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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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Harvest of Talents Spring for Tea

Saturday, April 22
11:30 am

LCC Fellowship Center
Tickets available at the
church office

March 1 - 26
or until sold out

\$25/Ticket

All proceeds go to
Harvest of Talents
to alleviate world hunger



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PREACHING MINISTRY

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Contrast

I laughed out loud when I saw the photo. It was a snap shot of Olympian Simone Biles standing next to NBA Star Shaquille O'Neal. Biles is 4'8" and O'Neal is 7'1". The picture looks like an optical illusion. But one of the best contrast photos I've seen.

Scriptures are filled with stories of Contrast. Beginning early in the book of Genesis we have God the Father as well as the Serpent sharing the same garden. Which one will Adam and Eve listen to? We all know how that went.

These contrasting figures follow us all the way to Revelation where we are shown both the Sacrificial Lamb as well as the Beast marking 666. Contrasts are offered over and over again throughout the Holy Bible.

There is also a moment in Ecclesiastes 3, where according to Solomon, there is a time for everything. Then he takes us through a list of life's contrasting moments:

*... a time to be born and time to die ...
... a time to plant and a time to harvest ...
... a time to tear down and a time to build up ...
... a time to weep and time to laugh ...
... a time to mourn and a time to dance ...
... a time for war and a time for peace.
etc., etc., etc.*

I've also noticed in the life of Jesus there are many contrasting moments, stories, and figures. Right from his beginning on earth we have Jesus King of the Jews versus King Herod, a counterfeit king. The wisemen knew they had not found the King they were seeking when they met Herod.

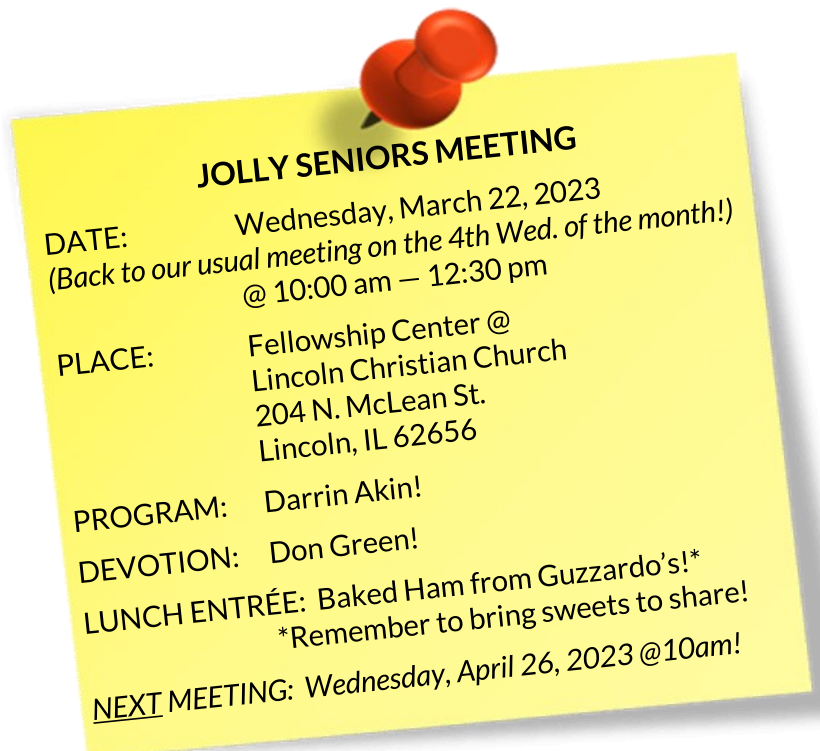
There are several more. Why does God do this? Why does Jesus do this? Why is this needed for my spiritual journey? The unique thing about being shown contrast is it always begs the question, "Which one looks more like me?"

We started this series in February. It will take us all the way to Easter and help to prepare our hearts for Easter. My excitement level is high for this series. Please join us!

Upcoming Sermon Series: *Contrast*



03/05	Contentment: Rich Man vs. Lazarus	Lk. 16
03/12	Praise: Insiders vs. Outsiders	Lk. 17
03/19	Humility: Pharisee vs. Tax Collector	Lk. 18
03/26	Generosity: Rich Ruler vs. Zacchaeus	Lk. 19
04/02	Submission: Criminal #1 vs. Criminal #2	Lk. 23





ADULT MINISTRY

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20-Something's Coffee & Board Game Night

Wednesday, March 8, 5:30-7:30pm
Guest House Coffee in Lincoln

[instagram.com/lincolnchristianyoungadults](https://www.instagram.com/lincolnchristianyoungadults)

Join Us At Guest House!

