



February 2019

Words from Our Pastor– Bob Mitchell

Some things in life come full circle. When I first came to Stockton nearly three decades ago, Lincoln was just about ready to lay the foundation for expanded facilities. It was going to be called the Fireside Building. Early one morning before the cement was poured, I buried two items in the location where my office was designed to go. The two items were a small Bible and a Prayer Guide that LPC was using to boost our prayer life together. The reason I chose these two items can be found in Acts 6:4 which tells us that prayer and the ministry of the Word were the two most important priorities of early church leaders. For all these years, the silent witness of these two items buried in the very founda-



tion of the church offices helped me keep the sense of apostolic priorities.

As we are nearing the time when the foundation will be poured for our new multi-purpose building, I thought: I believe that I should ask if anyone would like to join me in burying a small item before the cement is poured. The item would symbolize your heart's yearning: perhaps a simple 3x5 card with the name of someone you are praying would come to faith.

When Joshua led the people in a miraculous crossing of the Jordan River into the Promised Land, they took rocks from the Jordan and set them up as a memorial for all to see when they crossed. Rocks that had been hidden under water were now a visible reminder of faith and trust in God. In our day, perhaps we can take what is visible and hide it in the foundation as a perpetual reminder of our faith and trust in God.

So, what do you think? Will you join me? Ask God what your permanent witness should be! Excited about what He will do as a result of our faith-filled deeds, I remain,

Your Pastor, Bob

Important to Note:

- Investment Planning & Estate Planning Seminar
- PNC Town Hall Meetings
- Annual Congregational Meeting
- Farewell Dinner

Jon Hathorn - Pastor of Church Ministries



Bev and I recently took an overnight trip to Salt Lake City to attend a wedding. It was an early morning flight and it included a stop in Los Angeles where we changed planes and then boarded the plane taking us to our intended destination in Salt Lake City.

Why would we go to Los Angeles, when Salt Lake City is basically directly east of us and Los Angeles is directly south? Crazy.

Many people just simply fail to understand their real destination and so they jump in cars traveling quickly to anywhere, make life career choices because of something other than real priori-

ties, spend time in activities that don't have the same important values that they actually desire.

I simply want to encourage you this day to not only dream about priorities and hope for them but to take steps in having them be present. This January I decided to text a daily prayer to God and I include the following

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“Many people just simply fail to understand their real destination ...”

things each day: I magnify who the Lord is and thank Him for what He has done; secondly I admit my shortcomings and am transparent with Him; and then I ask Him for wisdom and intervention in my life, the life of

family members, the members and programs of our church, and missionaries around the world.

I simply am trying to be on the right plane, which is His plane where He is the pilot and I am a

passenger. I know many of you do the same. If you haven't tried, I bet you'll see a difference in your life.

Jon

Pastor Fred Jantz



“God is on the throne of this universe...”

I remember the thrill of graduate school.... the excitement of finding something new. New ideas, new strategies, new phrases that would energize a fresh generation and solve problems. New songs of hope and liberation. New schematics for a new day. But you know what? The thrill began to fade with the slow realization that there is nothing new under the sun. The cycles of nature and the coming and going of generations.... began to dull the dream of brand new solutions. We went thru a phase of trying to discover NEW and instead began to ask basic questions of how to solve challenges.

I have learned that we do not discover new truth.... we need to remember the truth that cannot be forgotten or neglected. Though life can become complicated, we must go back to the basics of life.... starting with the Bible and seeking the process of wisdom thru prayer and reflection.

We are certainly in a time of transition and change. But there is no need to panic. Think of the basic things:

1. God is on the throne of this universe. He rules and runs this world. Nothing has caught Him by surprise.
2. Jesus Christ is the head of the Church and He will build it...and protect it....and guide it.

3. Our God wants to glorify His work in the lives of His people.

4. The future is in His Hands. Or as the song says: Many things about tomorrow, I don't seem to understand. But I know Who holds tomorrow and I know Who holds my hand.

Some musings on a windy and rainy day.... bless you all.

Pastor Fred

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Student Ministries - Harry Ulep, Youth Intern



The youth department is filled with faithful leaders who have helped with the transitions that

the ministry has encountered. In our current season, we are blessed to partner with our adult and student leaders, which has provided a variety of opportunities for growth, development and training.

One of the areas this is taking place is within the Junior High ministry. Our student leaders have been given the opportunity to present the message. Throughout the current

series, they are speaking about different spiritual habits like spending time with God and representing God's love through their lives. This has challenged the student leaders to leave their comfort zone, as they open up about their personal experiences in their own spiritual walk. The impact that the High Schoolers are able to have on the Jr Highers is so encouraging to witness. Through their sharing, they are able to uniquely connect with the Jr Highers, by giving them the perspective of what is to come as they transition into high school.

