



Words from Our Pastor– Bob Mitchell

January 2017

Fred told me yesterday that it's official! Our church now owns 6245 Gettysburg! This is the final property we were actively seeking in order to move forward with our expansion plans for the construction of a multi-purpose building. God's mysterious timing had us wait much longer than we were anticipating, but the acreage is all now in place. Fred pointed out that it was this exact time one year ago when we acquired the empty weed lot. Property acquisition seems to function best at the end of each year.

In terms of progress, 2016 was the third year in a row where Lincoln experienced more baptisms than funerals. This ratio was put on our radar by leaders of the new denomination that we joined three years ago. In addition, this past year, we gained 22 new members while losing a total of 17. When we combine these numbers with the overall financial health, robust student ministry and solid Growth Group ministry, Lincoln has been in a season of solid, steady-as-she-goes spiritual growth.

There have been many behind-the-scenes factors contributing to this solidity: like



our Spiritual Renewal Weekend (thank you Matt and Pastor Saul), Student Ministry (Jon and Zak, you're truly a dynamic duo), Summer Intern Ministry (Macie Webb did a fantastic job in coordinating the six summer interns), Elder meetings and retreats, consistent Deacon ministry, uplifting music in our worship led by Andrea and now Tom BetGeorge. Various committees have worked consistently behind-the-scenes to insure the smooth running of various aspects of kingdom activity in and through our church.

Lincoln has also provided for a great deal of solid kingdom ministry outside of our four walls. The formation of a Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Bear Creek High School has occurred primarily from the leadership that soon-to-be elder Shawn Loy has provided. Lincoln has prayerfully and financially supported many regional, national and international ministries. I've been able to

spiritually and emotionally support firefighters through ride-alongs and private meetings as the department's fire chaplain. I've also been privileged to be the chairman of our Presbytery's ordination committee. (Jon is REAL close to being ordained, having graduated from seminary this past year, and Zak finished his Masters!)

All of this is to say that 2016 was a solid year upon which to stand in terms of ministry in this coming year. 2017 will give us the privilege of participating in a Capital Campaign. The last time we did this was over a quarter century ago! So it's time.

I am so grateful to continue as pastor for such a fantastic congregation of Christ-followers who want to remain steadfast in kingdom growth, individually and congregationally. May this time next year see a dynamic increase in our kingdom-advance from where we are now. Desiring that we steadily move forward toward Jesus, I remain,

Your Pastor,
Bob

Important to Note:

- One Service New Year's Day
- Awana resumes
- Elder/Deacon Installation
- Men's Breakfast
- Financial Peace University
- Annual Congregational Meeting

Pastor Matt Kirkland



The New Year will be bringing new options for Growth Groups. Many of you are already in a group, but if you are not, I hope you will pray about, and seriously consider joining a group this semester.

We often hear different teachings on what an offering is on Sunday mornings. We hear about how much a tithe is, we know we are sup-

posed to give “joyfully,” and that our offering should come from our “first fruits.” Maybe the concept of an offering is much broader than just financial. Did you know that your attitude about work is an offering? You can also consider how you use your free time as an offering. And if that is true, maybe you can consider tithing your time!? I think giving some time in service and some time in study is a tithe of your time. If you are not

able to serve God at church or elsewhere because of physical limitations, you can tithe your time in intercessory prayer. In that vein, would you please keep our small group ministry in your prayers, and I’ll see you in group.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Matt

From Pastor Fred Jantz



As we begin a new year I find good direction from a life that ended at the end of 2016. Cliff Barrows died at the age of 93. Born in Ceres, California he served for 6 decades as a key leader and friend with the Billy Graham team. He began with the motto, “Geared to the times but anchored to the Rock”. His life verse was Phil. 3:10 “That I may know Christ and make him known”.

In 1948 the Billy Graham team came to Modesto for a 2 week crusade. 10,000 peo-

ple attended and many lives were changed. The Modesto Rescue Mission was born out of that effort. Another item of interest was the adopting of some principles that came to be called the Modesto Manifesto. A popular novel (Elmer Gantry) was discrediting all evangelistic efforts. The team talked about pitfalls that they would face. They came up with a list that guided them throughout their lives.

1. We will be financially transparent and honest.
2. Avoid sexual temptation by never being alone in room with a woman.

3. We will not criticize the local church.
4. There will be no exaggerated publicity to enhance our image.

The above served them well. It is a privilege to follow their example and keep on keeping on for the Lord. We move forward where they left off. 2017 will have many opportunities for Kingdom advancement. Forward for the KING.

