



Words from Our Pastor- Bob Mitchell

January 2018



Important to Note:

- Financial Peace University begins
- Marriage 911 begins
- Annual Congregational Meeting February 11

As we turn the calendar from one year to the next, we thumb through the pages, well worn and scribbled with what's happened in the past 12 months. We then turn our attention to plans and anticipation for the next 12 months. As a church, the past year held a wide array of emotions and activity for us. As I prepared remarks for a Men's gathering to begin last year, I told those gathered that 2017 will be a year of either heavenly activity or missed opportunity. While I was thinking primarily in terms of facility expansion and the funding needed to accomplish it, little did I know all that God had in mind.

Before the elders voted early February whether or not to launch a capital campaign, Jon Knapp (our Student Pastor) informed a few of us that he was exploring whether God was calling him to a much larger ministry. And soon after that, Zak Kear (Assistant to Jon) informed us that the largest Christian camp in southern California had called him to lead a program there. In addition to these two, we had already been looking for someone to take Jessica Klinker's spot to lead the Children's Ministry. We are deeply grateful for

these dedicated staff members who have ministered among us and felt God's call to different ministries.

As the elders prayed and deliberated to determine the course we felt God wanted us to take, one elder made the observation that *"we must be doing something right for these larger ministries to want the people we've raised up."* The Session decided unanimously to proceed with the expansion, despite the possibility of staff changes. The resulting capital campaign surprised many when the total amount pledged was \$1.6 million toward the expansion. Independent of any of these expansion pledges or funds, we began work to renovate the front platform of the sanctuary. This renovation is a tangible expression that ministry continues as we look for those God would send to us to help a depleted staff. Pastor Matt's leadership was crucial with the all-church small group study last fall entitled "S.T.O.R.Y." But as that series was wrapping up, Matt informed us that after 21 years of ministry at Lincoln, the pull toward being a site pastor led him to accept new leadership at a larger church in Hollister.

So leadership during 2017

has been challenging to say the least. I am deeply grateful to the many volunteers who have kept our children's and Student Ministries flourishing. Under the leadership of Kristen Lambdin, our new Children's Director, the mid-week children's ministry packs out every square inch of classrooms we've currently got. And Miranda Abrescy, our new Assistant Director of Student Ministry has been helped by a dozen regular volunteers to keep ministry to Junior and Senior High students thriving. And I couldn't be more excited to be joined by Pastor Jonathan Hathorn who will join the pastoral staff as the lead implementer of a ministry model that was suggested to us by Jon Knapp after he left. You'll be hearing much more from us about this model in the coming months.

2017 was a year of transition for Lincoln. 2018 promises to be an amazing year filled with opportunities to lean into God's wonderful provision of new leadership and new ways of ministering Jesus' life to our region. Trusting that we'll marvel together at the end of 2018 as to all that God did, I am wonderfully blessed to be,

Your Pastor,
Bob

Introducing Jon Hathorn



Hi, my name is Jon Hathorn. A Child of God, a husband, a dad and a grandfather! Bev and I have been married for 33 years. We have two daughters. Christi is married to Casey, and they live here in Stockton. Heidi is married to Eric, and they have two sons - Riley two and half and Hunter two months. They live near Portland, Oregon. I am a native Stocktonian, and as a boy I attended First Presbyterian Church and have always had an appreciation for God. In an effort to try and earn God's favor, I prayed "The Lord's Prayer" multiple times each night. I didn't understand anything about God's grace, but I did know that I was not worthy of going to heaven and needed Him. As a high school student a friend invited me to Hume Lake Christian Camp, and it

was there in June 1977, that I made a personal decision to accept God's forgiveness and make Jesus Christ the Lord of my life. I had no problem admitting that I was a sinner and in need of His death on the cross as a payment for my sins. I first got involved in serving the Lord with Jr. High students, and since those first years was allowed to be involved in service with children, adults, high school students, and men. I have been so blessed with several mentors who disciplined and trained me in knowing Christ and being involved in ministry. I am so grateful for God allowing me to serve Him and for those people who have provided opportunities for me to serve Him both in the church and in missions. Philipians 1:6 is my favorite verse, "For I am confident of this very

thing, that He who began a good work in you will continue until the day of Christ." A couple of favorite things: laughing, Mexican food, donuts, watching sports, and being at the coast or in the mountains.

