



March 2016

Words from Our Pastor- Bob Mitchell

As we watch our children or grandchildren grow in their development, there are some months where there doesn't seem to be much in the way of growth, followed by those inevitable growth spurts. The same is true in our spiritual growth. There are seasons where nothing much seems to be going on. There is a feeling of being spiritually stalled or stuck. But then there are seasons where truths from Scripture burst into life. Christian fellowship is rich and deepening. Walking with Jesus is once again an adventure into new regions.

Jesus is graciously allowing me to experience in this season of Lent a time of exciting growth and personal change. I am hearing more of His whispers, as well as feeling more of His infinite love. I've been telling people that He has been leaving numerous

'breadcrumbs' in my path. These breadcrumbs are not only evidence of His presence but confirmation that I'm on the right path. Primary spiritual truths in Scripture are coming to life for me. Particularly jumping to life is the truth that God loves us with a love that is scandalous, relentless, and illogical by human standards. This love is meant to totally transform us from the inside out. This love has me praying with more joy, meditating on passages from the Bible with greater intensity, and stepping out in faith.

One example of stepping out? Two days ago, I felt directed to stand on what would be the most southeastern corner of the church's property (the weed



patch and Gettysburg) to envision what the future holds. Two years from now, when houses on Gettysburg are moved, weeds, bushes and overgrowth is cleaned up, and the ground is prepared for a multi-use building, I was envisioning not only how different this neighborhood will look but also envisioning the difference in our lives, as this project primarily results in the development of people, not just the construction of a building.

As we press ahead in our pursuit of having God's love soak more into our lives and actions this season of Experi-Lent, I pray that its more than just physical landscape that will be altered to accommodate more ministry, but our very lives.

Excitedly, I Remain,
Your Pastor, Bob

Important to Note:

- Family Game Night
- All Church Work Day
- Daylight Savings Time Begins
- Women's Brunch / Painting
- Good Friday Service

Pastor Matt Kirkland



As a quick update, Pastor Saul opened their Vilnius campus on February 7. They held the first service in a room at the national opera house, and they were ready for 250 people. I can't imagine their surprise when 400 people showed up! Thank

you for your prayers, and I know he would be blessed by your continued prayers. The week before they started, Pastor Saul totaled his car when he ran across some black ice coming home from a planning trip in Vilnius. It was in the middle of

the night, he hit the ice and his car started spinning. When he hit the guard rail, he bounced back right into a fully loaded big rig, which then pushed him back into the guard rail (again!). Angels were definitely protecting him as the car was heav-

Pastor Matt Kirkland (continued)

ily damaged, but he walked away without even a scratch. He wanted me to express a heartfelt thanks to all those who prayed for him in preparation of the opening of City Church Vilnius – he knows those prayers saved his life.

Other good news is Pastor Saul has agreed to be the speaker at our 2016 Spiritual Renewal Weekend. To accommodate his schedule, the SRW will be held on August 19-21. We are also excited for you to meet Saul's wife,

Sanna. So please, save this date on your calendars now – make it a priority. I cannot wait!!!

Grace and peace,
Matt

From Pastor Fred Jantz



I recently re-read one of Amy Carmichael's books about her missionary service in India. That caused me to read another biography of her life. She was one special servant of the Lord. Here are some highlights that encouraged me in my walk with the Lord:

One: She lived from 1867 to 1951. She grew up in Ireland to a devout Presbyterian family. She heard famous missionary Hudson Taylor speak about missionary service to India and China, and felt God's tugging on her heart. That 'tugging' would not go away and the rest of her life followed that calling upon her life.

Two: She had a lot of things that could have discouraged her. She had health issues that caused a missionary board to decline to send her to China. They figured she would not last. The truth is that she served 55 years

without a furlough. She wrote about 50 books to advance the cause of the kingdom. I guess God knew what He was doing.

Three: The condition for young boys and girls in southern India was terrible. The Hindu God of that region had a huge temple and young children were used for sexual purposes in that temple. Everyone seemed to know about this practice, but no one wanted to talk about it or do anything to stop it. So, Amy founded an orphanage to 'save' these young children. She gave them an education, medical care, food, self respect and a hope for a future. She was a good representative of Jesus and served the people. The 'bad' people wanted her gone.... and the 'good' people she helped loved her deeply.

