



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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Sunday, June 15

FATHER'S DAY AKA "BACON SUNDAY"!



Register via QR Code
or online

**Vacation Bible School
June 22-26
6:30-8:30 pm**

MAGNIFIED!
PSALM 34:3



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Chasing God's Promises

No one is perfect. Not one has escaped making a mess of their life. The people around you, including family, have said things, done things, thought things that would shock you. There are no perfect men, no perfect women, no perfect husbands, wives, dads, moms, kids. No perfect families. Even your pastor doesn't have a perfect family.

When my son, Matthew, was young, he was playing with magnetic letters on the refrigerator and spelling short words: cat, dog, dad, mom. One morning I watched as he assembled the letters: G-O-D. I was bubbling with pride and thought, "Look at my good Christian son." Suddenly, he turned to me and asked, "Dad, how do you spell Godzilla?"

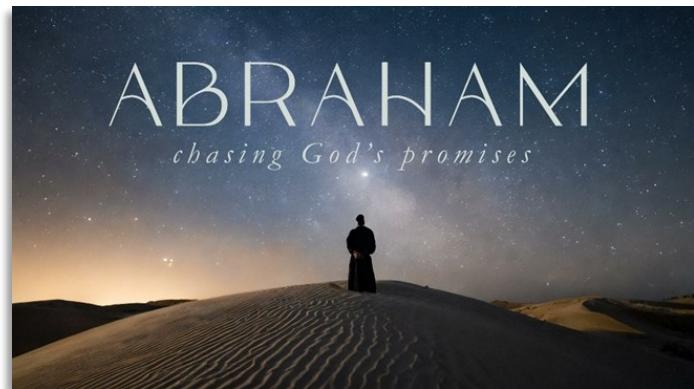
This summer, we're going to look at the life of Abraham. Even though he is considered the father of our faith, he is far from perfect. He will make several blunders. However, he will teach us how to be a person who chases God's promises.

Who is the hero in this story? It's not Abraham. It's God who keeps His word. Prior to Abraham, God had maintained radio silence for a long time. The last person who talked with God was Noah. But that's all about to change. God will make Abraham three promises: #1 Great Nation, #2 Great Name, #3 All the families of the earth will be blessed. In other words, God promises to do great things through Abraham's descendants. Sure enough, God will do exactly that.

If there was no Abraham, there would be no Jewish nation, no Bible, no Jesus. Jesus will one day be a descendant of Abraham. What is the lesson here? God keeps His promises! Jesus comes and dies on a cross and opens the door to God and heaven for the entire world.

Because Jesus was slain, he redeemed to God, by His blood, persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. Revelation 5:9

God has made several promises to us, as well. What are some of your favorite promises? Heaven? Eternal life? Strength for today? God's companionship? Join us this summer as we become Promise Chasers!



Upcoming Series

6/1	This Is Abraham	Gen. 12:1
6/8	Abraham and Lot	Gen. 13
6/15	The Promise/Father's Day	Gen. 15
6/22	Hagar and Ishmael	Gen. 16
6/29	The Three Visitors	Gen. 18
7/6	Sodom/Gomorrah Destroyed	Gen. 19
7/13	Abraham and Isaac	Gen. 21
7/20	Abraham Is Tested	Gen. 22
7/27	The Death of Sarah	Gen. 23
8/3	The Death of Abraham	Gen. 25

Jolly Seniors

Wednesday, June 18
10 am - 12:30 pm
Lincoln Christian Church

3rd Wednesday
Fellowship Center

Program: Linda Storm
Devotions: Tracy Thomas
Lunch: Meatloaf from Guzzardo's
(suggested donation \$4)
Please bring cookies or
sweet treats to share!



Welcome New Members By Baptism



4/27	Tina Dooley, Brayden Hagerman, Erin Hagerman, Lucas Melton
5/11	Kristin Arriaga, Ryan Gowin, Autumn Kilmartin
5/18	Lazaro Martinez, Jon Mehn



ADULT MINISTRY

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STARTING POINT EXPERIENCE
BOOST YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY FOR NEWER PEOPLE

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025 10:45AM

Join us for the Next Steps Experience

This one-hour experience will walk you through the next steps on your spiritual journey—faith, friends, making an impact. **It's a "road trip" that you won't want to miss.** The experience is great for people new to Christianity, new to Lincoln Christian, or for those who have spiritual questions. No registration is necessary. Hosted by Brandon Boyd, in Family Room 1, at 10:45 a.m.

