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# The Christian Call

## Worship Services

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8:15 am | Fellowship Center

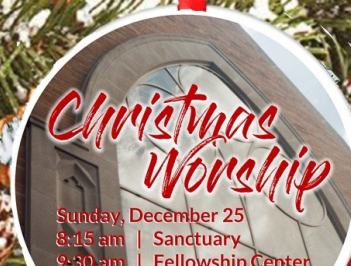
9:30 am | Fellowship Center

10:45 am | Fellowship Center

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# Countdown to Christmas at Lincoln CHRISTIAN CHURCH



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### Plastic Christmas

Can you identify a fake? Do you know how to pick out a counterfeit? I'm learning.

My wife likes it when I run her around town for Saturday garage sale-ing. She enjoys shopping at a discount. I enjoy the savings. (Thank you Lord!) Recently, she gave me a lesson in counterfeit handbags. I saw a Coach purse and pointed it out to her since she has discovered a passion for expensive purses that my career choice doesn't permit. One from a garage sale seemed to be a good idea to me. Plus I liked the price. Cheap!

However, it would seem fake counterfeit handbags is America's number one fraud. My wife taught me the differences from authentic and fake, the differences from a real Coach purse versus a counterfeit. Needless to say we didn't buy the bogus handbag. It's easy to be taken in by a phony. The same happens in matters of faith especially at Christmas.

Shockingly, there are still some molded plastic lawn Christmas nativity sets floating around out there. The entire set with wisemen and shepherds and camels are hard to come by these days. Occasionally, you might still see a full set on some front lawn, but they are rare. Plastic nativities got me thinking. How many Americans like the idea of plastic Christmas?

Plastic can be cute and inexpensive, but let's remember there's no substance to plastic. It doesn't stand up well when the winds of storms blow. It tumbles over easily; lights inside burn out leaving us in the dark. And how many things are wrong with a plastic Jesus? Our secular culture would love a Jesus they could put away quickly and easily. But Jesus isn't plastic. He's real flesh and blood.

This holiday season, our sermon series is titled "Plastic Christmas?" We're going to look at how secular society packages Christmas versus how God presented Christmas. One leaves us in awe and wonder, and the other leaves us disappointed and hollow. Don't fall for a counterfeit Christmas this year. The story is true. Jesus is real. And our Christmas can have more substance than we have ever imagined.

### Upcoming Sermon Series: Plastic Christmas?



12/04 Cute But Hollow... No Substance

12/11 Doesn't Stand Up in a Storm

12/18 Lights Burn Out... Darkness Takes Over

12/25 A Plastic Jesus... Not Flesh and Blood



### JOLLY SENIORS MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, December 14\*, 2022  
(NOTE \*2 weeks earlier than usual because of holiday!)

@ 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

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

PROGRAM: Tim & Friends!

DEVOTION: Zach Ramsey!

LUNCH ENTRÉE: Roast Pork!

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 25, 2023!  
(Back to our usual meeting on the 4th Wed. of the month!)

### Welcome New Members by Baptism!

Cole Clark-Sarver	10/30/22
Remington Clark-Sarver	10/30/22
Danyelle Sarver	10/30/22
Drew Rodgers	10/30/22



Family  
Section



**Brandon Boyd**  
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### Intro to the Bible for Adults

Join our Adult Discipleship Minister for a six-week class. This class is designed to be a very basic introduction (or refresher) for everyone who wants to learn more about God's word. No level of background knowledge is expected. If you are new to the Bible, this is the class for you! There will be time for questions each class (and no question is too basic to be asked!) Cost is \$10 (a discounted price for an excellent study book). Class meets Wednesdays starting January 11 at 6:30 pm. Register online at: [lincolnchristianchurch.org/events](https://lincolnchristianchurch.org/events)



### Sunday School

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. For more information, stop by the Welcome Center or online at our website: [lincolnchristianchurch.org/next](https://lincolnchristianchurch.org/next)

### A Word of Thanks

I want to take the opportunity to thank all our ministry team leaders and members, our teachers, LifeGroup leaders, coaches, and Bible study leaders. Your ministry is very important to the work of Lincoln Christian Church and our mission to influence Lincoln, Logan County, the United States, and the world for Jesus Christ. Merry Christmas!

### Spring Sign-Ups

In January, you will have the opportunity to take some important next steps in faith. There will be opportunities to sign up for LifeGroups, Sunday School Classes, and Bible studies. We will also be having sign-ups for ministry teams where you can join with others in making an *impact* in our church and in our world!



### Newcomers Reception

On Sunday, January 22, 2023 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 the children's ministry before you come to the reception. We have a small gift for you as a way of saying "thanks" for attending! No sign-ups necessary.

### End-of-Year Giving

If you would like to give for the 2022 tax year, all giving needs to be:

- 1) dropped off at the church office  
by noon on  
Friday, December 30, 2022,
- 2) post-marked  
by or on  
Saturday, December 31, 2022, or
- 3) completed online  
by midnight on  
Saturday, December 31, 2022.