A great joy of mine is when someone has an 'ah-ha' moment with the Lord. This might be knowing or experiencing something new with the Lord, learning something new about God, or being faithful and taking a new step in service and ministry with the Lord. I look forward to many ministry moments, fun times, and meaning conversations with the people of Lincoln Presbyterian Church, as well as being involved in together in reaching people with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Children's Ministries - Kristen Lambdin



Hasn't this year just flown by?! I cannot believe we are already at the start of another year. AWANA has continued to thrive with 50-60 kids in attendance every week! We finished up our first semester last month with a fun Christmas Party! We enjoyed a drive in movie night in our pajamas and it was a blast! It was amazing to see our kids get so creative with their cars! Looking forward to

starting AWANA back up again on January 10th 2018.

I am so excited for 2018! We have a calendar full of fun events and activities for kids and families, starting with a Family Service Day at the Stockton Food Bank! In the coming weeks we will be collecting canned and dry foods to be packed for this event.

I want to give a special shout out and thanks to all my won-

derful volunteers who have served the kids of LPC throughout this past year, our monthly nursery volunteers, weekly AWANA leaders, Pre-k/Kindergarten teachers, and 1st-6th grade Sunday school teachers. You all are such a blessing to me! If you have a heart to see kids learn and grow in their faith consider joining our volunteer team!

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Sandy Parker, Interim Small Group Coordinator
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Cheryl Pannabecker, Office Manager

Life at Lincoln through Small Groups - Introducing Sandy Parker!



Let me introduce myself! I am Sandy Parker and I am the new Interim Small Group

Coordinator at Lincoln. My husband Bruce and I have been at Lincoln since October 2016, and we are grateful for opportunities to connect here.

I don't know about you, but for me, connecting can sometimes be difficult.

Although most people are welcoming, warm and friendly, it's often hard to step out of our comfort zones to give others a chance.

But step out we must! We were not created to be alone. God created us to establish and grow relationships, and only then can we live the full life He intends for us. We need each other!

And that brings us to Lincoln's Small Groups. Small Groups have one, simple purpose: to bring people together.

Sharing life through community is part of our design, but meaningful relationships aren't always easy to find.

That's why Small Groups exist—to make these life-changing relationships relevant and accessible to you.

Colossians 2:2 (KJV) says:

"That their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together (united) in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ."

Lincoln is already known for its vibrant Small Group Ministry, but my goal for 2018 is that Small Groups will explode like never before with record numbers of people joining, and leading small groups, so that we may be knit together, one to another, in the body of Christ, and that we can grow in our faith together.



Make 2018 a great year filled with friendships, or at least that one vital friendship, by

joining or leading a small group.

Leading a small group isn't about being perfect; it's about serving others by giving them a place to connect. Hosting a group is simple—choose a topic that interests you and select a time and location to share it with others. We can give you ideas, resources, and essential tools to make your small group successful. Look for the Small Group catalog later this month that will enable people to find your group. We believe lives are changed through groups by moving us one step closer to Christ, and as a small group leader you get to play an important role in that process.

Not ready to lead a Small Group? That's okay! We have established groups and will help you find the one that's right for you!

