

April 2017

Words from Our Pastor– Bob Mitchell

In preparation for the creation of a campaign brochure and DVD, I did a deep dive into the historical records of our church. I discovered that for the last 18 years we have been talking seriously about the need for more ministry space. Several Long Range Committees and Elder Board meetings later, we have finally and firmly decided to expand our facilities and remain here for good.

As the time has arrived for a campaign to raise the resources needed for this expansion, I am most excited about the spiritual growth that Jesus wants to do in



each of us as we give ourselves sacrificially to this work. I've noticed that spiritual growth happens best in those environments where God's people face the need for change, risk and stretching.

This campaign will change us...for the good. I believe that Jesus is seeking to stretch each one of us...for the good. And the hour of this campaign has come

upon us. We are asking that everyone would attend at least one of the informational small group gatherings to be fully informed about the proposed expansion plans. Since a majority of those who call Lincoln their spiritual home are already in a Growth Group or Sunday School class, we are asking that one of the late-March or April gatherings be devoted to this timely opportunity.

Looking forward to your questions and your willingness to grow, I absolutely love to be,

Your Pastor, Bob

Important to Note:

- Welcome Nick!
- Capital Campaign Info
- Men's Easter Lunch
- All Church Spring Cleaning
- Easter
- Celebration Sunday

Pastor Matt Kirkland



In the Old Testament book of 1 Chronicles, the chronicler talks about the men from Issachar who "understood the times and knew what to do" (1 Chron. 12:32). Understanding our current era is an interesting task. It seems even our news agencies are not completely unbiased. So, where does one go to understand our times? The place to un-

derstand our times is not on CNN or The Stockton Record, but the Bible. When you know and understand God's Word, it shines light on the times. And as we head into a very critical season in the life of the church, we need more men (and women) of Issachar in our church who understand the times! It's never too late to join a Sunday school class or a Growth Group. If you have the time, join one

of our local Bible Study Fellowship classes that are held here in Stockton or in Lodi. If you've never joined a Bible study before, now is a great time to start! If you need help, stop by my office and I would love to help you find a place to better understand our times.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Matt

From Pastor Fred Jantz



Coming again this year is the **GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**

When: August 10 and 11

Where: Crossroads Church in Manteca

What: Experience world class business, Non profits, faith, and CEO's and authors.

With: Great environment with good people, plus 25 wonderful folks from LPC.

Why: Life is a growing journey. Avoid staleness and stagnation in your life and family.

How much? Normal price is \$209 for this 2 day event. Secret price for you is \$50 (not due till June 15)

Best deal you will ever have for this great event.

How do I sign up:

- 1 Sign connect card at a worship service
- 2 Email or phone Fred or Cheryl at office.
- 3 Send a secret note indicating your interest. ☺

Welcome Nick Nalley—Assistant Minister to Students

My journey into youth ministry began to unfold during my college years, when God had been stirring my heart to help students discover the immeasurable love of Christ, while continually discovering the fullest versions of themselves along the way. I received my Bachelor of Sciences in Communication Studies from Illinois State University in the spring of 2014, after having served as a college ministry intern for Eastview Christian Church in central Illinois. Not long after college, I found myself serving as a small group



leader and then an intern for the student ministries of Willow Creek Community Church in the suburbs of Chicagoland. Through God's crafty hand at orchestrating people, places, and opportunities, I began my time with

Lincoln in February of 2017. I grew up rooting for the Chicago Bears and being a nerd-at-heart for the world of Nintendo. I enjoy running, bowling, planning road trips, and attending concerts – I am an avid concert junkie for artists such as Skillet, Bon Jovi, Trans-Siberian Orchestra, and more. During my free time, I find fulfillment in meeting with students, hosting friends or family, coming up with clever puns, or finding new places to visit and explore.

Treasurer's Report-Carol Bedell

	Operating Fund:	February	YTD	% of Annual Budget
February	Income	\$58,435	\$121,403	15%
Financial	Expense	<u>\$58,175</u>	<u>\$119,058</u>	15%
	Net	\$260	\$2,345	

Report The month of February and year to date indicate we're on track for both income and expenditures for 2017. Thank you.

