



December 2016

Words from Our Pastor- Bob Mitchell

This is a wonderful season that we are currently entering. We are moving toward a building celebration of Jesus' birth just having Thanksgiving fresh in our minds and hearts. I love this magnificent time that concludes each calendar year.



Coming soon we will have, for the first time in decades, adequate space for our all-church fellowship gathering. We will soon have space for our children and student ministries to no longer have to 'make do' with inadequate facilities. God continues to demonstrate in many ways that this expansion is His desire for our church. He's brought to us the specific people that we need to move forward.

We will have the opportunity, like those in the Advent story to make room for new dimensions of Jesus' presence in our world, in our day. Ultimately, the room that God wants expanded is not focused on brick and mortar, but our hearts. Yet it is in the sacrifice for expansion of brick and mortar that our hearts can experience a soul-expansion as we learn to trust Jesus at deeper levels.

Toward the beauty of bigger hearts, I ask Jesus to be our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God and Prince of Peace. I am privileged to continue during this season of our life together to be,

Your Pastor,
Bob

Important to Note:

- Women's Lunch
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 5pm & 7:30pm
- Christmas Day-One Service

This year however, there is additional reason to give thanks and celebrate Christ in our midst. For as this year draws to a close, we have officially secured all the properties that our church needs to officially begin an expansion thrust in order to give ministry in the next season enough adequate space.

Pastor Matt Kirkland



Life together as Christians is one of the most important choices we make. Hebrews 10:25 tells us to "not stop meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing." When we reference the church, it is the groups of people gathered in Jesus name that

make up the church, not the church buildings we are talking about. And when the church is highly committed to meeting together (implied not just on Sundays), that's where we see people coming to faith, then growing in that faith. Lincoln has always valued groups. Many of you reading this have your small group that you attend regularly. I love the groups that I

am in! But if you are not in a group, would you make plans now to join one? Even better, I am looking for people who might consider leading a group, maybe you are that person? And maybe a few of you have a desire to see your neighborhood reached with the Gospel, and maybe you would be willing to lead a small group made up of all your

Pastor Matt Kirkland (con't. from page 1)

neighbors, but you just need a little assistance in how to make it happen? I can help! We have the mandate to meet together, you might even be feeling the nudge of

the Holy Spirit as you read this to lead or join a group. The direct phone line into my office is (209) 390-1397, call me anytime, day or night, and I have a team of

people wanting to help you get started.

Merry Christmas,
Pastor Matt

From Pastor Fred Jantz



We finally have a contract for the 6245 Gettysburg Place house. This has been a 3 year process of acquiring this house....first from the owner, then the estate, then the mortgage company, then foreclosure and finally Cal FHA. Phew, this requires great diligence and perseverance. God provided for us. Last year the owner of the empty lot, south of our parking lot, came to us and sold that .6 acre lot to us for a great loss to himself. He

wanted to move on and it was a provision for us. All the various pieces are now in place. We now are poised to develop a master plan, consolidate various parcels, settle the city/county boundary issues, and develop this base of operation that we call Lincoln Presbyterian Church. What will be new is an activity building and some additional parking. The Elders and staff have been working on this for several years and we are now ready to proceed

in the full development of this site. We will be providing information and pictures as this process formally begins. Pray for: speed in the removal of the two houses by a house mover, strength for key leaders, unity in the body and His provision for us in this great challenge. Why are we doing this? "Our goal is to please Him.....and use this place to reconcile people to God." II Cor. 5:9,18

Pastor Fred

From your Resident Sage, Pastor Al



A major key to personal spiritual growth as a Christian, and in life itself, is a continuing development of our understanding of Scripture and it's application of God's will for our individual lives.

Accepting Christ as Savior is only the first step, for He is also Lord as well as Redeemer and has a plan for each of us.

Paul reminds us in Romans 12 that we individually have dif-

ferent gifts, and we are all part of a team that has a unique and special purpose right here where God has planted us.

"Sunday School" to some can be an outdated concept. Whatever you call it, what is needed is a continuing in-depth study of Scripture and it's application in understanding how we are to live as Christians in an ever growing pagan society.

The important thing is that regardless of our age or Christian experience, we all need a deeper understanding of Biblical instruction, wither it be a home study group, a fellowship growth group, or simply attending an old fashioned Sunday study class. The important thing is that God has given us a study guide on how to live, and it is important for us to understand and apply it.

Pastor Al

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Kid's News for December - Jessica Klinker

I'm sitting here in my sweater and socks and truly enjoying Fall! My favorite season!! We have been so busy this Fall we don't know what to do with ourselves, but we have had a great time with children and families.

Trunk or Treat was a huge success. We had about 24 cars participate and tons of families showed up! The best estimate is 700+. We ran out of food but the neighborhood showed up and we had a great time with them!

On November 6, we had the return of Kidz Inc., a lunch and performance for

families to learn about a value that God wants us to learn. This time it was on Patience. I truly don't know anyone who doesn't need more of that value! A big thank you goes out to our performers Shelley Webb (director), Bill Chapman, Robert Moore, Michael Gotschall, Jack Ferguson and Addisyn Loy. Also thanks to Ellen Stratton, Bob Yamaguchi and Lori Garcia for making the family take-home, food and the sets. Thanks to everyone who attended!

