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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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**Christmas Eve**  
Saturday, December 24  
4:00 PM & 6:00 PM | Sanctuary

**Christmas Day**  
Sunday, December 25  
8:15 AM | Sanctuary  
9:30 AM | Fellowship Center

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## New Year's Day Worship

**Sunday, January 1**

8:15 AM | Sanctuary  
9:30 AM | Fellowship Center



**FAMILY  
SKATING**

January 1, 2023 | 4:30-6:30PM  
Nelson Center in Springfield, IL  
\$3/person or \$10 for family of 4 or more

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### Returning to Truth

Have you ever been in a hurry and buttoned up a long overcoat with lots of buttons and when you were done, found out that the coat was uneven? What went wrong? We all know what went wrong. When you don't get the first button in the right hole, all the rest are out of sequence too, right?

That's a parable about truth. If the Word of God is not your standard for truth, then, like the overcoat, so many other things in life will be out of whack as well.

Jesus prayed, "Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth." John 17:17

Jesus also said, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free." John 8:32

Satan deceived Eve by questioning the truth of God... "Did God really say, 'You will die if you eat from this tree'?" NOTICE - he uses the word "really???" That is a skeptic's attempt to ambush you. "Do you REALLY believe in demons?" Behind this question is the message, "No logical person would believe that?" The best answer: "Well, the Bible says there are demons. So, yes, I believe in demons."

Eve gave the right answer; she came back quoting God's truth. But Satan wasn't done. Satan denied the truth, "You won't surely die," he said. And then he exchanged the truth for a lie. "You will become like God." Eve throws off the truth of God for a deception.

She's not alone. Trends come and go, and everyone—inside and outside the church—are influenced by them. John 1 tells us Jesus came in Grace and Truth. We love the idea of Grace but live in a time of suppressed truth. According to God, truth matters.

In January, we will have a four-week series for young people and adults that explores how God has called us to be a people of Truth. His truth. How God instructs us to be set-apart, nonconformists, separate from our cultural influences and at the same time engage communities with the hope of the gospel. How does that work? Separate yet engaged? I'll show you in January.

### Upcoming Sermon Series: Returning to Truth



01/02	Best Year Ever??	Both Old & New Testament Books
01/08	The Abandonment of Truth	II Timothy 4:4
01/15	Truth Matters for Our Salvation	Romans 6:1-4
01/22	Truth Matters to Give Life Purpose	John 8:31-38
01/29	Truth Matters for the Next Generation	1 Corinthians 3

### JOLLY SENIORS MEETING

**DATE:** Wednesday, January 25, 2023  
(Back to our usual meeting on the 4th Wed. of the month!)  
@ 10:00 am — 12:30 pm

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

**PROGRAM:** TBA!

**DEVOTION:** TBA!

**LUNCH ENTRÉE:** TBA!

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, February 22, 2023!  
(Back to our usual meeting on the 4th Wed. of the month!)

### Welcome New Members by Baptism!

Aera Merritt 11/13/2022

Steve &  
Tara Block 12/06/2022







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### Newcomers Reception

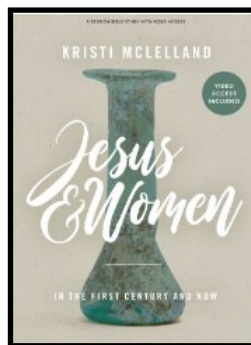
On Sunday, January 22, 2023 following each morning service, we will be holding a newcomers reception in the Fireside Room. If you are newer with us, we would like to take about ten minutes of your time. We would like to introduce ourselves to you and give you some information about next steps. (This 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 signups necessary.

### 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.

### Ladies Bible Study

Learn from Kristi McLelland in a seven-week DVD study entitled "Jesus & Women". Join her on those dusty roads as she transports you back to Jesus' world, stepping into the footsteps of the women who came face to face with the living God. Examine the historical and cultural climate of first-century Middle Eastern society to not only understand Jesus more deeply but to fuel your worship of Him today.



### End-of-Year Giving

If you would like to give for the 2022 tax year, all giving needs to be post-marked by December 31, 2022, dropped off at the church office by noon on December 30, or completed online by midnight on December 31.



### 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 p.m. Register at: [lincolnchristianchurch.org/events](https://lincolnchristianchurch.org/events)

**No Regrets Retreat**  
**Men's Conference & Cornhole Tourney**  
**Sponsored by Men on Fire**  
**Saturday, February 3**  
**8:00 am-3:00 pm Cost \$25**



Join us for a morning of study of God's word and an afternoon of (semi-competitive :-)) cornhole tournament! As we gather for this simulcast, we will explore exactly how to build your life on the solid foundation of God and His Word. There will be group worship, compelling messages from leading pastors and teachers, testimonies of how other men have done it and lively discussion of relevant topics. Take advantage of this day to avoid the distractions of life and renew your dependence on Christ, the solid rock on which we stand. Starting January 1, sign up at: [lincolnchristianchurch.org/events](https://lincolnchristianchurch.org/events)

### Offering Envelopes

If you requested boxes of offering envelopes for your 2023 giving, they're now available at the Welcome Center in the Family Room. If you're unable to pick them up, please let us know and we can hold on to them for you until you can come in. If they're not picked up, or we don't hear from you after February, they'll be recycled. If you'd like to sign up, please email our Financial Secretary at [linda.mourning@lincolnchristianchurch.org](mailto:linda.mourning@lincolnchristianchurch.org)



## Zach Ramsey Student Ministry

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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>.



