



June 2016

## Words from Our Pastor- Bob Mitchell

With this month beginning the summer, I'm reminded of the routines of this season. If you think about it, for most of us the routine of summer is an interruption of the routines we've established throughout the remaining three seasons. Most of us will temporarily leave our homes in the Stockton area to take summer vacations. In addition to vacations, there are teams that will be leaving from Lincoln to go on mission trips to Mexico, Lithuania and Africa in order to minister Christ's love to our world. So the makeup of our Sunday morning worship will have a different look each week.

An additional alteration in the routine of what we typically do throughout the year is the summer expansion of our staff to include six interns. This is our opportunity to intensify the leadership velocity of the emerging generation. While this program ultimately looks to improve the future leadership of Christ's church, there is an immediate benefit of an injection of youthful energy and idealism into the overall leadership team that at times gets depleted due to summer travels. Yea interns!



In addition to vacations and interns, the summer typically brings a message series that parks on a specific portion of the Bible. Last summer it was Ephesians. The summer before we opened up the Old Testament prophet Zechariah. This summer we'll be in the book of Genesis to look at the story of Jacob. I have always found it encouraging that if God was willing to work in the life of this rascally-patriarch, no one is off limits to His love.

So here's to our routinely, out-of-the-routine summer, Pastor Bob

### Important to Note:

- Missions Lunch
- Mexico Commissioning
- Movies with Jessica
- Mega Sports Camp

## Pastor Matt Kirkland

The first thing I do when I sit down at my desk on a typical day is read several daily devotions. Recently the writer of one of these devotions started by saying "You're never going to become a friend of God in your spare time. You have to make knowing God your number one priority in life." And goes on to say "You are as close to God as you want to be.



And if you feel far from God, guess who moved?" What an important question! But my answer to that question isn't what the writer might think would be the answer. I would say our culture is moving, and subsequently it is taking a portion of the Christian community with it. Let me explain. Most social scientists are now saying we live in a post-Christian society, the church no longer carries influence in our culture. As the cultural wave of indifference (or perhaps

animosity) toward the church grows, it carries with it not only those who never had faith in Jesus, but also those who had only nominal faith in Jesus. So, the question "if you feel far from God, guess who moved?" might better be asked: how heavily has the culture influenced your faith? If you want to have a closer walk with Jesus, you will need to examine your influences carefully. Is your faith influenced primarily through scripture and prayer? Are

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## Pastor Matt Kirkland (continued)

humility and God's sovereignty guiding forces in your life? If you know God has a plan, and you are sold out to further that plan – you are on the right track. The wrong track may look like a general feel of malaise and even frustration with the church. Choosing to *not* be in community is very detrimental to your faith. Thinking you can get every-

thing you need from the internet (Facebook, Instagram, or even podcasts) can do a surprising amount of harm to your faith.

God loves you so much! Like any good father, He wants you to know His love. Don't let the thief (John 10:10) come in and steal God's gift of love and grace from your life. Guard your heart! And remember "Everything else

is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ" (Philippians 3:8 NLT).

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Matt

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## From Pastor Fred Jantz



This past month I re-read a book from my college days. It was THROUGH THE GATES OF SPLENDOR by Elizabeth Elliot. It is the story of 5 young men who dared to make contact with a stone age tribe deep in the jungles of Ecuador. Their goal was to establish communication with a people whose only response to the outside world had been to attack all strangers. Their mission was to combine modern technology with ingenuity and driven by a determination to get the gospel to a people without Christ.

After preliminary overtures of friendship, the men set out for a meeting with the Auca tribesmen. The wives

sat by their radios waiting for news. But then there was silence. Silence that ultimately found the men's bodies in the river.....killed by these primitive people. Was this a miscalculated failure? Did the men's zeal distort their common sense? These men had a compulsion from God to take the good news to those who never heard of forgiveness and spiritual life. They ignored the modern thinking that we should not try to change the culture of other peoples .....ignoring the superstition and daily suffering of these people. Instead, they ventured forth and gave their lives for the cause of Christ. From that preliminary failure, the God of heaven used

that sacrifice to bring a group of people to Himself. Those who were enemies became friends of the widows and children..... AND...became friends with God.

The quote of Jim Elliot has lingered long:

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

I was refreshed in my soul by re-visiting the story. To God be the glory.

Pastor Fred

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## The Monthly Newsletter of Lincoln Presbyterian Church

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## Kid's News for June

Summer is here! We are bustling about planning fun things for you and your kids.

Mega Sports Camp starts this month on June 27<sup>th</sup>! We are so excited and the registrations are rolling in! We have extra room this year because we added another sport. This year we will have Soccer, Cheerleading and Basketball. This VBS was such a blessing last year we hope to serve even more children this year! You can register at [www.lincolnpres.org](http://www.lincolnpres.org).

