

June 2018

## Words from Our Pastor- Bob Mitchell

Lincoln has arrived at an interesting point in our expansion efforts. After four years of focused conversation and prayers, we engaged in a congregation-wide capital campaign a year ago to secure pledges for construction. Afterward, we began the task of clearing old structures and trees from the adjacent properties that were purchased. We have also been in conversation with the city to secure needed permits for construction. Then at last Sunday's congregational meeting, the elders were given permission to borrow the final funds needed to complete the project.

Author Erwin McManus makes the observation that exciting opportunities (like expansion) have an inter-



esting dynamic to them. They look awesome in the beginning. They have a huge, wide opening. People are enthused to walk toward it. Then as the opportunity draws near to completion, there is a wide opening at the end.

But ... there is a narrow middle; a thin center when the enthusiasm of the start has worn off. The excitement of the finale hasn't yet gripped us. The end is still too far off to be seen clearly. Perseverance is required as we trudge through this narrow

middle. Some folks will get tired and be tempted to bail out in the middle. Others, like those Moses led through the wilderness, will express frustration that they ever acted on the opportunity.

Perseverance will have a long-term reward for those who know that a narrow middle is simply a part of the dynamic of seizing divine opportunities. May it be that one of the benefits of our church's building expansion be the expansion of our character. May we know firsthand the joy that James writes of in his epistle: *"Let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."* (1:4)

-Pastor Bob

### Important to Note:

- Men's Breakfast
- Father's Day
- Mexico Sunday
- Mega Sports Camp

## Jon Hathorn - Pastor of Church Ministries



I have two brothers, and they are both older than I am. I really wanted to be like them. My oldest brother always had an amazing number of friends and several really cool cars. He was funny also. My other brother was two years older than me and, in fact, is still two years older than me. He was a great athlete, playing

football and baseball – and not just being on the team, he was a starter on teams that were ranked in the state. He could drive a golf ball about 280 yards, was an incredible chess player, and he always was getting A's on his report card. I wanted to be him. It wasn't easy being compared to either of these guys. They didn't ever tease me or put me down, but often I would find myself comparing myself to them

and I would wish I could be one of them. I needed help discovering who I was and realizing I was someone special.

Here at Lincoln we want to help people know that they are someone special. These past two months I have written about KNOWING GOD and FINDING FREEDOM. This month I'd like to share with you the importance of each believer

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## Pastor Jon (continued from page 1)

**This month I'd like to share with you the importance of each believer realizing and appreciating more about who you are...**

realizing and appreciating more about who you are. We call this DISCOVERING PURPOSE.

Lincoln wants people to find great joy in realizing that God made them, God loves them and God doesn't make any mistakes. He knew what He was doing when He made us in our mother's womb, and that we don't need to think about being anyone else. Our purpose is to glorify God, but the way He made me is very unique from the way he made you.

The other night I stopped by our AWANA ministry and saw many leaders loving and encouraging children. Each of those leaders were caring about those children. As I walked into the room, there were a couple of adults greeting each child upon arrival, passing out nametags, checking in the children and using their gifts of helps and love for kids to create a welcoming environment. Some leaders were running games and using great enthusiasm to encourage participation and success. They had the gift of encouragement. Another leader was showing great mercy to a child who was trying to learn a Bible verse but was having a hard night. As a group of 18 children gathered around to listen

to a great presentation, a woman who might have the gift of teaching and obviously loves children as well, had prepared carefully to present a lesson. There were many leaders, with a variety of gifts, diverse personalities, and a wide range of temperaments helping with this important and valuable ministry. Each leader was and is trying to fulfill the Biblical mandates of "train up a child in the way he should go" and "make disciples of all nations."

Then I walked over to the Youth room and saw some more diversity. Musically talented leaders helping lead worship, someone with the gift of discernment helping a student work through a frustrating day, and another leader using the gift of leadership to inspire the students to be involved. There was another young man with the gift of helps running the media equipment.

As I walked over to visit the Fireside room and saw a LIFE Group meeting in the Fireside room – I realized that there were people in there with the gift of Faith, who have such a strong belief that they will never waver in what they believe and they will encourage others to always trust. There were others in the

room who organized things well and used their gifts of administration. Then I thought, earlier in the week, I had walked by that same room and several ladies were using their gifts of craftsmanship to make beautiful quilts. When they saw fabric, they already envisioned a finished quilt which would be a loving and encouraging gift.

It was in my college years that my brother who is two years older than I, came and visited me to observe a youth group night that I was leading. He watched me and afterwards he complimented me and shared how he wished he could learn from me. He was a school teacher at the time and wanted more skills and tactics for his classroom. I couldn't believe what I was hearing. I wasn't special or valuable because of what he said, but on that night as we talked – I was reminded that God made me unique and I could enjoy the gifts and personality He gave me. I didn't have to be either of my brothers, but I could just be me. I knew that I was made by God and that I was made for the purpose of honoring Him. At Lincoln we call that DISCOVERING PURPOSE.

