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The *Christian* Call

Worship Services

8:15 am | Sanctuary

8:15 am | Fellowship Center

9:30 am | Fellowship Center

10:45 am | Fellowship Center

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Men of Fire
Ladies' Bible Study
Local Impact Ministry Team
Global Impact Ministry Team
Harvest of Talents

WORSHIP

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HeartSong (5th-8th)
Good News (9th-12th)
Sanctuary Choir
Worship Band
Tech Team
Handbells
Instrumentalists

STUDENT MINISTRY

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Fuel (5th-8th)
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OnMission (6th-8th)
Special Events

KIDS MINISTRY

Kids Sunday Worship
Kids Sunday School
Weekday Preschool
Special Events



PREACHING MINISTRY

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Family Chat

June 25, 2013, a Memphis station reported that a dad on vacation was accidentally left by his family, and they didn't know for nearly 100 miles. The father (who wanted to remain anonymous...I bet) said a family member who was asleep in the back of the van was taking over the driving. It was dad's turn to grab a nap in the back. The driver assumed he was already down and pulled out leaving the father behind in the station paying for the fuel. The dad's cell was also in the van so he couldn't call. The family drove 100 miles before realizing dad was missing. This could be a working definition of dysfunctional family.

This September, we will have a short series on *Family*. Let me begin with a disclaimer: I'm not a perfect parent. I'm not a perfect spouse. (That was Bonnie saying "AMEN!") I'm not a perfect grandparent. My family may be the furthest thing from perfect. That doesn't change the fact that God loves family, and it was his idea and his creation from the beginning. Anything God loves, Satan hates and tries to destroy. God loves your family too... Satan hates it.

That means our families are under attack. We need to purposefully protect, cherish, strengthen, and love our families. How do we do that? What principles are there in scripture to help the family unit succeed?

Most families know what it means to gather, sit down, and have a family chat. Healthy family dynamics don't just happen, they have to be created. Someone takes the lead. What's the end goal? Healthy families we get to keep...forever! That means getting not only ourselves to heaven but taking our entire families with us, leaving no one behind. That's my hope. That's my goal. Satan may be working against that but in Jesus, I'm stronger than he is.

Paul told the Philippian Jailer, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household" Acts 16:31.

That's our dream. A saved household. But that doesn't just happen. What can we do to make that more of a reality for all of us? That's why we need a...

"Family Chat." Upcoming Sermon Series:



- 09/10 This is how we ...
stay together as a family
- 09/17 This is how we ...
treat each other in our family
- 09/24 This is how we ...
prioritize for our family



Welcome New Members!

By Transfer:

05/07/23—Lois Chrisman

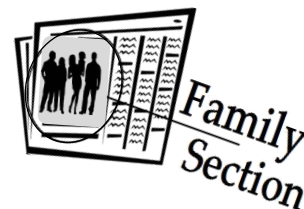
06/11/23—Bart Robbins

By Baptism:

07/18/23—Jeff Brooks

07/19/23—Lane Foster

07/23/23—Avalynne Marten





ADULT MINISTRY

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Church-Wide Study LifeGroup Experience

Join us for a Five-Week LifeGroup!

This October, our church will be walking together for a five-week study on "Jesus is." We are inviting everyone to be part of a LifeGroup during this five-week all-church study.

LifeGroups are groups of 3-10 people who meet together, usually in a home or a restaurant. Groups have discussion questions based on Sunday's sermon, pray together, eat snacks and build friendships.

If you are *new to LifeGroups*, stop by the Adult Discipleship table on August 20 or 27 and fill out a sign-up card. Then we work to place you in a group for the five-week study in October. (There's even an option for you to sign up to lead a group of your own choosing!) You can also sign up at:

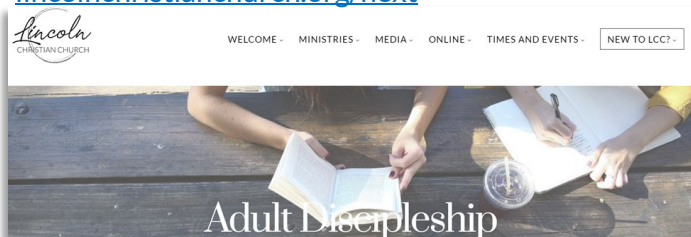
lincolnchristianchurch.org/groups

Join a Community of Faith!