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A Message from Keith Evans, Chair of Session

In March 2014, I participated on an exploratory team for the purpose of addressing the need for additional facilities space at Lincoln. The sense of urgency for additional space was brought to this team by Jon Knapp as Youth Group attendance had reached the youth room space capacity. Lincoln had been in desperate need of additional space for years as it was increasingly difficult to find adequate space for adult education classes, children's ministry activities, music rehearsals, fellowship events, meeting areas as well as youth activities. Space limitations also has prevented Lincoln from expanding current or starting new ministries.

The exploratory team searched all options from buying land and building on a new site, swapping property with another church which had a bigger land footprint, and expanding on our current location. As the team pursued each option, doors quickly closed on buying land or swapping property. It became very obvious the door being open was to stay where we are and look to expand on our current campus. This led to the purchasing of the empty lot south of the parking lot (aka: weed patch) and the house between the empty lot and our house on Gettysburg. The property acquisition was completed at the end of November last year over 2 ½ years from the time we started the process. However, our space needs have continued to grow and become a major pain point for current ministries.

On February 4, 2017, Session met to discuss engaging in a capital campaign for the purpose of building a multi-purpose building south of Agape Hall. Session was informed of the potential of key staff turnover as Zak had already left and Jon was exploring a potential ministry opportunity. Session used a "Stop Light" approach in making this decision. Was God telling us "red light" and to stop the process we have been engaged in for almost three years? Was God telling us "yellow light" and to delay the capital campaign and building project until possibly the fall or 2018 when we would have a better idea of our staffing situation? Or was God telling us "green light" and saying to us, "Do you trust me? Do you believe that I will provide? Will you step out in faith?" As the members of Session discussed, the need for space was never dependent on a single staff person or single ministry, but about expanding current ministries and starting new ones so others may have an opportunity to know Jesus. After much prayer and discussion, Session felt God was telling us it was a "green light".

The primary goal for the capital campaign will focus on the new building. It is expected to be a multi-purpose building and will have a gymnasium, classrooms, kitchen, stage, media room, and storage space. Additionally, new parking will be added, current parking lot will be upgraded, a new entrance/exit on Gettysburg, possible playground and landscaping, and remodel Agape Hall. A dream campaign goal would include to refresh our current sanctuary, courtyard and add lighting to the parking lot. Cost for preparing the land, construction of the new building and current facilities refresh is estimated between \$1.7 million - \$2.2 million. The overall goal is to be debt free in four years. This is a "God Sized" goal and He wants us to trust and believe in Him to provide.

In May of this year, I will have been attending Lincoln for 25 years. I have never been more excited to see how God is leading our church than now. The Bible provide us many examples about stepping out in faith and to trust where God leads. Now God is calling each us to do the same. We must do our part with sacrifice and obedience to His leading. It will take all of us to participate in the capital campaign. I am confident that God will bless our church and each of you as we follow and trust Him in this journey.

Deacon Message

Have you missed a Sunday and want to hear the sermon? One of the benefits of the deacon ministry is being able to listen to sermons when you are away from church, or if you hear a sermon you would like to share

with someone. There are a couple of options:

You can watch or listen to sermons online by going to www.lincolnpres.org and then click on the sermons tab.

Alternately, you can ask one of the sound technicians to take your order right after the service any Sunday.

Your third option is to contact Cheryl in the office and request a CD.

***Deacon
Ministry***

All Church Work Day



Please mark your calendar for the All Church Work Day April 8th at 8am. This is the one big **Buildings and**

Grounds Commission event of the year & we need your help to make our facility shine for Easter!

Capital Campaign, Keith Evans, Capital Campaign Chair

On February 4, 2017, Session voted to engage in a capital campaign for the purpose of building a multi-purpose building south of Agape Hall. The capital campaign theme is, "Here... For Good". Lincoln is "here" for good meaning that ministry on the corner of Gettysburg and Douglas will continue to thrive for years and decades to come. Lincoln is here for "good" to reach and introduce people to a loving relationship with Jesus, to serve the needs of our community and Stockton, and to develop meaningful relationships and support for our members.

