



April 2016

Words from Our Pastor- Bob Mitchell

I've been told that when movies are being made, there's always more footage shot than will be seen in the theatres. Sometimes half of what was shot ends up on the cutting room floor. The same reality holds true for good sermons. Not everything in the study makes it into Sunday morning messages.

But some stuff is simply too good to rest permanently on the cutting room floor. So let me share a word-picture that excited my soul, but it didn't quite fit into the flow of last Sunday's sermon, so it's laying at my feet here in the study. Let me use it in this article.

Author Leonard Sweet asks: "Is your clay moist?" That question takes me back to my elementary school years

(and yes, I can still remember that far back) where we were given clay in art class to allow our imaginations to express themselves. But if you accidentally left your clay out overnight, it became hardened, inflexible: an artless glob. It was an exercise in frustration to put that hardened clay on the potter's wheel.

You had to keep the clay moist to keep it supple, pliable and flexible if creations of beauty were going to result from it. The principle has a clear application in the life of the Spirit. I need to keep the clay of my spirit moist if the Potter is able to fashion me into what He has in mind. I can retain moisture by engaging in the spiritual

disciplines that we so often talk about at Lincoln.

I need to be around others whose spirits are moist.

I need to spent alone-time with God that heaven's dew would fall on me, keeping me refreshed and moldable.

I need to delight in 'the law of the Lord', meditating on Scripture consistently. The Psalmist points out that such delight actually plants you by streams of living water that keep your leaf from withering (mixing metaphors, but you get it).

So as we live in the shadow of an empty Tomb and a Risen Savior, let's keep our spirits moist. Remaining in the hands of The Potter, I am,

Your Pastor, Bob



Important to Note:

- Youth Sunday
- Men's Chili Cook-off
- Love Stockton

Pastor Matt Kirkland

I recently had the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. with my son and Keith and Eric Evans. The purpose was part educational, but mostly fun. It was such a great time



doing a "guys' trip." We saw, we ate, we laughed, we ate, and we slept, then the cycle would start again. I asked the guys at the end of the trip what words they would use to describe values associated with the history of the USA. We all said liberty and

freedom are key values regarding the history of our nation. These two values not only speak to our national heritage (and hopefully our future), but they are also values of our faith. If you want to be liberated from your sins, the only place to

“...liberty and freedom are key values regarding the history of our nation”

Pastor Matt Kirkland (continued)

turn is Jesus. If you want to know true freedom, you will only find it in Jesus. I was blessed to be able to stand under the giant marble feet of Abraham Lincoln and re-read the Gettysburg Address,

but that speech would not have been possibly without the work of Jesus, and God’s revelation through His scriptures. Let’s continue to pray for our nation, state, and local leaders, but let’s never

put our trust in them to make real change, because real change comes from above. Keep the faith friends!

Pastor Matt

“..... time is fun when you are having flies.”

From Pastor Fred Jantz

Isn't it amazing how time flies when you are having fun! Or as I like to quote Kermit



the frog.....time is fun when you are having flies. ☺ It was 7 years ago that Pastor Bob and the Elder Board asked me to come on board as a part time pastor. I have been given much freedom to do things (like teaching and preaching and serving) and give input to the leadership of this church. I have been so blessed and happy to be with you. As I enter my 8th year I have asked that my part time pay be cut in half.....to address other important priorities and motivate me to focus on a little less, in order to do more.

I will continue to provide leadership to our long range plan. As the Lord avails, we are ready to implement that. I believe God will set the stage to further our ministry. I will continue to lead in the missions/outreach area. We have a good team in place and I am hoping they will function better and more effectively.

International Students continues to be a great priority.....focusing on the Chinese students at UOP. That life to life stuff gives me great joy. Who knows what long term good will come from befriending these students in Jesus name.

I also will continue to be available for teaching/preaching as needed. There is always a desire in me to

serve my Lord, as long as I am able.

The other areas of my life will be filled with serving on a non-profit board, serving with a Restore Stockton initiative, filling occasional speaking engagements for a few churches in the surrounding area, letting our light shine in the neighborhood and of course family.

April 1 - 18, Kathy and I will travel to Budapest to visit our son, Steve, and his family. We also will go back to Romania and preach for a weekend. We will enjoy family, do a little traveling, serve the Lord, and celebrate life. God is indeed good. Thanks again for the privilege of serving you and our Lord.

