



**Blessed to Be a Blessing**

The phrase “Blessed to be a blessing” comes from Genesis 12 when God tells Abraham that he will be blessed so that he can be a blessing to all. This is the beginning of a bigger blessing that will be to all humanity. We can see the full expression of this blessing in the person of Jesus Christ.

The blessings God gives us are intended to be shared with all, beginning with the inestimable blessing of salvation from sin and including all the other good things the Lord provides to us.

ABLED began it’s humble beginnings in Feb 2014 with the mission of, “SERVING JESUS CHRIST BY ENABLING PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES TO CREATIVELY EXPLORE AND LIVE FULL MEANINGFUL LIVES IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. You do not have to be a Christian to be a part of ABLED, but we do ask that our staff abide by the Golden Rule- to treat others as themselves.

As of today, God is entrusting ABLED to serve 62 people on the DD waiver and 3 people on the AD waiver. We value each of them as 100% created in the image of God! Our demographics are as follows;

<b>Under 21</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>Live with ABLED staff</b>	<b>78%</b>
<b>22-40</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>Live with family</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>41-60</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>Live on their own</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>61 and over</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>Live with non-ABLED staff</b>	<b>3%</b>

God intends to bless all people and it’s ABLED’s intent to be a blessing to our participants, to our community and to you. It’s our hope that you find joy this Christmas season in the bitter sweetness of life, in blessing others and in God’s divine fulfillment of His Kingdom through the birth of Jesus, the promised Messiah. ~ MERRY CHRISTMAS

*Thank You* for joining us in our mission!  
“Serving Jesus Christ by enabling people with developmental disabilities to creatively explore and live full meaningful lives in their communities”

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EXPLORING AND LIVING MEANINGFULLY [Share Photos—Enter a Drawing]



Games!



Sports!



Xmas!



Work!



# ABLED EVENT

**Thanksgiving Soup  
Cookoff Winners.**

**1st Place - Taylor**

**2nd Place - Ryan**



# BOWLING & AMUSEMENT ROUND 1



NOVEMBER  
ABLED  
EVENT





Nature!



Family!



Brvvrr!



Go Heidi!



## December Happenings



### Santa Saturdays

Santa is riding to Frontier! Go get a photo taken with Santa. Bring your camera!

- Lancaster Event Center
- Dec 10 and 17
- 11-2pm
- \$5/person online registry

### ABLED Movie Day

Staff and participants, stop by to get your free tickets to see a movie of your choice and at the time you pick.

- South Pointe Theater
- Tuesday, December 13
- Free tickets from 10-10:30am
- Find Makaela



### Lincoln North Pole

Lincoln Community Foundation Tower Square will be transformed into the North Pole this December. Stop by to enjoy the spectacular lights, find out if you're naughty or nice and write a letter to Santa. Bring your camera!

- 1300 P St, Lincoln
- Dec 1-25
- Free, anytime



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# Who is Jesus?

Unlike the question “Does God exist?” the question of whether Jesus Christ existed is asked by relatively few people. Most accept that Jesus was truly a man who lived in Israel 2,000 years ago. The debate begins with the discussion of Jesus’ full identity. Almost every major religion teaches that Jesus was a prophet or a good teacher or a godly man. But the Bible tells us that Jesus was infinitely more than a prophet, a good teacher, or a godly man.

So, who did Jesus claim to be? Who does the Bible say He is? He is God in the flesh. Jesus said in John 10:30, “I and the Father are one.” At first glance, this might not seem to be a claim to be God. However, look at the Jews’ reaction to His statement. They tried to stone Him “for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God” (John 10:33). The Jews understood Jesus’ statement as a claim to be God. In the following verses, Jesus never corrects the Jews or attempts to clarify His statement. He never says, “I did not claim to be God.” When Jesus said, “I and the Father are one” (John 10:30), He truly was claiming equality with God.

In John 8:58 Jesus claims pre-existence, an attribute of God: “‘Very truly I tell you,’ Jesus answered, ‘before Abraham was born, I am!’” In response to this statement, the Jews again took up stones to stone Jesus (John 8:59). In claiming pre-existence, Jesus applied a name for God to Himself—I AM (see Exodus 3:14). The Jews rejected Jesus’ identity as God Incarnate, but they understood exactly what He was saying.

Why is the question of Jesus’ identity so important? Why does it matter whether Jesus is God? Several reasons:

- If Jesus is not God, then Jesus is the worst of liars and untrustworthy in every way.
- If Jesus is not God, then the apostles would likewise have been liars.
- If Jesus is not God, His death would have been insufficient to pay the penalty for the sins of the whole world. Only God Himself could provide an infinite, eternally valuable sacrifice.
- Jesus had to be God because the Messiah was promised to be the “Holy One”. Since no one on earth is righteous before God, God Himself had to enter the world as a human.
- God is the only Savior. If Jesus is to be the Savior, then He must be God.

Jesus had to be both God and man. As God, Jesus could satisfy God’s wrath. As a man, Jesus had the capability of dying. As the God-man, Jesus is the perfect Mediator between heaven and earth (1 Timothy 2:5). Salvation is available only through faith in Jesus Christ. As He proclaimed, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6).

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