Four: After one of her publications was read by a would-

be missionary candidate, she was asked "what is missionary life like?" She responded, "Missionary life is simply a chance to die."

Five: From the thought of I Cor. 3:12,13 she concluded: "Nothing is important, but that which is eternal."

Amy Carmichael of Dohnavur, was so captivated by God's love that she changed her world for the better. Two centuries of British rule had little touched the social structures which enslaved millions - especially women and children. God's love as a guiding principle and practical demonstration, changed that part of the world. I want to follow in her footsteps. Lord, use my life to change my world for Your honor and glory and the well being of people around me. Amen

Pastor Fred

1 Corinthians 3:12-13

12 Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,

13 each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work.

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Kid's News for March

Valentines is over and it's time to learn more about the greatest act of love ever committed. That is when Jesus died on the cross for us to take our sins away. We celebrate when He rose again on Easter morning. This Easter we will be having some surprises for our children along with some of our favorite traditions, like our egg hunt. **Please pick up a bag of empty eggs from Jessica and fill them for our children.**

Sign ups are continuing for **our Family Game Night on March 5 at 6:00.** We would truly like people of **all ages** to come and play board games, eat pizza and have a lot of fun getting to know new friends. It will be \$1 per person for a pizza dinner.

We truly hope to see you there!

We also wanted to give you dates for our **VBS** this Summer! We will be doing another **Sports Camp** this year!

We will be adding **Basketball** to our other sports **Soccer and Cheerleading.** The dates will be June 27 – July 1. We are looking for stand alone basketball hoops. Please let us know if you have one to donate or let us borrow. We are also looking for coaches to work with small groups. Please call Jessica if you are interested.

Looking forward to Spring-time fun!

Jessica



Upcoming Events

- **Family Game Night March 5th**
- **Sports Camp in June**

Hula for Health

Hula for Health continues; however, the sessions have been altered to be more health than hula. When you look at the actual movements of the classical hula, you find an entire exercise program and one that is easy on the body and your physical development.

You are exercised through the hands and arms through

the telling of the story of the dance. Your balance is enhanced through swaying with the hips and legs. Your mind becomes stronger as you put the whole dance and the words together.

The sessions are divided into parts: Anti aging facial exercises, weights (using small water bottle), modern and Tahitian hula moves, and the

learning of Christian worship dances.

No hula skirts or coconut shells are required. Just come on Monday nights at 6:30 to 8:00. Cost is \$10.00 per month and the leader is the daughter of Vicky and George Alavazo –Nicole Clavejo who is a professional.

Cynthia Downs

All Church Work Day

Please put on your calendar the All Church Work Day March 12th at 8am. This is the one big **Buildings and**

Grounds Commission event of the year & we need your help to make our facility shine for Easter!



Easter Flowers

Easter is coming soon! We will again be ordering lilies to adorn our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Would you like to help furnish flowers for the sanctuary Easter Sunday morning? The donation for the flowers is \$6, with a donor list included in the Easter bulletin. Please complete the order form below and return it to the church office no later than Sunday, March 20th. Please remit payment when ordering.

Given in memory of: _____

Given in honor of: _____

Given by: _____ Phone #: _____



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS-9:00am Service

March 6

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

March 13

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

March 20

Greeters: Sandy Harmon, Ed Gray, Jennifer Gutierrez
Ushers: Tim Sass, Howard Stokes, Dave Hungerford,
George Grismore, Leroy Alford
Sound Tech: Dan Drullard
Security: Jerry Crooks

March 27

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS-10:45am Service

March 6

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

March 13

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

March 20

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

March 27

Greeters: Brant & Sandra Fetters
Ushers: Dave & Sara Blicharz, George & Vicky Alavazo
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



March

13 Charito Lopez
20 John Frey

April

3 Ron & Pat Ehrlich
10 Pat Van Oss

Pew Supply

March 2 Kathy Vermillion
March 9 Lisa Richers
March 16 Fe Asis
March 23 Lorna Zink
March 30 Ila King

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

Directory Updates

Barbara Sexton
3400 Wagner Heights Rd
95209

Angie Marulo
219 E Barrymore
95204

Betty Damon
1368 Meadowood Dr
Hixson TN 37343-2419

Daylight Saving Time Begins



Set your clocks ahead to
Spring Forward for Daylight
Saving Time on Sunday,
March 13th!



