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# The Christian Call

## Worship Services

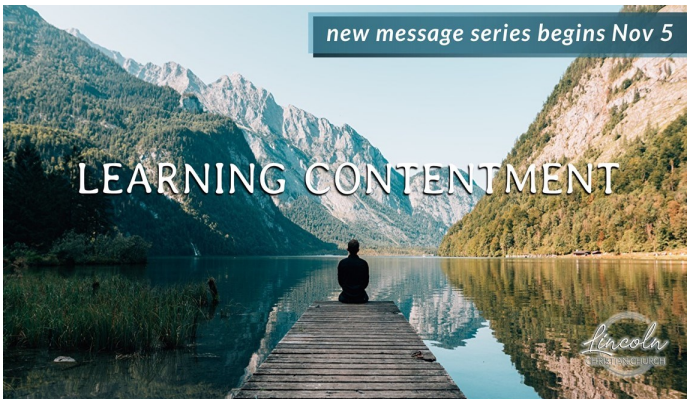
8:15 am | Sanctuary

8:15 am | Fellowship Center

9:30 am | Fellowship Center

10:45 am | Fellowship Center

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## November Highlights

large  
end-of-year  
offering  
November 19



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## PREACHING MINISTRY

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### Learning Contentment

The last time I flew, the flight attendants started passing out refreshments; that's all pretty normal. My flight was very early and I skipped breakfast so I was a little hungry. Happy to see the snack cart, I was offered a tiny glass of soda and the tiniest package of airline peanuts. "Sure. Thank you." But the dude next to me had the gall to ask if he could have two bags of peanuts. Wait a minute, that can't be allowed, can it? But sure enough, the flight attendant gave him two bags. There I sat with my seven peanuts (L.O.L.), but somehow this guy had 14. I found myself displeased.

The last of the Ten Commandments is interesting. The Tenth Commandment says, "You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor." Not his shelter . . . not his wife . . . not his servants or ox or donkey. (In other words, not his house, relationships, friends, job, transportation, or peanuts.) Oops!

The antidote to coveting is contentment. Paul says, "I've learned the secret of being content no matter what my circumstances." Learned? Yes! Contentment is something you have to learn. It does not come naturally. I am not by nature a contented person, and neither are you. It is not automatic. You have to learn to be content.

We spend so much of our time chasing things that never satisfy us in the end. According to many in the Bible, there is a powerful unleashing that happens to the person who finds contentment.

Contentment brings us deep abiding joy instead of fleeting happiness. The tragedy is, many never experience this joy.

Paul also wrote, "Godliness with contentment is great gain" (1 Timothy 6:6). Great gain? I want great gain! Don't we all?

Our next sermon series will take us on a journey to discover this thing called, "contentment." I'm very excited, because if this is a life changing matter, and scripture says it is, then it's definitely something we all want to learn.

## Upcoming November Sermon Series:

### Learning Contentment



11/05 One Powerful Word: Contentment

11/12 Contentment in God's Care

11/19 Love Big, Live Bold, Move Forward

11/26 Global Impact Ministry Team Sunday

### JOLLY SENIORS MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, November \*15, 2023  
(Nov.'s meeting will be the \*3rd Wed. due to holiday!)  
@ 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

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

PROGRAM: Don Jordan!

DEVOTION: Joe Schaler!

LUNCH ENTRÉE: Turkey from Guzzardo's!\*

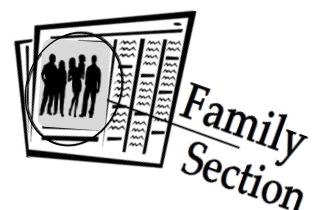
\*Remember to bring treats to share!

NEXT MEETING: Wed., 12/13\*\* (2ND Wed. for this round!)

