

April 2018

## Words from Our Pastor- Bob Mitchell

I haven't kept it a secret that I am a grandfather, or that I have been writing a book. The book has taken four years to complete, but I finally finished with the first draft. During that time, it came to my attention that through Denise Miller, I might be able to have a face-to-face with one of the most prolific Christian authors today. His name is Mark Batterson. He's a pastor in Washington D.C. Denise's connection came through, and I'm flying to meet Mark today to talk about my book.

Because there's so much going on at Lincoln during this season, my plan was to leave on a Monday night and return 24 hours later. The flight from Sacramento to Chicago went without a hitch, but something about a Nor'easter cancelled the continuing flight to D.C.



So here I sit in the Kansas City airport, re-routed, waiting (hoping and praying) that the different flight to D.C. (which gets me into D.C. hours later than I'd planned) will take off on time. If it does, I'll still barely have that hour with Pastor-Author Mark before I need to jump on the return flight. Exciting times!

In a way, I see this experience as a metaphor of the past 12-14 months. Our dreams and plans for expansion at Lincoln got a bit re-routed when Zak, then Jon, then Matt unexpectedly left to take ministry positions in far larger ministry settings.

It made 2017 a difficult and stormy year. We weren't planning on that happening any more than I was planning to write my newsletter article in Kansas City. Nor'easters aren't supposed to happen in California.

But I find myself telling people in virtually every conversation I have these days: "2018 has been a great year!" God has graciously sent fantastically gifted men & women who have beautifully stepped in the gaps that 2017 produced. And though re-routed, it looks like we're going to get to our destination.

So in the month of April, which starts with Easter, we will be looking at the person and work of God's Holy Spirit, who lives in us and leads us through both calm days and wild Nor'easters!

### Important to Note:

- Easter Carnival
- Dinners for 8
- Mother/Daughter Tea
- Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions begin
- New LIFE Group

## Jon Hathorn - Pastor of Church Ministries: Learning to KNOW GOD Better



Someone once said that if you aim at nothing you will hit it every time. When I was in Jr. High school everyone had to take PE, also known as Physical Education Class. Some people hated it, others loved it. I can

say without any hesitation, it was one of the two highlights of my day, the other bright spot was lunch. Our PE program was recognized by the State of California as a blue chip standard for other schools to follow. Each class period involved a strict regular routine of calisthenics where the class participated

both in doing each exercise in unison as well as yelling with vigor the number of each repetition. Three days a week these exercises were followed with a run of 600 yards and the other two days it was a 6 minute run. The standards by which the PE teachers held the class members was pretty tough. As a

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class, if we weren't performing the calisthenics with precision and in unison, we started over. If we weren't yelling loudly and clear enough, we started over. When it came to running, there was a minimum time standard on the 600 yard run and a minimum distance during the 6 minute run for each student. And the standard measurement of successful completion continued to increase throughout the year. After the exercise and running, we were involved in an activity unit lasting for several weeks: football, basketball, wrestling, gymnastics, tennis, softball, track and field, soccer etc. In addition to this every quarter of the school year, for all four quarters, the teachers measured growth in our fitness. We were tested in sit ups, push ups, pull ups, broad jump, 50 yard dash, 600 yard run, and bar dips. These tests measured strength, endurance, speed, and coordination - which was an attempt at a full assessment of our physical fitness. Truthfully, what I really liked about PE was the activity portion. Oh, I was pretty good at sit ups and the 600 yard run, but in the 7th grade my pull ups grade was an "F" because I couldn't do any, as in zero, nadda, not even one. So I worked hard and then I finally was able to do a few in 8th grade and then even more in 9th grade.

The point of the class was clear - fitness was communicated, fitness was expected, fitness inspected, and fitness was re-

warded. The PE coaches had objectives and they worked hard to help us be successful as a class and as individuals. They didn't want us to simply pass time and get a paycheck, they were training us.

At Lincoln we have some important objectives and standards that we regularly communicate. They are shared in the church slogan that our church leadership has adopted "Know God, Find Freedom, Discover Your Purpose, and Make A Difference."

