



July 2016

## Words from Our Pastor- Bob Mitchell

I took a little vacation last week to attend the wedding of my brother's oldest son in Tennessee. In a tightly-packed whirlwind trip, there were a couple of blocks of time where I had no commitments. I chose to utilize them as opportunities to make progress on the book I'm writing. As you probably know, it centers on the relational world of King David. The chapter I'm currently writing is on Hushai the Archite (2 Samuel 15-17).

Among the scores if not hundreds of people that were in David's relational circle that are listed in Scripture, Hushai holds the distinction of being the only individual who has been the focus of a case-study-type paper written by the C.I.A. This paper acknowledges that Hushai is the first known recorded person of "the most dangerous and least publicized of

all agents, the 'agent of influence.'" While on the run from a coup de tat led by his son Absalom, King David orchestrates the first recorded 'influence agent operation'. He needed someone to counter the advice of Israel's wisest counselor, Ahithophel, who had defected to Absalom's side. The mission proved to be a success.

As I was writing this chapter, I sought to identify the traits that Hushai needed to be such a successful 'agent of influence' for his king. He was loyal in the face of mass betrayal and defection. He was courageous in the face of great personal danger. He was savvy and imaginative enough to counter-act a formidable rival.

May I ask you to consider



taking a block of time in your otherwise tightly-packed summer to reflect on the traits that you would need in order to be a successful 'agent of influence' for your King today? What's needed to effectively counter the prevailing set of ideas running rampant in contemporary society which run against the grain of ancient wisdom given by God in His Word?

When asked by professional pollsters, most people believe that our country is going in the wrong direction. That makes the atmosphere ripe for Christ-followers to volunteer to become contemporary 'Hushais', agents of influence who can change the course of our nation. That's quite a calling for this summer, don't you think? I'd love to "Hushai" alongside of you as,

Your Pastor, Bob

### Important to Note:

- One Service Sunday July 3
- All Church BBQ July 3
- Financial Peace University
- Movies with Jessica

## Pastor Matt Kirkland

If you are reading this article in the first part of July, as you are reading, I am leading a group from our college/career group into



Lithuania to help teach English to high school students. The really cool part is we also will be talking with them about faith in Jesus! Our team consists of Zak Kear, Emily Ferguson, Grace Ferguson, Macie Webb, Zach

Graham, and me. Please pray for open and receptive hearts as we present the gospel. Of course, we can use prayers for traveling mercies and prayers for our general health and well-being. I cannot wait to tell

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## Pastor Matt Kirkland (continued)

you all about it next month. Until then, keep praying!

On another note, have you put the Spiritual Renewal Weekend on your calendar? It will be earlier than usual

this year – **August 19-21.**

We will be hearing from our old friend, Pastor Saul. He touched many hearts when he was here in January, and I know the SRW will not dis-

appoint. **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Matt

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## From Pastor Fred Jantz

One of the good things that happens when you serve the Lord, is the realization that He is in control. He guides, provides, prompts, hinders, and leads us. He closes doors and opens doors. I want to take this opportunity to talk about a door that the Lord has opened before me. Twenty five years ago I had a staff pastor who worked with me in youth (at first) and then in discipleship (or spiritual formation). He moved on to serve the Lord in Canada and for the last 10 years he has pastored a church in Roseville, CA. Recently we (and our wives) had dinner together in Elk Grove. He has a serious condition that is requiring surgery on his neck and shoulder. His right arm is almost totally useless. The doctors are telling him: do this surgery now!

So, he asked if I would be able to fill the pulpit of the

church for the months of July and August, while he recovers from surgery. Sort of a temporary interim position. As I thought of this, I remembered that 20 years ago I was on the Church Planting team that started this Roseville church adjacent to the Del Webb Sun City in Roseville. It was a daring experiment at the time and God blessed it and brought many retired people into the family of God. Many of these were successful people who were wondering in their retirement.....Is this all there is to this life? What meets our inner most needs? Is it toys, corner offices, recognition, trips, family, new house???

Many began to study the Bible for the first time and found Jesus to be their Lord and Savior. This is what life



was meant to be!!

I have agreed to this proposal. I believe it is an open door. I will preach 8 Sundays and also resource the Elder board and staff. It seems to me that this opportunity comes from the Lord. I will be in Stockton during the week for staff meetings, appointments, and to make sure the expansion project goes forward as planned (Keep on praying). So, nothing major will be neglected ....you just won't see me on Sundays and have to listen to some of my stories.

I ask for your prayers for me and this church - Pleasant Grove Community Church. Thank you.

The leadership of PGCC wishes to thank LPC and Pastor Bob for being willing to share.