## Zach Ramsey Student Ministry

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Facebook—[/lccsm](https://www.facebook.com/lccsm)

### 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>.



## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Jr. High - Dec 7th  
High School - Dec 11th



### Jr. High Christmas Caroling Party

Hey 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders, join us Wednesday, December 7, from 6-8 pm for our Christmas Caroling Party. It is a great way to serve others during Christmas! Please bring a plate of cookies to pass, but **NO PEANUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS PLEASE!**

### High School Christmas Party

Join us Sunday, December 11, from 6-9 pm for our Christmas Party. We are going to serve our community by buying gifts for those in need! Bring \$5 toward the gift, and also bring a plate of cookies to pass, but **NO PEANUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS PLEASE!**

### Mark Your Calendar – Discipleship Trips



5<sup>th</sup> Grade – SuperStart – Fri. & Sat., February 24-25  
Approximate cost - \$85 plus meals



8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Move – Mon.-Sat., July 10-15  
Approximate cost - \$415 plus meals

### OnMission

We had a great time at *OnMission* this fall! A group of 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade students gave up their weekend to serve others. We went to Inner City Mission in Springfield, IL to make a meal and hang out with the residents. The group made tacos which were a hit! We also went around Lincoln and raked leaves for some people; the students filled the trailer! Each student worked hard and learned more about what it means to be *OnMission* for God. This fall's theme is "An *OnMission* Attitude" where we focused on taking on the attitude of Christ. Thanks, Church, for your support of students. Your tithes and prayers produce fruit in the lives of students every week!







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# UPcoming EVENTS

## ICE SKATING PARTY

Join us for ice skating on Sunday, January 1, 2023 from 4:30-6:30 pm at the Nelson Center, 1601 North 5th Street, in Springfield, IL. The cost is only \$3 per person or \$10 for a family of four or more. You won't want to miss this fun way to welcome the new year, and remember to invite some friends! This is a great way to introduce your friends to others from LCC!



## SPRING 2023

Watch the December issue of *The Call* for updates!

## KIDS EXPLORING GOD'S WORD!



## Wednesday, December 7 from 6:00-7:30 pm

Parents and kids will join with the Junior High and go caroling! Parents will need to accompany kids and drive their own cars (or join with another family). We will meet at the church at 6 pm and plan to return by 7:30 pm. This was such a fun event last year and so very, very appreciated by those we caroled! This is a way to **CONNECT** across generations and bless some of our older members. We hope that lots of you will join us for this awesome event!

## KIDS MINISTRY GROWING TOGETHER!







**Laurin Hill**  
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**The 50-Year Reunion Concert for Good News  
is now May 27-28, 2023!**

Plan to join us Saturday and Sunday, May 27-28, 2023!  
All former Good News students, sponsors, directors, and  
youth ministers, go to [lincolnchristianchurch.org/GN50](https://lincolnchristianchurch.org/GN50)  
to update your contact info, tell us when you were in GN,  
share memories and photos, and keep up to date  
with all of the details!



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## LOCAL IMPACT

### What Your 2021 Christmas Eve Offering Helped Accomplish!



As of November 1, 2022, your generosity has helped make an IMPACT in our community. We have helped in the following ways:

- ⇒ Gave food to 46 families
- ⇒ Helped 43 families financially
- ⇒ Gave \$710 worth of gas vouchers 38 times
- ⇒ Provided coffee and pastries to the Lincoln Christian University students, staff, and faculty during their difficult time of change
- ⇒ Gave 800 treat bags to Lincoln College students, staff, and faculty during their difficult time of change
- ⇒ Helped financially for the construction of one of the Tiny Veterans Homes
- ⇒ On two occasions, provided food for volunteers working on the Tiny Veterans Homes

***On this year's coming Christmas Eve Services, we will once again be collecting an offering to fund the Crisis Intervention portion of our Local Impact Ministry. Please consider not only attending this special service but giving during this difficult economy.***

When we help people, we always tell them this is a part of our ministry at Lincoln Christian Church in the name of Jesus Christ who has done this for us all!

## GLOBAL IMPACT

### James Mollette



Jim has had a very difficult last few months. He reports: "It started with a stroke, leaving my left hand paralyzed and then

week after week of physical therapy which has only partially helped. I have been out of commission both physically and emotionally watching essential parts of my body deteriorate on all four points of the compass; very common activities we used to take for granted in earlier years suddenly became extremely vital in order to live anything even approaching a normal existence. We tend to anticipate God's great promises ever more eagerly!" I know we can relate.

Jim served in Hong Kong and the Philippines and was instrumental in the education of leaders in Asia. He noted, "My 30 years teaching there turned out to be the highlight of my life. The Lord had it all planned out for me in advance but first I had to step out in faith." We send modest support to Jim monthly as a token of gratitude for his lifetime of Kingdom service. Jim's life remains a true testimony to what God can do in and through us when we trust His leading in our lives.

Please take a moment to pray for Jim and send him a card of encouragement and appreciation for his Kingdom service. James Mollette, c/o Brookdale Senior Living, 1605 North Highway 88, Claremore, OK 74017.



**Chaplaincy Endorsement Commission**  
Christian Churches and Churches of Christ

Dr. Kal McAlexander, Executive Director of the Chaplaincy Endorsement Commission, attended the International Conference on Missions (ICOM) November 3-5. Follow the Chaplaincy Endorsement Commission on Facebook to see all of the connections that he made with our chaplains in the Christian Churches/Churches of Christ. He also led a workshop called Chaplaincy 101 that was well attended. ICOM is always a great time to connect with friends, coworkers, and those who are interested in becoming chaplains. Much of Kal's time throughout the year is spent supporting and visiting our chaplains and recruiting in our seminaries. The CEC offers much encouragement and support to our Christian Church/Church of Christ chaplains. Please continue to pray for our chaplains and for Kal!

Barb Messner, LI Team Member

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# Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 10  
8 – 11am, Family Room

\$8 per pound

*All proceeds for Harvest of Talents to feed hungry people all over the world*

**(Bakers Needed! Please bring cookies to Main Entrance,  
Door C on Friday, Dec 9, 8am – Noon)**



We are partnering with Center for Youth and Family Solutions to serve 85 children in the Logan County area with Christmas presents.

Angel Tree Tag Distribution is Sunday, Dec. 4, between services by the Welcome Center.

All wrapped gifts are due Sunday, December 11.



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