On Sunday, April 30th, everyone at Lincoln will have an opportunity to participate in the campaign as you will be asked to sacrificially pledge the largest financial gift you have ever made to Lincoln. These largest personal gifts will be different for each of you as you seek God's leading. We need everyone to participate in this campaign and in so doing, we believe that God will reward and bless our church.

As the Chairperson for this campaign, I would like to introduce the Campaign Team and a brief timeline of what you can expect in upcoming weeks. My commitment to you is to keep you informed throughout this process and answer any questions you may have regarding the campaign. I am excited to see how God blesses our church as we sacrificially obey His leading.

Capital Campaign Team Members

are: Pastor Bob Mitchell, staff; Matt Kirkland, staff; Keith Evans, Capital Campaign Chairperson; Connie Andersen, Co-Chair Prayer Team; Mark Gantt, Co-Chair Prayer Team; Cheryl Pannabecker, Co-Chair Home Meetings Team; Star Heer, Co-Chair Home Meetings Team; Tom BetGeorge, Celebration Sunday Chair; Lorna Crooks, Leadership Gifts Team; Ann Wunsch, Leadership Gifts Team; Lori DeMercurio, Leadership Gifts Team; John French, Building Team; and, Pastor Fred Jantz, Campaign Advisor, Building Team and Leadership Gifts Team.

Capital Campaign Timeline Overview (more details to follow):

March 27 – April 21 – Home Meetings: Everyone at Lincoln will be asked to participate in a home meeting where detailed information regarding the campaign, building, and expectations will be shared.

April – Prayer: The Prayer team is meeting every Tuesday at 8:00am for prayer; there will be an organized Day of Prayer; and multiple other organized prayer opportunities throughout the campaign.

April 30 – Celebration Sunday: Everyone in attendance will receive their campaign pledge cards and will be asked to turn in their pledge cards the following Sunday.

May 7 – Victory Sunday: Everyone who received a pledge card should turn in their pledges this day.

May 21 – Announcement Sunday: Everyone in attendance will hear the total dollar amount of pledges turned in.

Adult Discipleship

Sunday Mornings

7:30am: "The Promised One, Seeing Jesus in Genesis" is a study with Nancy Guthrie, noted author and speaker. Gain fresh perspective, broader understanding of Jesus as the fulfillment of scripture, and more in the Fireside Room. Led by Patrice Verhines and Carol Bedell, light

breakfast included.

9:00am: "To Live Is Christ To Die Is Gain" by Matt Chandler. Led by Linda Thomas in the Library.

10:20am: "James" with Francis Chan. Led by Lise Karnes in Pastor Matt's Office.

10:30am: "The Gospel of Mark" Led

by Pastor Fred in the Library.

10:20am: "The Book of Romans" with Pastor Van Selow and Lavon, in the Fireside Room.

Wednesday Evenings

6:00 pm: A continuing book by book journey through the Bible. Led by Ed and Denise Miller, Fireside Room.

Men's Easter Lunch

Saturday, April 1 @ noon in the Fellowship Hall
Donation-\$5

Serving Ham & Lamb

RETURNING SPEAKER:
Dr. Manny Fernandez, President,
World Link Ministries and.....

Welcome our new Assistant Minister to Students, Nick Nalley!

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April Birthdays

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

Happy
Birthday

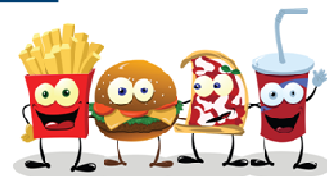


Fast Food Fellowship

Each Sunday after second service this group goes to a fast food restaurant and we invite everyone to join us for fellowship there.

The monthly rotation will be...

- 1st Sunday - Wendy's (March Ln)
- 2nd Sunday - Taco Bell (March Ln)
- 3rd Sunday - McDonald's (March Ln)
- 4th Sunday - Del Taco (Hammer Ln. by Food For Less)



New Members

Please join us in welcoming the following new members at Lincoln:

Ed & Nancy Bates
Tammy Hannon
Anamae Johnston
Bruce & Sandy Parker
Harry Ulep

They will be received on Sunday,
April 2nd. Be sure to say hello!



