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Welcome to Chuck McFadden, LCC's new Children's Minister!

Hi, my name is Chuck McFadden. I have been attending here at Lincoln Christian Church for the past 20 years. You may have seen me leading activities at Kids Club, teaching Sunday School, or flipping burgers for youth events. I've also been an elder for the past several years. If none of those things, then maybe you've probably seen or heard about me getting a pie in the face at VBS! I deeply enjoy serving the youth of our church.

I came to LCC while attending Lincoln Christian University. There I received a B.A. in Early Childhood Ministry in 2005. I even did my internship here at Lincoln Christian Church in the preschool program. Also during my time at LCU, I met my wife Adrien. We celebrated our 20th anniversary this last fall. My wife and I have three amazing daughters: Mattea, Charlie and Ellie. All three will be in high school next year! We have two Boston Terriers named Flynn Rider and Princess Charming.



For the last 19 years, I have worked at home with Adrien in our home daycare. We have had over 120 kids come through our home. It has been a joy teaching, playing, and exploring with them over the years, but I am ready for this new adventure as your Children's Minister.

In my free time, I like to lift weights, fish, or do wood working in my garage. Plus, I am entering my 9th season as a High School Football coach here at the Lincoln Community High School and just finished my 4th track season as the shot put and discus coach.

I cannot wait to help point the children of our church to Jesus. I have a deep passion to show people who Jesus is. I am beyond excited to help the children here get to know our Lord and Savior. We will have a ton of fun but all of it will point to Jesus. It is an honor to build on such a strong foundation left by Miss Marcia and the previous children ministers. I am excited to see what God has in store. Thank you Lincoln Christian Church and in HIM we serve.

May God hug you tight with HIS love,
Chuck

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After God's Own Heart

We're in our summer sermon study on the life of David and what it means to be a person after God's own heart. David didn't know he was going to become a Bible hero as he lived his life. He didn't know he'd be immortalized in art. He didn't know he would become a cute little children's church song. He didn't know he'd be a Veggie Tales episode. If he did, he might have tried harder. David's life is marked with both successes and failures, highs and lows, good and bad. But in every failure, what made him different from his predecessor was that David knew how to repent.

Repentance is a big church word meaning to make a U-turn. Our lives, our actions, our thoughts, are all moving us away from God. He says "repent." We make a U-turn and return to Him and His ways.

The word repent is abrasive. It's confrontational. It requires us to face our failures. David had to. We all have to.

Our current world hates the word "repent." They hate having to face the reality of a sinful condition. This is why secular society becomes so defensive when their lifestyles are opposed or questioned. They simply do not want to face reality.

Our world hates Jesus because believing in Him requires that we admit that we are sinners. Most people tend to think they are a good person. They think that as long as they live a good life and do good things and stay out of trouble then they are okay. They have a hard time coming to grips with repentance. Yet, it is clearly commanded and demanded.

Jesus said, "Unless you repent, you will all perish." (Luke 13:5) "God commands people everywhere to repent." (Acts 17:30) "Repent, turn to God, so that your sins may be blotted out." (Acts 3:19)

The only person who doesn't want to hear "repent" is the person not willing to face reality. They love their sin more than they love Jesus. They love their sin more than they love God's Word.

David stands out for many reasons, not for perfection (far from it), but for showing us how to return to God again.

Sermon Series: After God's Own Heart



07/02	Community: David and Jonathan	I Samuel 20
07/09	Integrity: David and Abigail	I Samuel 25
07/16	Worship: David and the Ark	II Samuel 6
07/23	Temptation: David and Bathsheba	II Samuel 11
07/30	Repentance: David and Nathan	II Samuel 12
08/06	Legacy: David and Solomon	I Kings 2

JOLLY SENIORS MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, July 26, 2023
(Back to our usual meeting on the 4th Wed. of the month!)

PLACE: Fellowship Center @
Lincoln Christian Church
204 N. McLean St.
Lincoln, IL 62656

PROGRAM: Mark Gifford!

DEVOTION: Tracy Thomas!

LUNCH ENTRÉE: Chicken Breast from Guzzardo's!*

*Remember to bring sweets to share!

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, August 23, 2023 @10am!

Welcome New Members by Baptism

06/18/23—Grant Foster

06/25/23—Skyler Hoefs





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Our LifeGroups will be taking a break for the summer. But, there is still great opportunity to learn the Bible, meet new friends, and serve our church through our Adult Sunday School Classes!

We have five classes for adults that meet every Sunday morning at the 9:30 hour. These classes are taught by smart, committed teachers and led by a dedicated team of leaders who plan class parties and service projects together! Our Sunday School names/details are:

Beacons

Room 15 | Seniors | 9:30 am

Crusaders

Room 16 | Young Retirees | 9:30 am

Encouragers

Family Room 1 | Seniors | 9:30 am

LambSeekers

Room 304 | Mixed Ages | 9:30 am

Open Door

Room 305 | School-Age Parents | 9:30 am

Join one of our classes during the summer. Visit several classes and pick the one where you feel most comfortable! You can check the discipleship website for more information at:

lincolnchristianchurch.org/adults



Church-Wide Prayer Opportunity

Mark Your Calendars: As we are reminded in Matthew 18:19, there is incredible power in coming together in prayer. With that in mind, plan now to gather for a time of corporate prayer at 6:30 pm Wednesday, June 28 and Wednesday, July 26. This time of guided prayer will provide the opportunity to pray silently or with a group depending on your preference. Gather your friends, Sunday School class, Life Group, or anyone else and join us!