Jon Hathorn

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## Pastor Fred Jantz



About 9 1/2 years ago I was invited to join the staff of LPC on a part time basis. I had just retired as a Regional Minister for the state of California for the denomination I had served in for 40 years. What a great time this has been for me. But now I am hoping to re-retire for the third time. Life has its seasons and this year will be another change of seasons for me.

I have moved out of the leadership of the Outreach/Missions commission. This has been a great experience working with great people and supporting the wonderful team of missionaries that we support. They are indeed the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

We hope to sign final contracts for the activity building and the development of this site. Our

preliminary building permit should be granted the last week of May. The plans are well underway. At end of summer we will scrape the building site and chalk the outline of the building in a great dedication time.

It continues to be a time to love and serve the Lord..... maybe just in 'smaller' ways.

Pastor Fred

## Student Ministries - Chad Brown

What an exciting time to be here at Lincoln! The student ministry team is excited about where God is taking us. This past month we have been gearing up for our Mexico mission trip. Window Washing was a success and we raised a ton of financial support. Serve day was incredible as we saw

students and adults join together to reach out to our community. One student said it helped him get out of his comfort zone and talk to people about God.

Summer is coming and we are really excited about our small groups called "TRIBES". This is where our students get to dive

into meaningful relationships that help them grow in their desire for our awesome God. Jesus is Awesome!!

Stay tuned, the best is yet to come!

In Him,  
Chad



## Children's Ministries - Kristen Lambdin



What a full month it has been! We had a blast with all the ladies at our Mother Daughter Tea in April, and then at the be-

ginning of May, we got all the boys together for a Nerf and nacho night! These events were so much fun and we are looking forward to more events like these in the future!

We are so excited for this summer! Be sure to register for Mega Sports Camp coming June 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. We are also in need of volunteers for that week. Contact me at: [Kristen@lincolnpres.org](mailto:Kristen@lincolnpres.org) if you would like to be involved!



### The Monthly Newsletter of Lincoln Presbyterian Church

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## Building Project Update

On May 20, 2018, the congregation voted in favor of securing financing up to \$1.6 million. This vote was significant as this funding along with the \$1.6 million in Capital Campaign commitments should allow the building to be completed in summer/fall 2019. This is very exciting!

At the end of March the estimated cost of the Building project was \$2,836,731, which includes the potential renovation of the Agape Hall kitchen. The financing is provided to the church by Church Investors Funds. We will secure a loan at 5.95% for a five-year term, with a 25-year amortization. The total cost of the building is still unknown as the final drawings are being completed and then the construction of the building will go out to bid. Due to rising costs of labor and materials, we will not know our final cost, loan amount and monthly payments until 2019.

Session is committed in being good stewards of the costs associated with the building. Session discussed at length the possibility of adding commercial kitchen and hardwood floors. It became clear that the additional costs and on-going maintenance of the commercial kitchen and hardwood floors were not practical for our situation. The new building's warming kitchen combined with the renovation of Agape Hall's kitchen will give Lincoln total food prep flexibility and the ability to do a lot of food in a lot of different ways for a lot of people, and without the costs associated with an ongoing "code compliant" commercial kitchen. Currently there is an effort to renovate the Agape Hall kitchen that would feature refurbishing the stove to allow the church to cook meals, a new island for food preparation, etc., while the warming kitchen will provide food heating units, refrigeration, food catering space, ice machine, coffee station, and storage.

### How to Pay for the Building

In 2017, Lincoln took in \$458,788 into the Kingdom Growth Fund, which is the fund where capital campaign donations are deposited. If Lincoln were only to receive 30% of that amount, this would be enough to cover the highest projected loan payment. From January 2018 – April 2018, the Kingdom Growth Fund income was \$101,415 which averages out to \$25,354 per month and would be over twice the needed money to cover the highest project loan payment. Even if the church took in half of the past six month's average of \$12,677, that would still be enough to cover the monthly payment. If the church maintains the six-month average income of \$25,354, the loan would be paid off in a little over seven (7) years. If the church maintains monthly income of half of this amount at \$12,677, the loan would be paid off in 14 and half years. It is the goal to pay this debt off as quickly as possible.

### Next Steps

Anticipate a ground-breaking ceremony this summer. Please remain in prayer and encourage others to pray as well for this project. Seek God's guidance about increasing your monthly pledge and/or continuing your pledge until the building is paid off. For further information, contact any member of Session, Pastor Bob, Pastor Fred, Keith Evans or John French. A copy of the detailed cost breakdown of the building, building project presentations and building project correspondence are available by contacting the church office.

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## Please Welcome Our New Members!

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## Adult Discipleship

### Sunday Mornings

**7:25am: NEW SIX-WEEK BIBLE STUDY:** Explore the turbulent history of Israel's prophets and kings...and how to build your own devotion to and trust in God. Video series with historian Ray Vander Laan, led by Patrice Verhines and Carol Bedell at 7:25 am, Fireside

Room. Light breakfast each week. Join us!

