

# 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 30. To be deductible on your 2018 tax return, contributions must be written, dated and postmarked on or before Monday, December 31, 2018 (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 2018 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 2018, contribution statement will be mailed in Jan. 2019.

## 2019 offering envelopes

Stewardship Envelopes for 2019 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: [firstfreelincoln.org/give](http://firstfreelincoln.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!

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## ⊕ FIRST FREE CHURCH

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

Sundays: 9:00 & 10:30 am | (402) 483-7635 | [firstfreelincoln.org](http://firstfreelincoln.org)

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## 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.

## CHURCH PARTNERSHIP

We view joining with First Free Church through Church Partnership as a natural step for those who are already giving of their time and talents to serve here. This is an encouraging demonstration that you are excited about linking arms with others in our Mission and Vision.

**Partnerships in process:** Caleb & Jenny Williamson, Ryan & Jen Omel, Mark & Linda Mitchell, and Robert & Lisa Burkhardt are in the process of joining in partnership with First Free Church. If you are one who has already taken this step of commitment to the mission and vision at First Free Church and would like to offer comment on these individuals as they seek to partner with us, please contact a member of our Elder Board.

**Interested in Church Partnership?** If you would like more information on how you can join in partnership with First Free Church, please contact Julie Florom at (402) 483-7635 or e-mail [jflorom@firstfreelincoln.org](mailto:jflorom@firstfreelincoln.org).

### Sunday Morning Update:

Student Ministry, Special Needs Ministry and Cornerstone Class are not meeting today or Dec. 30. Life On Track Class will not meet Dec. 30 only. All resume on Jan. 6, 2019. Students will be serving at church on Dec. 30 & Jan. 6 (in Children's Ministry, and as Ushers/Greeters) during their Sunday School hour.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Why join a Life Group?** Because life is better in community! And this is one of the best ways to get connected with others in our church. Register for a Life Group at [firstfreelincoln.org/life-group-registration](http://firstfreelincoln.org/life-group-registration). Got questions about Life Groups? Contact Daniel Kerr, Pastor of Life Groups, at [dkerr@firstfreelincoln.org](mailto:dkerr@firstfreelincoln.org).

**"Perspectives" Class:** This fifteen-week class (a ministry of Frontier Ventures) is designed around four vantage points or "perspectives" — Biblical, Historical, Cultural and Strategic. Each one highlights different aspects of God's global purpose. Class will meet on Monday evenings from 6:30-9:30 pm at CityLight Church (2820 O St.) from Jan. 14-May 6, 2019. More info: Go to [perspectives.org](http://perspectives.org) and search for class.

### Grief Support:

There will be a special seminar called "Loss of a Spouse" held on Jan. 6, 2019 from 2-4 pm in Solid Grounds. This seminar will provide practical help and encouragement to those coping with this loss in their life. If interested, please contact Sandy Riggs at (402) 405-8403, [birdlovers5209@aol.com](mailto:birdlovers5209@aol.com). A \$5 donation is requested to cover cost of book.

Next GriefShare session starts Jan. 14. Meets Monday nights, 6:30 pm, Room 108. Contact: Sandy Riggs, (402) 405-8403, [birdlovers5209@aol.com](mailto:birdlovers5209@aol.com).



## CHRISTMAS AT FIRST FREE

### Christmas Eve Services

Two identical services, Dec. 24, 3:00 & 4:30 pm. There will be carols, special music, a Christmas Message and "Silent Night" sung by candlelight! Childcare offered through age 3 during both services.

### Be #4Lincoln this Christmas

Let Your Light Shine for Jesus! Identify one person you know that is far from God. Then offer them love (spend time with them), hope (share the Gospel with them) and community (invite them to Christmas Eve service with you).