: 9-3, M-TH

Worship: 745 N. Oxford Rd.
Oxford High School
Oxford, MI 48371

Sundays

Adult Sunday School: 9:00 am

Worship: 10:15 am

AMPed Kids: During Worship

AMPed Teens: 1st, 3rd, 5th

Sundays during Worship

Childcare Available



SAVE THE DATE!

Dad's Study

December 2 & 16

GriefShare -

Surviving the Holidays

December 4

At The Manger

December 6

Oxford Christmas Parade

December 7

Rooted Generation

December 11

Christmas Program

December 15

Rooted Generation - Caroling with a Twist

December 21

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24

Digging In

January 21

Daytime Women's Study

Beginning January 21

UPCOMING EVENTS

GriefShare

Wednesday evenings at 7:00

Held at the FR office.

Men's Group

Thursday evenings at 7:00

Held at the FR office.

Men's Breakfast/Bible Study

Saturday mornings at 8:00

Mario's/Golden Nugget, Oxford

Dad's Study - Cold Case

Christianity for Kids

December 2 & 16 at 7:00 pm

Held at Wine Social, LO

GriefShare - Surviving the Holidays Seminar

Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00 pm

Held at the FR office.

At The Manger

December 6, 6:30 pm

Boulder Pointe, Oxford

Oxford Christmas Parade

December 7 at 1:00 pm

See below.

Rooted Generation

December 11 at 6:30 pm

Held at 8 Pontiac St., Apt. 4, Oxford

GriefShare

December 11 & 18

Held at the FR office.

Christmas Program

December 15 at 10:15 am Worship

Rooted Generation -

Caroling with a Twist

December 21 at 6:30 pm

Meet at the FR office.

See below.

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service

December 24 at 7:00 pm

Oxford High School Auditorium

Daytime Women's Study

Beginning January 21 at 9:00 am

Held at the Donnelly's.

Watch for more details!

Digging In

January 21 at 7:00 pm

Held at the FR office.

Are you curious about what we believe at FR? What we stand for? Why we do the things we do during our worship services? Do you have questions or things you don't understand? This is the class for you! Pastor Tom leads this very informative class.

OXFORD CHRISTMAS PARADE AND WARMING CENTER

On December 7th, FR is going to have a walking entry in the **Oxford Christmas Parade!** The parade's theme this year is 'An Old Fashioned Christmas!'. We are representing the oldest Christmas, the Nativity!

Come watch the parade and cheer us on!

Before, during and after the parade, we will be hosting our 2nd annual **Warming Center** at the FR office. We will be serving hot cocoa and cookies, and providing a comfortable place to warm up.

Let's make this an amazing FR #livesent opportunity!!



ROOTED GENERATION

Rooted Generation is our Young Adult group at Firmly Rooted for ages 18-32 years old.

Our regular time together this month is Wednesday, December 11 at 6:30 pm. We meet at Ben & Cassie's, 8 Pontiac St., Apt. 4 in Oxford.

On December 21, we'll be Caroling with a Twist! Meet at the FR office at 6:30 pm for fun and caroling! Please consider bringing a new pair of gloves or a hat to donate.

Join us as we desire to be a generation rooted in Christ's Word and His Truth!



CHRISTMAS ADOPTIONS

"You all are SUCH an incredible blessing to Pastor Tom and I... we are SO thankful that we get to work side by side with each of you in this Kingdom work!"

Kimberly Donnelly

Firmly Rooted, you rock! What a show of God's love when all 67 cards to adopt needy Detroit school children were snatched up within 5 minutes! A lot of us never got a chance! Don't worry, more cards are on their way!

Besides getting a card and a child to adopt, there are other ways to help, both with donations and/or your time.

- They are also accepting donations of new or gently used: shoes, socks and winter weather gear for sizes 2T to Adult XXL
- We are offering our office space (and the space next door, through the generosity of our great landlord!) as a drop off and collection spot
- Also, You can help with your time by getting involved in the following:
 1. **December 6:** Pick up from other drop off locations in the area to take to the FR office
 2. **December 8:** After worship gather with others at the FR office to sort and organize the collected items
 3. **December 10:** Second pick up day
 4. **December 13:** Distribution Day to kids in Detroit at their school - Dove Academy at 1:45 pm

When getting ready to turn in gifts, PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

1. Remove all tags from new items
2. Do not gift wrap
3. Attach the card for the student to the item(s)

If you have any questions at all, please contact Virginia at the office at:

(248)572-6563 or
office@firmlyrooted.org

"A follower takes a card, a disciple takes the whole tree."

John Carson



THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped!! With special thanks to Christianna, Whitney, Sarah and Kimberly for shopping, packing and delivering!

30 Oxford families were blessed by your generosity! Please keep these families in your prayers.



#livesent

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Merry Christmas from Amped Kids & Amped Teens!

Please join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus for our annual Christmas program on Sunday, December 15 during Worship! The kids will perform a new song by Monica Scott

called, "Prince of Peace", as well as narration of the Christmas story. It's a beautiful season for all friends and family to come and be part of our Sunday service that day!

A cookie reception to follow Worship!



Luke 2:8-14 (NIV)

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

BUSINESS OWNERS

Are you a business owner? Would you like to offer your services to our Firmly Rooted Family?

card and text it to Diane Giroux at (248) 408-3044. We'll include it starting next month in our newsletter!

Simply snap a picture of your business



THE LOOP - ARE YOU IN THE KNOW?

Want to know what's going on at FR?? We need your email info!

We now have a dedicated phone number to text your **Name and Email Address** to!

Simply text your info to:

(248)429-7121, and you will get Sunday 'What's Happening' emails, 'Loop' updates and the newsletter publications.

* If you are currently getting all of our emails and updates, there is no need to do anything else!

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