

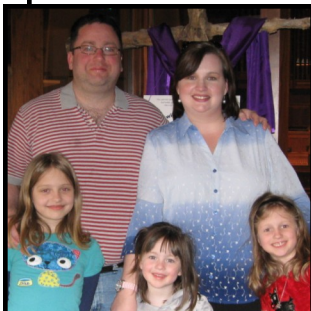
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Welcome Freeman Family!

Tracy and Scott Freeman and their three daughters recently joined our church family. We are thrilled to have them in the “fold” and hope you will seek them out to get acquainted.

Scott and Tracy were in ministry for two years in the Ponca City Church of Christ before coming to Stillwater. Prior to that they lived and worked in Waco; Port Huron, Michigan; Dallas and Albuquerque. Scott is currently the Reference Librarian at the Stillwater

Public Library and a student of library science at OU in Tulsa. Tracy’s favorite employment was with a not-for-profit organization focused on at-risk children. She also loved her experiences with the elderly in an assisted care center in Ponca City. Since starting their family, Tracy has been a fulltime mom and has loved that, too. Now that her girls are in school, she would like to find a job in Stillwater.

The three girls are each nearing another birthday. Chloe is almost 9; Cassie almost 7; and Shayla almost 5. They attend Sangre Ridge Elementary School. You can help them feel at home with your warm greetings and inclusion in activities with other FCC children.

FCC Announces Outreach Expo April 11

The Outreach Expo is an FCC sponsored event. Summer outreach programs at FCC will be highlighted. There will be one service at 10:00am in which all groups will be commissioned and the worship will focus on outreach.

The Expo will follow the one service and will include booths, manned with representatives from the outreach program, in the Small Fellowship Hall; children’s expo with games and activities for children in the courtyard; bag lunch sale, an auction, craft and bake sale and talent show. Proceeds will benefit Helping Hands, Friendship Camp and Jamaica Missionary Internship.

Join us this Sunday for Senior Pastor Owen Cayton’s message

“The Peace of Release” based on Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 and Psalm 32.

Traditional 9:00am · Sunday School 10:10 · Contemporary 11:10



Views From a Windowless Room

Rick Hendricks, Associate Minister

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When I was 11 years old, my dad finally agreed that I could get a paper route. I had been asking for more than a year, but he wanted to be sure that I was ready to handle the responsibility. You see, it was MY paper route. Dad did not get up with me at 4:30am to go to the paper station to pick up my papers. Dad did not go with me to collect from my customers each month. It was my job. Twice a day, morning and evening, and once on Sunday morning. I kept that job until I was old enough to get a job at the IGA store. From there I had various jobs all the way through college until I was hired as the pastor in Willoughby, Ohio.

I turned 65 in November, which means that every day of my life, for the past 55 years, I have wakened to the fact that I had a job to do. Now that I have my Medicare card, I want to do something different. Thus my decision to retire.

It is not a sudden decision. I've been planning for it for some time. When I was privileged to take my first sabbatical two years ago, I wanted to do something that would enhance my life for my retirement years. Thus my decision to do the Spanish immersion program in Costa Rica. It is my hope to be able to increase my skills in Spanish so as to allow me to be more effective in working with people in mission projects in Mexico or other Spanish-speaking areas of the world.

At this moment, however, I have no plans for future work, but want to give myself room to see what opportunities present themselves and be able to respond to them when they do.

I consider my ministry here for the past 12 years to have been some of the best years of my life. The friendships I have formed here and the opportunities to grow in ministry have been extraordinary. For the immediate future, at least, I plan to stay right here in Stillwater, where I hope to be an effective lay member of this congregation. We do need to be clear, however, that my role as pastor will end in July and, in keeping with our ministerial code of ethics, I will not engage in pastoral roles (weddings, funerals, etc.). I expect your help in living up to this standard.

I thank you for the warmth of your welcome here and look forward to our 'new' relationship.

La paz de Dios, Rick

REMINDER....



Shirley Mae Brassfield, 81, passed away Wednesday, March 3, 2010. Services were held Monday, March 8, 10:30am at First Christian Church. Shirley was a member of the Dorcas-Pricilla group and the 3M's Sunday School Class.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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LAST CALL FOR DRY GULCH – In order to receive the early bird discount, all Dry Gulch registration forms must be turned in **THIS WEEK**. Spots are still available. Children ages 7-12, interested in an incredible summer camp, need to contact Sondra Ladd ASAP.

Egg Hunt – Our traditional Easter Egg Hunt will be held between services on Easter morning. We have lots and lots of plastic eggs with prizes and are looking forward to celebrating Easter with lots of smiles and laughter.



Youth groups will work on projects for the Outreach Expo, April 11, during this session of WNF. We will have ideas for projects. **HOWEVER**, you are welcome to bring your own project and ideas to work on.



Calling All Girl Scouts

This Sunday, March 14, we will celebrate Girl Scout Sunday. Please wear your uniform or pin to church and be recognized as a Girl Scout. Please call Kim Hall at 614-5611 if you can help out during the 1st or 2nd service.

Thank you...Thank you...Thank you...

First Sunday Food Drive was a major success!! We had 3 overflowing grocery carts, 330 pieces, of food. Thank you to all those who brought food and to those Sunday School teachers who made a special effort to contact their class members to give them a reminder.

The FCC Road Crew, Youth and Youth Sponsors, 22 volunteers in all, had a successful day of litter pickup on Sunday. One person found a \$1 bill and you're not going to believe this, but one young lady found a \$100 bill! A BIG thank you to all who participated.

The Love Feast is an ongoing outreach ministry that several members of FCC, along with other community churches and groups, have been involved in for a long while. We generally serve 25-50 thankful people. The "Winston Trench Crew" provided, prepared and served dinner Monday, March 8th. The "Tracy Nordquist Crew" served dinner in the month of February. Thank you so much for all those who continue to be a part of this important ministry. If you would like to be a part of this ministry by providing or preparing food, helping serve the meal or helping by donating money toward the food, please contact Tracy Nordquist or Winston Trench.

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Facts & Figures for March 7, 2010	
Attendance (144 & 206).....	350
Sunday School.....	151
General Fund Receipts.....	\$13,590.00
Capital Fund Receipts.....	\$1,550.00
Loose Offering/Sunday School.....	\$143.00
Non-Budget Funds Receipts.....	\$11,344.39

2009 Facts & Figures as of January 31, 2010	
YTD Budget Receipts.....	\$53,203.74
YTD Budget Expenses.....	\$43,584.39
Net Receipts over Expenses.....	\$9,619.35

Presented by Kay Smith, **Treasurer**
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**FCC Preschool
Summer Enrollment
begins March 22.**

FCC 2010 Golf Classic
Sunday, April 25 @ 1:30pm
Lakeside Golf Course
See Ray Smith or Lyle Sallee for details.



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