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... SERVE ON A MINISTRY TEAM

AUGUST 14 AUGUST 21 AUGUST 28



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What Faith Looks Like

Like you, my prayers are not always answered the way I want. I don't always understand what God is doing. If I'm honest when I'm asked "What do you gain in prayer?" My answer is "Little." Then why pray? Because it's not always about what I gain but what I lose: anger, ego, insecurity, and fear of dying. So I just keep praying!

Joshua and Israel found themselves facing a great fortified city of Jericho. Jericho was the last city between them and their promise land. God said, "I want you to march once a day for seven days around the walls." So, day after day, in the hot sun, in the dust, they're thirsty, worn out, and tempted to quit, but they did it.

Wouldn't it be nice to see a crack in the wall or two? Wouldn't it have been nice to hear a little thunder? Nope! Nothing! But day after day they marched. "Just show us a sign, God, come on!" Still...nothing! No rumbles. No shakings! No fractures in walls!!

Now it's the seventh day and God came again and asked them to march around seven more times without seeing the walls weakening. They again did it. Once finished, they lifted up a loud shout, and the walls came tumbling down.

Could we do that? Keep marching without seeing any signs of our faith working? Could we keep believing without seeing a miracle or God's mighty hand at work? Could we keep singing in the dark? That's what Paul and Silas did in Acts 16:25.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God from their unjust prison cell. Other prisoners were listening. They were singing in the dark. Before they could see God move, before the miracle prison break, before they knew what God was up to, they were still singing and praising him. And other prisoners were spellbound.

Again, does that sound like us? Are we going to walk away from God, away from the church, away from our faith just because we don't see any signs of it working? Are we going to give up on God because we may be in a season of silence?

Or do we keep marching? Today I think I will march forward. Today I will sing in the darkness.

Who's with me?!

Current Sermon Series: What Faith Looks Like



8/07	Final List of Heroes	Hebrews 11:32-35
8/14	Final List of Those Tortured	Hebrews 11:36-38
8/21	Now It's Our Turn Part 1	Hebrews 11:39-40
8/28	Now It's Our Turn Part 2	Hebrews 12:1-3

JOLLY SENIORS MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, August 24
@ 10:00 am—12:30 pm

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

PROGRAM: Kathryn Ransom!

DEVOTION: Tom Ewald!

LUNCH ENTRÉE: Chicken from IGA!

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 21*

*(Note we'll meet 1 week earlier than usual this time!)

Welcome!

New Members by Baptism:

Howard Conrady 6/24/2022
Amy Snyder 7/12/2022





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The Smart Stepfamily DVD Study: 8 Weeks to a Healthier Stepfamily

Healthy blended families are often a challenge to achieve and to navigate. We want to help! Ron L. Deal, director of FamilyLife Blended and one of the nation's leading experts on Christian stepfamilies, gives couples keys to building a healthy stepfamily. The eight DVD sessions offer useable solutions for everyday living, practical tips for raising stepkids, and ways to strengthen the couple's marriage. Deal's personable presentation combines instruction and encouragement that affirms both husbands and wives and their intent to build strong families.

Class meets Wednesdays at 6:30 pm beginning September 7. Cost is \$15. Scholarships available. Pay on the first night of class. Sign up in the Family Room starting August 14 or at:

lincolnchristianchurch.org/events

Men On Fire

Join with other men as they study ways to apply the powerful truths of the Bible to daily life. Join the MOF team who teach on how to live as a Godly man. Fire meets Wednesday evenings this fall. Get more information in the Family Room starting August 14.



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 in the Family Room starting August 14.

Next Steps Website

lincolnchristianchurch.org/next



LifeGroup

If you have never been part of a LifeGroup, sign up now! LifeGroups are groups of 3-10 people who meet together, usually in a home or a restaurant. Existing LifeGroups resume meeting the week of September 11.