Wednesday, March 8, from 5:30-7:30 pm, bring your favorite board game, and join us for an evening of relaxed conversation at Guest House on Lincoln's square. All 20-somethings welcome to meet there!

Join the Team!

Ministry Teams serve our church family and our community. There is a place for everyone to serve—we need over 400 people every week to carry out God's work for Lincoln Christian Church. We have roles for greeters, kitchen workers, landscape team, handyman team, and many more. Info available at:

lincolnchristianchurch.org/serve

Save the Date!

NEWCOMERS RECEPTION

FOLLOWING EACH SERVICE

APRIL 16, 2023

FIRESIDE ROOM



Sunday School

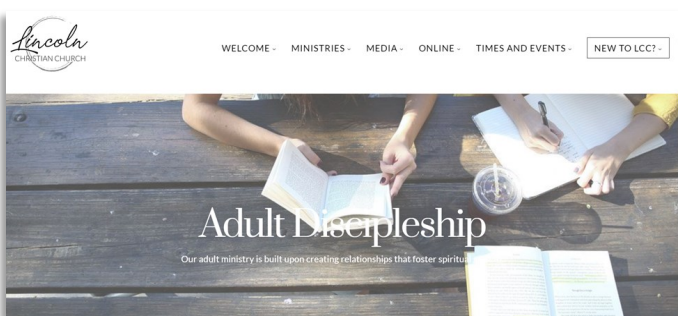
A great first place to connect with new friends and to learn the Bible is one of our five adult Sunday School Classes. We have classes for all adults. Stop by the Welcome Center or visit:

lincolnchristianchurch.org/connect



Wednesday Men's Group

Join with other men and learn to live of a life of "No Regrets" as we seek to build friendships and learn more about applying the Bible to our lives. Men on Fire meets Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in Room 300.



Adult Discipleship Website

For the latest information on the adult discipleship ministry, check out the website:

lincolnchristianchurch.org/next



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>.



Spring Calendar

To see the Student Ministry Calendar, pick up a hard copy at the Student Info Desk in the Family Room or head to:

lccstudents.com/events

High School Spring Trip

We are now going to go to the St. Louis Zoo and then play Laser

Tag at *The Edge* in Belleville, IL on Saturday, March 25. Going to be a great day so save the date! Watch for more details coming soon.



Scholarships for Move

8th Grade Students who attended *On Mission* last 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...

... applications are due **Sunday, May 7**, and can be found at the Student Info Desk or at:

lccstudents.com



Read Books, Raise Money for Move!

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.



Camp Scholarships Available!

We have ten scholarships available for Jr. High and High School students to help them attend camp at Little Galilee. Applications are due **Sunday, May 7**, and can be found at the Student Info Desk or at:

lccstudents.com

If you would like to use your Family Fundraising Account funds for camp, contact the office by **Sunday, May 7**.

Need Money for Trips?

Buy Gift Cards, Earn Cash Back!

Families! Family Fundraising Accounts 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 to your account at the Church. You can buy gift cards in the Church Office, at the Student Info Desk in the Family Room on Sundays or online! For more info come see us at the Student Info Desk in the Family Room or go to:

lccstudents.com/parents

Help the Student Ministry by buying Gift Cards!

You can buy gift cards at the Student Info Desk in the Family Room to help students take part in discipleship events. You pay for the value of the gift card and a percentage of that money goes to the Youth Fund to help students who need financial aid!





CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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UPcoming EVENTS

Family Fun Night at Guest House!

We had a great night playing games, making Valentines and being with friends recently at Guest House. We had lots of visitors with us! Make sure to watch for future events and invite your friends!



2nd, 3rd, and 4th Graders

Sign up for Becoming a Christian Class in March. Classes will take place on Mondays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 2023. Classes will meet from 3:30–5:00 pm in Room 119. We will discover the problem of sin, and God's plan for us. Kids will discover what being a disciple of Jesus means and more!

Sign up at Kids Ministry Check-In or email Miss Marcia today at:

marcia.wells@lincolncatholicchurch.org

**A big
thank
you**
for all your
help and support.

THANKS TO EVERYONE

who helped make pretzels for our Preschool Fundraiser! You are an amazing team! A shout-out too, to everyone who helped man our tables on Sundays plus to ALL of you who purchased the Valentines Pretzels! We couldn't do it without everyone and we are grateful for your support of LCC Preschool. We are just a couple of years from our 50th Anniversary and your support each year is greatly appreciated!