We just finished our Operation Christmas Child gathering and filling of boxes. We

had so much fun and put together 67 boxes for needy children! Thank you for everyone who donated items to this blessed event.

Our K-5 Sunday School classes are learning about the Fruit of the Spirit at a fun place called Berry Blast Theme Park and our Pre-schoolers just finished up learning about how God cares for us just like He did with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

On to planning for Winter - hope you had a great Thanksgiving!

Jessica



Treasurer's Report-Carol Bedell

Operating Fund:	October	YTD	% of Annual Budget
Income	\$60,605	\$611,390	81%
Expense	<u>\$57,857</u>	<u>\$591,545</u>	78%
Net	\$ 2,748	\$ 19,845	

*October
Financial
Report*

For both October and year-to-date, our Operating Budget is in the black. Congratulations! October is 83% of the year and we are on track for 2016. Thank you.

Deacon Message

Thank You, Father, for the precious gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ. We also give thanks to Him for bringing 6 new members into the Lincoln Pres family in November! One of the many benefits of church membership is having a Deacon assigned to you. Each Deacon ministers to 12-15 families

or individuals (called "clusters"). Deacons reach out to their cluster members each month via phone call, written card, e-mail, or visitation, and are committed to praying for the members in their cluster. Forging caring relationships and administering to the spiritual and physical needs

of LPC members is the #1 priority of your Deacons.

This Christmas, may you experience the wonder of God's glory, the richness of His presence, and the abundance of His spiritual blessings!

"He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; His kingdom will never end." ~ Luke 1:32-33

November Session Updates

REPORT OF STATISTICS

October 1 – November 15, 2016

Communion:

October 2 = 250 persons served

November 6 = 265 persons served

Funerals: (3) – Non-member *John William Johnston* (DOD 10/20/16) officiated by Pastor *Robert Mitchell* at Cherokee Memorial, Lodi CA, October 27, 2016.

- *Laura B. (Lee) Silveira* (#2364 DOD 10/30/16) officiated by Pastor *Robert Mitchell* at Stockton Rural Cemetery on November 3, 2016.

- *Edward Marshall Downs* (#1446 DOD 11/3/16) officiated by Pastor *Mathew Kirkland* at Lincoln Presbyterian Church on November 12, 2016.

Weddings: (1) – *Haley Gail Ruffin* and *Chris James Huff*, November 5, 2016, officiated by Pastor *Mathew Kirkland* at Lincoln Presbyterian Church, Stockton CA.

MSC to approve Pastor Bob Mitchell to attend the ECO National Gathering on January 24-26, 2017 in Greenville, South Carolina.

At a Special Session meeting on Sunday, November 13, **the Session voted to accept into membership:**

Linda Davies - Reaffirmation of faith

Elgin Robinson – Reaffirmation of faith

Randy Bayne – Reaffirmation of faith

Marcie Bayne – Reaffirmation of faith

Christina Johnson – Profession of faith

Chris Balgemann – Reaffirmation of faith

NEWS

From Our Session

At the regularly scheduled meeting of the Session the following actions were noted and taken:

Treasurer's report: Chair *Keith Evans*, noted the church's financial status as of October 31, 2016 shows year-to-date income of \$611,290 and year-to-date expenses of \$591,545 which results in a positive balance of \$19,845.

MSC to approve a meeting of the congregation on December 11, 2016 after the first service, for the purpose of nominating and voting on Elders, Deacons, and Trustee for the class of 2019. Nominated elders are *Ann Wunsch, Shawn Loy, and Dave Blicharz*. Nominated deacons are *Holly Meyers, Gela Yee, and Nancy Kaneko*. Nominated for trustee is *Drew Meyers*.

MSC to approve the Annual Congre-

gation Meeting to be held on Sunday, February 12, 2017.

Expansion Update - Pastor Fred Jantz – The provision and timing of the Lord has prevailed and we are able to purchase the house at 6245 Gettysburg Place for \$222,500. As escrow closes we will be able to activate the next steps of our building expansion plans: house removal, finalize building plans, stewardship emphasis, city/county/building permits, master plans, etc.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Session is Tuesday, December 20, which is the annual joint meeting of the Session and the Board of Deacons.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Andersen, Clerk of Session

Directory Updates

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Ron & Mary Bruegel
6037 N Pershing Ave #240
95207

Adult Discipleship

Sunday Mornings

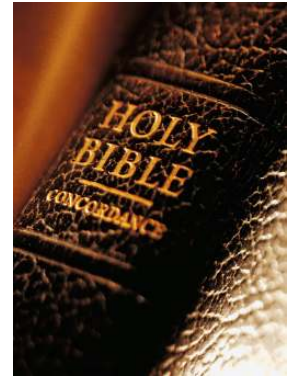
7:30am: “The Book of Job” In this 12-week series, Dr. Derek Thomas walks us through the book and considers what the Bible says about our darkest moments, addressing the relationship between God’s sovereignty

and the existence of evil, sin, and suffering. Led by Patrice Verhines and Carol Bedell, in the Fireside Room.

