

Giving

Year-end giving

The end of the year is an ideal time to prayerfully consider an additional, tax-wise gift to the ministries at First Free church. Our final offering for this calendar year will be collected on Sunday, December 31. To be deductible on your 2017 tax return, contributions must be written, dated and postmarked on or before Sunday, December 31, 2017 (per IRS rules). Your giving to First Free Church is the only source of income in support of our church ministries. Questions? Contact Robb Maddox at (402) 483-7635.

Review 2016 contributions online

We encourage you to review your year-to-date giving by using our online system. Just click "Give" on the home page of First Free Church website and create a login if you do not already have one. You can also call the church office to review your year-to-date giving. Just ask for Carolyn, Betty or Robb...they will be happy to assist you with this. Note: For those giving \$250 or more during 2017, contribution statement will be mailed in Jan. 2018.

2018 offering envelopes

Stewardship Envelopes for 2018 are available at the Information Center. Each box includes an offering envelope for every Sunday of the year providing you a systematic way to give.

Online giving

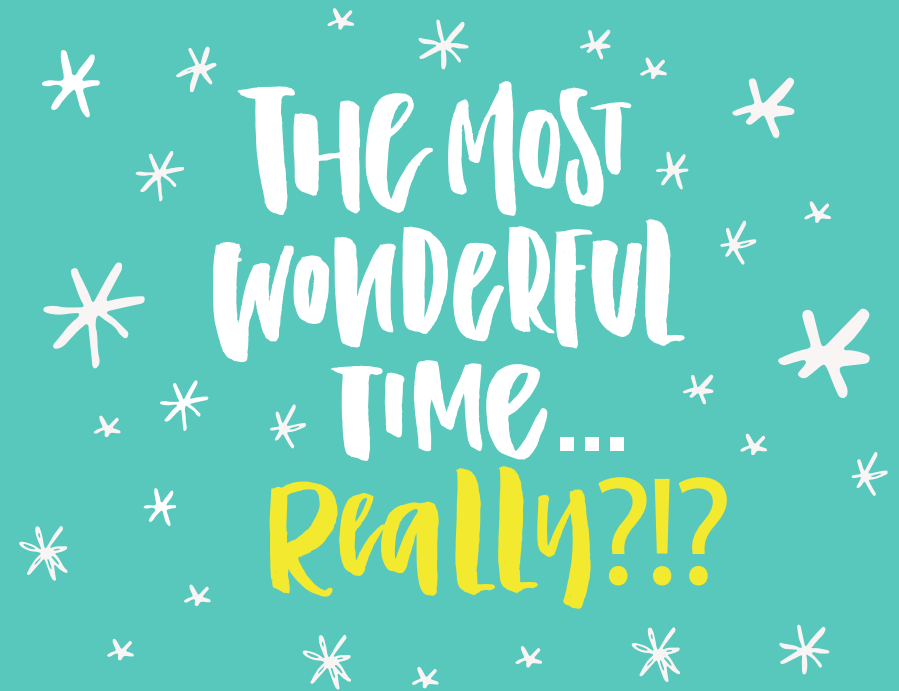
You can set up automatic, regular online giving by following this link: firstfreelinc.org/give. This is a great way to make sure that your weekly or monthly giving is always included to support the awesome ministries of our church (including children & youth ministries, women's & men's Bible studies, special needs ministry, Life Groups, support groups and much more!) Thank you for your generous giving!

⊕ FIRST FREE CHURCH

3300 S. 84th St. (just south of 84th & Van Dorn)

Sundays: 9:00 & 10:30 am | (402) 483-7635 | firstfreelinc.org

Facebook: Common Ground | Instagram: #firstfreelinc



12-3-17 / Today's Message:

"Who Really Cares?"

by Pastor Mark Brunott

Visiting or new here? Welcome!