Pastor Fred

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Kid's News for March

Easter is here! We are so excited for this special weekend. We have lots of fun things planned for our children some traditional and some new. We are looking forward to what God has planned for this day!

All of our Sunday School classes are learning about the Easter Story and what happens with the disciples afterwards.

A big thank you to all who attended our Children's Min-

istry Retreat and our Family Game Night. We had a great time at both! I am constantly reminded of God's blessing to this church of such wonderful, serving people.

We are starting to plan for our VBS, Mega Sports Camp again this year. Our new theme is *Epic Moments from the Bible!* It will be held June 27– July 1 from 9:00 – 12:00. We will be hosting three sports: this year Soccer, Cheerleading and Basketball.

We are planning on having more than the 70 children we had last year and can use lots of help. We need individuals, high school and up to be huddle coaches for our sports and preschool teachers. We also need to borrow some outside basketball hoops and soccer nets for these days.

Please let us know if you can help.



Upcoming Events

- Easter
- Mega Sports Camp

Student Ministries

We're so excited about Youth Sunday this month. We're going to have students leading our entire service and we'd love to have you join us! Invite everybody you know because we're excited to show off all that

God is doing in the lives of our students. Also, if you know any 8th grade students, we have a preview night for them on Sunday April 3rd at our high school group. We want to give them an opportunity to

meet the students and leaders. It's going to be a great time!

And don't forget that next month the Mexico Team will be out washing windows and raising money for our trip!



Women's Ministry News



The Women's Paint & Brunch held last month was well attended and a blessing to those who participated. We enjoyed a lovely brunch together and exercised our

artistic muscles a bit. As you can see, everyone painted the same picture, but they are all different! Cassie Loy, our new Women's Ministry leader, spoke to the group,

sharing her journey to accepting this position. We were blessed to hear how God has been working in her life. Thank you Cassie!

Men's Chili Cook-off

Men's Chili Cook-off with guest speaker, Dr. Manny Fernandez, missionary. Saturday, April 9, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Form teams of 2-4 chefs to cook

up your favorite chili & enter the competition! There will be awards for the best chili. Competitors should come at 11:30 to set up.

For more information, contact Ed Gray: 478-4988 edgray47@hotmail.com



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 9:00am Service

April 3

Greeters: Patty Roek
Ushers: Betty Crecelius, Charito Lopez, Jane Carson,
 Maria Montalvo
Sound Tech: Paul Johnson
Security: Bill Chapman

April 10

Greeters: Ro & Tambi Loyd
Ushers: Barbara George, Ron & Joyce Korock, Craig Potter
Sound Tech: Paul Johnson
Security: Jim Duncan

April 17

Greeters: Sandy Harmon, Ed Gray, Jennifer Gutierrez
Ushers: Tim Sass, Howard Stokes, Dave Hungerford,
 George Grismore, Leroy Alford
Sound Tech: Dan Drullard
Security: Jerry Crooks

April 24

Greeters: Dick Ennis, Judy Flaig
Ushers: John & Carol Sharpe, Dottie Edaburn,
 Lavon Van Selow
Sound Tech: Paul Johnson
Security: Gerry Moore

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 10:45am Service

April 3

Greeters: Bill & Merrilee Chapman
Ushers: Holly Meyers, Dave & Sharon Olney
Sound Tech: Patrick Fedor
Video Tech: Sam Kirkland
Security: Mark Gantt

April 10

Greeters: Patrick & Heidi Fedor, Keith Evans
Ushers: Tom & Janet Beck, Bill & Carroll Johnston
Sound Tech: Patrick Fedor
Video Tech: Kaylee Webb
Security: Bill Wagner

April 17

Ushers: Dave & Sharon Olney, Nikki Pyeatt
Sound Tech: Patrick Fedor
Video Tech: Carolyn Ritchie
Security: Donald Friis

April 24

Greeters: Brant & Sandra Fetters
Ushers: George & Vicky Alavazo, Dave & Sara Blicharz
Sound Tech: Patrick Fedor
Video Tech: Keith Evans
Security: Bob Ramirez

Flowers

If you have signed up for flowers, you will need to call the florist on Monday to place your order using a debit or credit card, or you may go to the florist to pay by cash or check.