If you are new to LifeGroups, you have two options:

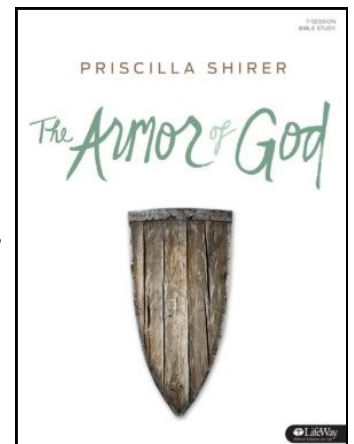
- 1) Sign up to lead a group of 3-5 friends to discuss our fall series "Running on Empty." We provide you discussion questions and a coach to help! Or...
- 2) Sign up to be placed in a group for the series!

Stop by the Fireside Room on September 4, 11, or 18 to learn about being in a LifeGroup this semester. For more information, text the word "groups" to 309.322.0740 or visit:

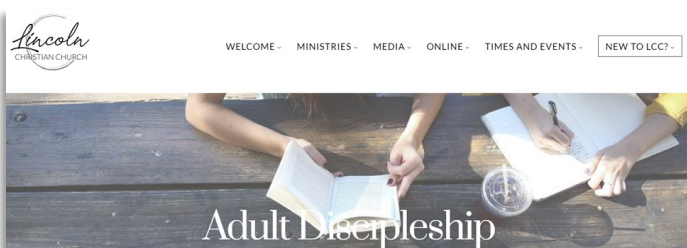
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Ladies Bible Study

The fall semester of Ladies Bible Study will explore the series *The Armor of God* by Best-Selling Author Priscilla Shirer. All day, every day, an invisible war rages around you — unseen, unheard, yet felt throughout every aspect of your life. A devoted, devilish enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to you: your heart, your mind, your marriage, your children, your relationships, your resilience, your dreams, your destiny.



The enemy always fails miserably when he meets a woman dressed for the occasion. *The Armor of God*, more than merely a biblical description of the believer's inventory, is an action plan for putting it on and developing a personalized strategy to secure victory. Sign up in the Family Room beginning August 14. Cost is \$15. Scholarships available. The study begins September 12 at 6:30 pm.





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>.

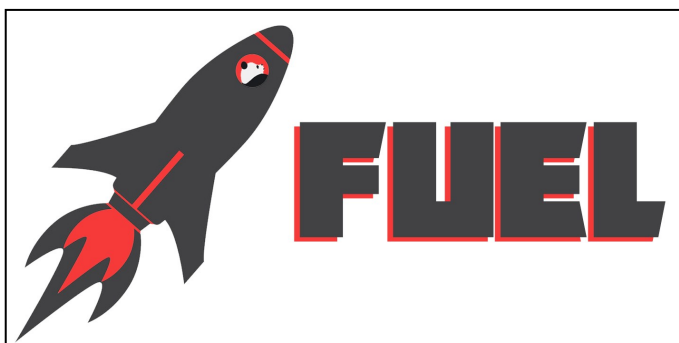
High School Laser Tag Shindig

Hey incoming 9th-Graduated Seniors, come with us to Belleville, IL to eat pizza, play some laser tag and arcade games, plus drive some Go-Karts! Wednesday, August 6 from 3:30 - 11:45 pm. More info on the LCC app or at:

lccstudents.com/events

5th-12th Grade Fall Sunday School

Our fall classes for Sunday School start Sunday, August 28. Sunday School meets 9:30 - 10:30 am every Sunday.



FUEL (5th-8th Grade Youth Group) starts on Wednesday August 21 from 6:30-7:50 pm. Our first week is a cookout so you don't want to miss it!



The Gathering (9th-12th Grade Youth Group) starts Sunday, August 21 from 6-8 pm. We will kick off our fall with a dodgeball tournament and a cookout! You won't want to miss it!



WE NEED HELP AT QUEST!!!

We are changing our Quest program to target K-5th Grade students. We need adults who love to help at-risk kids kick-start their faith! Quest meets during the school year on Thursday afternoons from 3:30-5:15 pm. Talk to Zach Ramsey if you are interested!

