

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

JANUARY 2020

PASTOR'S PEN

Happy January!

It's a new year, a new decade, and a new time to get used to writing 20-20 instead of 2019!

This is typically a time of year when folks look back on the past and make some decisions for the future, whether it be about diet, exercise, spending habits, and the list goes on...

This month I encourage you to take a look back and see where you've seen God's faithfulness. Even make a note in your January calendar of 2 or 3 things that He has clearly brought about in your life in the past decade or just the last 12 months.

Then, look ahead to the coming year and decade. Perhaps jot down some of the requests that you are bringing before Him for the answer. Health? New employment? Restored relationships with family or

friends? And walk into this new year (decade) with a heart of expectation and anticipation.

Finally, consider where He might be leading you in your discipleship walk this year. Where does He want you to step in? Our Sunday morning study? A LifeGroup? A Men's or Women's Study? Rooted Gen? A servant leadership role in some area of Firmly Rooted? A mission trip? Challenge yourself to get involved more deeply than Sunday morning.

I know that I've been guilty of a few "resolutions" on New Year's Day, and then by January 13th (or even 3rd!) I've lost track or interest or my "resolve".

So, let's be more intentional this coming year in expecting God to

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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.

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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!

Women's 'Francis Chan' Book Study

Tuesday Evenings

GriefShare

Wednesday Evenings

Men's Group

Thursday Evenings

Dad's Study

TBD

Holy Land Pilgrimage Trip Meeting

January 5

Rooted Generation

January 8 & 22

Digging In

January 21

Daytime Women's Study

Beginning February 4

UPCOMING EVENTS

Women's 'Francis Chan' Book Study

Tuesday evenings at 7:00
Held at the Donnelly's

GriefShare

Wednesday evenings
beginning on the 8th 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

New study TBD

Holy Land Pilgrimage Trip Meeting

January 5, 12:00 pm
FR office.

Women's Group

January 7 at 7:00 pm
Held at the Donnelly's

Rooted Generation

January 8 & 22 at 6:30 pm
Held at 8 Pontiac St., Apt. 4,
Oxford

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.

Daytime Women's Study

Beginning February 4 at 9:30 am
Held at the Donnelly's.
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JAMES FUND

This is a fund that folks can contribute to at any time for a tax deductible donation. These funds are then used to help those in need - usually a temporary crisis where funds are needed such as job loss, illness, etc.

Most of the time these funds are used for someone we become aware of that has a need in our

Firmly Rooted family, but it doesn't stop there.

Members of the community will



sometimes reach out to us with need that they are aware of and we are able to help there, as well.

The help typically is given in the form of a gift card.

We so appreciate donations to this fund so that we can continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those hurting and in need.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

"Many hands make light work". I don't know who said it, but they were right! There are many ways to help out at Firmly Rooted.

Most opportunities are only once every few weeks!

Children's Ministry

The Seedlings (Nursery), AMPed Kids and AMPed Teens would appreciate assistants and teachers.

Curriculum is provided.

Sunday Scripture Readers

Readers are always needed and usually only read every couple of months.

Hospitality

Sunday Morning set-up and tear-down and coffee/donut pick-up, set-up or clean-up.

Welcome Team

Greeting visitors, new attendees and members with a smile at the doors or in the lobby. Also, helping with directions and the welcome table.

To share your servant heart in any of these areas, please give the office a call for more info.

PASTOR'S PEN

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move in our lives, giving thanks to Him when He does, and stepping into things at Firmly Rooted that will help us grow.

Here's to a 2020 of growth!

Peace,
Pastor Tom

*"To firmly root God's
people in His love and
eternal truth"*

Firmly Rooted's Mission Statement

CHRISTMAS ADOPTIONS

Firmly Rooted, you rock!

Here's a little summary of how you helped 550 children at the Dove Academy in Detroit get their physical needs met and a few of their wishes met!

FR fulfilled 100 cards containing needs and wishes. A \$1000 donation was made to provide additional needs. We also provided a healthy snack and a cookie for each child at the December 13th distribution at Dove Academy!

All children received a new hat and gloves! All wishes and needs on the cards were met. Most needed cold weather gear, sleeping bags, or boots or shoes. And, of course, all of the children received a toy, game, etc.

Blessings to all who donated, sorted, prayed over, packed and distributed these wonderful gifts!

And it all started with one pair of shoes...



CHRISTMAS PARADE/WARMING CENTER

What a successful day of #livingsent for Firmly Rooted!