We have five Adult Sunday School classes whose goal is to be a fun place to study the Bible with friends. Learn the Bible, make friends, and serve together! Try several classes, and join the class where you feel most comfortable.

Next Steps Website

lincolnchristianchurch.org/next



Newcomers Reception

On Sunday, September 10 following each morning service, we will be holding a newcomers reception in the Fireside Room. If you are newer with us, we would like to take about ten minutes of your time. We would like to introduce ourselves to you and give you some information about next steps. (This will really help us put a name with a face.) Please pick up your kids from children's ministry before you come to the reception. We have a small gift for you as a way of saying "thanks"!

LifeStep 1:

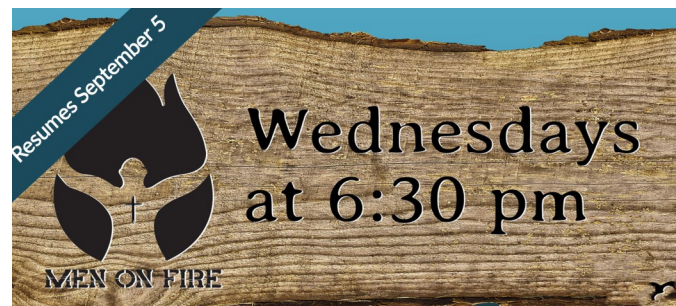
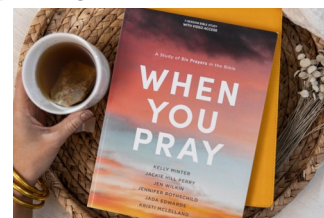
Discover L.C.C.

Explore your faith and the beliefs of Lincoln Christian Church in a relaxed setting with Senior Minister, Ron Otto, on Wednesday, September 27 from 6:30-8:00 pm. You'll get to ask any questions you have as well as meet others who are exploring the same journey!



Ladies Bible Study

The fall semester of Ladies Bible Study will explore the series "When You Pray" by best-selling author, Kelly Minter. Cost is \$20. Scholarships available. The study begins Monday, September 11 at 6:30 pm.



Men On Fire

Join with other men as they study ways to apply the powerful truths of the Bible to daily life. Join the MOF team teach on how to live as a godly man. Fire meets Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm this fall.



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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.

You will receive text messages from Lincoln Christian Church. No purchase necessary. Message & data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Reply STOP to stop, HELP for help.

Terms: <http://97000.co/t>. Privacy policy: <http://97000.co/p>.

Fall Calendars



Be sure to pick up Fall Calendars for both Jr. High and High Schoolers at the Student Info Desk or online at lccstudents.com/events!

5th-12th Grade Sunday School

JH and HS Sunday School meets 9:30 – 10:30 am every Sunday. Come learn more about Scripture!

- > 5th Grade—Room 17 (across from pop machine)
- > 6th-8th Grade—Family Room 2 (by StuInfo Desk)
- > 9th-12th Grade—Room 12 (behind Kitchen/Café)



MISSION DOMINICAN

Mission Dominican 2024

Application Deadline: Sun., September 10

Current 8th Graders thru Adults are eligible to go to the Dominican Republic July 16-23, 2024. Visit lccstudents.com/missions for more information about the mission trip as well as to download an application. You can also pick up an application at the Student Info Desk!

Bonfire at the Ramseys!

High School Students, head to Zach and Betsy's after the football game Friday, September 29 for some s'mores around the fire!



Jr. High Bash – 6th-8th Grade

Hey 6th-8th Graders, the Jr. High Bash will be Friday, September 22 from 6-9 pm. It is going to be incredible! \$10 at the door, and we will have pizza, dodgeball, tons of games, and some surprises. It is going to be awesome!

6th-8th Graders join us for *OnMission*, our own service retreat for Jr. Highers, Friday– Sunday, October 20-22 at Little Galilee Christian Camp. It is going to be an incredible weekend of serving people in central Illinois. \$100 for all supplies, food, and lodging. We can't wait! Sign up by Sunday, October 1.

8th Grade Students who attend *On Mission* can apply for a scholarship for \$100 for CIY Move. That means, what you pay for *OnMission* is taken off the cost for CIY Move. How sweet is that?!