Church! Help the Student Ministry by buying Walmart and Cracker Barrel Gift Cards

You can buy gift cards at the Student Info Desk or in the Church Office 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!





Marcia Wells
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From smiles at the beginning of the Kick-Off Party, to pies in the face as we celebrated almost \$1,400 given to Inner City Mission, VBS was an awesome

adventure this year! Bible stories, games, snacks, crafts and more were all a part of this fun-filled week. One more HUGE shout out of thanks to everyone who helped make Food Truck Party VBS possible!



POOL PARTY!

...is just around the corner! Saturday, Aug. 20, 6-8 pm is our Family Swim Party at the Lincoln Rec Center, 1400 Primm Road. Invite your friends, and we'll see you there, but parents must accompany kids please!

volunteer with
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



We are working on fall Kids Club programming now! Wednesday nights this fall will kick off on September 7, from 6:30-7:45 pm. Kids will have two four-week studies. The first one will be September 7, 14, 21 and 28. The second study will be October 26, November 2, 9 and 16. If you are interested in volunteering and would like to try out Kids Ministry for a short time period, these sessions would be a great place to do just that! Contact Miss Marcia to find out more.



PROMOTION SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

Kids will be promoted to their new Sunday School class for the 2022-2023 school year. Plan to be here for this special day and congratulate our kids!



SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 3—4:30 PM

Join Miss Marcia and Miss Christi for afternoon fun at the park! We will have games and lots of fun together. Plan to join us there, and remember to bring some friends!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Kids Club will kick off Wednesday, September 7!

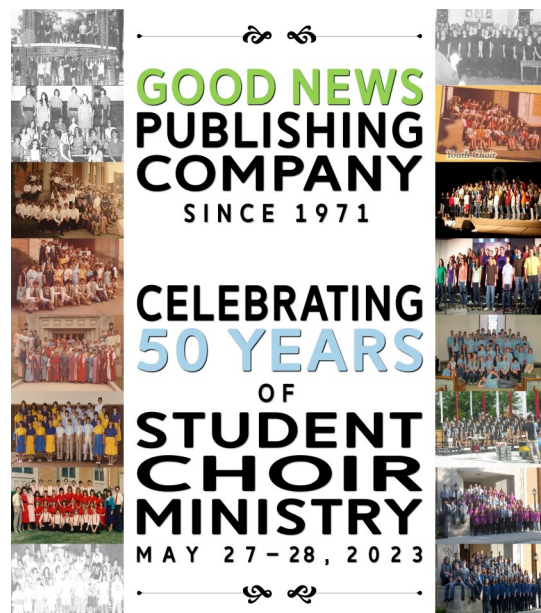


Laurin Hill Worship Ministry

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

We had to move it from 2022 to 2023 several months ago because Covid was still raging at that time when people were needing to make travel arrangements. All former Good News students, sponsors, directors, and youth ministers, go to 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!



The **Sanctuary Choir** kickoff is Wednesday, Sep. 7, at 6:30 pm. The Sanctuary Choir meets each Wednesday night from 6:30 – 7:45 pm. We present feature music and lead worship in the 8:15 am Sanctuary service. The Sanctuary Choir is open to those in high school and older. Even if you worship in the Fellowship Center services, there are lots of ways to work out your Sunday morning plan to sing with the Sanctuary Choir! Let's talk! We'll begin our Christmas music in October.



Good News is for students in 9th thru 12th grades. Kickoff is Sunday, Sep. 11, at 5:00 pm. Good News consists of Student Choir, T.R.A.S.H.*, & Student Drama Team. Good News includes relevant music, focused drama, and great service opportunities in a fast-paced, high-energy environment all leading up to a fantastic tour, June 6-13, 2023! Invite your friends! Pick up a brochure!

*evaluation required for T.R.A.S.H.

