



February 2017

Words from Our Pastor- Bob Mitchell

Not all times, seasons and years are created equal. Some moments/seasons are more weighty in our lives than others. Reverently Trish and I watched the movie about the miraculous emergency landing of a passenger jet on the Hudson River entitled “Sully”. In the movie, pilot Chesley Sullenberger said,

“It’s a funny thing. I delivered one million passengers over 40 years in the air, but in the end I will be judged for 208 seconds.”

Weighty moments and seasons in our lives come as opportunities. And most opportunities come with an expiration date. For Captain Sullenberger,



the expiration date was 208 seconds following loss of all propulsion due to bird strikes.

Biblically, we see such an opportunity in the life of God’s people when they came right up to the edge of the Promised Land, but decided to shrink from that opportunity. It would cost them 40 years of aimless wandering in the wilderness. (See Numbers 13-14)

Every indication from God points to the year 2017

being such a weighty window of opportunity for our church. And as one writer points out:

“The opportunity of a lifetime must be seized in the lifetime of the opportunity.”

For us, 2017 is an open window that will result either in significant heavenly activity or a significant missed opportunity.

May we prayerfully seek to fully grasp all that God is laying before us in order that together, we would be,

Advancing the Kingdom,
Pastor Bob

Important to Note:

- Financial Peace University
- Annual Congregational Meeting & Lunch
- Office Closed President’s Day
- Rotary Read-In

Pastor Matt Kirkland



Maybe you’re like me..... I like to read, but I don’t read as much as I would like. I like to work out, but I don’t work out as much as I should. I have a long list of things I should do, but some items on that

list never (at least to date) get a checked box by them. One of my favorite passages in scripture comes from Romans 7 – the things I want to do, I don’t do; and then, too often, the things I don’t want to do, I keep on doing! The best work out seasons I have had in my

life, I have had a partner expecting me to show up and then pushing me to work harder. I will read a book much faster when there is someone wanting me to discuss it with them. If I have a honey-do list of things my wife wants me to do, I want to get them done before she

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asks a second time (or maybe third time. Well, maybe fourth or fifth, but you get the idea). Accountability seems to make all the difference. Here's my point, to grow, to get better, to strive, all this seems to go against our natural bent, so God gave us mentors, bosses, and account-

ability partners to help us in these areas. So, now is the time when I ask you, do you have an accountability partner in regards to your faith??? It's not too late to make 2017 the year in which you grow in faith more than any year before, but you need to make that commitment with someone

else. If you need help in this area, come and talk to me.

Until next time, see you in group...

Grace and peace,

Pastor Matt

From Pastor Fred Jantz



We are so privileged to share our resources with mission efforts

around the world and in our own backyard. LPC has added one more mission support couple to our team. They are the Fernando Dantes family who serve in Spain with World Link Ministries.

We hope to include you more this year thru better communication, weekly prayer reminders and even a MISSIONS Sunday celebration.

You will note a new sign outside the Fireside room: GCRM DONATIONS. Bring clothing and supplies to

donate, and we have Dave and Sharon Olney taking them down to the Mission on a regular basis. Thank you to Dave and Sharon for faithful service.

Here is our team for the Outreach/Mission efforts for 2017

Paul Zakhary, elder
Carolyn Ritchie,
Communications
Randy Bayne
Keith Braley
Margaret Chau
Lorna Crooks
Gwen Davies
Michael Gotschall
Marie Todd
Fred Jantz

We bought the empty lot in December of 2015 and the

6245 Gettysburg house in December of 2016. What is next?

1. We are working thru the process of getting permission to move the 2 houses.

2. The house mover has started his process of getting permits, etc., for the moving. It will be one house at a time.

3. Then there will be site preparation and finalization of plans.

4. County and City permits and 'lot consolidation' and lots of details.....thank you to John French for working on many of these details.

5. Raising of funds and getting it done. PRAY PRAY PRAY!

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Kid's News for February - Jessica Klinker

After and extremely wet January, I have been really looking forward to this month!

February for children is all about friends and valentines. It is a great time to have great talks about how to be a good friend and how Jesus is a good example.

Our preschoolers are learning about how Jesus takes care of us.

Our Kindergarten - 6th graders have just started our spy theme called *Spy Chase: Tracking Down the Prophets of the Bible*. We are having fun learning how to break codes and defeat evil with Jesus' help.

Our big news is that we are starting a new game to learn the Bible called *The Great Adventure Cards*. These amazing Bible trading cards are a wonderful way to get kids to participate at church. They are more than just Bible cards, they are a complete FUN Bible trading game! Each card has a Bible

story and goes along with it. Then the children can collect and trade cards to get the full set. There are 11 sets that include Creation, The Garden of Eden, Noah, The Life of Moses, Plagues, Elijah, Daniel, Joseph, David, Jesus' miracles and His death and resurrection. The artwork is very cool. Each card has a question and a Bible reference. The questions were carefully written so that they are hard enough that most kids (and adults!) aren't going to "just know the answer" but easy enough that by looking up the answer they can find it in that one verse.

