

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 2017 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](https://www.instagram.com/firstfreelinc)



12-17-17 / Today's Message:

"What Really Matters?"

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:** 9:00 am, Room 111

"The Miracle of the Virgin Birth" / **Cornerstone Class:** 10:30 am, MPR

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).

UPCOMING CLASS / STARTS JAN. 14:

"How to Study the Bible" / **Foundations Class:** New to studying the Bible? Then this class is for you! Meets Sunday Mornings at 9 am in Room 207 (Jan. 14-Mar. 18.) Taught by Brian Abbott & Lance English. Foundations Classes are designed to equip class attendees with the essentials of the Christian faith.

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 Flrom at jflrom@firstfreelincoln.org.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Financial Peace University / Starts Jan. 18: The next FPU will meet at First Free Church in Solid Grounds on Thu. evenings from 6:30-8 pm (starting Jan. 18.) Two registration options (1) **In person:** Stop by church office to register & to purchase FPU Kit at discounted price of \$95, supply is limited. (2) **Online:** Go to firstfreelincoln.org/financial-peace to register and to purchase FPU Kit for \$129. Questions? Contact Patrick at patrickshanahan31@gmail.com.

Introductory Life Group / Starts Jan. 21: One of the best ways to get connected at First Free Church is to be part of a Life Group. The next 3-week Introductory Life Group will meet Jan. 21, Jan. 28 & Feb. 4 (at First Free Church, 6-7:30 p.m.) To register: firstfreelincoln.org/life-group-registration.

Elder Election Results: We are pleased to announce a unanimous vote approving the re-election of Beau Daffer and Justin Schulz to serve their third of three allowed two-year terms as Elders. The vote was also unanimous in approval of Justin serving as Elder Board Chairman. 145 votes were cast online, 48 by paper ballot last Sunday, and one absentee ballot was submitted.



CHRISTMAS EVENTS & INFO

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

In order to fully worship the birth of Jesus our Savior, we will be adding another service to our regular Sunday service times and moving all services to the afternoon of Dec. 24. For this Sunday (Dec. 24) only, our service times will be at 2:00, 3:30 & 5:00 pm.

TONIGHT: "A Night in Bethlehem" / An event hosted by Children's Ministry

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