Each month for the next four months, I wanted to highlight one of these. The first part of this -KNOW GOD. Many people know about God, and can even spell His name. Many people think of God as a being too busy to have concern for any one individual especially me. Others think of God as a Sheriff, Policeman or other law enforcement officer who is trying to stop every bit of fun that you and I are trying to have. And yet others treat God like a butler who is there to wait on each of us with any and every request.

God is personal, and He knows everything about you and I and He still loves us. When we realize that He knows everything about us, we will either become afraid and run from Him or we will be relieved at how committed He is to us and want to Know Him.

Some of the ways we help people Know God is by singing

praises to His name, speaking to Him in prayer, reading the Scriptures, listening to the Word of God on Sundays, and finding a group of people who we can study the Bible with together.

On a personal note, God has always known me, but through the help of a great friend, I was shown the love of God and through my friend someone actually introduced me to God at camp. I have enjoyed my journey with God through prayer, reading the Scriptures, listening to sermons, and cherishing Him through music. Let's spend time with God, and spend enough time with someone that they might see that we know God and he or she might want to know God also.

One of the standards set is in the Bible in several places, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." Lets keep Knowing God as a target. Maybe you are like me and those pull ups that I struggled doing in that you feel like you don't know much of anything about God. That's ok. So if you are looking for a way to start, a daily devotional guide is a perfect bullseye to aim for each morning. Two of my favorite devotional books are entitled "JESUS CALLING" and "STREAMS IN THE DESERT."

Pastor Jon

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## Student Ministries - Chad Brown

I want to say what an honor it is to be here and walk along side parents and students to see disciples being made. My wife and I are ready to plant some roots. Everyone has welcomed us with open arms and we want to say thank you!

We have already had our dream day where students

get to give us feedback on what they want to see happen. Our students are ready to see God do amazing things. My desire is to see our students live out the life of Christ. We are planning and praying, seeking Gods direction for an incredible upcoming year of ministry. I am meeting with students and

leaders to hear their hearts and let God guide us in this next year. Please stay in prayer for everyone involved with our student ministry as we have a blast serving the King. Our theme for the next six months will be ***Faith is Greater Than Fear***. God is on the move!

In Him,



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## Children's Ministries - Kristen Lambdin

Easter snuck up on me this year! We are gearing up for our Easter event: "The Great Surprise Jesus is Alive" on March 31st from 11am-1pm. We hope you will be able to join us. It is sure to be a fun-filled day! Thank you to so many of you that have stepped up to help us out for this event. We couldn't do it without you!

Upcoming events for April! We are looking forward to

longer sunnier days, which means our AWANA kids are able to have games outside once again! It is sure to be a great month in AWANA that will include a patriotic theme night! So kids start digging for your red, white, and blue!

We also have a Mother/Daughter tea planned for Saturday April 21st from 11am-12:30 pm. Who doesn't like to get dressed up, sip some tea and eat delicious

scones? We are so excited for this event! If you have a daughter or granddaughter or niece that is in 1st-6th grade RSVP for this event! You will not want to miss out on the fun! You can RSVP to Kristen Lambdin at:

Kristen@lincolnpres.org or text or call (209) 405-3869.



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## Pastor Fred Jantz

Planning your summer and looking for an interesting 2 day refresher experience?



August 9, 10 is the annual Leadership Summit. We will join 455,000 people around the world for leadership input. Hosted again by Crossroads church in Manteca, it features Bill Hybels and many other outstanding leaders. Added to

the roster this year is Denzel Washington. More information as the date approaches, but plan now and do not be disappointed.