Adult Sunday School

A Fun Place to Study the Bible with Friends

Looking for a place to grow?

Our LifeGroups will be taking a break for the summer. However, there is still a great opportunity to learn the Bible, meet new friends, and serve our church through our Adult Sunday School Classes.

We have five classes for adults that meet every Sunday at 9:30 am. These classes are taught by smart, committed teachers and are led by a dedicated team of leaders who plan class parties and service projects.

We hope you can join one of our classes during the summer. Feel free to visit several classes and pick the one where you feel most comfortable.

YOUNG ADULT SUMMER STUDY

SUNDAYS @ 9:30AM
ROOM 300
MAY 11-AUGUST 10, 2025

[LINCOLCHRISTIANCHURCH.ORG/YOUNGADULTS](http://lincolchristianchurch.org/youngadults)

Young Adult Summer Study

This summer study for people age 18-28(ish) is a video-based study on *All the Places To Go . . . How Will You Know* by John Ortberg. Join us on Sundays at 9:30 am in Room 300. And look for us on Instagram [@lincolchristianyoungadults](https://www.instagram.com/lincolchristianyoungadults).

Ministry Teams

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. For more info: lincolchristianchurch.org/serve.

More Information Online

To find more information on Groups, Classes, and Studies and Ministry Teams, visit our website: lincolchristianchurch.org/next.

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STUDENT MINISTRY

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Student Ministry Website

lccstudents.com

Text Updates from the Student Ministry



Jr. High—text **jhfuel to 97000**
High School—text
thegathering to 97000

You will receive text messages from Lincoln Christian Church. No purchase necessary. Message & data rates may apply. Reply STOP to stop. HELP for help. Terms: <http://97000.co/t>. Privacy Policy: <http://97000.co/p>.

Summer Calendars

Information about Bible Study and summer events is on the StuMin Summer Calendar, available online and at the Student Info Desk.

Summer Sunday School Starts June 1

Incoming 6th-8th grade students will be combined for the summer in Family Room 2. Incoming 9th graders through graduated seniors will be combined in Room 12.



Summer Bible Study – Starting June 11

This summer at Greenhouse, Summer Bible Study, we will work through 1 Peter. Bible Study will meet on Wednesday nights 6:30-8:00 pm. Greenhouse is for incoming 6th graders through graduated seniors.

SIX FLAGS GREAT AMERICA
INCOMING 6TH- GRADUATING 12TH REGISTER ONLINE OR VIA QR CODE BELOW
\$48 PER PERSON  **JUNE 19, 2025**

Six Flags Trip

More info is online or at the Student Info Desk.

Hiking Trip

Join us July 1 as we head to Starved Rock State Park to hike! For incoming 6th graders through graduated seniors.



We will explore God's creation and have a picnic!

High School Christmas in July

Come celebrate Christmas with us July 25 from 6-9 pm! We will have a blast eating food and playing games with a Christmas theme. It's going to be a lot of fun! It will be a great night to simply hang out. \$10 for the food. For incoming 9th graders-graduated seniors.

Jr. High Game Night

Hey incoming 6th-8th graders! On July 28 from 6-9 pm, come hangout at the church building for food and games. We will play video games and board games. It will be a great night to simply hang out. \$10 for the food.

Need Money for Trips?

Buy Gift Cards, Earn Cash Back!

Family Fundraising

Accounts help you raise funds through physical or online gift 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 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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Summer is finally here! I am so excited! Yay!!!

What are you most excited about or looking forward to this summer? I always look forward to cookouts, playing outside, and swimming in the pool. There's so many fun things to do!

Summer Fun!

We have a list of exciting things coming up for the kids ministry to enjoy this summer.

June 14—All Church Picnic

It is going to be awesome. See the front cover for more details.



Chuck's Corner

I am nocturnal, so I have big eyes that work like night vision goggles. I can glide up to 300 feet and make 180

degree turns, depending on how I

move my tail. Some of us can glow in the dark, especially our bellies. Most of our species live in Asia, but three different kinds of us live in North America. What am I?