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

**10:30am: "Whisper"** with Mark Batterson, 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.



## Treasurer's Report-Carol Bedell

Operating Fund:	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>% of Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$69,401	\$246,464	31%
Expense	<u>\$51,947</u>	<u>\$218,103</u>	27%
Net	\$17,454	\$ 28,361	

## April Financial Report



One third into the year, we are doing well with \$28,361 in the black. There were five Sundays in April and one was Easter. Also, there are some annual expenses and youth program costs that haven't occurred yet, but this is a good report. The amount of available cash in the Capital Campaign at the end of April is \$512,411.

## June Birthdays

2 Norm Owens	8 Rene Friis	21 Bruce Parker
3 Loretta Pipes	16 Kathy Wary	Connie Andersen
4 Bev Hathorn	17 Kirk Fetters	Cindy Costanza
5 Robert Bobrow	Bob Ramirez	23 Sandy Richardson
6 Victoria Chrys	18 John Stewart	24 Gerry Moore
Amanda Johnson	19 Liza Lopez	26 Denise Miller
Kilburn Doe	Ann Wunsch	28 Dave Palmer
7 Anna Marie Bambas	20 Ed Gray	29 Jon Knapp
Kevin Beltz	Bill Johnston	30 Tom Beck



## Deacon Message

Two months out of each year, June and November, the Deacon Offering is dedicated to student scholarships for those members who are in college or vocational training. The Deacons generally grant scholar-

ships to approximately 12 students each semester. The scholarships we provide are needed for books and other ancillary costs. These students are so appreciative of the help provided. Their thank you

notes are enthusiastic and heartfelt. We appreciate the generous donations from our congregation to the Deacon's Fund which make this service possible.



## Security Needed

We don't have a Segway to ride, but we need you! If you are willing to patrol the church parking lot & grounds during Sunday morning worship

services once a month, please contact Mark Gantt @ 665-7600.



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 9:00 am Service

### June 3

**Greeters:** Patty Roek  
**Ushers:** Maria Montalvo, Betty Crecelius, Charito Lopez, Jane Carson  
**Video Tech:** Tammy Hannon  
**Security:** Mark Gantt

### June 10

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

### June 17

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

### June 24

**Greeters:** Carole Meehan  
**Ushers:** John & Carol Sharpe, Dottie Edaburn, Lavon Van Selow  
**Video Tech:** Ron Korock  
**Security:** Billy Heinrich

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 10:45 am Service

### June 3

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

### June 10

**Greeters:** Patrick & Heidi Fedor, Keith Evans  
**Ushers:** Tom & Janet Beck, Bill & Carroll Johnston  
**Video Tech:** Billy Heinrich

### June 17

**Ushers:** Dave & Sharon Olney  
**Security:** Bob Yamaguchi

### June 24

**Greeters:** Brant & Sandra Fetters  
**Ushers:** George & Vicky Alavazo, Dave & Sara Blicharz  
**Video Tech:** Ron Korock  
**Security:** Jim Wilcox

## 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 Flowers

3 Lopez  
 10 Susan Thomas  
 17 Jane Shuldberg  
 24 Joyce & Ron Korock  
 Norena Norton Badway

### July Flowers

1 Cynthia Alford

## Pew Supply

### June

6 Linda Davies  
 13 Lisa Richers  
 20 Ila King  
 27 Barbara George

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

## Directory Updates

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Dave Hungerford  
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## Global Leadership Summit

The Annual Global Leadership Summit will be August 9 and 10. This outstanding event will be at Crossroads Church in Manteca.

Once again we offer a great discount to Lincoln people. \$60 gets you the best leadership training in the area!

Contact the office to reserve your spot: 477-2783  
 office@lincolnpres.org

Payment deadline is June 24.



# JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 8am Men's Breakfast
3 Mexico Commissioning Communion 7:30 am Adult Ed 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Adult Ed 10:45 am Worship 6pm Sr. High	4 6 pm Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm Hula for Health	5 7:30 am Intern Mtg 9:45 am LIFE Group 12:00 pm Quilting 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Men's Group 7:00 pm Commission Mtgs.	6 9:30 am Retired Guys' 5:45 pm Jr. High 6 pm: Bible Study	7 5:30pm Music Rehearsal 7:30pm Mainspring (Young Adult)	8	9
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			Mega Sports Camp - VBS			

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**June 2018**

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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 (Resumes in the Fall)

#### **Thursday**

7:30pm - Mainspring Young Adult Group

### Sermon Titles

**June 3** - "Set Your Past On Fire"  
Pastor Bob Mitchell

**June 10** - "Live On God's Provision"  
Pastor Fred Jantz

**June 17** - "Get Your Call On"  
Pastor Bob Mitchell

**June 24** - Mexico Sunday!  
The Mexico Team

*Lincoln's Mission:*

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