Movies with Jessica is back this summer! This is a free event with many dates available. Below you will find the dates and movie titles. Please sign up so we know how many seats to save.

**June 8:** Max

**June 15:** The Iron Giant: Signature Edition

**July 13:** Curious George

**July 27:** Shaun The Sheep

**Aug 2:** The Croods

This year we are bringing back Family Bowling, July 22 from 3 to 5. Everyone is invited! Please put this on your calendar. More details to come next month.

We are also looking for a private pool to have a Family Pool party. If you know of one can you let us know? We found out the neighborhood pools won't work out for a variety of reasons.

Now that Awana is on it's Summer break, I wanted to

thank the many people who have volunteered each week. We saw many new children in our T&T group (grades 3-6). Thankfully we had some great new volunteers as well. Please say thank you to these caring adults as you see them: Karyn Johnson, Juliann Johnson, Gela Wachholtz-Yee, Rebecca Severin, Victoria Chrys, Kathy Jantz, Matt Klinker, Matt Kirkland, Ryen Loy, Shawn Loy, Norma and Bob Yamaguchi, Mark & Karen Gantt, Gerry Moore, Bill Wagner, Susan Blythe, Kevin and Diane Beltz. Thank you for all your time and effort for our children!



### *Upcoming Events*

- *Mega Sports Camp*
- *Movies with Jessica*
  - *Family Bowling*

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## Student Ministries

The summer is here! School is out, and that means students are available. We are excited for this summer and everything that we have planned. We start off with a trip down to Mexico from June 12-18, so please be praying for that and don't miss Mexico Sunday on June 26<sup>th</sup>! Then on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, we are welcoming the incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders to our JH ministry. We can't wait to meet them! Also, we look forward to our Houseboat Trip next month on July 10-15. The

spots for camp are filling up SO fast. In fact we started a waitlist. If you haven't signed up, there is still a chance to get you in, but you'll need to act fast.

Helping us this summer, and serving as the Youth Intern, is Hannah Marsili. She's an amazing young lady who use to be a part of this church, but a few years ago moved with her family to Woodstock, IL due to her dad's job relocation. A lot of you know Hannah, and her parents, Ken and Ann. We are excited

to have her on the team this summer and looking forward to all that God is going to do in her life and through her in the lives of our students. We will continue to have our weekly HS and JH programs that meet on Sundays from 6-8pm and Wednesdays from 5:45-7:30pm. If you know any students grades 7-12, we'd love to meet them and have them join our ministry. See you Sunday!



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 9:00am Service

### June 5

**Greeters:** Patty Roek  
**Ushers:** Betty Crecelius, Charito Lopez, Jane Carson,  
Maria Montalvo  
**Sound Tech:** Paul Johnson  
**Security:** Bill Chapman

### June 12

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

### June 19

**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

### June 26

**Greeters:** Dick Ennis, Judy Flaig  
**Ushers:** John & Carol Sharpe, Dottie Edaburn,  
Lavon Van Selow  
**Sound Tech:** Paul Johnson  
**Security:**

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 10:45am Service

### June 5

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

### June 12

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

### June 19

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

### June 26

**Greeters:** Brant & Sandra Fetters  
**Ushers:** George & Vicky Alavazo, Dave & Sara Blicharz  
**Sound Tech:** Patrick Fedor  
**Video Tech:** Keith Evans  
**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

### June

5 Susan Thomas  
12 Charito Lopez  
19 Betty Crecelius  
26 Ron & Joyce Korock

### July

31 Cynthia & Leroy Alford

## Pew Supply

### June

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

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

## Music News

There will be a Band/Ensemble Barbeque at Oak Grove Park off of 8-mile Road on Saturday June 11th at 4pm.

## Directory Updates

Brooke Blythe  
7010 Morton Ct  
Stockton, CA 95219

Elizabeth Doisy  
6303 Golf Course Square  
Alexandria VA 22307



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## Deacon Message

**June is Deacon Scholarship Month!** All deacon contributions in June will be earmarked for scholarships for deserving college or vocational students who have applied. Although the scholarships are not large, they do help with books or

other expenses. The applicants were required to indicate where they are attending school as well as their involvement in a church family either here or in their college community. We thank you for your contributions to this fund. It

demonstrates our tangible support of LPC members striving to better themselves through continued education.

*Deacon  
Scholarship  
Month*

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## June Birthdays

2	Brittany Jasmann	8	Rene Friis	21	Connie Anderson
	Norm Owens	16	Kathy Wary		Cindy Costanza
3	Mark Perkins	17	Richard Bacaylan	23	Sandy Richardson
	Loretta Pipes		Kirk Feters	24	Gerry Moore
5	Robert Bobrow		Bob Ramirez	26	Dax Compise
6	Victoria Chrys	18	John Stewart		Denise Miller
	Amanda Johnson	19	Liza Lopez	28	Dave Palmer
	Doe Kilburn		Ann Wunsch	29	Jon Knapp
7	Anna Marie Bambas	20	Ed Gray	30	Tom Beck
	Kevin Beltz		Bill Johnston		

*June  
BIRTHDAYS*

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## Security

Praying for the peace and prosperity of Stockton should be a part of every believer's daily prayer time. Otherwise, how will the city ever change for the good?

