



May 2016

Words from Our Pastor- Bob Mitchell

One of the challenges of being the primary communicating pastor at Lincoln is making sure that messages are communicated in new, fresh, and varied ways. Echoing in my mind here is the stinging critique an elder in Tennessee had of his pastor's sermons: *"Our pastor's too predictable. He's got three basic sermons, no matter what Scripture he's preaching from."*

So I'm always on the lookout for new ways that I can communicate the Gospel. Trust me, such is the case for the

month of May. We're going to look at "God's Grammar." I was not an English major in school and found punctuation, sentence-structure, etc. to be quite boring. (Did I almost get away with that run-on sentence? I ain't no good at being subtle.) But I found it fascinating to consider God's approach to the punctuation He uses in His redemptive story. He used a period to end the Good Fri-



day, only to have it continue with a question mark early Easter morning. Then the question mark becomes an exclamation mark when the disciples finally get it.

So for the month of May we will examine God's use of grammar as He weaves us into the plot of His grand story of redemption. You'll need to be there to hear each message. I believe that this one is a real page-turner. So be there! Period!

Pastor Bob

Important to Note:

- Youth Window Washing
- Awana Awards Night
- Men's Breakfast

Pastor Matt Kirkland

My wife and I have very different Sunday morning experiences. I am usually in the shower first, then I quickly get dressed, eat, then I am out the door in a leisurely 45 minutes. I only have to think of me while getting ready. Amy has to make sure Sam's clothes match, Caroline is up on time, and that Emily looks her Sunday best. Even with our kids getting older, she still has many more worries on a Sunday morning than I ever have had. Getting yourself ready is



fairly straightforward, getting yourself and the kids ready can sometimes be like trying to baptize a cat (not that I have tried this... recently.).

In the Bible, Jesus teaches three parables on the topic of readiness: the Parable of the Ten Virgins, the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats, and the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25). There is something very important about being ready that Jesus wants you to know, but ready for what? The answer is in the preceding chapter. You are to be ready for the "coming of the Son of

Man" (Mt. 24:27b). We do not know when He is coming back, but the Bible is very clear that we should be ready (even now!). So that begs the question, what preparations should we make for His return? Scripture points to a number of things, but for this space I am going with my #1 answer: learn to love well. When we get to Heaven, we will intimately know the Father - who by definition is love (1 Jn 4:7-8). Loving well on this side of eternity is preparation for Heaven! I will be speaking more on this topic on May 15, I hope you'll come and find out

Pastor Matt Kirkland (continued)

more... And bring a friend!

On another note, I will be leading a team of college students back to Lithuania again this year. We will be working at their English language camp the first week of July. I am sure many of you have already received support letters from one (or

more) our the team – Zak Kear, Macie Webb, Emily Ferguson, and Grace Ferguson. Please know that your prayer and financial support are so important to the success of this trip. Last year many of the students at this camp were able to hear a gospel message and decided

to follow Jesus as a result. We are hoping and praying for the same again this year. Your support makes this possible. Thank you.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Matt

From Pastor Fred Jantz



Recently I rehearsed something that has profoundly directed my life.....it is a story in allegory form that features the awesome theme of redemption. "As I walked though the wilderness of the world, I came to a place where I laid down to sleep. In my dream I saw a man clothed with rags, with a book in his hand and a great burden upon his back. As he read, he began to weep by reason of the awful burden that lay heavy upon his back. His family thought he was losing his mind. They suggested sleep and rest, but nothing met the spiritual need of his soul. He told one that the reason he was so disturbed was 'because the holy book told me I was condemned to die, and after that to come to judgment. I am not willing to do the first nor able to do the second.' "

Further into the 'dream' we find the man walking briskly up a highway fenced on both sides with a high wall. He began to run, though he could not run fast because of the load on his back. At the top of the hill he came to a cross. He knelt before it and his burden came loose, dropped from his shoulders, and went tumbling down the hill into an empty, open grave....to see it no more.

The man's heart was filled with joy because he found relief from his burden. He said to himself: He has given me rest by His sorrows and life by His death. As he gazed at the cross, he wondered how the cross could so remove the guilt and shame of his life that he no longer felt guilty. Instead, he felt innocent, clean, happy, and free. He knew his sins had all

been paid for by the death of the One who died on the cross. He was so thankful and so full of joy that the tears began to flow.