Charter Way Florist
 5620 N. Pershing Ave
 956-9087



April

3 Ron & Pat Ehrlich
 10 Pat Van Oss

May

8 Charito Lopez
 15 Art & Janice Mockler
 22 Ann Wunsch
 29 Betty Crecelius

Pew Supply

April 6 Kathy Vermillion
 April 13 Lisa Richers
 April 20 Fe Asis
 April 27 Lorna Zink

Thanks to the
 Assembly Crew of the
 April Life @ Lincoln!

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Deacon Message

Have you missed the Sunday service and wanted to hear the sermon or do you know someone who might like to listen to it, possibly house-bound or on vacation? There are several ways to meet that need so that you don't miss a single inspirational message:

If you use the internet, you

can watch or listen online anytime by going to <http://www.lincolnpres.org/> and then click on the Sermons tab.

If you don't wish to view it on the computer, you can request an audio copy of the sermon on a CD. Our sound techs Paul Johnson and Patrick Fedor will be happy to

take your request after each service on Sundays or you can put in a request with Cheryl in the church office. We even have a few portable CD players available if needed. The CDs and use of the CD players are free of charge and are one of the surprising, little known ministries of the Deacons.

Miss a Sunday Sermon?

*Here's the solution.....
The Deacons' Audio Ministry*

April Birthdays

1 Magdalin Zakhary	15 Brooke Blythe	22 Marie Todd
2 Brittany Bobrow	Jeannette Goodman	Bree Laguna
4 Josie Ferguson	16 Jim Wilcox	24 Eve Barton
5 Kristin Clark	Betty Buchman	Kathy Vermillion
8 Elle Cawelti	17 Barry Baxter	Noralee Willard
9 Bill Chapman	18 Matt Klinker	26 Carol Sharpe
10 Jim Duncan	19 John Frey	Shirly Westbrooks
12 Marjorie Johnson	20 Lillian Harris	27 Sandy Evans
Hannah Kirkland	Al Van Selow	Barb Vallandingham
13 Gary Tacla	21 Shawn Loy	30 Scott Suran
15 Leroy Alford	Dennis Williams	June French

April

BIRTHDAYS



Thursday-Friday, August 11-12, 2016

Living life takes its toll on us. There are many times when living just wears us down. What we need then is a fresh dose of thinking, perspective or shaping that makes the journey ahead a little more visible and

attainable. This is a reminder that the annual Leadership Summit is coming to our area again. We are all leaders of some kind....at home, at work, teaching a class.....etc. Life

dulls us and the summit gives us a fresh sharpening.

AUGUST 11 & 12, 2016

It is held in Manteca and you can join lots of LPC folks. Guaranteed to be worth your time. See Pastor Fred for more information.

The Summit is Coming!

Treasurer's Report-Carol Bedell

February 2016

Operating Fund:

	<u>February</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>% of Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$55,746	\$117,525	16%
Expense	\$62,209	\$119,015	16%
Net	\$(6,463)	\$ (1,490)	

Financial Report

In January, the LPC Operating Budget was \$5,305 in the black. However, the February report puts it in a deficit for a year to date shortfall of (\$1,490). There did not appear to be any extraordinary expenditures in February, but we will monitor the income and expenditures.

News of Session-March Recap

Report of Statistics: Communion:
March 6, 2016 – 288

Average Worship Attendance 273

Average Awana Attendance:

28 children, 10 adults

Current number of members: 375.

Community Report: There are 16 persons (4 possible baptisms) who have indicated they want to join the church. **The Session voted to call a special Session meeting on Sunday, April 3, 12:00 noon in Agape Hall for the purpose of receiving new members.**

Growth Groups: It was noted that 80% of the congregation are involved in growth groups: 24 groups, 326 enrolled, 237 distinct members.

Outreach Report: Member Marie Todd will be attending a missions conference in South Africa in August, 2016. Sponsored by Foundations Ministries, Inc., this conference seeks to empower women to break the cycle of oppression, abuse and injustice. Marie will be providing leadership in hospitality and prayer.

Worship Report: MSC to provide communion on Good Friday, March 25, 2016 at the 7:00 p.m. worship service.