Unfortunately, churches are considered easy targets for vandalism, property damage, and theft. A big THANK YOU to our volunteers who patrol the LPC parking lot & church grounds during regular church services.

In addition to prayer, there are some practical things you can do to avoid becoming the victim of property theft, especially when it comes to having your vehicle broken into:

1. Don't leave valuables in your car, even if they are out of sight. This includes sunglasses, cell phones, GPS devices, electronic mounting devices, chargers, cables and accessories, books, Bibles, gym bags, etc.
2. Don't leave your house keys or your garage door opener in your vehicle. After breaking into your vehicle, any thief can easily gain access to your home with these items.
3. Don't leave mail in your car as it provides your personal information to a thief, making it much easier to steal your identity.
4. Don't keep your vehicle registration or insurance card in the vehicle. A thief can use your registration to make a fake title and potentially get a title loan against your vehicle.
5. Always lock your car, roll up your windows, close your sunroof, and activate your car alarm if you have one.



# THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Thursday-Friday, August 11-12, 2016

Living life takes its toll on us. There are many times when living just wears us down. What we need then is a fresh dose of thinking, perspective or shaping that makes the journey ahead a little more visible and attainable. This is a reminder that the annual Leadership Summit is coming to our area again. We are all leaders of some kind....at home, at work, teaching a class....etc. Life dulls us and the summit gives us a fresh sharpening.

Reserve your spot now. Payment due in the office by Friday, June 24th to get the discounted price.

See Pastor Fred for more information.

## MORE REASONS TO ATTEND

You will be presented with a lot of opportunities to sharpen your skills and develop the people you lead. The Summit is a proven tool that produces compelling outcomes for leaders who attend.

Independent research conducted by Excellence in Giving:

### TEAMWORK

83% of Attendees feel improved teamwork, increased job satisfaction and productivity

### EFFECTIVENESS

61% of Attendees say their organization is more effective because of clearer vision

### SIGNIFICANCE

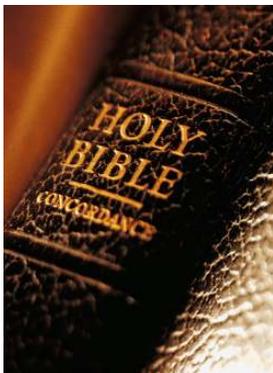
87% of Attendees feel a greater sense of significance and satisfaction

### BETTER LEADERS

81% of Attendees cite concrete ways their supervisor has become a better leader

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## Adult Discipleship



### Sunday Mornings

**7:25 am**—NEW 12-Week Study: Take an entertaining tour thru the most important events in CHRISTIAN HISTORY from the apostles to today, 2000 years of events and topics. DVD-based study with Dr. Timothy Jones, optional book is \$11. Taught by

Patrice Verhines and Carol Bedell with light breakfast, 7:25 a.m. Sundays in the Fireside Room.

**10:20am:** “**Discovering God’s Will**” with Andy Stanley. Led by Lise Karnes in the Library.

**10:20am: Church History:** a college level class on 2000 years of Church History with Pastor Al Van Selow, in the Fireside Room.

### Wednesday Evenings

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

# HELLO JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:45 pm Jr. High 6:00 pm CR 6:00 pm Bible Study	2	3	4
5 MEXICO COMMISSIONING Communion 7:30 am Adult Ed 9:00 am Worship 9am Welcome Class 10:20 am Adult Ed 10:45 am Worship 12 pm-Mission Fundraiser Lunch 6:00 pm Sr. High	6 6:30 pm Hula for Health	7 POLLING PLACE Agape Hall 12:00 pm Quilting 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Commission Mtgs.	8 Movies with Jessica 5:45 pm Jr. High 6:00 pm CR 6:00 pm Bible Study	9	10	11
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			Mega Sports Camp			

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**June 2016**

Office Schedule:

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

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**June 15**

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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

Celebrate Recovery

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

### Sermon Schedule

#### **June 5, 2016**

"The God of Abraham, Isaac and..."

Pastor Bob Mitchell

#### **June 12, 2016**

"Shining bright....real flavor."

Matthew 5:13-16

Pastor Fred Jantz

#### **June 19, 2016**

"A Dad's Blessing"

Pastor Bob Mitchell

#### **June 26, 2016**

MEXICO SUNDAY

*Lincoln's Mission:*

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