Pastor Fred

Forward For the King

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Kid's News for January - Jessica Klinker

2017 How did that happen! As life continues to fly by we are so thankful to have a Savior who takes the ride with us!

This is a great time of year to slow down and be cozy with your children. Some of the best memories are made at home, over dinner or games just laughing and being together.

We are starting off with some great themes in our Sunday School classes. Starting out the year, the

Preschoolers will be learning about how much Jesus cares for us just like he did with the paralyzed man, Jairus' daughter, the blind man, and the 10 men with leprosy.

K-6 starts off with a fun Spy theme! We will join P.R.O.P.H.E.T., a secret spy organization. On our mission we will learn about the prophets Isaiah, Elijah and many others. Don't be surprised if you see us sneaking around.

Awana will be starting back January 11th! We look forward to seeing the children and celebrating backwards night on the 18th. Awana continues to grow and we are very thankful to God for that!

Looking forward to seeing you in the new year!

Jessica



Upcoming Events:

- **Awana resumes January 11th**
- **Backwards Night January 18th**

Treasurer's Report-Carol Bedell

Operating Fund:	November	YTD	% of Annual Budget
Income	\$59,114	\$670,503	89%
Expense	<u>\$73,570</u>	<u>\$666,155</u>	88%
Net	(\$14,456)	\$ 4,348	

November Financial Report

For November we spent more than we took in. However we are still ahead for the year. As you end 2016, please prayerfully consider an additional contribution to LPC.

Daily Bible Verse and Read the Bible in a Year

Keith Evans will be sending out a weekly Memory Verse every Sunday Night in 2017. If you would like to be included, please send your email address to Keith at:

keithdevans@sbcglobal.net

and he will include you in the memory verse group. Also if you would like to be included in reading the Bible in a year and get your daily Bible reading from him, let Keith know that as well & he will

include you in the daily Bible reading email group.



Deacon Message

As we begin a new year we pause to appreciate the outgoing and incoming Deacons. We give thanks for their dedication and willingness to serve. Please keep them in your prayers

as they meet for the yearly Deacon Retreat and provide support for the congregation throughout the coming year.

Welcome to our new Deacons, Class of 2019:

Holly Meyers
Nancy Kaneko
Gela Wachholz-Yee
Cindy Wong
Carol Sharpe

*"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God."
2 Corinthians 9:12*

Giving Envelopes

The 2017 giving envelopes have been mailed. The giving envelopes are designed to be used for your contributions to the church. You have been assigned a number which is found on the giving envelope and it is much easier for those who

record your contributions if you use the envelopes. Those of you who have elected to give to the church electronically either through your own bank or through the VANCO system, do not need envelopes. If you do not receive



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My Tithes

Building Fund

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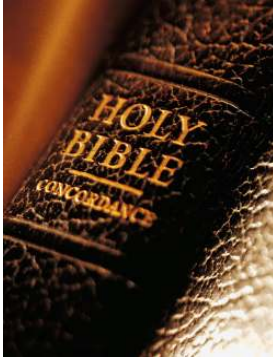
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envelopes and would like to have them, please contact the church office. You may also get more information about giving electronically by contacting the church office. All financial information is confidential. Our church,

God's church, continues to be blessed by your generous giving.

Adult Discipleship



Sunday Mornings

7:30am: This class will resume in February. Led by Patrice Verhines and Carol Bedell, Fireside Room.

9:00am: "To Live Is Christ To Die Is Gain" by Matt Chandler. Led by Linda Thomas in the Library.

10:20am—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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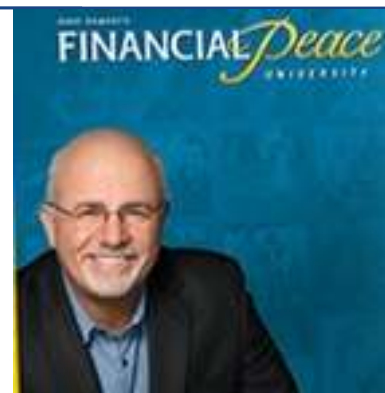
Jeremy & Amanda Stogner
310 Glendora Ave, 95207



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

starting on January 26th at 6:30pm in the Fireside Room. Cost is \$100 per family unit. You can sign up online at: daveramsey.com



Congregational Meeting & One Service Sundays

Please note the following schedule changes:

- **The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday February 12th at noon.**
- One Service Sunday on New Year's Days @10am.