This great time in a pilgrim's life creates joy and happiness. It bubbles forth in song and happiness. "Oh, happy day. Oh, happy day. When Jesus washed my sins away."

Or as I just remembered: "Thank you Lord for saving my soul. Thank you Lord, for making me whole. Thank you Lord for giving to me thy great salvation so rich and free."

Join me in singing songs of happiness and joy and forgiveness. Wow, what a Savior!

Pastor Fred

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Kid's News for March

We are so excited for the next few months! Spring has come and Summer planning is underway. We are planning like crazy for our Mega Sports Camp June 27 through July 1. Our electronic registration is live. So please feel free to register on the events page on our website www.lincolnpres.org We have room for tons of kids and are truly praying for a week of fun & learning but mostly new and stronger relationships with Christ. The camp is for grades pre-K through 6th grade and is from 9am to 12pm. The cost is \$15 per child which includes a shirt and snacks. Scholarships are available. We are

still looking for huddle coaches to lead small groups in their sport and huddle activities. Please call Jessica if you can volunteer.

May 11 is our Awards Night for Awana. It should be a great night of celebrating all the Bible memory and learning our children have done this school year. There will also be a free hot dog dinner, so please come if you can!!!!

Our preschoolers are learning all about Moses this month and our K-6th grade children are learning about Paul's journeys but in a cruise theme. Sounds like fun doesn't it!

Summer will also include *Movies with Jessica* again this year. We will also be going to the Regal cinemas for free movies and popcorn and some fun time together. They all start at 10:00 am.

Just sign up with Jessica in Agape Hall.

The dates are ...

June 8 Max

June 15 The Iron Giant: Signature Edition

July 13 Curious George

July 27 Shaun The Sheep

Aug 2 The Croods



Upcoming Events

- *Awana Awards Night*
- *Mega Sports Camp*
- *Movies with Jessica*

Student Ministries

As the school year comes to a close all of us in the Student Ministry are excited for what the summer holds. Things like pool parties, water wars, snow cones, beach trips, Bible Studies and MORE! One thing that our High School students are excited about is the Mexico Mission Trip from June 12-18. To help keep the cost as low as possible, every May we do a Window Washing Fundraiser. This event always generates a big chunk of the funds that we're able to use to offset the cost for our students. On May 1st

and 8th there will be a table in the back where you can sign up and get your windows washed. The team will be going around to every house on May 14th starting at 8am. There is no set cost per window, we just ask for you to give in the amount that you see best. Normal donations range anywhere from \$50-\$200. If you're free on the 14th and would like for us to come wash your windows, be sure to sign up in the back. ALSO, we are currently taking sign ups for our Summer Houseboat Trip. The dates are July 10-

15, and the cost is \$385. There are only 45 spots available and every year we sell out! EVERY YEAR. So Please make sure to talk to Jon or Zak if you'd like to get your son, daughter, or grandkids involved. Lastly, starting on May 22nd we are excited to announce that Hannah Marsili will be joining our summer staff as an intern. We couldn't be more excited about her coming to join our team. See you in church!



Global Leadership Summit is Coming In August

Living life takes its toll on us. There are many times when living just wears us down. What we need then is a fresh dose of thinking, perspective or shap-

ing that makes the journey ahead a little more visible and attainable. This is a reminder that the annual Leadership Summit is coming to our area again. We are all leaders of

some kind....at home, at work, teaching a class.....etc. Life dulls us and the summit gives us a fresh sharpening. See Pastor Fred for more information.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 9:00am Service

May 1

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

May 8

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

May 15

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

May 22

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

May 29

Greeters: Suedee Howell, Dave Hungerford
Ushers: Gabe Laguna, Prilla McGregor, Vaughn Pipes,
Maria Montalvo
Sound Tech: Paul Johnson
Security: John Sharpe

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 10:45am Service

May 1

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

May 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

May 15

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

May 22

Greeters: Brant & Sandra Fetters
Ushers: George & Vicky Alavazo, Dave & Sara Blicharz
Sound Tech: Patrick Fedor
Video Tech: Keith Evans
Security: Bob Ramirez

May 29

Ushers: Dave & Sharon Olney, Nikki Pyeatt
Sound Tech: Patrick Fedor

New Members

Please welcome our newest members to Lincoln & add their information to your directory:

Craig Barker
Jaime, Gabriel & Rachel Pena
Linda Thomas

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Deacon Message

Attention students:

The deacons will be accepting Letters of Request for Scholarships until June 1, 2016 from any LPC member who is seeking a college or vocational degree. First time applicants should have regular attendance at Lincoln. Away students must seek a church home in the area in

which they are attending school. Each applicant should submit a Letter of Request that gives the name of the school; their history of involvement with LPC or



the church they are attending at school; their current phone number, address and email.