Youth Report: Session voted to approve Window Washing Fundraiser on Saturday, May 14 for Senior High Youth trip to Mexico.



The Session voted to approve vacation for Pastor Bob Mitchell on April 5 & 6, 2016.

The Session voted to approve a probable vacation for Pastor Bob Mitchell on May 10-17, 2016.

Mission Affinity Group (MAG) with Trinity Presbyterian, Modesto and Escalon Presbyterian will be held at LPC on Saturday, April 16.

A proposed amendment to the ECO Essential Tenets regarding baptism

was distributed for review. A vote will be taken at the April 19 Session meeting.

Presbytery Meeting on May 7 will be held at LPC. Our Pastor Bob Mitchell has been named as Chair of the Pastoral Ordination Committee for ECO in this region. This is a two-year commitment.

Expansion Update –The acquisition of 6245 Gettysburg is still unsettled and foreclosure of the property is coming up at the end of April.

The Session meeting was adjourned with prayer at 8:00 p.m. Members of the Session offered prayers for three names of friends or family members who do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Session is Tuesday, April 19, 2016.

Respectfully reported,

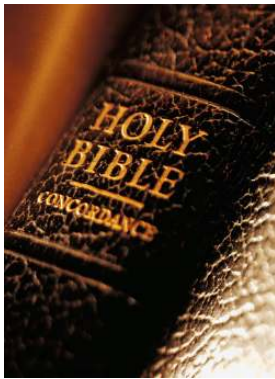
Connie Andersen, Clerk of Session

Adult Discipleship

Sunday Mornings

7:30am: The Life-Changing Power in the Name of Jesus.

Learn about how Jesus' "I AM" statements help define who He is and what power He has for each of us. Join us in the Fireside Room and share a light breakfast. Bring your Bible. Led by Patrice Verhines and Carol Bedell.



9am: "Good to Great in God's Eyes" Do you dream of making an eternal impact in the Kingdom of God? Do you long for a spiritual breakthrough? If you're looking to go to the next level or get a fresh infusion of faith & spiritual passion, then look no further than this group study. Led by Linda Thomas in the Library.

10:20am: "Ask It" with Andy Stanley. Led by Lise Karnes in the Library.

10:20am: Church History: a college level class on 2000 years of Church History with Pastor Al Van Selow, in the Fireside Room.

Wednesday Evenings

6pm: A continuing book by book journey through the Bible. Led by Ed and Denise Miller, Fireside Room.

Love Stockton

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 23rd, a day to unite to serve our neighbors

by engaging in various projects throughout the city. See Matt Kirkland for details

about the project we have chosen this year.



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Sat

<p>3 YOUTH SUNDAY Communion 7:30 am Adult Ed 9:00 am Worship 10:20 am Adult Ed 10:45 am Worship Noon-New Member Lunch with Session 6:00 pm Sr. High 8:30 pm College</p>	<p>4 6:30 pm Hula for Health</p>	<p>5 10:00 am Growth Group 12:00 pm Quilting 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Commission Mtgs.</p>	<p>6 9:30 am Retired Guys' 10 am Mom's Study 5:45 pm Jr. High 6 pm: Awana Club CR Bible Study Awana Moms' Study</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>1 10:00 am Growth Group</p>	<p>2</p>
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Office Schedule:

Monday - Friday 8:30 -12 noon & 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday

7:25am-Adult Sunday School
9:00am-Worship & Children's Sunday School
9:00am-Adult Sunday School
10:20am-Adult Sunday School
10:45am-Worship & Children's Sunday School
6:00pm-Sr. High Group

Wednesday

5:45pm-Jr. High Group
6:00pm-Awana
Adult Bible Study
Celebrate Recovery
Awana Moms' Study

Various Growth Groups meet in homes & at the church during the week. Please call the office for details.

Sermon Schedule

April 3, 2016

Student Takeover
Jonathan Knapp, Minister to Students

April 10, 2016

Manny Fernandez

April 17, 2016

The Challenge of the Chair (Deut 1:6)
Pastor Bob Mitchell

April 24, 2016

Becoming A Three-Chair Church (Psalm 78:1-7)
Pastor Bob Mitchell

Lincoln's Mission:

*To know and love God, to know and love people,
and bring the two together through Jesus Christ.*