

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



12-10-17 / Today's Message:

“What Difference Does Jesus Make?”

by Pastor Nat Crawford

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 Vote / TODAY: Voting for the purpose of electing Elders to serve on the church Elder Board will take place today in the west hall of the foyer from 8:30 am- Noon. All partnering members of First Free Church are requested to participate if you have not already done so either online or by absentee ballot.

RightNow Media / A special gift for you! We are offering our church family FREE access to RightNow Media. This online resource offers over 18,000 Bible studies for children, youth and adults. This content comes from over 250 top Christian publishers and ministries. To sign up for RightNow Media, please contact the Julie Florm at julief@firstfreelincoln.org.



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.

What is the best Christmas gift you have ever received? Join us Christmas Eve to learn about the best Christmas gift of all...Jesus! We will also sing carols, enjoy special music and sing "Silent Night" by candlelight. Childcare available (through age 3) during all three services. *Note: No 9 & 10:30 am services on Dec. 24.*

Sunday Mornings / Special Music:

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 firstfreelincoln.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. 10 & 17, from 10:15am-12:15pm. Photos will be made available through a Dropbox folder for downloading. Totally free and fun!