Need Money for Trips?

Buy Gift Cards, Earn Cash Back!

Families! This Fund-raising Program can help you raise funds through physical or electronic gifts cards that earn cash back rebates for you to use for trips! You pay for the value of the gift card, and a percentage of that money goes towards your family account at the Church. You can buy gift cards at the Student Info Desk in the Family Room or online. For more info come see us at the Student Info Desk in the Family Room or go to lccstudents.com/parents!





CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



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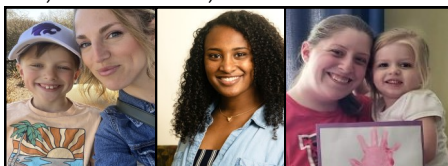
I am humbled and beyond excited to be here and to serve alongside these amazing ministers. God is at work in this church and this community, and I am pumped to be put on the field. I am looking forward to meeting all of you and to see how God moves in the years to come. Miss Marcia has an amazing foundation here, and it is my honor to continue to build on that foundation to point our children to Jesus as well as to reach out to the community and show all children they are loved.

To Miss Jessica, Miss Caitlin, and Miss Shannon,

Thank you!

Thank you!

Thank you!



Your hard work and dedication have been more than evident in all the successful events that you have planned this summer, as well as, how smoothly Sunday mornings have run. You have made the transition this summer smooth and successful!

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH WAS A BLAST!

...with craft tables, bounce houses, Harvest of Talents Tacos, Sharps Shaved Ice, and Brew 66 Coffee!



Pics from Sunday School Promotion!



UPCOMING EVENTS THIS SEPTEMBER!

We will be having Extreme September Sundays. Keep an eye out for a fun activity that we will do each Sunday in September. One of those is...

Sunday, September 10, Bring Your Grandparents to Sunday School Day!!!

Kids invite your grandparent(s) or a special person to visit your class on Sunday, September 10, at the 9:30 am Sunday School hour. They can meet your teachers, see your classroom, get a picture, and receive a gift from you!

Parents, if grandparent(s) need to use the elevator that day, please encourage them to do so (across from the Welcome Center), thank you!

KID'S CORNER

Come and find me and tell me the answer to this question: What animal, when it is born, is the size of a jellybean, can't see or hear but can climb?



WORSHIP MINISTRY

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Sabbatical

I was approved by the elders for an eight-week sabbatical July 10 - September 5. I have been really looking forward to a time of rest and rejuvenation for my soul and body as I begin my 14th year at Lincoln Christian Church! My wife, Sheri, and I have been traveling to area churches over the these last two months. Continued prayers are appreciated during this season of renewal. Thank you! See you in September for fall kickoffs!

Thank you to all who are filling in for the Worship Ministry to make sure it continues smoothly!

In the meantime, if you need anything, please contact the main office at

lchurch@lincolnchristianchurch.org or 217.732.7618, thanks!

The **Sanctuary Choir** kickoff is Wednesday, Sep 6, at 6:30 pm. The Sanctuary Choir meets each Wednesday night from 6:30 – 7:45 pm. We present feature music and lead worship in the 8:15 am Sanctuary service. The Sanctuary Choir is open to those in high school and older. Even if you worship in the Fellowship Center services, there are lots of ways to work out your Sunday morning plan to sing with the Sanctuary Choir! Let's talk! We'll begin our Christmas music in October.



Good News is for students in 9th thru 12th grades. Kickoff is Sunday, Sep 10, at 5:00 pm. Good News consists of Student Choir, T.R.A.S.H.*, & Student Drama Team. Good News includes relevant music, focused drama, and great service opportunities in a fast-paced, high-energy environment all leading up to a fantastic tour, June 4-11, 2024 to Orlando, Florida and *WALT DISNEY WORLD!* Invite your friends! Pick up a brochure! *evaluation required for T.R.A.S.H.

HeartSong is for 5th thru 8th grade students. Kickoff is Sunday, Sep 10, at 6:00 pm. HeartSong includes service opportunities in music, worship, drama, and T.R.A.S.H.! HeartSong will sing in *Celebrate! Christmas* as well as a three-day tour in April 2024. HeartSong rehearses each Sunday from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. Grab a brochure to invite your friends!