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## Dinners for Eight



Dinners for Eight offers you an opportunity to get to know other people who attend Lincoln Presbyterian in very relaxed surroundings, while also enjoying a meal together. The next round of Dinners for 8 will take place in May, June, and July. There

is only one (1) dinner per month, and couples take turns hosting the get-togethers. A couple usually consists of a husband/wife or two friends who are willing to host a dinner together. If you are interested but need a partner, just let me

know. First-time participants do not need to host a dinner. If you are interested or have further questions, please contact Joyce Korock at 951-4759 or [joycekorock@comcast.net](mailto:joycekorock@comcast.net)



***Knitting people together in the Body of Christ and growing together***

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## Lincoln LIFE Groups

Starting this month:

Bonnie's Women's Group Thursday evenings, 6:45pm. Beginning a new 12-week study on April 5th (we will likely do the first 4, then take

a break during the summer and resume in the fall). We would love to invite new women to join us. The new series is "The Psalms 1-41: Poetry on Fire" by Jeremy

Bouma and Brian Simmons. For more information, please contact Bonnie Moore @ [blmoore70@yahoo.com](mailto:blmoore70@yahoo.com) or 482-1091.

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## April Birthdays



1 Magdalin Zakhary  
2 Brittany Bobrow  
3 Sydney Reynolds  
4 Josie Ferguson  
5 Kristin Clark  
6 Elgin Robinson  
Linda Thomas  
8 Elle Cawelti  
9 Bill Chapman  
10 Jim Duncan  
11 Jaime Peña  
12 Hannah Kirkland

13 Gary Tacla  
15 Leroy Alford  
Brooke Blythe  
Jeannette Goodman  
16 Jim Wilcox  
Betty Buchman  
17 Barry Baxter  
18 Matt Klinker  
19 John Frey  
20 Lillian Harris  
Al Van Selow

21 Shawn Loy  
22 Marie Todd  
Bree Laguna  
24 Eve Barton  
Kathy Vermillion  
Noralee Willard  
26 Carol Sharpe  
27 Sandy Evans  
Barb Vallandingham  
30 Scott Suran  
June French

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## Deacon Message



Did you miss a sermon and want to hear it? Or do you know of someone who might want to hear it? There are several ways to do this: One way is to go to:

[www.lincolnpres.org](http://www.lincolnpres.org) and click on the sermons tab.

Another way is to request a CD of the worship service via the sound techs after church or request it through Cheryl

at the office. The deacons also have some portable CD players available to loan out if that is needed. We want you to stay connected and be informed!

## Adult Discipleship

### Sunday Mornings

**7:25am: This class will not meet Easter Sunday: "The Son of David - Seeing Jesus in the Historical Books"** a video series by Nancy Guthrie, will be the topic of discussion through April. All adults are welcome, light breakfast served. Leaders are Carol Bedell and Patrice Verhines, in the Fireside Room.

**10:20am: "1 Samuel"** with Pastor Al Van Selow and Lavon, in the Fireside Room.

**10:30am - This class will not meet Easter Sunday: "The Contrarian's Guide to Knowing God"** with Larry Osborne, Led by Lise Karnes in Pastor Jon's office.

### Wednesday Evenings

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



## Treasurer's Report-Carol Bedell

<b>Operating Fund:</b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>	<b><u>% of Annual Budget</u></b>
<b><u>December 2017</u></b>				
Income	\$798,334	\$747,966	(\$50,368)	93%
Expense	<u>\$798,334</u>	<u>\$709,722</u>	<u>\$88,612</u>	88%
Net	\$0	\$ 38,244	\$38,244	

Capital Campaign Cash On Hand: \$444,576

<b>Operating Fund:</b>	<b><u>January</u></b>	<b><u>% of Annual Budget</u></b>
Income	\$57,300	7%
Expense	<u>\$53,995</u>	7%
Net	\$ 3,305	

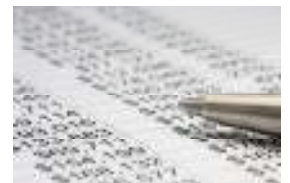
Capital Campaign Cash On Hand: \$454,113

<b>Operating Fund:</b>	<b><u>February</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>	<b><u>% of Annual Budget</u></b>
Income	\$60,456	\$117,757	15%
Expense	<u>\$58,236</u>	<u>\$107,393</u>	13%
Net	\$ 2,220	\$ 10,364	

Capital Campaign Cash On Hand: \$472,876

Thank you for your continued support of the many programs at LPC.