In the Service of the King,  
Pastor Fred

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## The Monthly Newsletter of Lincoln Presbyterian Church

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## Kid's News for July

It's VBS time! When you read this Mega Sports Camp will be in full force. As of this writing we have 70+ kids signed up and are looking forward to a great week! Please pray for the volunteers and for the children to grow closer to our Lord.

We have some more summer events planned this month! July 13 we will be taking the kids to the free movie Curious George and July 27 we will be watching Shaun the Sheep. If you are interested in having your child go please sign up with

Jessica on Sunday morning or email Jessica and let her know.

We also have our Family Bowling Event July 22 from 3-5pm. Please sign up with Jessica if you and/or your children would like to attend. Bowling shoes are free and so are the snacks!!!

We are also planning for our Fall Wednesday Night ministry AWANA. We look forward to seeing all of our children



and to meeting some new friends. Please feel free to invite your friends, neighbors and grandchildren to this life impacting ministry. The starting date will be announced soon. Awana will be held Wednesday nights from 6:00- 7:30pm.

We love volunteers! If you are interested in serving in any of our ministries please contact Jessica at (209) 390-1398.

## Upcoming Events

- *Movies with Jessica*
- *Family Bowling*

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## Student Ministries

I can't believe it is already July! Time flies when you're having a good time! Before I get to things in July, I have to say a big thanks to all who helped make our High School Mexico Trip a success. It was such a great week! Thank you for helping us both financially and through your prayers.

This month there is a lot going on. First, we welcome up the new freshman class on July 3rd from 6-8pm with a BLOCK PARTY. If your son/daughter promoted from the 8th grade, be sure to have them here. Also, HOUSE-BOATS are coming up on July 10-15. Our camp this year is going to be FULL!

We're joining another youth ministry; led by my good friend, Logan Beardsley from Chowchilla, CA.

Together we will have over 100 people on this trip. It's going to be great! If your son or daughter is signed up, make sure you have your money turned in before the 10th, along with the necessary camp and church forms. I can't wait to spend a week on the water with our students; it is going to be a great time of community, and growing in Christ. Please pray for us!

Can't make it to HOUSE-BOATS? Why not join us on



our waterslides trip? July 21 at SunSplash Golfland in Roseville. It's going to be great. The cost is \$30, which includes lunch & unlimited drinks! For more information please contact our summer intern, Hannah Marsili. Her email address is: h.marsili@yahoo.com. As always, we are consistently meeting on Sundays for our HS students from 6-8pm, and on Wednesdays for our JH students from 5:45-7:30pm. Be sure to talk to Jon or Zak to get your child involved!

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## Deacon Message

*"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise" Psalm 100:4*

The deacons want to ensure that everyone who wants to attend the worship service is able to do so. Please advise your deacon if you need

assistance in getting to church. There are church members who are willing and able to transport you.

**Deacon  
Service**

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 9:00 am Service

### July 3

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

### July 10

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

### July 17

**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

### July 24

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

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 10:45 am Service

### July 3

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

### July 10

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

### July 17

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

### July 24

**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

### July

31 Cynthia & Leroy Alford

### August

14 Molly Foster  
21 Charito Lopez  
28 Betty Crecelius

## Pew Supply

### July

6 Kathy Vermillion  
13 Lisa Richers  
20 Fe Asis  
27 Lorna Zink

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

## Directory Updates

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483-4336

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Stockton, CA 95209

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vandtvo@rocketfield.com

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## Meet Our Summer Interns



Macie Webb  
Coordinator



Mauricio Patino  
Media Intern



Zach Graham  
Buildings & Grounds



Caroline Kirkland  
Children's Intern



Katy Goehring  
Music Intern



Hannah Marsili  
Youth Intern

## July Birthdays

1 Tonya Tacla	Scott Graham	21 Lauren Ennis
3 Carol Bedell	Karel Palmer	23 Danny Bacaylan
Gabriel Peña	13 Bethany Heinrich	Nikki Pyeatt
4 Liz Cliburn	Zak Kear	24 Nancy Alameda
Bob Verhines	14 Jacob Cain	26 Lisa Lavender
6 Caroline Kirkland	15 Brianna Lamie	Juliann Johnson
7 Scott Andersen	16 Rosalie Perkins	Ron Markham
Paul Zakhary	Beth White	27 Gina Senegor
9 Jacob Cramer	17 Charlotte Doisy	29 Cynthia Alford
Carole Meehan	Kristina Fontaine	Barbara Gill
10 Dick Wary	Shannon Barker	30 Dave Morelli
11 Reed Robbins	20 Suedee Howell	31 Marcella Whitney
12 Stan Kaneko	Nancy Vincelet	Peg Helland
George Alavazo	Elizabeth Pearson	