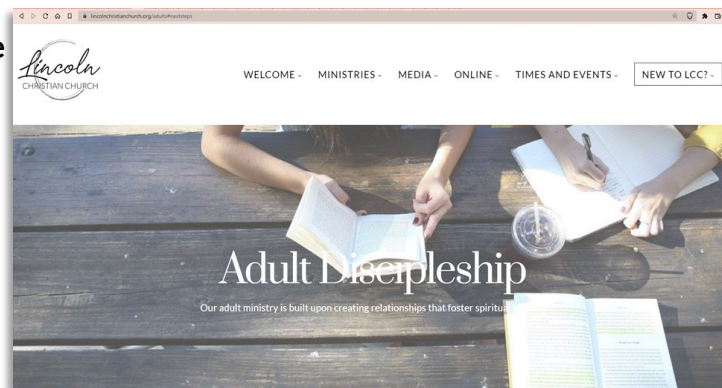
FirstServe Opportunities

FirstServe Opportunities are a great way for people new to our church and new church members to engage in serving. Contact me for more information at the above email address.

- Door Greeters
(help welcome people to our building for worship)
- Grounds Team
(help keep out grounds weed and debris free)

More Information Online

For details on Groups, Classes, Studies and Ministry Teams, you can find more information at: lincolnchristianchurch.org/next





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Stay informed with Text Updates from the Student Ministry...

For Jr. High, text **jhfuel** to 97000.

For High School, text **thegathering** to 97000.

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Summer Calendars

Bible study and summer events information are in the Summer Calendars; available at the Student Information Desk in the big Family Room and online at: lccstudents.com



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Summer edition

Summer Sunday School

Incoming 6th-8th Grade students will be combined for the summer in Family Room 2 (next to Stu Info Desk). Incoming 9th Grade – Graduated Seniors will be combined in Room 12 (behind Kitchen/Café).



Summer Bible Study

This summer at Greenhouse, we will work through Galatians! Our Summer Bible Study will meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30 – 8:00 pm at different locations (specific addresses are in the Summer Calendar at the StuInfo Desk). Greenhouse is now for incoming 6th Graders thru Graduated Seniors!

HS Christmas in July

On Mon., July 17 from 6-9 pm, come celebrate



Christmas with us! We will have a blast eating food and playing games with a Christmas theme. It will be great to simply hang out! \$10 at the door for the food. For incoming 9th Grade – Graduated Seniors!



JH Game Night

Hey incoming 6th-8th Graders! On Mon., July 31 from 6-9 pm, Come hangout at the church for food and games. We'll play video and board games! It'll be great to just hang out. \$10 at the door for food.



To impact our local community, we are going to have two days of service on Fri. and Sat., July 28-29. This event is for incoming 6th Grade – Graduated Seniors. We will serve our neighbors around town and have a lot of fun doing it! More information coming soon!



MISSION DOMINICAN

Mission Dominican 2024

Any student entering high school in the fall of 2024 thru Adults are eligible to go to the Dominican Republic July 2024. We will be serving with GO Ministries doing construction and VBS. It is going to be an amazing trip! We will have informational meetings **Sundays, July 30 and August 6 at 6:30 pm in Rooms 15 & 16** if you would like to learn more about this Impact opportunity.

PEORIA CHIEFS GAME



More on all at lincolncchristianchurch.org!



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SUMMER 2023 EVENTS FOR YOUR FAMILY!

Mark your calendars today, and invite your friends!

June 30, @ 6:00-8:30 pm Drive-In Movie Night @LCC!

July 05, @ *9:30-11:30 am Chalk It Up @ LCC!*

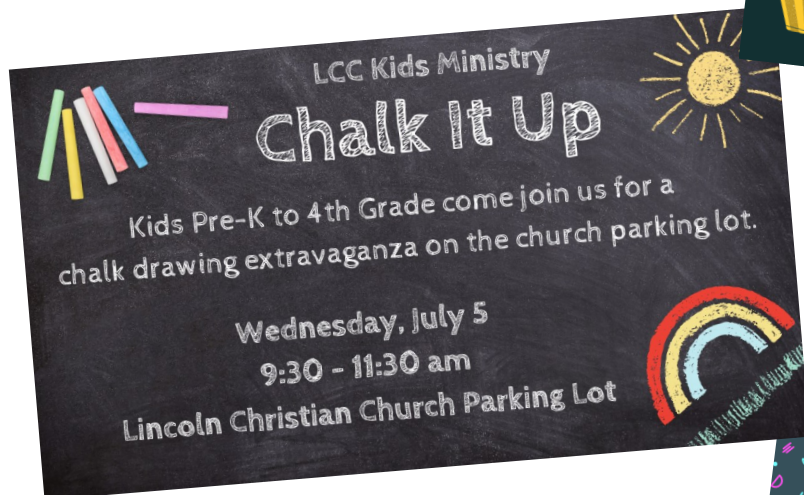
*Note new times!

