

## Elder Bio

Greeting FCC! I'm Angela Freeman. My husband, Roger, and I reside in the hills of Lerna, IL with our 3 children - Gabe (15), Ean (12) and Ethan (12) & Ms. BoJangles (our fun-loving bulldog). Our daughter, Stephanie and son-in-law, Matt live in Mattoon. A day in the life of the Freeman family is always an adventure. From the outside, we are a hot mess - on the inside... well, it's messy there too but filled with love, God's grace and memories that will last a lifetime.

Roger and I have been married 29 years this month! We greatly enjoy each other's company and try to be very intentional—to reconnect daily, dream together, set goals, and make action plans for intentional living. He is an inspiration to me and I count myself very blessed to be his wife.

God brought us to FCC in 2000, where He has continued to show our family His love and grace and provide opportunities to serve and grow through many different ministries. FCC has loved our family, provided strength, spiritual growth and encouragement. I am thankful and blessed beyond words to call First Christian our church home.

I am happy to share about my journey and always, ALWAYS love to share about my family but the truth about who I am in Jesus IS my bio! It is what I want to be identified by. I am a child of God, a co-heir with Christ, and I love Jesus.

My deepest desire is to fulfill the purpose that He has planned for me on this earth and in doing so enjoy the fruit of growing in my relationship with Him and others. Following Jesus in today's culture is not easy, but my heart is to do my best and choose, in every moment to bring Him glory.

## Christmas Shoebox

It is time to start collecting items for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project. Amy Hall will be the church's point person for this endeavor. The UIC Class will have a packing party on November 10th for anyone wishing to join in. Please remember to not pack: candy, toothpaste, war-related items such as toy guns or knives, no chocolate or food seeds: such as fruit roll ups, no liquids or lotions.

Mark your calendars for the All Church Thanksgiving Dinner on Monday, November 18th at 6 pm.



## Pecan Pieces

The Deaconesses have bags of pecan pieces for sale in the church office for \$12 per bag.

## Deaconesses Meeting



There will be a Deaconesses Meeting on Tuesday, October 15th at 6 pm in Campbell Hall. All Deaconesses are encouraged to attend to make plans for the Thanksgiving Dinner and Cookie Walk. A sign-up sheet will be available at the meeting for the 2020 Communion Preparation and Funeral Dinner Schedule.

A Chairman is needed for the Cookie Walk, without a chairman for this event, it will be cancelled.

Everyone is invited to an All Church Cook-Out on Sunday, October 27th after church. The cook-out will be held at the church land at 7403 Old State Road and they plan to eat at 12:30 pm. The church will provide the hotdogs, buns, drinks, and table service. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and your lawn chairs.



## Pastor & Staff Appreciation

October is Pastor Appreciation month. Here at First Christian we are not only blessed to have a pastor that is a shepherd to his congregation, but a church staff that is dedicated to serving the Lord. The last Sunday in October, containers will be placed in the Narthex so that the congregation can place appreciation cards in them for Pastor Morgan, Kenny, Jan, Dolo, and Robin. Thank you for showing your appreciation to all of our FCC staff.

*Marilyn Purcell, Personnel Chair*



We will hold our annual Coats 4 Kids Give-Away on Saturday, October 19th from 11 am—3 pm. Volunteers are needed for this event and a sign-up sheet is located on the Welcome Center in the Narthex. We are also collecting new or gently-used coats, blankets, hats and gloves. A box is in the narthex for your donations.

## Committee Chairs

October is the month to prepare you proposed budget for the Stewardship Committee. Please have your proposed budget turned into Robin in the church office by October 21st.

## Grandparent Study

October 23rd will be the first Grandparent Small Group. They will meet at Gary and Marcella Cardinal's home (421 Briar Lane) for another video series from 6:30—8 pm. If you are interested in the Small Group please sign-up in the narthex.

Church Life

**Sunday, October 13th**  
8:30 am Traditional Worship Service  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service  
4-5:30 pm Outlet Program  
5:30-7:30 pm FROG/ROCK Meeting

**Monday, October 14th**  
10 am Staff Meeting  
6 pm Christian Ed. Meeting  
6 pm Trustees' Meeting  
7 pm Board Meeting

**Tuesday, October 15th**  
7 am Prayer Group  
6 pm Deaconess Meeting in Campbell Hall  
6 pm Bible Journaling

**Wednesday, October 16th**  
9 am Crafts R Us Group  
No Bell Practice  
No Choir Practice

**Thursday, October 17th**  
6 pm Praise Team Practice

**Saturday, October 19th**  
11 am—3 pm Coats 4 Kids Give-away

**Sunday, October 20th**  
8:30 am Traditional Worship  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Contemporary Worship  
4-5:30 pm Outlet Program  
5:30-7:30 pm FROG/ROCK Meeting

**Monday, October 21st**  
10 am Staff Meeting  
6 pm Evangelism Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, October 22nd**  
7 am Prayer Group  
6 pm Bible Journaling

**Wednesday, October 23rd**  
9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group  
5 pm Bell Practice  
6 pm Choir Practice  
6:30 pm Grandparent Small Group at Cardinal's home



Shopping Cart Month



October is Heartland Shopping Cart month and the residents would appreciate any donations. Below is a list of items requested and a box will be available in the narthex till October 31st for your donations:

- Dollar General Gift cards
- Small packs of Candy
- Little Debbie single Snack Cakes
- Bar soap—men/women
- Deodorant — men/women
- Body wash
- Body/or Hand Lotion
- Shampoo
- Hair Conditioner
- Disposable Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Small Bottle of Mouth Wash
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Denture Cleaner
- Denture cup/box holder
- Lip balm—sticks
- Kleenex—No Lotion, square box preferred
- Freedent Gum packs

Children/Student News

We are now offering a **Pre-School class for 3-5 year olds** on Sunday mornings during the 10:30 am service. They will meet in room next to the nursery.

The **Outlet Kids (K-5)** and **JHH** are now meeting on Sunday nights from 4-5:30 pm with supper provided.

The **FROG and ROCK** (middle and high school students) meet on Sundays from 5:30-7:30 pm with supper provided.



Building Fund balance:  
\$360,356.16

Church Attendance

Sept. 29th — One Service = 185  
Oct. 6th — Traditional: 112, Contemporary: 92 = 204

Giving and Expense Totals

September 29th General Giving: \$4,643.00  
October 6th General Giving: \$6,828.00  
Income Needed Weekly to Meet Budget: \$6,234.23  
Year to Date Income verses Budget Expenses: \$+90,353.94



Return Service Requested

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