As I reflect on these student leaders, I am reminded of

1 Timothy 4:12 "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." These students are stepping out in faith and sharing about the journey that the Lord has taken them on.



Children's Ministries - Kristen Lambdin



January has brought the start of AWANA for the spring semester. Even with the stormy weather on our first night we had our usual turn out of about 50

kids! We were also excited to welcome 3 new families who will be joining us for the remainder of the year! AWANA has continued to be such a highlight in our ministry. It truly allows us the chance to come

along side kids and families and help them through the many bumps of life.

Our Sunday school kids have been going through a series on the life of Saul and his conversion to Paul and all about how God can take anything and turn it for good. It has been such a blessing to see some steady growth of kids in our nursery and Pre-kindergarten class each week! With that comes the need for more clas-

ses and volunteers. If you have a love for kids and seeing them receive a solid foundation in Christ at a young age please contact me and we can talk about the impact you can have in the kids of our church! Kristen@lincolnpres.org or call (209) 390-1398.

Deacon Message

"...for He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things." Psalms 107:9

Deacon Dinners is a program that provides meals for LPC members who are ill, have had surgery or have experi-

enced a death in the family. Simply contact your deacon if you have such a need. Neighbors who witness the loving provision of meals have been positively impacted as well.

If you would like to provide

the occasional meal (home-cooked or purchased) please let one of the deacons who arrange the dinners know. They are Nancy Kaneko, Betty Crecelius and Judy Borth. This is such a tangible way to show love to our members.



PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC) UPDATE

The PNC was introduced and commissioned on January 6, 2019 at both services. The PNC is made up of seven (7) members all of whom are Elders of Lincoln. The PNC has four sitting session members, four men and three women. The members voted on by Session are: Merrilee Chapman, Mark Gantt, Dave Hungerford, Shawn Loy, Sandy Parker, Susan Thomas, and Keith Evans, Chair.

The PNC has met once to discuss the PNC search process and has met twice to pray together. The PNC is busy behind the scenes setting up the framework for a successful search of Lincoln's next Senior Pastor. Each member of the PNC has been reviewing a lot of pastor search committee articles and documents, creating the outline for Lincoln's church profile that will be provided to interested candidates, and preparing for the upcoming Town Hall meetings.

The purpose of the Town Hall meetings is to allow you, the congregation, an opportunity to provide feedback regarding the next Senior Pastor and to understand your future, hopes and dreams for Lincoln. Each Town Hall meeting will feature a brief overview of the PNC process and then ask questions to gather information as to what is important to you.

Town Hall meetings will be held on Sunday, January 27th after the second service in either the sanctuary or Fireside Room; Tuesday, January 29th at 6:00pm in the Fireside Room; Thursday, January 31st at 6:00pm in the Library; and Saturday, February 2nd at 12 noon immediately following the Investment and Estate Planning Seminar in the Fireside Room.

The PNC will compile all the feedback and then work with Session to finalize a church profile and job description

for the new Senior Pastor. Then the PNC will post/advertise the position and begin to interview potential candidates. Since most of us have not participated in this type of process before, a "slow and measured" approach will be prudent. Session and the PNC commit to keep you updated of the benchmarks within the process as the average search time for a new pastor is approximately 18 months.

As the PNC begins the search for Lincoln's next Senior Pastor, we ask that you be in continual prayer. Please pray for the person God has as Lincoln's next pastor and that they prepare their heart for the call to lead Lincoln. Pray for the PNC to have discernment, wisdom, patience and unity during the search process. Pray for our church that this will be a time of unity and support.

Annual Congregational Meeting



The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be on Sunday, February 24, 2019, immediately following 2nd service.

The 2018 Annual Report will be available by February 10th.

February Birthdays



2 Kris Stewart
5 Mark Gantt
6 Beth Doe
Jody Sampley
7 Dave Hey
8 Jon Hathorn
9 Nancy Bates
Prilla McGregor

9 Daniel Bates
10 James Lavender
11 Shirley Rivinius
Blake Lamie
Marge Ramirez
13 Sherrie Kudla
16 Harry Ulep
18 Alissa Doolan

18 Sharon Olney
20 Irene Jackson
Dale Hill
25 Gary Vermillion
26 Allison Fedor
Gracie Ferguson

Adult Ministries

Sunday Mornings

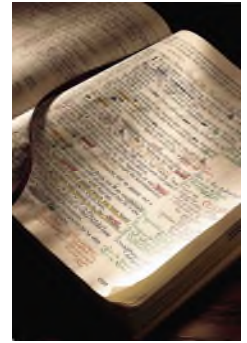
7:25am: "First Peter" Join us in the Fireside Room at 7:25 am, and gain a fresh perspective on how to live a triumphant life. Bring your Bible. Light breakfast served, led by Carol Bedell and Patrice Verhines.