### Spring Calendar

Head to [lccstudents.com/events](http://lccstudents.com/events) to see the Student Ministry Calendar. Pick up a hard copy at the Student Info Desk in the Family Room when you're in!

### The Gathering

(9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group) resumes Sunday, January 8, from 6:00-8:00 pm. Meal is 6:00 pm.

Optional Open Gym every Sunday until 8:30 pm! However, The Gathering still officially ends at 8 pm.

### NEW TIMES for Fuel (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group)

resumes Wednesday, January 11. We are extending the times! Fuel is now from 6:30-8:00 pm. Doors open at 6:15 pm!



### Jr. High Bash – 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade

will be Friday, January 20, from 6:00-9:00 pm. It's going to be incredible!

Just \$7 at the door for pizza, pop, and tons of games. It is going to be awesome! Hope to see you then and there!



### Mark Your Calendar – Discipleship Trips

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Graders Only!

Hey 5<sup>th</sup> Graders, *Super-Start* is February 24-25 in Bloomington, IL. \$75 plus two meals. \$35 non-refundable deposit due Sunday, January 22.



#### Current 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

Hey 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders, *Move* is July 10-15 in Wheaton, IL. \$415 plus three meals. \$130 non-refundable deposit due Sunday, February 19.



### Scholarships for Move

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students who attended *OnMission* this fall can apply for a scholarship for \$100 for *Move*. That means that what you paid for *OnMission* is taken off the cost for *Move*! How sweet is that?

### High Schoolers—Earn Some Funds!

Every High School Student can raise money for *Move* by reading a book from the Student Ministry Bookshelf and writing a 1-page reflection. \$15 per book and you can read up to 4 books. That's \$60 off the price of *Move*! The Student Ministry Bookshelf is at Fuel and The Gathering.

### Thank You Hunter!

Hunter Beard will be leaving us soon. He has done an incredible job being a Student Ministry Associate for the last couple of years. He just accepted a position at Real Life Church in Springfield. We are excited for him, but we will miss him greatly! Please pray for him and his wife Olivia as they embark on this new chapter of life.

### Christmas Caroling fun from our Fuel and Kids Club end of the semester Christmas Parties!



\$3/person





## Marcia Wells Children's Ministry



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### CRAZZZZY HAT DAY!

Sunday, January 15, 2023



Make sure to join us and wear your craziest hat on Sunday, January 15! We can't wait to see what everyone comes up with. Make it wild, make it silly, make it fun. Let's see which class has the most crazzzy hats. Watch for pictures of this fun day in the next *Call*, our monthly newsletter!

### THANKS, JR. GUIDES!

LCC Jr. Guides are Jr. and Sr. High students who serve in Kids Ministry. They assist teachers and help our preschool and elementary kids in classrooms. They do an awesome job and we are grateful to each of them! Here are pictures of some of them at work!



### ICE SKATING PARTY!

Join us for ice skating on January 1, 2023 from 4:30-6:30 pm at the Nelson Center, 1601 N. 5th Street, Springfield, IL. The cost is \$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! Hope to see you then and there!



### FAREWELL MRS. JANET

LCC Preschool has been very blessed and served so well by Mrs. Janet McFadden. At this time, Mrs. McFadden is pursuing new opportunities and has resigned as our Preschool director/teacher. She will be greatly missed! She has invested much in the families and children she has served through the LCC Preschool. We are grateful for her years of service. Make sure to thank her and wish her well! She will continue in her role teaching in Sunday School between our Sunday Worship Services.



### [LincolnChristianChurch.org/employment](http://LincolnChristianChurch.org/employment)

Lincoln Christian Church Children's Ministries is currently seeking to hire a Preschool Director/Teacher for the Spring 2023 semester. Inquiries may be sent to (217) 732-7618 ext. 114 or [marcia.wells@lincolinchristianchurch.org](mailto:marcia.wells@lincolinchristianchurch.org).

### LCC Preschool Christmas Program 2022!







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**GOOD NEWS**  
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OF  
**STUDENT**  
**CHOIR**  
**MINISTRY**  
MAY 27-28, 2023

**50-Year Reunion Concert for Good News** is May 27-28, 2023! All former Good News students, sponsors, directors, and youth ministers, please go to [lincolnchristianchurch.org/GN50](http://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 Reunion details!