HeartSong is for 5th thru 8th grade students. Kickoff is Sunday, Sep. 11, at 6:00 pm. HeartSong includes service opportunities in music, worship, drama, and T.R.A.S.H.! HeartSong will sing in *Celebrate! Christmas* as well as a three-day tour in April 2023. HeartSong rehearses each Sunday from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. Grab a brochure to invite your friends!

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Kids Choir will kickoff on Sunday, Sep. 11, at 6:00 pm. Kids Choir is for 1st – 4th graders. We have a blast learning about music, worship, and Jesus! Kids Choir meets each Sunday evening from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. Come give it a try. We'll be working on some fun music for Christmas as well as our Spring musical in May 2023. Invite a friend or two or five!

Kids Choir

GLOBAL IMPACT

Asia Pacific International (API)



Lincoln Christian Church has supported this mission in Indonesia since the beginning with Chuck and Nance Winegarner in the 1970s. Gi and Mei Tanbunnan, the next directors, are the most familiar to LCC. Mei learned to quilt from the quilters here and took these skills back to Indonesia only to find that at least one of the women knew a Korean method of sitting on the floor with the quilt. Several women sit on different parts of the quilt at the same time. Mei is responsible for the beautiful and one-of-a-kind quilts auctioned at the Harvest of Talents. Icah Herlina is the current director, but Gi and Mei are still involved in the leadership along with their daughter Leila.

Indonesia consists of 17,508 islands with most of the people living on the five largest islands. The mission headquarters is located on Central Java. Church planters are serving in 28 of the 36 provinces. Much outreach must be done indirectly since Islam strongly opposes Christian evangelism. Persecution does exist—church buildings have been burned and church pastors beaten. But evangelism doesn't stop!

Here are some of the indirect approaches to outreach in use. Church planters are taught skills that can help the people in their area such as cutting hair, acupuncture, sewing, baking to earn money to help their families. Smart Point is an educational program for preschool children to prepare them for kindergarten. Mothers who bring the children are also taught skills, even in the use of a computer. A prison ministry exists to help released inmates on parole. Bible correspondence courses are available for people to study the Bible in the privacy of their homes. A free medical clinic exists in the area of the mission headquarters; it became a mobile unit during a time of persecution at the mission.

Baptisms are reported weekly—some done in secret to avoid persecution. Daniel, a former boxer, has served in Bali, which is Hindu, for decades. He reported 11 baptisms on Easter. Prayer requests include healing for a church planter from a motorcycle accident. Motorcycles (not the very large ones) are the only affordable vehicle for them on which a family of five rides. Pray for their safety as traffic is crazy. Several church planters are praying

for building funds of \$350 or \$900 to buy land for a building. One asks for a guitar for worship.

The giving to API from LCC is well spent. Islam is growing faster than Christianity. Islam claims to be the only true religion, and it is a serious threat to the church. Pray for safety, wisdom and courage for our brothers and sisters in Indonesia.

Janet Shaw, GI Team Member

LOCAL IMPACT

His Hands Outreach, Inc.



His Hands Outreach continues our mission to build relationships and share the gospel with children and families in our neighborhood.

At Hope Grows Neighborhood Center we are in the midst of a busy summer. We are open Sundays for our worship service in the mornings and fun activities in the afternoon. We have reading rewards on Monday, Taco Tuesday, and Wednesday Worship. In addition, we have many outings and special activities! Some of the older kids were able to attend a two-day Christian concert in Missouri! We just finished a week of VBS and a trip to Splash Cove in Decatur. A number of our kids have or will attend camp at Little Galilee in Clinton as well!

We are seeing growth in numbers, but more importantly, we are seeing growth in the lives of our kids. Two girls were baptized recently and one boy, who accepted Christ at the Christian concert, will be baptized soon! We ask for your prayer for our kids as they learn to apply God's Word to their daily lives.

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KID MIN FAMILY SWIM POOL PARTY!

Saturday, August 20, 2022

from 6:00 - 8:00 pm

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