Annual Report Deadline

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

January Birthdays

1 Barbara Head	11 Jonathen Bacaylan	24 Julie Colyer
5 Will Bennett	Marie Cottman	Bill Costanza
Barbara George	Amy Johnston	27 Rachel Kudla
7 Craig Barker	13 Bill Smith	Carrie Sass
Robbie Richardson	14 Ada Brown	29 Fred Jantz
8 Kirk Reynolds	15 Margaret Chau	30 John French
Rebecca Robbins	18 Ken Stoub	Bill Hill
9 Mary Kaye Moore	19 Mindy Barberis	31 Jody Graham
10 John Doisy	20 Michael Gotschall	
	John Sharpe	



Flower Chart

The 2017 is available for sign ups in the Narthex on the east wall. 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.

January 1-One Service @ 10am

Greeters: Patty Roek, Lillian Harris, Bill & Merrilee Chapman

Ushers: Betty Crecelius, Charito Lopez, Jane Carson,
Maria Montalvo, Holly Meyers, Dave & Sharon Olney

Sound Tech: Kevin Chaddock

Video Tech: Sam Kirkland

Security: Mark Gantt, Stan Kaneko

January 8

Greeters: Ro & Tambi Loyd

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

Sound Tech: Kevin Chaddock

Security: Jim Duncan

January 15

Greeters: Sandy Harmon, Jennifer Gutierrez

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

Sound Tech: Kevin Chaddock

Security: Jerry Crooks

January 22

Greeters: Judy Flaig

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

Sound Tech: Kevin Chaddock

Security: Gabe Laguna

January 29

Greeters: Suedee Howell, Dave Hungerford

Ushers: Gabe Laguna, Prilla McGregor, Vaughn Pipes,
Maria Montalvo

Sound Tech: Kevin Chaddock

Security: John Sharpe

January 8

Greeters: Patrick & Heidi Fedor, Keith Evans

Ushers: Tom & Janet Beck, Bill & Carroll Johnston

Sound Tech: Patrick Fedor

Video Tech: Kaylee Webb

Security: Bill Wagner

January 15

Ushers: Dave & Sharon Olney, Nikki Pyeatt

Sound Tech: Patrick Fedor

Video Tech: Carolyn Ritchie

Security: Donald Friis

January 22

Greeters: Brant & Sandra Fetters

Ushers: George & Vicky Alavazo, Dave & Sara Blicharz

Sound Tech: Patrick Fedor

Video Tech: Tammy Hannon

Security: Bob Ramirez

January 29

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January Flowers

15 Irene Jackson

February Flowers

19 Jennifer Gutierrez

26 Cynthia Alford

Pew Supply

January

4 Kathy Vermillion


11 Lisa Richers

18 Ila King

25 Lorna Zink

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

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>Communion</p> <p>ONE SERVICE</p> <p>10 am Worship</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>6:30 pm Hula for Health</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>3</p> <p>12:00 pm Quilting 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Commission Mtgs.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:15 pm Rehearsal-Instruments 5:45 pm Jr. High 6:00 pm CR 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm Rehearsal-Vocals</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:00 am Worship 10:20 am Adult Ed 10:45 am Worship</p> <p>Sr. High - Hume Lake</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30 pm Hula for Health</p>	<p>10</p> <p>12:00 pm Staff Lunch 12:00 pm Quilting 1:30 pm Staff Mtg. 7:00 pm P/B/S</p>	<p>11</p> <p>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</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10 am Memorial Service for Lonnie Stone</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:00 am Worship 10:20 am Adult Ed 10:45 am Worship 6:00 pm Sr. High</p> <p>Elder Ordination/Installation</p> <p>L@L Deadline</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Martin Luther King Day</p> <p>6:30 pm Hula for Health</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>17</p> <p>12:00 pm Quilting 1:30 pm Staff Mtg. 7:00 pm Session</p> <p>ANNUAL REPORT Deadline</p>	<p>18</p> <p>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</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Men's Breakfast</p>
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Office Schedule:

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

January 1 - "Hope For a New Year"
Pastor Matt Kirkland

January 8 - "Truth vs. Post Truth" (John 8:31, 32)
Pastor Fred Jantz

January 15 - Jonathan Knapp, Minister to Students

January 22 - Pastor Bob Mitchell

January 29 - Pastor Bob Mitchell

Lincoln's Mission:

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