WORSHIP MINISTRY

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50-Year Reunion Concert for GOOD NEWS Saturday and Sunday, May 27-28, 2023! Registration is now open, so please visit lincolnchristianchurch.org/gn50 to register for the event (step 2). By registering, you'll let us know you are coming, what vocal part you'll be singing in the Reunion Choir, reserve your choice of concert riser (standing or limited seated risers), all free! Once you have registered for the event on step 2, you'll receive a link to download the printed music we'll be singing and listen to the songs. Register today and tell your fellow GOOD NEWS alumni you are coming and they should too!

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LINCOLNCHRISTIANCHURCH.ORG/GN50
TO REGISTER (STEP 2)
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YOU ARE COMING!

GOOD NEWS
PUBLISHING
COMPANY
SINCE 1971

CELEBRATING
50 YEARS
OF
STUDENT
CHOIR
MINISTRY
MAY 27-28, 2023



Sunday | May 28, 2023

6:00 pm

Lincoln Christian Church

204 N McLean St | Lincoln, Illinois

The Ultimate All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Fundraiser
benefitting **GOOD NEWS & heartsong**

Saturday, March 4
7:00 am to 12:00 pm

Adults - \$12

Kids (ages 4-11) - \$5

*Tickets available at the door.
Eat in or carryout available.*



GLOBAL IMPACT



February Spotlight—

P.B.T.

The Pioneer Bible Translators (PBT) team consists of 622 adults who serve in sending countries like the US, Canada, Brazil, Ukraine, & Poland, as well as in 28 countries where unreached people live. Our church joyfully supports two families who serve on the PBT staff—Rondal and Janice Smith as well as Jan and Joanna Barczuk.



LCC has partnered with the Smiths in Bible translation work for almost 40 years, 'taking the good news of Jesus' resurrection and ascension and victorious

return to the ends of the earth.' Rondal is the European Recruitment and Development Director for PBT.

Jan Barczuk serves as the Poland Partner Coordinator and is involved in ministry to the Roma people and involved with a project to translate the Bible into the Action Bible Sign Language in Polish Sign Language for the deaf. He lives in Illinois, but travels to Poland several times a year. Jan and other Christians in Poland are ministering to Ukrainian refugees who have fled to Poland to escape the war.



We thank God for His faithfulness to see Bible translation projects come to completion so that many people will be able to read God's word in their native language! Please keep the Smiths, Barczuks, and PBT workers in your prayers. Ask God to give each worker wisdom & favor in translation work, to bless & provide what is needed, and to raise up more workers, 'for the harvest is plentiful!' -Matthew 9:38

Kim Ayars, Team Member

LOCAL IMPACT



Different Sub-Ministries' Reports

Ministry to Widows

Based on James 1:27, a ministry to widows was started. They used the acronym WOW (Widows of Wisdom)! They are a group of women who meet the first Friday of each month.

All widows are encouraged to join us. We will usually grab a bite to eat, and then visit with hopes of encouraging each other. After a bit we will talk about some of the widows mentioned in the Bible.

We have many things planned for our group! The February meeting was a chance for everyone present to tell us about meeting their spouse. We had some good laughs! We had a special afternoon tea on Valentine's Day. We have even gone to a movie together! Sometime in the future we will highlight our hobbies.

We hope all widows will join us at our next meeting time, Friday, March 3, at 11:30 am at Deep Roots on Lincoln's square. Order your food and then join us in the reserved room in the back. We will have a special guest that will talk about her days as a missionary to Indonesia!

Leftover Food Containers

Local Impact often delivers food to families in need. We always need small containers, like cottage cheese containers or margarine tubs, etc. We would appreciate it if folks could drop some of those off in donation to the church kitchen.

Local Impact Partners With Others in Our Community

We have a working relationship with Community Action, Habitat for Humanity, Jefferson Street Christian Church, Oasis, Pink Shutter, and Salvation Army. We often work together to help meet important needs of people in our community. God continues to bless our outreach!

Larry & Sharon Simonson, Team Members

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

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Help Feed Hungry People All Over the World!

Pick up your fish bank in the Family Room February 26



**All proceeds go to
International
Disaster
Emergency
Service**



4th Sunday/Mar thru Oct

**Aluminum can recycling for
Harvest of Talents**

Bring all of your aluminum cans
to church to fill up pickup trucks
in the parking lots on the
4th Sunday March thru October.

Please do not drop any aluminum
off at Lois Snyder's home.

By recycling, the Harvest Team
will turn them into rice and beans
for the hungry!



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