## July BIRTHDAYS

## Treasurer's Report-Carol Bedell

Operating Fund:	<u>April</u>	<u>Jan-Apr</u>	<u>% of Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$70,635	\$242,793	33%
Expense	<u>\$51,645</u>	<u>\$231,008</u>	31%
Net	\$18,990	\$ 11,785	
Operating Fund:	<u>May</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>% of Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$73,086	\$319,811	42%
Expenses	<u>\$58,544</u>	<u>\$288,608</u>	38%
Net	\$14,542	\$ 31,203	

## April / May Financial Reports

Wow! Our giving is on target and our expenditures are down. However, there are some one-time expenses coming up in our busy summer months. Keep up the good work!

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## DETAILS FROM THE 2016 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The LPC 2016 Nominating Committee seeks your input in the process of selecting candidates for the office of Deacon (6 people), Elder (4 people) and Trustee (1 person) for the Class of 2019. When you submit names, the Nominating Committee will consider those people along with all names submitted. The candidates selected by the Nominating Committee, after much discussion and prayer, will be presented to the Congregation for election. The elections are held at a Congregational Meeting in the fall. Nominations may be given to the Committee by using the form below or by filling out the form found on the table in the Lobby. Forms should be given to the church office (sealed in envelope) or to one of the Nominating Committee as listed on the bottom of the form. **These forms need to be returned to the Committee by July 10, 2016.**

Elders, together with the pastors, lead and direct the ministry of the church. They are persons of faith, dedication and good judgment. Elders serve on Session, the governing body of the church. They also chair various church teams through which all ministries are conducted. Twelve elders are ordained to serve a three-year term.

Trustee, is an officer of the church that oversees official business of the church such as financial, insurance, etc. Trustees meet 4 times a year.

Deacons, as set forth in scripture, are leaders who serve as the caring, compassionate arm of the church, providing loving support to all those in need within the church community. The primary area of service is the care of members. Eighteen deacons are ordained to serve a three-year term.

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### LINCOLN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOMINATION FORM

#### This is a Nomination Form only

We are looking for candidates with the following qualifications:

Committed to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Committed members of LPC, actively serving and promoting the mission and vision of this church.

Leadership ability and organizational skills.

Compassion in human relationships.

An open-minded approach to ideas and problems.

Ability to equip people for ministry and work in a team-based leadership role.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a member of LPC nominate:  
(Your name)

\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_  
(Candidate name) Elder, Trustee or Deacon

What are the spiritual gifts of this candidate? \_\_\_\_\_

What additional reasons do you have for recommending this candidate? \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating Committee: Elders: Keith Evans, Gerry Moore, Donald Friis

Deacons: Lorna Zink and George Grismore

Members-at-Large: Holly Meyer, Susan Thomas, Tandy Gotschall

# JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
					Lithuania Mission Trip	
3 One Service Sunday/Communion 10:00 am Worship All Church BBQ  6:00 pm Sr. High	4 Office Closed Independence Day  6:30 pm Hula for Health	5 10:00 am Growth Group 12:00 pm Quilting 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Commission Mtgs.	6 5:45 pm Jr. High 6:00 pm CR 6:00 pm Bible Study	7	8	9
			Lithuania Mission Trip			
10 7:30 am Adult Ed 9:00 am Worship 10:20 am Adult Ed 10:45 am Worship	11 6:30 pm FPU 6:30 pm Hula for Health	12 10:00 am Growth Group 12:00 pm Quilting 12:00 pm Staff Lunch 1:30 pm Staff Mtg. 7:00 pm P/B/S	13 10am Movies with Jessica 5:45 pm Jr. High 6:00 pm CR 6:00 pm Bible Study	14	15  L@L Deadline	16  Men's BBQ & Ports Game
		Kids' Camp & Jr/Sr High Houseboats				
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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 Monday evenings for 9 weeks starting on July 11th at 6:30pm in the Fireside Room. Child care

will be provided if needed & space is limited. Cost is \$100 per family unit. You can sign up online at:

[daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com)

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July 2016

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

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**July 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

July 3 - "The Character of a Nation" Genesis 25:27-34  
Pastor Bob Mitchell

July 10 - "Bless You..." Genesis 27:18-27a & 32:26  
Pastor Bob Mitchell

July 17 - "Identify Yourself!"  
Genesis 27:15-18, 23-24 & 32:27-28  
Pastor Bob Mitchell

July 24 - "The Calling Into Covenant" Genesis 28:10-16  
Pastor Bob Mitchell

July 31 - "It's Complicated" Genesis 35:1-4  
Pastor Bob Mitchell

*Lincoln's Mission:*

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