Directory Updates

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 9:00 am Service

April 2

Greeters: Patty Roek, Lillian Harris
Ushers: Betty Crecelius, Charito Lopez, Jane Carson,
Maria Montalvo
Sound Tech: Kevin Chaddock
Security: Mark Gantt

April 9

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

April 16

Greeters: Barbara Hungerford, Jennifer Gutierrez
Ushers: Tim Sass, Howard Stokes, Dave Hungerford,
George Grismore, Leroy Alford
Sound Tech: Kevin Chaddock

April 23

Greeters: Judy Flaig, Carole Meehan
Ushers: John & Carol Sharpe, Dottie Edaburn,
Lavon Van Selow
Sound Tech: Kevin Chaddock
Security: Billy Heinrich

April 30

Greeters: Suedee Howell, Dave Hungerford
Ushers: Gabe Laguna, Prilla McGregor, Vaughn Pipes,
Maria Montalvo
Sound Tech: Kevin Chaddock
Security: John Sharpe

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 10:45 am Service

April 2

Greeters: Bill & Merrilee Chapman
Ushers: Holly Meyers, Dave & Sharon Olney
Sound Tech: Kevin Chaddock
Video Tech: Sam Kirkland
Security: Stan Kaneko

April 9

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

April 16

Ushers: Dave & Sharon Olney, Nikki Pyeatt
Sound Tech: Kevin Chaddock
Video Tech: Carolyn Ritchie
Security: Bob Yamaguchi

April 23

Greeters: Brant & Sandra Feters
Ushers: George & Vicky Alavazo, Dave & Sara Blicharz
Sound Tech: Kevin Chaddock
Video Tech: Tammy Hannon
Security: Bob Ramirez

April 30

Ushers: Dave & Sharon Olney, Nikki Pyeatt
Security: Gabe Laguna

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 Flowers

2 Don & Gela Yee
30 Leroy & Cynthia Alford

May Flowers

7 John Kluge
14 Charito Lopez

Pew Supply

April

5 Linda Davies
12 Lisa Richers
19 Ila King
26 Lorna Zink



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

APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Men's Easter Lunch 12-1:30pm
2 New Member Reception 7:30 am Adult Ed 9:00 am Worship 10:20 am Adult Ed 10:45 am Worship 6:00 pm Sr. High 	3 6:30 pm Hula for Health	4 10:00 am Growth Group 12:00 pm Quilting 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Commission Mtgs. 6:30pm Marriage 911	5 9:30 am Retired Guys' 5:45 pm Jr. High 6 pm: Awana Club CR Bible Study	6 5:15 pm Music Rehearsal	7 Carpet cleaning all day	8 Finish Carpet Cleaning 8am All Church Cleaning Day
9 7:30 am Adult Ed 9:00 am Worship 10:20 am Adult Ed 10:45 am Worship 6:00 pm Sr. High Palm Sunday	10 6:30 pm Hula for Health	11 10:00 am Growth Group 12:00 pm Staff Lunch 12:00 pm Quilting 1:30 pm Staff Mtg. 7:00 pm P/B/S 6:30pm Marriage 911	12 9:30 am Retired Guys' 5:45 pm Jr. High 6 pm: Awana Club CR Bible Study	13 5:15 pm Music Rehearsal	14 7pm Good Friday Service / Communion Good Friday Office Closed	15 L@L Deadline
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30 CELEBRATION SUNDAY 7:30 am Adult Ed 9:00 am Worship 10:20 am Adult Ed 10:45 am Worship 6:00 pm Sr. High						

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

LIFE @ LINCOLN DEADLINE
April 15

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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 - Adult Bible Study
Celebrate Recovery
Awana

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

Sermon Titles

April 2
Manny Fernandez, President, World Link Ministries

April 9
"Divine Activity or Missed Opportunity?" (Luke 19:41-44)
Pastor Bob Mitchell

April 16
"Finding Life" Luke 24
Pastor Bob Mitchell

April 23
Pastor Fred Jantz

April 30
"Let Down Your Nets" (Luke 5:1-10)
Pastor Bob Mitchell

This issue is dedicated to
Jay Nalley. Hi Jay!

*Lincoln's Mission:
To know and love God, to know and love people,
and bring the two together through Jesus Christ.*