Please mail your Letter of Request to:

Lincoln Presbyterian Church,
900 Douglas Rd., Stockton,
CA 95207, attn: Mary Kaye Moore.

**Deacon
Scholarship
Month**

May Birthdays

1 Michelle Pelly	13 Bonnie Cawelti	24 Summer Verhines
6 Jon Asis	15 Laura Moreno	Cindy Wong
Pat Pickering	16 Cynthia Stoub	25 Patrice Verhines
7 Pat Ehrlich	19 Matt Hewlett	26 Star Heer
Tim Sass	20 Dave Harmon	27 George Grismore
8 Bill Halboth	Susan Thomas	28 Steve Farrar
9 Velvet Volonte	22 Dave Barberis	Jon Madarang
10 Emily Johnson	David Hungerford	29 Keith Evans
Jordan Bambas	Carolyn Ritchie	Tambi Loyd
Betty Crecelius	Pat Van Oss	30 Gail Wilcox
12 Wetherera Duncan	23 Jessica Morelli	Julie Hellmer
Mary Bruegel	24 Katie Fedor	Tandy Gotschall
Barbara Sexton	Jane Shuldberg	31 Ken Norton



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

May

8	Charito Lopez
15	Art & Janice Mockler
22	Ann Wunsch
29	Betty Crecelius

June

5	Susan Thomas
12	Charito Lopez
19	Betty Crecelius
26	Ron & Joyce Korock

Pew Supply

May 4	Kathy Vermillion
May 11	Lisa Richers
May 18	Ila King
May 25	Lorna Zink

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

Treasurer's Report - Carol Bedell

March 2016

Operating Fund:

	<u>February</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>% of Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$54,633	\$172,157	23%
Expense	<u>\$60,293</u>	<u>\$179,418</u>	24%
Net	\$(5,660)	\$ (7,261)	

The month of March and year-to-date for 2016 shows a shortfall. The additional expenditure is primarily a result of maintenance projects being completed in the first quarter of the year. As the year progresses this should even out. Thank you for your faithful giving.

Financial Report



News of Session-March Recap

April 2016 News and Notes from the Session

Report of Statistics:

Communion: April 3, 2016 – 361;
Worship Attendance on Easter, March 27, 2016 – 513;
Average March Worship Attendance 311;
Average Awana Attendance: 26 children, 8 adults;
Current number of members: 393.

At a special Session meeting on Sunday, April 3, 12:00 noon in Agape Hall the Session voted to receive the following new members through reaffirmation of faith: *Craig Barker, Barbara Bennett, Will Bennett, Kirk Reynolds, Cori Reynolds, Sydney Reynolds, Tess Reynolds, Linda Thomas, Ed Shakespeare, Hunter Chambers*; and through profession of faith: *Jacob Cramer, Lisa Erickson, Jaime Pena, Gabriel Pena, Rachel Pena and Shirley Rivinius* – through transfer from Presbyterian Church of Bloomingdale, Brandon, Florida.

The Session voted to authorize the baptism of *Lisa Erickson, Jaime Pena, Gabriel Pena, and Rachel Pena* on April 10, 2016 during the second worship service.