June 22-26—Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible school will start on Sunday, June 22 at 6:30 pm, in the Sanctuary. We will begin with an opening program and then have a fun family event to launch VBS with a bang! The rest of the week we will start in the Fellowship Center at 6:30 pm and end the night at 8:30 pm. This year's theme is **Magnified**. We will encourage kids to look closely at the details of God's amazing world and magnify, or proclaim, the greatness of God. God made us, cares about us, loves us, and forgives us, and He is faithful to keep His promises to us. It is going to be an amazing week!! I cannot wait to see all of you there. If you would like to volunteer for VBS, please reach out to me or to the Main Office, and we will get you plugged in.



June 30—Drive-in Movie Night

We will host a Drive-in Movie Night from 6:00-8:30 pm, Monday, June 30 in rooms 15 and 16 here at the church building. We'll start the evening by creating our "cars" out of cardboard boxes. This is a family event so parents, you can help create the "cars" for the kids to sit in. I will provide all the supplies needed to decorate your cars, as well as snacks and popcorn. Please bring a large box that you can sit in. It is going to be a super fun night!





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MARK
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CALENDAR!



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GOOD NEWS

[Student Choir] [Drama Team]

IN CONCERT

WHO YOU ARE

Monday, June 2

7:00 pm

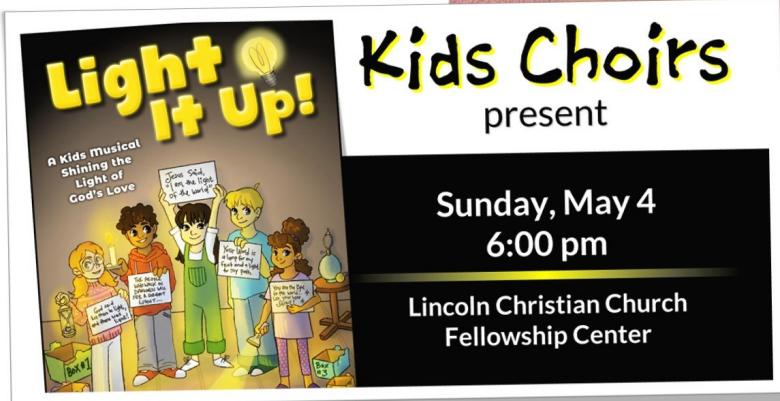
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204 North McLean Street | Lincoln, Illinois



The combined Kids Choirs sang in all four services on Sunday, April 27 and then presented their musical "Light It Up!" on Sunday evening, May 4 at 6:00 pm! They did a fantastic job leading us in worship and reminding us how important it is to shine the lights of God's love!

Thanks to the kids and their families as well as the directors Sheralyn Bolton, 1st-4th graders and Jessica Gulley, Cherubs, as well as their assistants Stephanie Bing, Cherubs and Jodie Merritt and Brian Bolton, 1st- 4th graders.



Kids Choirs
present

Sunday, May 4
6:00 pm

Lincoln Christian Church
Fellowship Center

Light
it up!



On Sunday, May 11, 2025 I recognized Lou Tesh with a Lifetime Achievement award for singing in the choir at Lincoln Christian Church for 75 years! Lou has a beautiful tenor voice and has been lifting it in praise since he was a teenager here at LCC! Blessings to you Lou! Thanks for sharing your gift with us for all of these years!

GLOBAL IMPACT

Children of Pokot Educational Fund (COPE)

Devane and Michaela Amalla serve as the co-executive directors for COPE. This outreach to the Pokot community in Kenya includes the COPE House where over 70 children live, Tapadany Christian Academy, relief food distribution for their community, and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Devane and Michaela, along with their two girls, just returned from a several week visit to the mission. They report the following:

- The most recent school term started on April 30. Over 650 students ages pre-K through what we would call junior high receive an education and two meals a day.
- 130 children receive Good Samaritan sponsorships so they can attend school.
- Many home visits were made to members of their community to visit and assess needs.



Pray for the following:

- Mama Mercy serves as the matron of COPE House. Pray for Mercy as she cares for the children. May she have patience and fortitude as she demonstrates Christ's love for them
- Give thanks that Gladys, a young COPE house resident, had successful open-heart surgery. Continue to pray for Gladys and those who care for her as she continues to heal.
- Pray for recently baptized believers among the Pokot to continue to learn and grow as disciples. Pray for those who are considering the message of Christ.
- Continue to pray for relief food distribution, all the teachers and students, and for the entire Pokot community.

