

March 2018

Words from Our Pastor- Bob Mitchell

God surprised me yesterday with three indicators that He's wonderfully at work among us. The first was the news from Pastor Jon Hathorn that our up-coming new member class has over 20 people signed up! While it's been a while since we held a new member class, it's really been a while since we've had this kind of response. Jon and his team have done a great job here!

The second bit of good news that came upon my radar yesterday was the participation in a LIFE Group leaders' meeting. There was nearly a 100% representation from all of our current 24 groups. As I brush shoulders with other pastors in our city and region, most would give their eye-teeth to see most of their congregation in LIFE Groups. I really need to tip my hat to Sandy Parker and the great work that she is



doing as our LIFE Group Director.

The final bit of good news that came to me yesterday was from Miranda and the Student Ministry team. In addition to the baptism this Sunday at first service of a gentleman who freely admits to having 'a good number of miles on my life's odometer', Miranda told me that there are seven, possibly eight students who want to be baptized at our second service this Sunday. When all is said and done, we will have been privileged to witness the baptism of 11 people at LPC! This is about three times the number of people we baptized for the entire year of 2017.

This brings me to my concluding observation in this month's article. This month's multiple new members, multiple baptisms and fantastic participation in our LIFE Group ministry are all potential harbingers of a significant shift of momentum from last year's leadership transition. It's still too early to tell if the good news of this February is a temporary blast of fresh air from heaven, or if it's the initial wave of a trend toward a more glorious year. Time will tell. I believe that the arrival next week of Chad Brown, our new Student Director, will only amplify the possibility that God has-is bringing a convergence of great leaders to make a significant impact in our city and region.

Toward this end, I am excited to be,

Your Pastor, Bob

Important to Note:

- Daylight Saving Time Ends
- Prayer Vigil
- Building Information Meeting
- Easter Carnival
- Good Friday Service

Jon Hathorn - Pastor of Church Ministries



The Journey is Wonderful

Bev and I have two grown daughters, and when they were growing up we usually went on a trip each summer. Some of our memories include: Butchart Gardens in British Columbia, the Grand Canyon in Arizona, a mission

trip to Mexico, and several camping and backpacking trips all over California. But there is one trip that stands out in my mind right now and that is our 17-day trip to the East Coast when we toured Washington DC, Gettysburg, the Basketball Hall of Fame and Fenway Park in Massachusetts, the Baseball Hall of Fame in New York, attending a family reunion -

visiting 13 states, and even playing on the beach and swimming in the Atlantic Ocean. It was memorable for so many reasons such as spending time together, the sights we saw, some of the special treats we tasted, a few wrong turns, the friends and relatives we saw, and just being on the journey together.

If you are like me, often times

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I get impatient and just want to arrive at the destination of the vacation. I mean these places are where we wanted to go, let's get there as fast as we can -- the shortest time and distance between two points. Just think about the couple going to Mexico when they say, let's get there quickly so we can have a more authentic taco or even five in first twelve minutes; or in our case arrive as soon as possible in Cooperstown to see as many of the pictures and bats and balls that were involved in important historically exciting baseball games many of which happened before I was born. The destination - let's get there and enjoy the place. If we don't get there now, we are going to miss out on something.

On that east coast trip I learned a great deal about the importance of the journey. We were laughing as a family. Bev and I just enjoyed some precious conversations about each other, our daughters, about God and our lives as a family. Sometimes there were great sights of flowers that Bev showed me, or a great side of the road place where I treated the girls to a milkshake or French Fries. I enjoyed the journey. It was a blast.

As we planned our trip, we had many destinations in mind, and

with careful planning and execution, we hit every each one we wanted to see, except one monument in Washington DC. While traveling to that destination we took one of those wrong turns, in fact truthfully, it was all three of the wrong turns we took. We just somehow missed the turn three times. Each of those times we added about 25 minutes of detour time to the day. It wasn't very funny on that day, but it is hilarious now.

While we were back east we saw several farmers plowing their fields in the beautiful countryside. Those crop rows are very straight. Bev and I were discussing the skills of the farmers and when the girls asked what we were talking about we explained the importance of the farmer looking at a specific far away point and aiming for that destination by keeping his eye on it at all times.

You and I are on a journey with the Lord and because of placing our trust and faith in His death for our sin, we are headed for heaven, a destination that is glorious. It is going to be the greatest destination ever, because He is there and He has prepared it for us.

But our journey here on earth until we get there is important as

well. It is my prayer for us that our journey include faith and trust in Him on a daily basis. This involves knowing Him more and more, sharing the experience of being a part of the body of Christ with others who know God, and serving the world who does not know Him so that they may know Him.

My greatest prayer is that the journey and the destination culminate together so that when I see Him, He says, "Welcome home, well done good and faithful servant."