9:00am: “Experiencing God” by Henry Blackaby. Led by Linda Thomas in the Library.

10:20am—“Hearing God” with Dallas Willard. Led by Lise Karnes in the Library.

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



Congregational Meeting & One Service Sundays

Please note the following schedule changes:

- Session has called a **Congregational Meeting on December 11th** immediately after the first service to nominate the Elders, Deacons and Trustee.
- One Service Sundays on Christmas & New Year’s Days @10am.

Annual Report Deadline

The deadline for articles for the 2016 Annual Report is January 17th.

Flower Chart

The 2017 will soon be available for sign ups in the Narthex. If you would like to provide flowers for one of the services next year, please write your name in the space provided on the chart. The arrangements run approximately \$40.

If you sign 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

If you purchase the flowers for a Sunday morning and would like to keep them, please notify the office or pick them up by noon on Sunday.

December Birthdays

1 Sara Blicharz	13 Lauren Knapp	19 Barbara Morefield	29 Joy Greenlee
2 Patty Roek	Julie Senegor	20 Alyson White	Analynn Madarang
3 Wendy Bell	14 Lori DeMercurio	Ryan Klinker	Bill Wagner
Amanda Stogner	Cynie Downs	22 Carroll Johnston	30 Ben George
4 Cori Reynolds	Holly Meyers	23 Karen Gantt	Pat Winterberg
7 Jennifer Gutierrez	Gela Wachholz-Yee	26 Irma St. John	Bob Yamaguchi
Amy Kirkland	16 Rachel Pena	John Montalvo	31 Ray Johnson
Dorothy Wilkins	Joyce Korock	27 Jed Asis	Loren Tacla
9 Leonard Tacla	18 Sue Groenewegen	Tyler Graham	Chris Balgemann
11 Richie Senegor	Gabe Laguna	28 Heidi Fedor	
12 Susan Blythe	Scott McGregor		

POINSETTIAS

Would you like to help furnish poinsettias for our Christmas services? The sanctuary will be decorated with poinsettias and you have the opportunity to donate toward their purchase (a \$6 donation is being requested). A donor list will be included in the bulletin on Sunday, December 18. Please remit this form with your check, and return it to the church office by November 27. There will also be forms available at the Welcome Desk.

Given in memory of: _____

Given in honor of: _____

Given by: _____ Phone #: _____



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 9:00 am Service

December 4

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

December 11

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

December 18

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

December 25-One Service @ 10am

Greeters: Judy Flaig, Brant & Sandra Fetters
Ushers: John & Carol Sharpe, Dottie Edaburn,
Lavon Van Selow, George & Vicky Alavazo,
Dave & Sara Blicharz
Sound Tech: Paul Johnson, Patrick Fedor
Video Tech: Keith Evans
Security: Gabe Laguna, Bob Ramirez

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 10:45 am Service

December 4

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

December 11

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

December 18

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

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

Flowers

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December Flowers
18 Leroy & Cynthia Alford

Pew Supply

December
7 Kathy Vermillion
14 Lisa Richers
21 Ila King
28 Lorna Zink

New Members

Please welcome our newest members to Lincoln & add their information to your directory:

Randy & Marcie Bayne
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Chris Balgemann
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95210
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Linda Davies
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Christina Johnson
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Mr. Elgin Robinson
2279 Dario Circle, 95209
957-3131

December

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 10:30am-Women's Charity Lunch Parent's Night Out
4 Communion 7:30 am Adult Ed 9:00 am Worship 9:00 am Adult Ed 10:20 am Adult Ed 10:45 am Worship 6:00 pm Sr. High 8:30 pm College	5 6:30 pm Hula for Health	6 12:00 pm Quilting 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Commission Mtgs.	7 9:30 am Retired Guys' 5:15 pm Rehearsal- Instruments 5:45 pm Jr. High 6:00 pm Awana Club 6:00 pm CR 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm Rehearsal- Vocals	8	9	10
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25 ONE SERVICE 10 am Worship 	26 Office Closed 6:30 pm Hula for Health	27 12:00 pm Quilting 1:30 pm Staff Mtg.	28 9:30 am Retired Guys' 5:15 pm Rehearsal- Instruments 6:00 pm CR 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm Rehearsal- Vocals	29	30	31 

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December 2016


Office Schedule:

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

**LIFE @ LINCOLN DEADLINE
December 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

December 4 - "The Jesus of Christmas" (Matthew 1:21,25)
Pastor Bob Mitchell

December 11 - "The King of Christmas" (Matthew 2:1-2)
Pastor Bob Mitchell

December 18 - "The Immanuel of Christmas"
(Matthew 1:23 & 28:18-20)
Pastor Bob Mitchell

December 24 - "The Child of Christmas" (Matthew 2)
Pastor Bob Mitchell

December 25 - "The Christmas Given"
(Isaiah 9:6,7 & John 3:16)
Pastor Bob Mitchell

Lincoln's Mission:

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