Deacon Message

One of the important ministries of the Deacons is to provide camperships so that our young people can attend Christian camps. Your contribution to the Deacon Fund

in March provides those funds. As you all know, our youth groups have been growing significantly which makes this need all the more pressing. Please contribute

alongside your deacon in supporting our young people in their Christian walk, both through prayer and your financial giving.

March Birthdays

1 Donald Friis	12 Craig Potter	20 Tami Mc Gregor
3 Jonathan Stone	Anna Woods	22 Ed Miller
4 Janice Mockler	13 Gus Juarez	Kenneth Bansmer
5 Cyndi Ramirez	Donna Williams	23 Char Gray
Duffy Ruffin	15 Donna Halboth	Patty Grismore
7 Joshua Stone	16 Dottie Edaburn	24 Lise Bachman-Karnes
10 Dave Olney	17 Janet Beck	26 Nia Hall
Lauren Sage	18 Jerry Crooks	Paul Singh
Howard Stokes	Betty Mac Rae	30 Christie Ferguson
11 Jeida Lavender	Sherry Shields	Joe Graham
Jette Asis	Randy Wolfe	31 Bill Mc Gregor
12 Rick Robbins	19 Joan Speirs	

March BIRTHDAYS

Welcome Class

Offered Saturday, February 27th, 8:30-11:30am. For an in-depth look at the life and ministry of Lincoln Presbyterian Church, this is an open

look with lots of Q and A's, and sharing with fellow seekers. Fulfills membership requirement, if one is led to join with us. You may indi-

cate your interest in attending by calling the church office (477-2783).



Women's Brunch Painting Event

Saturday, March 19th, from 10am-1pm the Women's Ministry will be hosting a

Spring Event. See Cassie Loy for details.

Treasurer's Report-Carol Bedell

Operating Fund:	<u>2015</u>
Income	\$769,055
Expenses	<u>\$733,662</u>
Net	\$ 35,393

Before closing the 2015 books, there was a surplus. The Session voted to move \$4,469 from the Operating Budget to the Margaret Sweet Dividend Fund to reimburse the fund for three years of Summit expenses. The Session also voted to establish a new policy to transfer 10% of any surplus funds to the Missionary Support - LPC Restricted Fund #36440. For 2015, that amount is \$3,932.

Operating Fund:	<u>January</u>	<u>% of Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$61,778	8%
Expenses	<u>\$56,473</u>	7%
Net	\$ 5,305	

January Financial Report

News of Session-February Recap

The Session held its annual planning retreat on January 30, 2016. The morning session was spent in Bible study and sharing of faith stories. After lunch, Don Goehner of the Goehner Group presented an outline of the first phase of our planned capital campaign.

On January 31, the congregation held its Annual Congregational Meeting and received the written annual report which included reports from organizations, year-end financial reports and the 2016 spending plan.

Nominated and elected by unanimous vote as members of the 2016 Nominating Committee are *Donald Friis, Susan Thomas, Tandy Gotschall, Keith Evans*. They join current elder, *Gerry Moore*, and current deacon, *George Grismore* on the Nominating Committee.

There was no business for the corpo-

ration so a meeting was not called. Trustees are *Ron Korock*, President, class of 2016, *Michael Gotschall*, Vice President, class of 2017, and *John Sharpe*, Secretary, class of 2018.

The congregation elected *George Grismore* to the Special Gifts Committee, class of 2018. He joins Elder *Carolyn Ritchie*, Deacon, *Scott Suran*, and *Lise Karnes (2016) and Pat Van Oss (2017)*.



Report of Statistics: Communion: February 7, 2016 – 288

At its regularly scheduled meeting on February 16, the Session voted to *remove from the membership roll the following: Sally Berglund, Elizabeth (Doisy) Boyer, Emily Doisy, Tim*

Fontaine, Patty Grismore, Barbara Gill, Bill Hill, Gus Juarez, Linda Juarez, Sheila Magladry, Debra May, Karen Miller, Alexis Soto, Randy Wolfe, and Priscilla Zuniga.

The Session approved to allow Women's Ministry to charge \$50 for the "Cross on a Hill" painting event on March 19.