**Good News and HeartSong meet again January 15! Open enrollment thru January**

Good News, for 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students and HeartSong for 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking a break for the holidays and resume rehearsing on Sunday, January 15. There is open enrollment until the end of January (Sundays - January 15, 22, 29) to make a commitment to the tours. If you would like more info on either group, please contact Laurin Hill at 217.732.7618 extension 107 or at [laurin.hill@lincolnchristianchurch.org](mailto:laurin.hill@lincolnchristianchurch.org).

Good News meets each Sunday from 5:00 – 6:00 pm and HeartSong meets from 6:00 – 7:00 pm each Sunday. Now is the time to invite your friends to join us for our upcoming tours!

HeartSong tour is April 21-23 with our home concert Sunday, April 23, at 4:00 pm.

Good News' home concert is Monday, June 5 at 7:00 pm with tour from June 6-13, touring MO, NE, KS, TX & IL! Closeish home concert is Tue., June 13 at 7:00 pm.

**Kids Choir resumes January 15!**

Kids Choir (1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> grades) rehearses from 6:00 – 7:00 pm each Sunday in preparation for our spring musical coming up Monday, May 8, at 6:30 p.m. We'll be working hard and having a ton of fun in the coming months. Open enrollment thru January 29. See you Sunday nights!

**Sanctuary Choir open for more voices!**

The adult Sanctuary Choir will resume rehearsing in January. We need some additional voices to join us! Wednesdays from 6:30-7:45 pm is our rehearsal time, meeting again in January 11. Please be in prayer if you might be being called to lift your voice with us. Jump in anytime!

## LOCAL IMPACT

The Christian Village has been serving the seniors of Logan County since 1965. The need for faith-based care was strong, and that need was met by five faithful men listening to God's call.

Over the years, The Christian Village has expanded its care services in order to meet the ever-changing needs of our senior saints. These services include independent living senior apartments, memory care, long-term care, short-term rehabilitation, hospice services, a pharmacy and most recently our 12 bed assisted living home. Our goal is to be prepared for the inevitable changes that come as we age.

Covid hit the Village hard; emotionally, spiritually and financially, and they are still trying to recover. We covet your prayers, volunteerism and financial support. We would be lost without you.

Blessings, Julie King  
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## GLOBAL IMPACT

The church in Guinea-Bissau, located in West Africa, continues to grow and expand by God's grace and blessing. The work in Guinea-Bissau is currently led by Adriana Lopez and Ana Paula both from Brazil. Ana Paula joined the team this year and writes "my focus is to teach the Bible and give them church planting tools." Here are a few highlights of the work being done.

Each church in Guinea-Bissau is led by a national pastor with an emphasis on evangelism and church planting. Recently two churches joined together to celebrate the baptisms of 21 young people in one day. Additional pastors are needed to lead these churches.

*Pray for more pastors and particularly for a new minister for the church at Sao Paulo.*



While these ministers are eager to share the love of Christ, they need a strong biblical foundation and leadership development. The Institute for Development and Evangelism, which will help to meet these needs and train additional pastors, finally has a roof so additional building phases and ministry can occur. Hispanic Christian Mission director Tim Shields is leading two short-term mission trips to Guinea-Bissau in February of 2023 where they will be continuing construction on the new Institute.

*Pray for the upcoming mission trips and for the ministry training to begin at the Institute.*

Development of Christian women, youth, and children is crucial to the work in Guinea-Bissau. Women from churches throughout Guinea-Bissau came together for a conference November 18-20 and enjoyed teaching, fellowship, and sharing of special music and dancing.

Educating children to know God, have a Christian character, and a Biblical worldview is an important component of the work in Guinea-Bissau. Bethel Christian School, in the capital of Bissau, educates and provides breakfast and lunch to 275 children in grades pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The school recently added a second wing and a kitchen and now has electricity as well.

Christians in Cacheu, home of the first Christian Church in Guinea-Bissau, have prayed for a school since 2002. During the summer of 2022, building started on the new Cacheu Christian School. The church's youth group is handling the construction including making their own cement blocks and digging the foundation.

Joaninha, a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student at Bethel Christian School, shared the following prayer at a teacher training this fall in Guinea-Bissau. "Dear Lord, I want to pray for all the students in our great country that they would have the same opportunity I have to study in a good and godly school where they are not going to be physically beaten or verbally abused. I want to ask that they would have the chance to know and love you. Amen."

*Will you pray with Joaninha that the children in Guinea-Bissau, particularly Muslim children, will have the chance to know and love God?*

Leslie Starasta,  
GI Team Member







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# Spring Sign-ups

for groups, classes, and studies

January 8  
January 15

## Children

Kids Sunday School  
Kids Sunday Worship  
Weekday Preschool



Adults  
LifeGroups  
Men on Fire  
Sunday School  
Women's Bible Study  
Intro to Bible Class

Worship  
\*Good News (9th-12th)  
\*HeartSong (5th-8th)  
\*Kids Choir (1st-4th)  
Sanctuary Choir  
FC Band & Vocals  
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Handbells  
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\*Open enrollment through  
January 29, 2023

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