Please join us on the journey and let's remind each other often of the destination. And remember, "It will be worth it all when we see Jesus." Lincoln Pres has a great journey planned and it is stated in four simple phrases Know God, Find Freedom, Discover Purpose, and Make A Difference. Many of us have heard these phrases several times in the past few months. This is why LPC values Our Sunday Worship Services, our LIFE groups, Personal Spiritual Growth, Service in the Local Church, and Being Involved in the Community as the Salt and Light of the World.

Pastor Jon

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Introducing.....Chad Brown, Director of Student Ministries

We are excited to welcome Chad Brown as our new Director of Student Ministries this month! Here's a little bit about Chad:

Chad is an author, youth expert, and an exciting speaker. After almost flunking his freshman year of college Chad is now on his way to receiving his second Masters degree. He has begun to use his creative approach and ridiculously energetic style to move thousands of teens across the nation to fearless living. His

desire is to see the students move from fear to belief.

He has a beautiful wife and four awesome kids. Chad has been skydiving, and surfed hurricanes. He also spent a short time serving in the United States Army. He constantly tries to move himself beyond the idea of fear. He spent way too long holding onto so many negative thoughts. That led him down the path of being an alcoholic, hav-

ing suicidal thoughts, and being someone he never wanted to be.

Letting his mind become a prison and struggling with identity, he decided to make a change before it was too late. The power of belief is a crazy thing. Chad decided to take all the years of listening and learning from great leaders and put it into practice. He started actively pursuing his purpose. He believes each day is a gift and is excited to inspire young people across the nation.



Children's Ministries - Kristen Lambdin



Last month we had our first Family Service Day! We were able to take a few families down to the emergency food bank to unpack

boxes and organize food for them. It was hard work but we had a lot of fun. It was such a great opportunity for families to come together and make a difference in our community. We are looking forward to planning more opportunities like this for our families in the future!

I am super excited for our upcoming Easter Community Event; The Great Surprise: Jesus is Alive! This is a hands-on fun

filled event for the entire family. It will be March 31st, 11-1pm in our Church parking lot. In the coming weeks we will be looking for a variety of volunteers for this event!

We are always looking for more people to help out in LPCkids. If you are interested contact Kristen at kristen@lincolnpres.org or (209) 390-1398



Lincoln LIFE Groups

Lincoln's LIFE Groups have one, simple purpose: to bring people together. Sharing life through community is part of our design, and something we value at Lincoln. We believe lives are changed through groups by moving us one step closer to Christ.

We currently have over twenty LIFE Groups meeting at Lincoln all throughout the week, Sunday-Saturday, and new groups beginning all the time. We have in-depth Bible studies; movie night; game night; knitting; and even praise through hula & sign language! We have men only groups; women only groups; young adults; couples; singles... you name it, we have it!

In addition to these groups, we have new offerings beginning March as follows:

1. Martin Luther "The Man who rediscovered God and changed the world!" by Pastor Fred Jantz, Thursday nights, 6:30 in the Fireside Room, beginning March 15th, for twelve weeks. Text: Martin Luther by Eric Metaxas. For more information, contact Pastor Fred @ fred@lincolnpres.org or (209) 451-9006.
2. Stockton-Manteca Rotating LIFE Group facilitated by John and June French, Thursday's at 6:30 beginning March 8th. This group will meet every Thursday, one week in Stockton, then the following week in Manteca. Attend

any week/location or all! For more information, contact John or June as follows: June (858) 997-5669 or John (858) 382-3801.

3. Self Defense Training by Howard Miller. This two-hour workshop will be on Friday, March 16th, 6 – 8 p.m. Come learn how to defend yourself and survive an attack. Call Howard @ (209) 471-4927 for more information.

Make that new friend by joining a small group today!

For a LIFE Group listing, pick up a LIFE Group brochure from the lobby or the church office. To help you find the right group, register a new group, or for any questions contact Sandy Parker at (209) 479-4141 or sandy@lincolnpres.org.

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Lincoln Presbyterian Church Building Project Update - As of February 12, 2018

On Sunday, February 11, 2018, a presentation of the building project was presented at Lincoln Presbyterian Church's Annual Congregation Meeting. Here is a recap from that presentation.

Brief History

It is important to review a little of Lincoln's history with building projects.

In 1949 a Presbyterian Sunday School began in Lincoln Elementary School. The people who started this Sunday School program came from First Presbyterian Church in downtown Stockton.

In 1953 Agape Hall was built and Lincoln Presbyterian Church was established.

In 1958 the Sanctuary was built. It took over 30 years to pay off the loan for this building.

In 1992 the office building was built.

In 1992, Lincoln took out a loan of over \$500,000 to build the office building. Six years later in 1998 this loan was paid off. Shortly after this building was paid for, LPC began purchasing properties that surround the church. The total costs of these properties were between \$500,000 - \$600,000 in 1999-2000. The first property purchased was paid for in cash. The church took out a \$500,000 line of credit to purchase the other four properties. Within three years the line of credit was paid back in full. Lincoln has a strong history of paying off debt.