The kids collect the cards by coming to church, bringing their Bible, a friend, participating, answering questions, etc. When they complete a series, AND can answer all the questions (from reading their Bibles and working on them with Mom and Dad at home!) they give the series to a leader who quizzes them, and

then they get a prize. A hole is punched in the corner of the card so that they can keep the cards, and they can't be used again (or traded with others) to be used again for a prize. I can tell you as a children's pastor who used these in ministry – it is VERY EFFECTIVE in engaging kids and getting them to work hard at learning and participating.

I sure am hoping that our kids love these and have a lot of fun as they are learning the Bible.

I hope you all have a great month!

Jessica



Deacon Message

One of the services that the deacons provide is Deacon Dinners for those who are ill or have experienced a loss. You can contact your deacon or Maria Montalvo, Bob Ramirez or Sherrie Kudla if you have need of

meals. Also, if you would like to provide dinners for those in need, please contact us and we will let you know as we have need of your help. God bless you all.



Deacon Dinners

Session News-January

At the regularly scheduled meeting of the Session *Don Goehner* of the Goehner Group was introduced and he reported on the Congregational Study/Survey conducted in connection with the proposed upcoming capital campaign. More information will soon be shared with the entire congregation. In addition to personal prayer, the Session will be meeting as a group on February 3 for a time of prayer prior to considerations and decisions to be made at the Annual Session Retreat on February 4.

The Session asks for your support through prayer. The members of Session are: Elders: *Dave Blicharz, Merrilee Chapman, Lorna Crooks, Patrick Fedor, Roosevelt Loyd, Shawn Loy, Rhonda Messerer, Gerry Moore, Dave Palmer, Ann Wunsch, Paul Zakhary*, Chair, *Keith Evans*, Clerk of Session, *Connie Andersen*; Staff: Pastors *Bob Mitchell*,

Matt Kirkland, Fred Jantz; Special Projects Administrator, *John French*.

The Treasurer's report: Session Chair *Keith Evans* noted the church's financial status as of December 31, 2016 shows year-to-date income of \$743,583 and year-to-date expenses of \$735,744, which results in a positive balance of \$7,839. Per previous Session approval, 10% of the positive balance at the end of the year will be designated to missions. \$784 will be designated to the missions fund.

REPORT OF STATISTICS Communion: January 1, 2017 = 188; December attendance averages: without Sunday school: 292. Average with Sunday school, but not including Adult Ed: 350.

Clerk of Session, *Connie Andersen*, also reported that the Ministry Information Form for ECO has been

completed showing our membership at 393 covenant members.

Elders *Keith Evans* and *Gerry Moore* have agreed to serve on the 2017 Nominating Committee. **The Session voted via e-mail to approve the removal of trees at both 6245 and 6303 Gettysburg Place with the funds coming from the Rental Properties Restricted Fund**

The Session will meet for prayer on Friday, February 3, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

The Session will meet on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, for their annual retreat scheduled 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Session is Tuesday, February 21, 2017.

**Respectfully submitted,
Connie Andersen, Clerk of Session**

Adult Discipleship

Sunday Mornings

7:30am: NEW ADULT STUDY BEGINS FEBRUARY 5: "The Promised One, Seeing Jesus in Genesis" is a 10-week 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.

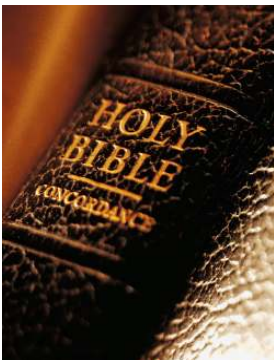
10:20am—"Hearing God" with Dallas Willard. Led by

Lise Karnes in the Library.

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

Wednesday Evenings

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



Directory Updates

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Financial Peace University

It's important to have a plan for your money. What's yours? If you're looking for ways to get a handle on your finances, consider joining the Financial Peace University class on Thursday evenings for 9 weeks. This class just

started on January 26th at 6:30pm in the Fireside Room, so it is not too late to join. Cost is \$100 per family unit.



Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday February 12th immediately following 2nd service. There will be an all-church lunch after the meeting.

The 2016 Annual Report will be available on Sunday, February 5th.



Treasurer's Report-Carol Bedell

Operating Fund:	December	YTD	Budgeted	% of Annual Budget	December Financial Report
Income	\$73,178	\$743,583	\$755,251	98.5%	
Expense	<u>\$69,589</u>	<u>\$735,744</u>	<u>\$755,251</u>	97.4%	
Net	\$3,589	\$ 7,839	- 0 -		

The month of December 2016, was positive and we ended 2016 with a surplus of \$7,389. Also of note, \$57,457 was given to the Kingdom Growth Fund in 2016. Thank you for your generosity!