Find the right group to join, or register a new group, by contacting Sandy at

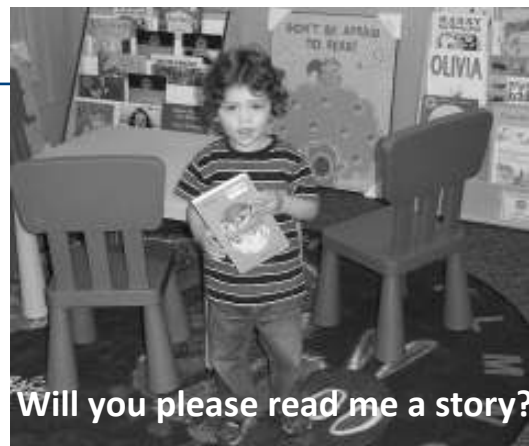
(209) 479-4141 or sandy@lincolnpres.org

Knitting people together in the body of Christ and growing together

Rotary Read In Coming Next Month

Coming up in February, we need someone willing to coordinate the sign ups for the Rotary Read In. If

you would be willing to help with this impactful program, please contact the office by January 10.



From Pastor Fred Jantz



The Stockton Pregnancy Help Center has announced the appointment of Carol Richardson as the new Executive Direc-

tor. She will assume responsibilities on December 5, 2017 and will succeed Nikki Lowrey, who has taken a position as the Director of Children's Ministries at the First Baptist Church in Stockton. Carol Richardson comes from the Gospel Center Rescue Mission in Stockton, California, where she was the Director of Major Gifts. She received a Bachelor in Social Science from Saint Thomas Aquinas College in Sparkill, New York.

Before coming to California, Carol was the Dean of Student Life at South Florida Bible College and Theological Seminary located in Deerfield Beach, Florida. Carol's experience includes working as the Director of Advancement at My-Choice Pregnancy Center in New Windsor, New York. Carol is married to Wayne Richardson, the CEO of the Gospel Center Rescue Mission. They have 3 grown children and 2 grandchildren.

The Stockton Pregnancy Help Center is dedicated to helping young women and families facing an unplanned pregnancy with educational, emotional and material support. All goods and services are

provided absolutely free. The Center is located at: 829 Rose Marie Lane, Ste B, Stockton, CA 95207. If you would like more information, a tour, would like to get involved, or if you would like to donate please contact:

Carol Richardson
W (209) 933-9131
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Financial Peace University



What if you knew where all of your money was going each month? What if you were debt-free, investing and making wise spending decisions? With Dave Ramsey's class Financial Peace

University, you CAN take control of your money and start planning for your future. Begins January 11 @ 6:30pm.

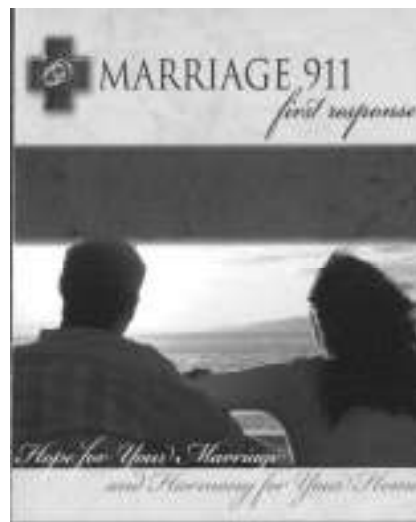
Sign up at lincolnpres.org

Marriage 911 Begins This Month - Hope For Your Marriage and Harmony For Your Home

We know marriages may come to a place where they are in some degree of distress, perhaps severe crisis. We believe every marriage is worth saving, and every couple can experience the promise of a great marriage. Marriage 911 is here to help couples, or individuals, experience a life-changing miracle personally and relationally, or at least help people to take a first step in that direction. Have you ever asked yourself: "If God were to work a miracle in my marriage, and the miracle could be the magnitude of the parting of the Red Sea, would I accept it?"

Marriage 911 is a 12 week program

meeting Thursdays, 6:30-8:00pm, starting January 11th continuing through March. Child care will be provided. It is an opportunity for hus-



bands and wives, whether together or individually, to hear from God's Word and from others struggling in their marriages, as well as wisdom from others who have been through it and have come out the other side. This program is for anyone and everyone. Membership or attendance at Lincoln Presbyterian Church is not a requirement, just a desire to grow in your personal walk with the Lord and in your marriage.