These items were noted and actions taken at the regular meeting of the Session on April 19, 2016:



- Plans are going forward for our Spiritual Renewal Weekend on August 19-21, 2016. *Pastor Saul Karosas*, our featured speaker, will be accompanied by his wife *Sanna*, and worship leader, *Rasa Gulbiniene*.
- Zak Kear, Macie Webb, Emily Ferguson, Gracie Ferguson and Matt Kirkland* will be travelling to Lithuania in July to help with the City Church English Camp. *Marie Todd* is planning to attend a women's conference in Malawi, South Africa in August. **Session voted to approve a Lithuania/Malawi Mission trip fundraiser on June 5, 2016 for a charge not to exceed \$15 per person.**
- The Awana program will be ending for the school year in May.
- The Session approved charging a fee for the Mega Sports Camp in June.** (Mega Sports Camp is LPC's vacation Bible school.)
- MSC to approve vacation for Pastor Bob Mitchell June 9-12.** (Note:

Pastor Mitchell is attending his nephew's wedding in Tennessee. *Pastor Fred Jantz* will preach at LPC on June 12.)

- MSC to recorded that Session voted by email on April 13, 2016 to allow the Christian band "Lybecker" to sell merchandise (i.e. t-shirts, CD's, and stickers) on Sunday, April 17 during the high school youth meeting.**
- Presbytery Meeting – May 7, 2016 at LPC. Community Commission plans to provide a taco bar for lunch. A call will go out for additional volunteers for the day. **MSC to designate Elder Keith Evans as Lincoln's voting elder at the Presbytery meeting on May 7, 2016.**

STAFF OUT (Vacations; Mission Trips; Study Leave; Other)

Jessica, Jon & Zak - Orange Conference (children and youth)- April 26 - May 2
Fred - May 5 - 13
Jon - Vacation - May 8 - 11
Bob - Vacation - May 10 - 17
Bob - Vacation - June 9 - 12
Jon & Zak - Mexico Trip - June 12 - 18
Fred - June 27-29

Respectfully reported,
Connie Andersen,
Clerk of Session

Adult Discipleship

Sunday Mornings

7:30am: The Life-Changing Power in the Name of Jesus. Learn about how Jesus' "I AM" statements help define who He is and what power He has for each of us. 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](#).

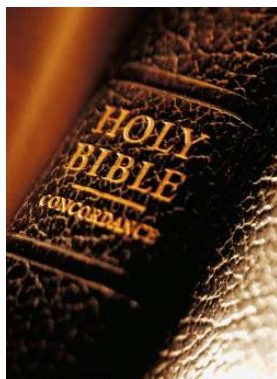
10:20am: "Discovering God's Will" with Andy Stanley. Led

by Lise Karnes in the [Library](#).

10:20am: Church History: a college level class on 2000 years of Church History with Pastor Al Van Selow, in the [Fireside Room](#).

Wednesday Evenings

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





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>Communion 7:30 am Adult Ed 9:00 am Worship 10:20 am Adult Ed 10:45 am Worship 6:00 pm Sr. High 8:30 pm College</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:30 pm Hula for Health</p>	<p>3</p> <p>12:00 pm Quilting 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Commission Mtgs.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30 am Retired Guys' 5:45 pm Jr. High 6:00 pm Awana Club 6:00 pm CR 6:00 pm Bible Study Awana Moms' Study</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Presbytery Meeting at LPC</p>
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<p>15</p> <p>7:30 am Adult Ed 9:00 am Worship 10:20 am Adult Ed 10:45 am Worship 6:00 pm Sr. High 8:30 pm College</p> <p>L@L Deadline</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30 pm Hula for Health</p>	<p>17</p> <p>12:00 pm Quilting 1:30 pm Staff Mtg.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30 am Retired Guys' 5:45 pm Jr. High 6:00 pm CR 6:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00 pm Session</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
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<p>29</p> <p>SENIOR HIGH GRAD SUNDAY</p> <p>7:30 am Adult Ed 9:00 am Worship 10:20 am Adult Ed 10:45 am Worship 6:00 pm Sr. High 8:30 pm College</p>	<p>30</p>  <p>Office Closed</p> <p>6:30 pm Hula for Health</p>	<p>31</p> <p>12:00 pm Quilting 1:30 pm Staff Mtg.</p>				

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Office Schedule:

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

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May 15

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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

May 1, 2016

"Making God's Indicatives Ours"
Pastor Bob Mitchell

May 8, 2016

"Be Careful of Comma's, Period!"
Pastor Bob Mitchell

May 15, 2016

Pastor Matt Kirkland

May 22, 2016

"Life in The Subjunctive Mood"
Pastor Bob Mitchell

May 29, 2016

"God Loves Adverbs"
Pastor Bob Mitchell

Lincoln's Mission:

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