14, @ 6:00-8:30 pm Glow Day @ LCC!

21, @ 6:00-8:00 pm Pool Party @ Lincoln Rec.!

Aug. 11, @ 5:30-8:00 pm Back-To-School Bash @ LCC!

More at: lincolinchristianchurch.org/events!





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**Good News 50th Anniversary Reunion
Celebration Concert weekend was amazing!**



GOOD NEWS 50 was a blast! We had more than 150 people attend the Reunion May 27-28! 117 sang in the Reunion Choir for the concert with three former directors: Gene Shepherd, Brenda Lang, and Tim Searby, as well as me, current GOOD NEWS director Laurin Hill, conducting the Reunion Choir. We had a representative sing from each year of GOOD NEWS since 1971! We sang favorites from each decade as well as hearing favorite memories shared from former youth ministers: Gene Shepherd, Dan Lang, Mark Post, Tracy Thomas, and our current student minister Zach Ramsey.

The offering collected at the concert was \$2,997.21 which will help us with a new GOOD NEWS sound board and an LED spot light!

Thank you to the GN50 planning team: Deb Conrady, Jane Ingram, Rebecca Bailey and Paula Landess! Thanks to everyone who shared memories, photos, and memorabilia. It was fantastic getting together to celebrate the legacy and ministry of GOOD NEWS!

If you want to purchase a \$15 DVD of the GN50 concert, please send a check to:
Lincoln Christian Church
204 N McLean Street
Lincoln, IL 62656 with GN50 DVD in the memo line. The DVDs will be shipped in September.

(Decade group photos on the back cover!)



LOCAL IMPACT

Inner City Mission

is a ministry in Springfield, IL, that helps the homeless find their way Home by giving what is needed to bring about lasting joy, peace, and stability in their lives. Shelter, sustenance, clothing, teaching, and Christian mentorship are all elements of the stable environment we provide to children, their parents, and single adults in order to expand joy and peace in each person's heart, family, friendships, and community.

We believe that the root cause of homelessness is not the lack of a house, job, or material resources, but actually the absent, broken, lost, or rejected relational resources that often exist in a person's life. For this reason, we implement a 3-pronged relational approach called *Stability for Life*.

The first stage is *Calming the Chaos* in which we provide a stable environment where the root cause of chaos in the individual's life can be understood and addressed together. Once the chaos has calmed, the second stage, *Promoting the Potential*, begins as we encourage holistic growth in each person, discussing their strengths and weaknesses as they pursue spiritual, emotional, and relational stability. The final stage is *Realizing the Reward*, during which we both come alongside individuals as they process what stability looks like in various areas of their lives, as well as discuss and exemplify how Jesus's love is the foundation for truly lasting stability.

We have 20 bedrooms for individuals and families, and we provide a home to an average of 33 people each night!

Thank you for your intentionality and partnership with Inner City Mission over the years. It is truly a blessing to call you brothers and sisters in Christ.

Isaac Payne, Director of Partnership
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Widows of Wisdom (W.o.W.)

will meet Friday, July 7; note the time change to 11:00 am! We will meet at Reva McFadden's

house. Bring your sack lunch! Cookies and drinks will be provided. Cheryl Hall will lead us in a special painting class. If possible, bring a pattern of a flower or something simple that you want to paint. Wear old clothes as we will be using hot wax and melted crayons! For more details and also to R.S.V.P., contact Reva at [217.828.0824](tel:217.828.0824) or Sharon at [217.737.9834](tel:217.737.9834) A.S.A.P. please & thanks!

GLOBAL IMPACT

TREKS —

Serving in Asia

The organization that Scott, Kerryn and family work with related the following in their last newsletter:

"... we've become more and more convinced that God is the Lord of metrics like baptisms, new churches and attendance. We've recalibrated. We now focus on praying for the lost, sharing our story and His story, and inviting people to groups. By following this simple approach, God is at work. We just pray, share and train."

This succinctly sums up what Scott, Kerryn and family do. They work with believers who form house churches and who learn to share the gospel naturally through every day encounters and small group meetings. Disciples making disciples.

They ask us to pray for seekers to become disciples and for house churches to multiply to the second and third generation.

We are excited that Scott, Kerryn, Ellie, Rachel and Timothy will be with us on Sunday, July 16! Mark your calendars and join us for a noon lunch, a detailed update and a Q&A time.



Also, on **Sunday, July 30, 2023**, BJ and Mary Leonard and family will be here to share during the **9:30 am hour** about their upcoming move to Kenya. Then join us at noon in Room 15 for a potluck lunch, Q&A and fellowship time with the whole family. BJ and Mary are dear to our hearts as Mary grew up at LCC and BJ was on staff.

Barb Messner, GI Team Member

For more on any of LCC's missionaries or ministries, please contact us from the information below that is most convenient for you:

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