## Welcome New Members!

### By Baptism:

09/24/2023—Matt Rhodes







## ADULT MINISTRY

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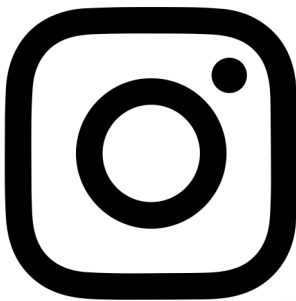
### Need a Fresh Start on Your Bible Reading?

Our goal for every person at Lincoln Christian Church is to spend time each day reading the Bible, and then listen to God in prayer. That's a challenge, but here are a couple of resources to help you start (or restart) your Bible reading.

The Bible App ([bible.com](https://bible.com)). This is a phone app and a website. This site contains several Bible reading plan guides to help you feel more comfortable in prayer. And it's FREE!



Our Daily Bread ([odb.org](https://odb.org)). This is an app, website, email subscription, and paper copies are at the Welcome Center. There is a brief devotion each day, a verse or two of the Bible to read, and a sentence or two to help you begin to pray. It's also FREE!



Lincoln Christian Church  
Young Adults

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A great first place to connect with new friends and to learn the Bible is one of our five adult Sunday School Classes. We have classes for all adults! Our classes are fun places to study the Bible with friends. Stop by the Welcome Center or visit:

[lincolinchristianchurch.org/next](https://lincolinchristianchurch.org/next)

#### Beacons

Family Room 1 | Seniors | 9:30 am

#### Crusaders

Room 16 | Empty Nesters | 9:30 am

#### Encouragers

Room 15 | Seniors | 9:30 am

#### LambSeekers

Room 304 | School-Age Parents | 9:30 am

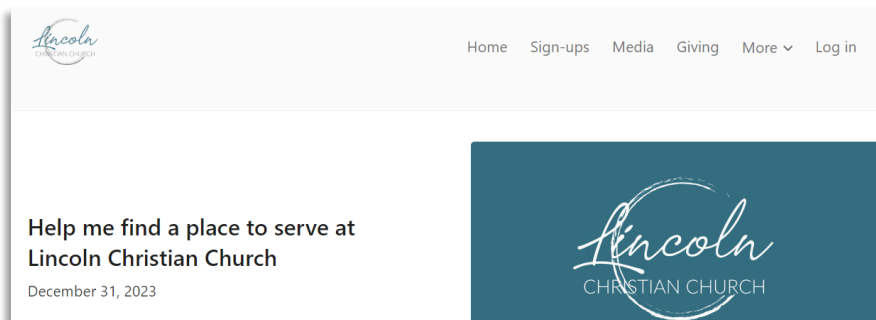
#### Open Door

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

### You Can Make an Impact

A key step in your spiritual growth is to join a ministry team to serve our church family, our community, and our world. You can serve as a greeter, kitchen worker, groundskeeper and more. We have a place to serve for everyone! Find more information at:

[lincolinchristianchurch.org/impact](https://lincolinchristianchurch.org/impact)





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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.

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### High School Round-A-Bout

We are pumped for this event for High Schoolers. It's a trip/lock-in! We'll be round-a-bout Springfield and Lincoln, hitting different stops along the way, followed by

coming back to the church building to hang out the rest of the night. It's going to be fantastic! Friday-Saturday, November 10-11 from 6 pm-6 am. Cost \$45.

### Mark Your Calendar – Discipleship Trips



5<sup>th</sup> Grade CIY

Friday-Saturday, January 26-27, 2024

\$85 plus meals



\*8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade CIY

Monday-Saturday, July 8-13, 2024

\$460 plus meals

\*8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students can apply for a scholarship for \$100 for Move. Scholarship details available in Spring 2024!

### Jr. High Christmas Caroling Party

Hey 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders, join us Wednesday, December 6 from 6-8 pm for our Christmas Caroling Party! We are going to play some Christmas games, watch Charlie Brown, and eat yummy cookies. Please bring a plate of cookies to pass. NO PEANUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS!