If you have any questions, or would like to sign up, please contact Bill and/or Merrilee Chapman at (209) 609-6781 or (209) 351-0831, or email us at wkchapjr@comcast.net

Treasurer's Report-Carol Bedell

Operating Fund:	November	YTD	% of Annual Budget
Income	\$61,021	\$677,044	85%
Expense	<u>\$70,824</u>	<u>\$652,004</u>	82%
Net	(\$ 9,803)	\$ 25,040	

November Financial Report



The month of November is when we pay our yearly property taxes and we ended the month in the negative. However, we are \$25,040 to the positive for 2017. The Kingdom Growth Account has \$374,231.25 at the end of November. Glorify God!

Adult Discipleship

Sunday Mornings
7:25am: "The Holiness of God" Join us in the Fire-side Room. Led by Patrice Verhines and Carol Bedell, light breakfast included.

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

10:20am: "The Good Book" with Kyle Idleman. 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.



Congregational Meetings & Annual Report Deadline

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be on Sunday, February 11, 2018.

The deadline for articles for the 2017 Annual Report is January 18th.



Directory Updates

The Kirkland Family
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Judy Flaig
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January Birthdays

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 9:00 am Service

January 7

Greeters: Patty Roek, Lillian Harris
Ushers: Maria Montalvo, Betty Crecelius, Charito Lopez, Jane Carson
Sound: Kaylee Webb
Security: Mark Gantt

January 14

Greeters: Ro & Tambi Loyd
Ushers: Barbara George, Ron & Joyce Korock, Craig Potter
Sound: Kaylee Webb
Security: Jim Duncan

January 21

Greeters: Sandy Harmon, Jennifer Gutierrez
Ushers: Tim Sass, Dave Hungerford, Leroy Alford, Frank Beasley
Sound: Kaylee Webb
Security: Bruce Parker

January 28

Greeters: Carole Meehan
Ushers: John & Carol Sharpe, Dottie Edaburn, Lavon Van Selow
Sound: Kaylee Webb
Security: Billy Heinrich

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 10:45 am Service

January 7

Greeters: Bill & Merrilee Chapman
Ushers: Dave & Sharon Olney, Drew & Holly Meyers
Sound: Kaylee Webb
Security: Stan Kaneko

January 14

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

January 21

Ushers: Dave & Sharon Olney
Sound: Kaylee Webb
Security: Bob Yamaguchi

January 28

Greeters: Brant & Sandra Fetters
Ushers: George & Vicky Alavazo, Dave & Sara Blicharz
Video Tech: Tammy Hannon
Sound: Kaylee Webb
Security: Jim Wilcox

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



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

January Flowers

7 Cynthia Alford
14 Irene Jackson
21
28

February Flowers

4 Charito Lopez
11
18 Jenny Gutierrez
25 John Kluve

Pew Supply

January

3 Linda Davies
10 Lisa Richers
17 Ila King
24 Lorna Zink
31 Ila King

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>6:30 pm Hula for Health</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Office Closed</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>12:00 pm Quilting 1:30 pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:30 pm Jr High Band 7:00 pm Commission Mtgs.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>5:45 pm Jr. High 6 pm: Bible Study</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>5:30pm Music Rehearsal</p> <p>6:30 pm Marriage 911</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p>
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Jr. High - Hume Lake						

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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
9:00am - Worship & Children's Sunday School
10:20am - Adult Sunday School
10:45am - Worship & Children's Sunday School
6:00pm - Sr. High Group
8:30pm - Young Adults (every other Sunday)

Wednesday

5:45pm - Jr. High Group
6:00pm - Adult Bible Study
Awana

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

Sermon Titles

January 7 - "Turning 18" Ephesians 4:11-16
Pastor Bob Mitchell

January 14 - "Who's Got Your Back?" 1 Samuel 14
Pastor Bob Mitchell

January 21 - "I Am A Minister" Isaiah 60, Matthew 5,
2 Peter 2:9-10
Pastor Bob Mitchell

January 28 - "Making A Difference" Genesis 6
Pastor Bob Mitchell

Lincoln's Mission:

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