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Kids Choirs will kickoff on Sunday, Sep 10, at 6:00 pm. Kids Choir is for 3 year olds to 4th graders. We have a blast learning about music, worship, and Jesus! Kids Choir meets each Sunday evening from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. Come give it a try. We'll be working on some fun music for Christmas as well as our Spring musical in May 2024. Invite a friend or two or five!

Kids Choirs

LOCAL IMPACT—



His Hands Outreach, Inc. continues our mission to build relationships and share the gospel with children and families in our neighborhood.

At Hope Grows, we are in the midst of a busy summer. We are open Sundays for our worship service and fun activities in the afternoon. We have learning rewards with a focus on Math every Monday, Taco Tuesday, and Wednesday Worship. We had VBS with Child Evangelism Fellowship in July and 4H Junior Chef's Camp. Eleven of our kids were able to attend Little Galilee Christian Camp!

We are seeing growth in numbers, but more importantly, we are seeing growth in the lives of our kids. And we are continuing to build relationships with their families. Two of our kids accepted Christ into their hearts this summer; one at camp and one at VBS! We ask for your prayers for our kids as they learn to apply God's word to their daily lives.

Thank you, from one of your L.I. Ministries



Widows of Wisdom (WOW) meets the first Friday of every month! Join us Friday, September 1 at 11:30 am in Room 15 at Lincoln Christian Church. A light

lunch will be served, and our special speaker will be Joe Schaler. He will be giving us exciting information about a new project here in Lincoln! We will also be doing a fun DIY project that each lady can take home. Please RSVP to Reva (217-828-0924) or Sharon (217-737-9834), thank you!

GLOBAL IMPACT—COPE

Children of Pokot Educational Fund Tapadany, Pokot, Kenya



Executive directors Devane and Michaela Amalla and their two young daughters will be in Kenya from

August 21/25 until October 26.

They will be taking an extended layover in Europe on their way out of the country to decompress and debrief as a family, and will be back in the States on November 6 to continue work with church visits and fundraising efforts.

Devane will fly out August 20 to prepare COPE House for the group's arrival a few days later on the 25th. Pastor Jeremiah, from the administration team, will meet Devane in Eldoret and take him back to the compound. The mission trip group, Michaela, and girls will fly out of Chicago on the 24th and arrive in Nairobi the 25th. Devane and Jeremiah will meet



them at the airport. They will spend the night in Nairobi and fly to Eldoret the next day to finish the journey to the compound.

The mission trip group, which includes four members of our congregation, will be staying on the compound for about 10 days. They will be helping run a VBS, hosting a moms and babies outreach, distributing relief food, and hosting a celebration for the community. They will be doing day to day life with the COPE House children and going to market in Kacheliba on market day.

After the mission trip group departs, the Amallas will begin working on several different projects around the compound and programs that need updated and revamped within the community. This will include a new agriculture program with a team from IDES, called Farming God's Way.



This will be Addie (4yo) Amalla's second trip to Kenya. She is excited to go back and do a few days of school with the preschoolers in Pokot every week. Alinea (1yo) Amalla is going to experience Pokot for the first time. Michaela has been working on Kiswahili, learning important phrases like "sipenda kukimbia" meaning "I do not like to run" and "mtoto wangu hitaji lala" meaning "my children need to sleep"! She is also taking doula classes and hopes to offer some help to the mothers of the community who have very little birth support. She will also be revamping the Good Samaritan Sponsorship program while they are there.

Devane is excited to get back to Kenya to encourage the men to take care of their families and implement the new agriculture program.

Please pray for the Amallas to have a safe, fruitful and blessed trip. Please also pray for: good health, adjustment of the team and Amalla family in Pokot, *impact* in the community, financial support, hearts of people in Pokot, wisdom and discernment, plus peace in the midst of anxious times.

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LCC KIDS MIN

NATIONAL GRANDPARENT'S DAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

**KIDS THROUGH 4TH GRADE
BRING YOUR GRANDPARENT(S)
OR A SPECIAL PERSON
TO VISIT YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL
CLASS DURING THE 9:30 HOUR**

**I ♥ my
GRAND
PARENTS**



HARVEST OF TALENTS

Musical Offering
FOR WORLD HUNGER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 | 2:00 pm | SANCTUARY

**Proceeds from the
free-will offering will
be used to feed hungry
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