February Birthdays

2 Kris Stewart	11 Shirley Rivinius	20 Irene Jackson
5 Mark Gantt	Blake Lamie	22 Georgia Conner
6 Beth Kilburn	Marge Ramirez	Bill Head
Jody Sampley	13 Sherrie Kudla	25 Gary Vermillion
7 Dave Hey	17 Ernie Shropshire	26 Allison Fedor
9 Prilla McGregor	18 Alissa Doolan	Gracie Ferguson
10 James Lavender	Sharon Olney	



Rotary Read-In

Once again, Lincoln will be participating in the Rotary Read-In at Manlio Silva Elementary School in Spanos Park West. The date is February 23rd, and we would

love to have you come down and read to the kids. Contact Pastor Matt for more details.



Will you please read me a story?

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 9:00 am Service

February 5

Greeters: Patty Roek, Lillian Harris

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

Sound Tech: Kevin Chaddock

Security: Mark Gantt

February 12

Greeters: Ro & Tambi Loyd

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

Sound Tech: Kevin Chaddock

Security: Jim Duncan

February 19

Greeters: Sandy Harmon, Jennifer Gutierrez

Ushers: Tim Sass, Howard Stokes, Dave Hungerford,
George Grismore, Leroy Alford

Sound Tech: Kevin Chaddock

Security: Jerry Crooks

February 26

Greeters: Judy Flaig

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

Sound Tech: Kevin Chaddock

Security: Gabe Laguna

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 10:45 am Service

February 5

Greeters: Bill & Merrilee Chapman

Ushers: Holly Meyers, Dave & Sharon Olney

Sound Tech: Kevin Chaddock

Video Tech: Sam Kirkland

Security: Stan Kaneko

February 12

Greeters: Patrick & Heidi Fedor, Keith Evans

Ushers: Tom & Janet Beck, Bill & Carroll Johnston

Sound Tech: Kevin Chaddock

Video Tech: Kaylee Webb

Security: Bill Wagner

February 19

Ushers: Dave & Sharon Olney, Nikki Pyeatt

Sound Tech: Kevin Chaddock

Video Tech: Carolyn Ritchie

Security: Donald Friis

February 26

Greeters: Brant & Sandra Feters

Ushers: George & Vicky Alavazo, Dave & Sara Blicharz

Sound Tech: Kevin Chaddock

Video Tech: Tammy Hannon

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



February Flowers

19 Jennifer Gutierrez
26 Cynthia Alford

March Flowers

12 Charito Lopez
26 Ann Wunsch

Pew Supply

February

1 Kathy Vermillion
8 Lisa Richers
15 Ila King
22 Lorna Zink

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

FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1</p> <p>9:30 am Retired Guys'</p> <p>5:45 pm Jr. High 6:00 pm Awana Club 6:00 pm CR 6:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>2</p> <p>5:15 pm Music Rehearsal</p> <p>6:30pm FPU</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Session Retreat</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Communion 7:30 am Adult Ed 9:00 am Worship 10:20 am Adult Ed 10:45 am Worship 3:30 pm Youth Super Bowl Party</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30 pm Hula for Health</p>	<p>7</p> <p>12:00 pm Quilting 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Commission Mtgs. 6:30pm Marriage 911</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30 am Retired Guys'</p> <p>5:45 pm Jr. High 6:00 pm Awana Club 6:00 pm CR 6:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:15 pm Music Rehearsal</p> <p>6:30pm FPU</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>7:30 am Adult Ed 9:00 am Worship 10:20 am Adult Ed 10:45 am Worship 6:00 pm Sr. High</p> <p>ANNUAL CONG MTG and LUNCH</p> <p>6:00 pm Sr. High</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30 pm Hula for Health 7:00 pm P/B/S</p>	<p>14</p> <p>12:00 pm Staff Lunch 12:00 pm Quilting 1:30 pm Staff Mtg. 6:30pm Marriage 911</p>  <p>Valentine's Day</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:30 am Retired Guys'</p> <p>5:45 pm Jr. High 6:00 pm Awana Club 6:00 pm CR 6:00 pm Bible Study</p> <p>64th Anniversary of LPC</p> <p>L@L Deadline</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:15 pm Music Rehearsal</p> <p>6:30pm FPU</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Youth Group SkyZone and Broomball</p>	<p>18</p>
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Monday - Friday 8:30 -12 noon & 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday

7:25am - Adult Sunday School will resume in February
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

February 5

"Worship: It's About Who I Am and What I Do"
(Acts 17:22-28) - Pastor Bob Mitchell

February 12

"Worship: It's About Who God Is And What He's Done"
(Psalm 95:1-7a) - Pastor Bob Mitchell

February 19

"Worship: It's About Both Me and Us"
(Psalm 95) - Pastor Bob Mitchell

February 26

"Worship: Its About A Way of Life"
(Psalm 95:6-11) - Pastor Bob Mitchell

Lincoln's Mission:

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