We had our very first entry in the Oxford Christmas Parade representing the first and oldest Christmas - The Nativity!

Then, after the parade, we opened our office as a warming center serving hot cocoa and cookies to the community! The office was busting at the seams!

Thank you to all of the parade participants, cookie makers, balloon animal twisters, hosts/hostesses and planners! We met so many new faces from the community and spread His love to all!!



WOMEN'S DAYTIME AND EVENING STUDIES

Ladies!

You've been asking for it, and the time has finally come for a daytime Women's Bible Study! Starting on February 4, you will have 2 opportunities to join us!

- Tuesday mornings, 9:30 am. Kimberly's house, 1888 Squaw Lagoon Dr., Oxford.
- Tuesday evenings, 7:00 pm. Same place!

Both studies will be the same for now, so if you usually come in the morning, but have to miss one, you can make it up that evening!

Our Study in February will be the next in the Propel Women Conversation Series, and I think you're going to LOVE IT! PASSION!

"Passionate people don't see obstacles - they create opportunities."

The Propel Conversation Series curriculum was designed as an intentional conversation starter and guide to biblical truth. In it, we tackle conversations about how to lead ourselves and others in day-to-day life calling.

In this series on Passion, we will explore topics like:

- How to identify your passion.
- Using your gifts to make an impact.
- The connection between passion and purpose.
- The spiritual disciplines that help to cultivate growth.
- How to support and encourage the dreams of the

people around you.

- The power of living holistically: Integrating what you believe and who you are into every area of your life.

PASSION!

Let's join together as we discuss this topic that is relevant for each of us at some point or another!

Feel free to invite a friend!

Questions? Email me: kimberlyd96@gmail.com

I can't wait to go on this journey with you!

- kimberly



AMPED TEENS

AMPed Teens, our latest addition to the Children's Ministry, is off to a fantastic start. We serve kids in grades 5 through 8, and we have a solid group of about six young teens who are diving into their questions about God, the Bible, and Christianity.

We discuss tough issues - Why does God allow bad things to happen? How do we forgive people who have hurt us terribly?

How exactly did the world come to be? We will continue to tackle such issues from a biblical perspective, discussing our thoughts with open hearts and respect for one another. I am hoping to incorporate some service activities, as well.

We meet the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month, leaving the others open for teens to join in worship and communion with

their family or help with Tara's younger class.

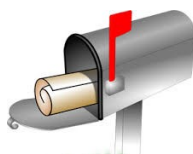
If you are interested in participating in or teaching AMPed Teens (just once every couple of months or so; we use a detailed curriculum), please contact Leah Maurer at (248)563-6191 or leah.maurer@sbcglobal.net.

FR HAS A NEW MAILING ADDRESS

We have some exciting news! Firmly Rooted now has a PO Box!

For safety and security reasons (and to prevent more soggy mail!) Firmly Rooted mail will now be delivered to our PO Box.

Please update your records (especially if you use online banking for your tithe) and use the new address when sending any mail to FR - Oxford.



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AMPED KIDS

AMPed Kids welcomes 2020!

We wish all the families and friends of AMPed Kids a very Happy New Year!

We look forward to making new memories at AMPed Kids! We will start out the new year with a series focusing on "What

does God say about our emotions?" Are we happy, sad, mad, angry, etc? Why did God create is to have feelings?

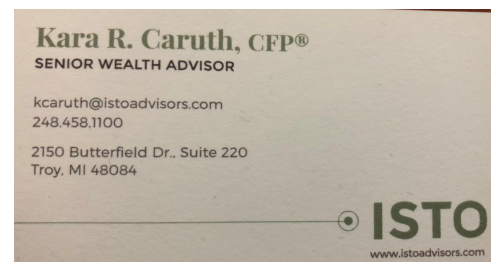
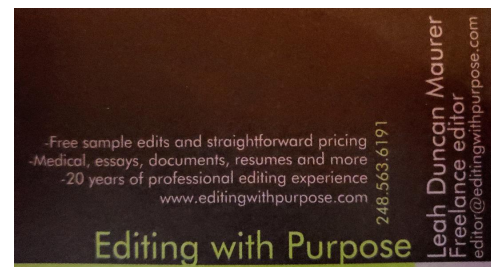
We will kick off this series on January 5th with Emojis and Eggs! (Breakfast together.)

May the New Year bring your families Peace & Joy!

Tara Lennox
AMPed Kids Coordinator



FR BUSINESS OWNERS



BUSINESS OWNERS

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

Simply snap a picture of your business

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



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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