

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. 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 | 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.

Be prepared to share your faith

"Tactics" Class starts Jan. 20: Through this class, you will learn a game plan for communicating the compelling truth about Christianity with both confidence and grace. Based on the book "Tactics" by Greg Koukl. Meets at 9:00 am in Room 207. Facilitated by Nat Crawford and Brian Abbott. *This class is part of the Foundation Class series.*

"The Story of Reality" Conference, Mar. 9 / Save the date! Greg Koukl will be coming to First Free Church to present "The Story of Reality." Greg will unpack the story of our world through a wide-angle lens, introducing the most important questions about life, death, evil in the world, and why we are here. Greg Koukl is an adjunct professor in Christian apologetics at Biola University and a best-selling author on Christian apologetics.



Sunday Morning Update: Special Needs Ministry, Cornerstone Class and Life on Track Class are not meeting this morning. These classes will resume meeting on January 6. HS & MS students are serving our church this morning during their Sunday School hour (in Children's Ministry and as Ushers/Greeters.)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Tues. Morning Bible Study: This Bible study meets from 9:15-11:15 am on Tuesday Mornings at First Free Church. New topic starts Jan. 22, "Seamless" by Angie Smith. If interested in signing up. please contact Michelle Courtney at (402) 440-9498 or mcourtney@firstfreelincoln.org.

Men's Football Watch Party & Chili Cookoff: On Monday, Jan. 7, join us for football and chili! We'll meet in Room 111 at 6:30 pm to watch the College Football Nat'l Championship Game while enjoying some laughs and great chili. Friends are welcome! For more info: Contact Trent Maly, tmaly@gmail.com.

"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 and search for class.

Grief Support:

There will be a special seminar called "Loss of a Spouse" held 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. A \$5 donation is requested to cover cost of book. Seminar coordinator: Sandy Riggs, (402) 405-8403, birdlovers5209@aol.com.

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



LIFE GROUPS

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. Got questions about Life Groups? Contact Daniel Kerr, Pastor of Life Groups, at dkerr@firstfreelincoln.org.

The mission of First Free Church is to introduce people to Jesus Christ, develop them into fully-devoted followers and equip them to impact our city and world.