## Financial Reports



## Directory Updates

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## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 9:00 am Service

### April 1

**Greeters:** Patty Roek, Lillian Harris

**Ushers:** Maria Montalvo, Betty Crecelius, Charito Lopez,  
Jane Carson

**Security:** Mark Gantt

### April 8

**Greeters:** Ro & Tambi Loyd

**Ushers:** Barbara George, Ron & Joyce Korock, Craig Potter

**Security:** Jim Duncan

### April 15

**Greeters:** Sandy Harmon, Jennifer Gutierrez

**Ushers:** Tim Sass, Dave Hungerford, Leroy Alford,  
Frank Beasley

**Security:** Bruce Parker

### April 22

**Greeters:** Carole Meehan

**Ushers:** John & Carol Sharpe, Dottie Edaburn,  
Lavon Van Selow

**Security:** Billy Heinrich

### April 29

**Greeters:** Dave Hungerford

**Ushers:** Gabe Laguna, Prilla McGregor, Vaughn Pipes,  
Maria Montalvo

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 10:45 am Service

### April 1

**Greeters:** Bill & Merrilee Chapman

**Ushers:** Dave & Sharon Olney, Drew & Holly Meyers

**Security:** Stan Kaneko

### April 8

**Greeters:** Patrick & Heidi Fedor, Keith Evans

**Ushers:** Tom & Janet Beck, Bill & Carroll Johnston

**Video Tech:** Billy Heinrich

**Security:** Bill Wagner

### April 15

**Ushers:** Dave & Sharon Olney

**Security:** Bob Yamaguchi

### April 22

**Ushers:** George & Vicky Alavazo, Dave & Sara Blicharz

**Video Tech:** Tammy Hannon

**Security:** Jim Wilcox

### April 29

**Greeters:** Brant & Sandra Fetters

**Ushers:** Dave & Sharon Olney

**Security:** Gabe Laguna

**THANKYOU!**  
*volunteers*

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

## 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

1 Easter Lilies  
8 Charito Lopez

### May Flowers

6 Cynthia Alford  
13 John Kluge  
27 Betty Crecelius

## Pew Supply

### April

4 Linda Davies  
11 Lisa Richers  
18 Ila King  
25 Barbara George

# APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>9:00 am Worship 10:20 am Adult Ed 10:45 am Worship</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>6 pm Celebrate Recovery 6:30 pm Hula for Health</p>	<p>3</p> <p>12:00 pm Staff Lunch 12:00 pm Quilting 1:30 pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:30 pm Men's Group 6:30 pm Jr High Band 7:00 pm Commission Mtgs.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30 am Retired Guys' 5:45 pm Jr. High 6 pm: Awana Club Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p> <p>5:30pm Music Rehearsal 6:30 pm Marriage 911 6:30 pm Life Group in Fireside</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Communion 7:30 am Adult Ed 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Adult Ed 10:45 am Worship 12 Mexico Meeting</p> <p>6pm Sr. High</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6 pm Celebrate Recovery 6:30 pm Hula for Health</p>	<p>10</p> <p>12:00 pm Quilting 1:30 pm Staff Mtg.</p> <p>6:30 pm Men's Group 6:30 pm Jr High Band 6:00 pm P/B/S</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30 am Retired Guys' 5:45 pm Jr. High 6 pm: Awana Club Bible Study</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5:30pm Music Rehearsal 6:30 pm Marriage 911 6:30 pm Life Group in Fireside</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7pm Christianity in the Movies</p>	<p>14</p>
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### Weekly Schedule

#### **Sunday**

7:25am - Adult Sunday School  
9:00am - Worship & Children's 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  
Awana

#### **Saturday**

12pm - Mainspring Young Adult Group

### Sermon Titles

April 1 - ABCDEaster (Acts 17:22-32)  
Pastor Bob Mitchell

April 8 - Empty Tombs Need Upper Rooms (Acts 1:1-8)  
Pastor Bob Mitchell

April 15 - Pastor Jon Hathorn

April 22 - Be Filled with The Spirit  
(Acts 2:1-4; Ephesians 5:18-21)  
Pastor Bob Mitchell

April 29 - Lawyer Up! (John 14:14-17; 1 John 2:1)  
Pastor Bob Mitchell

*Lincoln's Mission:*

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