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

10:30am: "The Book of John" with Tony Evans. 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.



Farewell Dinner for Pastor Bob

Save the date!
Sunday March 17th at 5pm
Quail Lakes Church

Tickets will be available in February. Watch & listen for details to come.

Treasurer's Report - Carol Bedell - December 2018

The 2018 year has not been closed yet as we are still calculating reported income and expenses. A preliminary report indicates that we will close 2018 with approximately \$8,900 in the black. Ten percent of the final amount will

be transferred to the Local Mission Restricted Fund per Session policy.

The start of a new year is the time to re-assess priorities. Please consider the amount you give to LPC for 2019. Any increase will be greatly appre-

ciated and allow LPC to continue to meet our upcoming goals for outreach, fellowship and spiritual growth.

Investment & Estate Planning Seminar - *Build to Live, Protect to Give*

Saturday, February 2, 2019
10am-12pm
Fireside Room

Whatever season of life you are in, this seminar has information that will be helpful. The two presenters have ties to LPC and will give guidance on how to achieve financial goals and protect your assets.

Investment Presenter:

Chris Phillips,
Phillips Financial, Lodi

Estate Planning Presenter:

June Jantz, Attorney, Stockton

What you need to know and do to maximize financial gain in order to build and leave a legacy.

Join us for this FREE seminar!

Child care available on request by contacting the office at 477-2783.



Directory Updates

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Charlottesville VA 22901

Amy Johnston
8905 Davis Ave C-14, 95209

Barbara George
Cell-471-3875

Bonnie Cawelti
1871 Douglas Rd, 95207



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 9:00 am Service

February 3

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

Video Tech: Ron Korock

Security: Mark Gantt

February 10

Greeters: Ro & Tambi Loyd

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

Security: Jim Duncan

February 17

Greeters: Sandy Harmon, Jennifer Gutierrez

Ushers: Dave Hungerford, Leroy Alford, Frank Beasley,
David Baldwin

Security: Bruce Parker

February 24

Greeters: Carole Meehan

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

Security: Billy Heinrich

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 10:45 am Service

February 3

Greeters: Bill & Merrilee Chapman

Ushers: Dave & Sharon Olney, Drew & Holly Meyers,
Jim & Ingrid Best

Security: Stan Kaneko

February 10

Greeters: Patrick & Heidi Fedor, Keith Evans

Ushers: Tom & Janet Beck, Bill & Carroll Johnston

Video Tech: Billy Heinrich

Security: Bill Bambas

February 17

Ushers: Dave & Sharon Olney, Jim & Ingrid Best

Security: Bob Yamaguchi

February 24

Greeters: Brant & Sandra Feters

Ushers: George & Vicky Alavazo, Dave & Sara Blicharz

Security: Jim Wilcox

PNC Town Hall Meetings



Town Hall Meetings Scheduled - if you are interested in hearing about the PNC process and would like to share your thoughts regarding the future pastor at Lincoln, please plan on attending one of these Town Hall meetings. All meetings will be at the church and are loosely scheduled for about an hour.

Sunday, January 27th -
After second service

Tuesday, January 29th - 6pm

Thursday, January 31st - 6pm

Saturday, February 2nd at Noon
(immediately following the Investment/Estate Planning seminar).

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

3 Cynthia & Leroy Alford
17 Jennifer Gutierrez

March Flowers

10 Charito Lopez
31 Ann Wunsch

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

Pew Supply

February

6
13 Lisa Richers
20 Ila King
27 Barbara George

February

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 10am-12pm Investment / Estate Planning Seminar 12pm PNC Town Hall Meeting Senior High Event (offsite) |
| 3 Communion 7:30 am Adult Ed 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Adult Ed 10:45 am Worship Super Bowl | 4 4:30-JH Guys Study Group 5:30 pm Hula for Health 6:30 pm FPU | 5 9:45am LIFE Group 12:00 pm Quilting 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm Music Rehearsal 6:30 pm Men's Group 7:00 pm Commission Mtgs. | 6 9:30 am Retired Guys' 5:45 pm Jr. High 6 pm: Awana Club Bible Study | 7 6:30 pm Bethel Series (Fireside) 7:30pm Mainspring (Young Adult) | 8 | 9 |
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Office Hours:

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
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

Thursday

7:30pm - Mainspring Young Adult Group

Sermon Titles

February 3 - "MVP Most Valuable Prisoners" Daniel 1
Pastor Jon Hathorn

February 10 - "No Small Change" (with Britton Kimball)
Pastor Bob Mitchell

February 17 - "Return to the Thin Places"
Pastor Bob Mitchell

February 24 - "Paul's Prayer - Our Prayer"
Ephesians 1:15-23
Pastor Bob Mitchell

Lincoln's Mission:

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