

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 TODAY, December 29. To be deductible on your 2019 tax return, contributions must be written, dated and postmarked on or before Tuesday, December 31, 2019 (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 2019 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 2019, your contribution statement will be mailed in Jan. 2020.

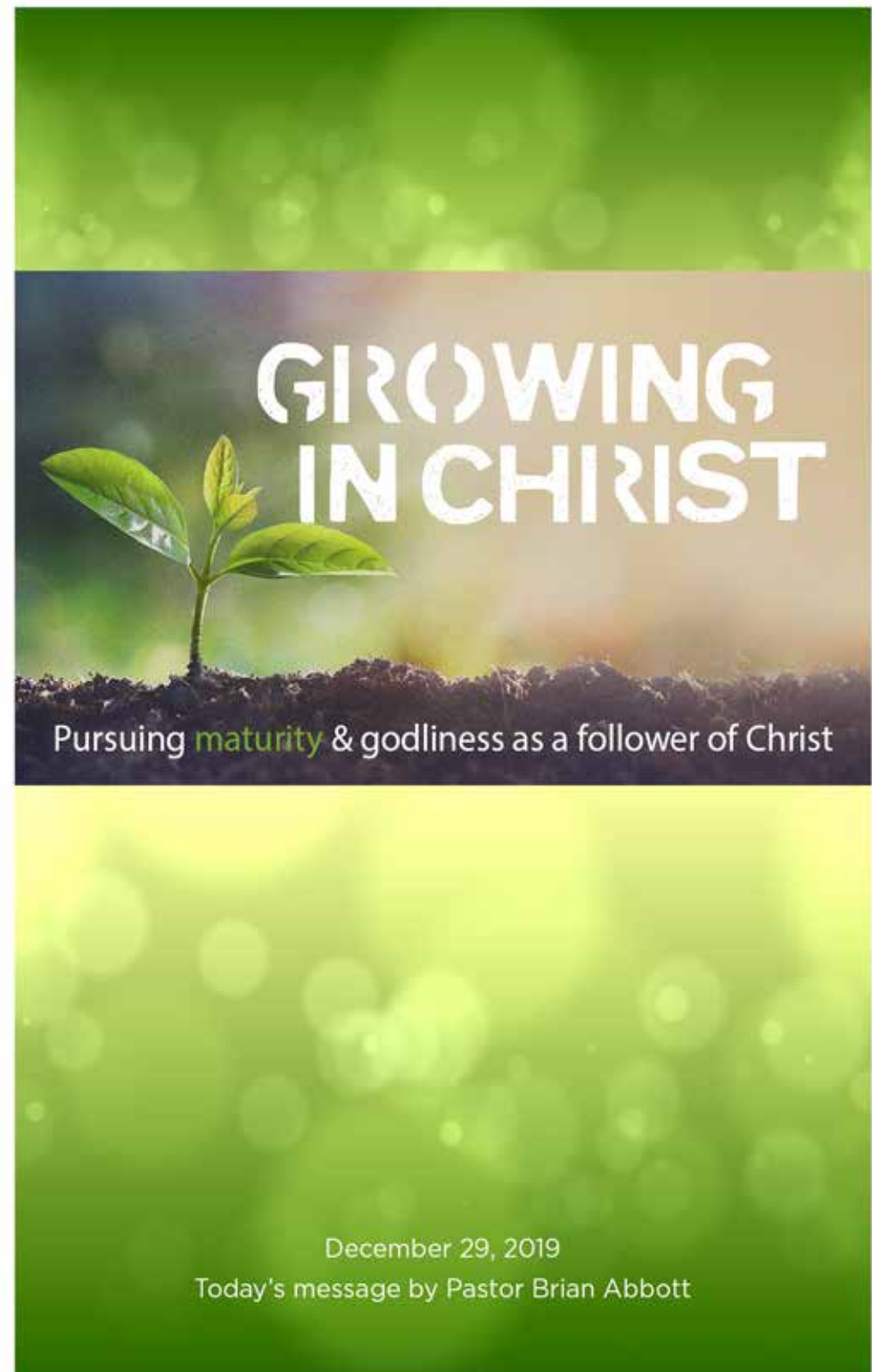
2020 offering envelopes: Stewardship Envelopes for 2020 are available at the Information Center. Each box includes an offering envelope for every Sunday of the year providing you a systematic way to give.

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

Sundays: 9 & 10:30 am | 3300 S. 84th St. | (402) 483-7635 | firstfreelincoln.org

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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 Church name tags) can point you to a pastor/staff member.

Our Mission: To introduce people to Jesus, develop them into fully-devoted followers and equip them to impact our city and world.

Why Church Partnership? This is an encouraging demonstration that you are excited about linking arms with others in the Mission of our church. 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.



Holiday Updates

Middle School & High School gatherings on Wednesdays and Sundays are on break. Resumes on Jan. 12 & 15.

Children's Ministry Wednesday Night program is on break, resumes Jan. 15; Sunday Morning program is not meeting today.

Hand-in Hand Class & Bridge Class is not meeting today.

Life on Track Class and Cornerstone Class are not meeting today.

happenings.



"MAKE MARRIAGE SIZZLE" Marriage Retreat

Through this fast-paced, fun retreat, you and your spouse will laugh and learn together about marital intimacy and how to connect with each other as God designed. Feb. 14-15, 2020, First Free Church, \$50 per couple. Seating is limited, so register early! More info/register: firstfreelincoln.org/sizzle

Marriage Mentors make a big difference! One of the most important battles the church is facing today is the skyrocketing divorce rate. We're building a team of Marriage Mentors to walk alongside married couples in need. Learn more at firstfreelincoln.org/marriage-mentoring. Marriage Mentor Training Class: Jan. 24 (6:30-8:30 pm) & Jan. 25, (9 am-2 pm.) If interested, contact Lynita Hood at itslynita@gmail.com.

>>> **Just for Men:** Football Party & Chili Cookoff / Jan. 13

Get more details on Facebook: First Free Men

>>> **Just for Women:** Bible study, "Gideon" by Priscilla Shirer / Starts Jan. 7

Register by contacting Michelle at mcourtney@firstfreelincoln.org.

serve/connect.

Serve on Usher Ministry team: The role of our ushers is to make sure our church family and guests feel welcome, comfortable and safe. This is a great way to serve with a minimal time commitment. Training is provided. Suitable for men and women of all ages! To join the team, contact Blair at bwetzel3@charter.net or (402) 613-0305.

Stop by Solid Grounds: This is the perfect place to greet old friends or say hello to someone you haven't met. Besides the coffee, you will find hot tea and cocoa, juices, and delicious pastries! Located by north church entrance.

Join a Life Group! This small group experience aims to foster deep community centered on the good news of Jesus Christ. In short, Life Groups follow Christ—together. To register: firstfreelincoln.org/life-group-registration. Questions? Contact Daniel Kerr, Pastor of Life Groups, dkerr@firstfreelincoln.org.