### High School Christmas Party

Join us Sunday, December 10 from 6-9 pm for our Christmas Party. We are going to serve our community by buying gifts for those in need. Please bring \$5 toward the gift! And please bring a plate of cookies to pass. NO PEANUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS!



### Need Money for Trips?

#### Buy Gift Cards, Earn Cash Back!

Families! Family Fund-raising Accounts help you raise funds through physical gift cards or online 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 to your account at the Church. You can buy gift cards at the Student Info Desk in the Family Room or electronic gifts online. For more info come see us at the Student Info Desk in the Family Room or go to:

[lccstudents.com/parents](http://lccstudents.com/parents)





## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



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### Donuts with Dads

... went well in October! There were about 25 Dads or Grandpas that attended with their little ones during Sunday School. Lots of laughing and donut eating! The kids were so proud to show their visitors the children's ministry. Here are a few pictures from doughnuts with dads:



We also had 48 people come through to our **Pumpkin Party** on Wednesday, October 11! We played games, painted pumpkins, and had pumpkin-flavored snacks. Here are a few pictures from that special evening's event:



## Upcoming

mark your calendars

### Sunday, November 5—Muffins with Moms

Kids, bring your moms, grandmas, or aunts to Sunday School! Come early to show your visitors around the children's ministry, then enjoy a muffin with them before Sunday School begins.

### Wednesday, November 15—Harvest Party

We will have a harvest-themed party in the children's ministry from 6:30 to 8 pm. I look forward to seeing you there!

### Chuck's corner

Come find me with the answer to the question below to receive a prize!

What animal's eyes turn blue in the winter to help them see in the lower light winter conditions?







## WORSHIP MINISTRY

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### It's Time to Sing!

The first opportunity is to be a part of the carolers for *Hometown Christmas* on Dec. 2, from 4 to 6:30 pm. We sing outside for 20 to 30 minutes at the top of each hour. Dress warmly! We are caroling outside. No rehearsals required. Just email me to sign up so I know how many books to have available.



**Hometown Christmas**  
AT *Lincoln* CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**FREE!**  
**DEC 2**  
4-7 pm

Carolers 🌿 Hot Cocoa & Cookies 🌿 Horse Drawn Carriage  
 🌿 Christmas Train 🌿 Santa's Workshop & Crafts 🌿  
 🌿 Photos with Santa 🌿

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The second opportunity is to sing with the **Worship Choir** for *Celebrate! Christmas 2023*. We will combine adults with the Fellowship Center vocalists, and our students from Good News and HeartSong together for a dynamic multi-generational worship leading ensemble! *Celebrate! Christmas* is during our three services on Sunday morning, Dec. 10 at 8:15, 9:30 and 10:45 am in the Fellowship Center.

You'll be provided with the music and the listening songs to memorize three songs on your own. The listening songs are available both online or on a CD. There are some short rehearsals you can join if you like, but be ready and memorized by dress rehearsal (no printed music or words on the platform during dress rehearsal or the services—the words will be on the confidence monitor on the back wall.)

- Sun., Nov. 12: 5:35 – 6:00 and/or 6:00 – 6:25 pm
- Wed., Nov. 15: 6:30 – 6:55 pm
- Sun., Nov. 19: 5:35 – 6:00 and/or 6:00 – 6:25 pm
- Wed., Nov. 29: 6:30 – 6:55 pm
- Sun., Dec. 3: 5:35 – 6:00 and/or 6:00 – 6:25 pm

#### Not optional:

- Wednesday, December 6 (DRESS REHEARSAL) from 8:10 – 9:00 pm
- Sunday, December 10 in all three morning services in the Fellowship Center (the first 25ish minutes of each service)

Please email me to let him know of your interest in the *Celebrate! Christmas* Worship Choir.

## GOOD NEWS

[high school choir]

# Carry-out Pork Chop Dinner

**Sunday, November 12** 10:30 am -12:30 pm

**\$12** Menu: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grilled boneless pork chop, candy glazed carrots, mashed potatoes with gravy and a roll with butter

Purchase your ticket from any Good News student through Nov 5 to directly support *that GN student*. Tickets can also be purchased in the office during the week.