Make plans to join the Lambseekers Class and Global Impact Team for a potluck on Sunday, June 29 at 12:15 pm to hear more about COPE!

LOCAL IMPACT

Inner City Mission

Inner City Mission is a ministry in Springfield, Illinois that helps the homeless find their way home by giving what is needed to bring about lasting joy, peace, and stability in people's lives. Shelter, sustenance, clothing, teaching, and Christian mentorship are all elements of the stable environment we provide to children, their parents, and single adults who are trapped in homelessness and have come to ICM seeking a new beginning. We hope that they will discover the lasting stability that exists within a relationship with Jesus, and that joy and peace will expand in their heart, family, friendships, and community. We have 21 bedrooms for individuals and families and we provide a home to an average of 33 people each night.

We believe that the root cause of homelessness is actually the absent, broken, lost, or rejected relational resources that often exist in a person's life. For this reason, we implement a 3-pronged relational approach called *Stability for Life*.

In the first stage, *Calming the Chaos*, we provide a stable environment where the root cause of chaos in the individual's life can be understood and addressed together. Once the chaos has calmed, the second stage, *Promoting the Potential*, begins. Here we encourage holistic growth, by discussing the person's strengths and weaknesses as they pursue spiritual, emotional, and relational stability. The final stage, *Realizing the Reward*, allows us to come alongside individuals as they process what stability looks like in various areas of their lives. We discuss and exemplify how Jesus' love is the foundation for truly lasting stability.

If you are interested in learning more or partnering with us in ministry to those who are homeless, please reach out to us anytime or visit our website innercitymission.net for more information.

Isaac Payne, Director of Partnership
Inner City Mission

Widows of Wisdom

The next WOW meeting will be at 11:30 am, June 6, at Reva McFadden's house (call her for directions). We will have a potluck picnic for lunch. Please bring a dish to pass. Hotdogs, hamburgers, baked beans, and drinks will be provided.

RSVP to Sharon (217.737.9834) or Reva (217.828-0924). In case of bad weather, we will meet at the church building.



GOOD NEWS, the Student Choir from Lincoln Christian Church, Lincoln, Illinois, will be on our annual ministry tour in a Midwest circle, June 3-10, 2025, presenting ten concerts in nine days in Iowa, Missouri, Indiana, and Illinois. The 2025 message of GOOD NEWS is entitled "Who You Are." Through a collection of worship songs, brief drama sketches, and scripture, "Who You Are" takes a look at who we are in Jesus because of Who Jesus is. The concert is a relevant message for all ages that will encourage and uplift all people. The songs are great arrangements from such Christian recording artists as Maverick City Music, Katy Nichole and Naomi Raine, Unspoken, Caleb and John, Davy Flowers, KingsPorch, Danny Gokey, MercyMe, and Phil Wickham.

GOOD NEWS consists of 28 students – 9th thru 12th grades, which includes a Student Choir and Drama Team. With sponsors, the total group is 29.

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[Student Choir] [Drama Team]

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Monday, June 2 7:00 pm

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Summer Tour | June 3-10, 2025

Monday, June 2	7:00 pm
Lincoln Christian Church 204 N McLean Street Lincoln, Illinois	
Tuesday, June 3	7:00 pm
Adventure Christian Community 6509 Northwest Boulevard Davenport, Iowa	
Wednesday, June 4	6:30 pm
Lathrop First Christian Church 400 Center Street Lathrop, Missouri	
Thursday, June 5	6:30 pm
First Christian Church 219 S Webb Avenue Webb City, Missouri	
Friday, June 6	7:00 pm
Zion Methodist Church of Gordonville 3652 State Hwy Z Cape Girardeau, Missouri	
Sunday, June 8	9:00 & 10:30 am
Community Christian Church 2345 Union School Road Alton, Illinois	
Sunday, June 8	7:00 pm
First Christian Church 100 W 4 th Street Flora, Illinois	
Monday, June 9	7:00 pm
First Christian Church 531 5 th Street Columbus, Indiana	
Tuesday, June 10	6:00 pm
Atlanta Christian Church 300 NE Third Street Atlanta, Illinois	

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