We were all first-timers, once! Here are a few next steps that we suggest:

- **Fill out a Connection Card.** Provide us with your basic contact info. We won't hassle you, we promise. We will drop you an e-mail or letter to say "hi" and give you an opportunity to get your questions answered.
- **Visit the Info Center.** Stop by and pick up a Welcome Packet at the Info Center, located in foyer. We even have a gift for you!
- **Meet a staff member.** Our pastors and staff members often hang out in the foyer near the Lincoln wall map. They would love to meet you, give you a building tour, pray with you, etc. Our Welcome Team (they'll be wearing First Free name tags) can point you to a pastor/staff member.



THIS MORNING

CLASSES FOR ADULTS:

"The Book of Romans" / Life on Track Class:

Taught by Mark Potter. 9:00 am in Room 111.

"Finishing Well" / Cornerstone Class:

Taught by Dale Michels & Ron Helsing. 10:30 am, Multipurpose Room.

FOR CHILDREN: Pre-schoolers through 5th grade experience today's latest music & technology along with solid, Bible-based teaching. Reign Forest, 9:00 & 10:30 am. Nursery available. Wiggle Space in foyer by Info Center.

FOR YOUTH: Youth-centric worship and teaching for 6th-12th grade students, 9:00 am, Student Ministry Area (lower level).

Congregational Meeting / Dec. 10: A congregational meeting will be held Dec. 10 for the purpose of electing Elders to serve on the church Elder board. All partnering members of First Free Church are requested to participate in this vote. Online voting is available today and until 8:00 a.m. on Dec. 10 by using the link and password already provided to you by email. For those wishing to vote by paper ballot, voting will take place in the west hall of the foyer from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon on Dec. 10. Absentee ballots are available at the Info Center today and next Sunday or at the church office during the week. Info about the Elder candidates is on our website, firstfreelincn.org/meet-our-leaders. Please contact the church office if you have questions.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Angel Tree Ministry: Through Angel Tree, gifts are given to children in the name of their incarcerated parent. How to serve: (1) Buy gifts/donate cash for gift cards for the children. (2) Help with Christmas Party (for Angel Tree children and their families, Dec. 17.) Stop by the Angel Tree Ministry table in foyer for more info. Angel Tree Ministry contact: Daryl Mounce, (402) 853-1723, blondiemounce@gmail.com.



#4Lincoln2017. Meet a need. Share the story: In Nov. & Dec., we want to touch the lives of 2,017 people. How? Look for the needs of the people in our spheres of influence and then meet those needs. If each person in our church family reached out to two people over the next two months, we'd meet our goal. Let's show our city we are #4Lincoln2017! Share your story on our #4Lincoln map in church foyer or through social media using the hashtag #4Lincoln2017.



CHRISTMAS EVENTS & INFO

Christmas Eve Services: Dec. 24 at 2 pm, 3:30 pm & 5 pm.

There will be carols, special music, a drama and a Christmas Message.

And... "Silent Night" sung by candlelight! Childcare offered through age 3 during all three services. *Note: There will be no 9 & 10:30 am services on Dec. 24.*

Sunday Mornings / Special Music:

Dec. 3: Katie Wychulis (harp) & Clark Potter (viola)

Dec. 10: The Darryl White Jazz Quartet

Dec. 17: First Free Church Vocal Ensemble

Special event hosted by Children's Ministry/ A Night in Bethlehem, Dec. 17:

At "A Night in Bethlehem", kids and their families will walk through and explore the city of Bethlehem at the time of Jesus' birth. Through hands-on experiences, children will learn about Jesus and how He came to save us. Please register at firstfreelincn.org/bethlehem. Event will be held in the lower level of The Reign Forest from 6-8 pm.

Christmas Photo Booth: Stop by Room 108 (just around the corner from the Info Center) to get your photo taken at our special Christmas Photo Booth! Professional photographer Angela Isom will be available to take your photo on Dec. 3, 10, 17 (from 10:15-11:15 am & 11:45 am-12:30 pm.) Photos will be made available through a Dropbox folder for downloading. Totally free and fun!