The Good News 50 Reunion Concert DVDs are available! It was a fantastic reunion and concert that you will want to see and hear! If you would like to order, they are \$15 each. Email me for an order form. If you live in Lincoln or the surrounding area, please consider coming to the church to pick it up. Otherwise, we can mail it to you!

## LOCAL IMPACT—

### Center for Youth and Family Solutions



It's that time of the year to begin planning the Angel Tree distribution. We are going to be supporting designated families/children from the Center for Youth and Family Solutions located in Lincoln. The Angel Tree tag distribution will begin on Sunday, December 3, between services. Please come by the designated area by the Welcome Center to select a tag for a specific child. The gifts and large gift bag provided will need to be returned to church on Sunday, December 10 at the Welcome Center. Please help support the families/children by joining the Center for Youth and Family Solutions-Angel Tree for a life-changing experience! Please check out the information from the Center for Youth and Family Solutions website:



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~Cathy Huerd,  
LI Ministry  
Team Member



**W.o.W. (Widows of Wisdom)**  
meets the first Friday of every  
month so mark your calendars!  
Join us Friday, November 3 at  
11:30 am in Room 15 at LCC.

Fried chicken, dessert, drinks, and table service will be provided, but everyone should bring a dish to pass, please! Ron Keller will be our special speaker. Hope to see you then & there! Feel free to bring a friend too. Questions and/or RSVP to Reva (217-828-0924) or Sharon (217-737-9834), thank you!

## GLOBAL IMPACT—

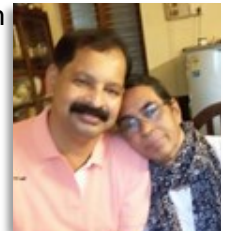
### Kerala Christian Evangelistic Mission



In 1970 with an invitation from Leon Appel, the President of Lincoln Christian College and Seminary, Mathew and Rachel Varughese came to Lincoln. They had come to the US seeking the American

dream, but because of the encouragement and persistence of President Appel and many others who had a dream of sending immigrant students armed with the gospel to their closed countries, Mathew made a life changing commitment to the Kingdom. He went back to India in 1974 and established Kerala Christian Evangelistic Mission. The mission moved to the predominately Muslim area of the state of Kerala to share the Good News with Hindus and Muslims.

Over many years Mathew and his team, with God's blessing, have been able to establish 26 New Testament churches. These churches are fully independent in leadership and finances. They are 175-320 in size and 70% of these believers were from Hindu/Muslim backgrounds. A few years ago, KCEM went through a leadership transition. God brought James and Valsa Abraham to continue the growth of the mission. James' skill in dealing with government agencies and paperwork is exceptional. He developed, expanded, and strengthened leadership, the church grew their ministries, and the impact they are making in difficult environments is nothing short of miraculous. He has invited all of the churches to give a portion of their offering to a general mission fund that is designated to supplement income from the US for the new church plants that are in progress.



Four years ago, KCEM identified areas that had no New Testament churches. They picked a tribal area that was around five hours away from their headquarters and is in a neighboring state. Over the last few years they have established new church plants. Since they are in a brand new area with a brand new language they are diligently monitoring their growth and their needs. Most people are poorly educated and irreligious. Pray for this effort. The state government recently passed an anti-conversion law and their team is navigating this. We are thrilled that Felix, son of Rachel and Mathew, and liaison between the US supporting churches and KCEM, will be with us on Sunday, October 22, to share more about this exciting work!



~Barb Messner, GI Ministry Team Leader





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**Sunday, November 5  
is time change.  
“Fall” back one hour!**



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Carolers 🌿 Hot Cocoa & Cookies 🌿 Horse Drawn Carriage  
🌿 Christmas Train 🌿 Santa's Workshop & Crafts 🌿  
🌿 Photos with Santa 🌿

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