The Session approved to allow members of the youth groups to write sponsorship letters to members of the congregation to solicit funds for some of their upcoming events.

The Session continues in prayer regarding the acquisition of 6245 Gettysburg Place.

Respectfully reported,
Connie Andersen,
Clerk of Session



Thank You Shirley!

We say goodbye to Shirley Cisneros, who has served diligently & faithfully as our janitor for almost 9 years!

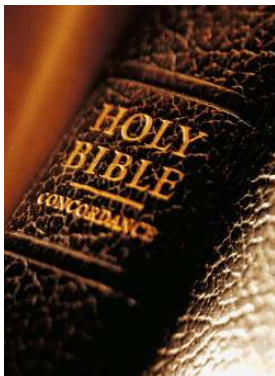
Since she worked here in the wee hours of the morning, we rarely saw her on campus, but we were

blessed by her hard work. We will miss her 😊 (You can still stop in at Rite Aid to say "hi" to her.)

Adult Discipleship

Sunday Mornings

7:30am: Christianity, Cults & Religions. Learn about the most common world religions and cults. Know what you believe and why these are different. Learn what to say to a friend, neighbor, co-worker, family member or door knocker of another belief. Study Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, New Age and more. Join us in the Fireside Room and share a light breakfast. Bring your Bible. Led by Patrice Verhines and Carol Bedell.



9am: "Good to Great in God's Eyes" Do you dream of making an eternal impact in the Kingdom of God? Do you long for a spiritual breakthrough? If you're looking to go to the next level or get a fresh infusion of faith & spiritual passion, then look no further than this group study. Led by Linda Thomas in the Library.

10:20am: "And the Angels Were Silent" with Max Lucado. Join us for this series, in the Library. Led by Lise Karnes.

10:20am: Church History: a college level class on 2000 years of Church History with Pastor Al Van Selow, in the Fireside Room. You can make reservations by calling the church office (477-2783) so we can have a study guide for you.

Wednesday Evenings:

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

hello March!



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		<p>1</p> <p>10:00 am Growth Group 12:00 pm Quilting 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Commission Mtgs.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30 am Retired Guys' 10 am Mom's Study</p> <p>5:45 pm Jr. High 6 pm: Awana Club CR Bible Study Awana Moms' Study</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:30 pm FPU</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00 am Growth Group</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6 pm Family Game Night</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Communion 7:30 am Adult Ed 9:00 am Worship/Adult Ed 10:20 am Adult Ed 10:45 am Worship</p> <p>6:00 pm Sr. High 8:30 pm College Group</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:30 pm Hula for Health</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:00 am Growth Group 12:00 pm Staff Lunch 12:00 pm Quilting 1:30 pm Staff Mtg. 7:00 pm P/B/S</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30 am Retired Guys' 10 am Mom's Study</p> <p>5:45 pm Jr. High 6 pm: Awana Club CR Bible Study Awana Moms' Study</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00 am Growth Group</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8am All Church Work Day</p> <p>College Hume Lake Winter Camp</p>
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<p>20</p> <p>7:30 am Adult Ed 9:00 am Worship/Adult Ed 10:45 am Worship</p> <p>6:00 pm Sr. High 8:30 pm College Group</p> <p>Palm Sunday</p> <p>CSM Jr. High Mission Trip</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:30 pm Hula for Health</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:00 am Growth Group 12:00 pm Quilting 1:30 pm Staff Mtg. 7:00 pm Deacons</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30 am Retired Guys' 10 am Mom's Study</p> <p>6 pm: Awana Club CR Bible Study Awana Moms' Study</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00 am Growth Group</p> <p>Office Closed Good Friday</p>	<p>26</p>
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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
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-Awana
 Adult Bible Study
 Celebrate Recovery
 Awana Moms' Study

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

Sermon Schedule

March 6, 2016

"Experienting With The Height" (Ephesians 3:16-19)
Pastor Bob Mitchell

March 13, 2016

"Experienting With The Depth" (Ephesians 3:16-19)
Pastor Bob Mitchell

March 20, 2016

"Don't Miss It" (Luke 19:37-42)
Pastor Bob Mitchell

March 27, 2016

"What Rock Have You Been Hiding Under?" (Luke 24:13-32)
Pastor Bob Mitchell

Lincoln's Mission:

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