The Need for Space

In March 2014, Jon Knapp, Youth Pastor for Lincoln, stated that the Youth Ministry's number one need was facility space. The Youth Program was and has been growing significantly. Not expanding facility space would limit and cap growth. For the past couple years, we have seen this come to pass.

This past December 2017, the Junior High Group witnessed 45 kids attend their Wednesday night program while the High School Group saw 46 students attend their Sunday night program for a total of 91 students! That is awesome! But for these students to invite their friends, classmates, neighbors and family members, they need more space!

Not to be out done, the Children's program experienced tremendous growth in 2017. In June there were over 75 kids who attended the Mega Sports Camp. The children's Wednesday night program AWANA, has experienced tremendous growth this past year as there has been close to 50 kids attending on Wednesday nights.

Other programs and activities at Lincoln include: specific topic related courses (Financial Peace University, Marriage 911, etc.), adult and youth mission trips (Mexico, Lithuania, etc.), Sunday school & adult education, LIFE Groups, and global & local missions (Wycliffe, City Church, Gospel Center Rescue Mission, etc.). This list is not indicative of everything that is happening here at Lincoln. There is so much more happening that can be listed here.

What else can we do with more space?

In addition to expanding, increasing and growing all of our current ministries and programs, Lincoln can: provide after school programs (school tutoring), organized sports programs, worship services, outreach events, community events, rally's, concerts, provide larger lunch/dinner events, community fundraisers, and expand or create new programs such as the always popular Trunk or Treat.

The New Building

The new building was designed by WMB Architects and assisted by Siegfried Engineering, and Diede Construction. We thank them for all their expertise and assistance with this project.

The new building is a 10,900 square foot multi-purpose facility that will house four classrooms, storage, lobby, warming/catering kitchen and restrooms. Outside of the building, there will be additional parking spaces, fencing (masonry and cast iron), sidewalks, drainage, water retention pond, grass area, covered walkway between new building and Agape Hall, and new trees.

Cost Breakdown for Building

Here is an estimated breakdown of the cost of this new facility. Costs are as of February 3, 2017 and are subject to change. In fact, expect the cost to change until all final documents are completed, permits granted, and actual construction begins.

General Conditions (site preparation, equipment storage, etc.)	\$181,683
Site Improvements (sidewalks, curbs, gutters, drainage, etc.)	\$382,100
Building	\$1,447,894
Overhead, Fees, Insurance, Contingency, etc.	\$247,436
Building Permits (Estimated)	\$100,000
Design (final architect drawings, document filing, etc.)	\$143,367
Fencing	\$50,000
Furniture and Miscellaneous Cost	\$35,000
Total Estimated Cost of Building	\$2,587,480 <i>(\$237.38 psf)</i>

Lincoln Presbyterian Church Building Project Update - continued

This estimated cost does not include the following additional building items:

Acoustical Panels	\$50,000
Hardwood floor	\$75,000
Commercial Kitchen	\$150,000
Parking Lot	\$100,000
Sub-total of Additional Building Items	\$375,000
Total Estimated Cost of Building with Additional Items	\$2,962,480 <i>(\$271.78 psf)</i>

Some intangibles that will impact the cost of the building include: the Napa/Solano County fire, labor shortage, increase in building materials, loan interest rates could go higher, vandalism & theft, weather, and time. The longer we delay this project the more likely the cost will increase.

How to Pay for the Building

When this project was originally put together in 2016, the cost projection was \$1.9 million (\$174.31 per square foot). This cost did not include permits or site improvements which are mandatory. The original goal was to fund and pay for this project with pledges and donations over a four-year period. The church secured a \$500,000 line of credit to assist with cost overage.

In May 2017, a capital campaign concluded with total pledges equaling \$1.6 million and with the addition of the line of credit secured, we could meet our original projected goal. However, when the costs for permits and site improvements became clear, the cost of this project rose dramatically.

To pay for the building, Lincoln will need to raise additional capital or secure a loan. The church has received to date \$500,000 of the pledged \$1.6 million along with full use of the \$500,000 line of credit. Given Lincoln's strong history of paying off debt, Session is recommending securing a loan to complete this building project. The amount of this loan is yet to be determined.

Alternatives to securing a loan include: re-designing the building, increasing current pledges, obtain new pledges, outside donations and God intervention.

Timeline

This timeline was provided by Diede Construction on February 3, 2018. This would be best case scenario.

Activity	Estimated Days	Estimated Date
February 12, 2018	Day 1	02/12/2018
Finish Drawings & Documents for Building	30 – 60 days	04/12/2018
Grant Building Permits	30 – 60 days	06/12/2018
Break Ground	Day 1	06/13/2018
Site Improvements Begin & Completed	60 days	08/13/2018
Building Construction Begins	180 days	08/13/2018
Building Completed		02/13/2019

Timeline is impacted by the intangibles mentioned such as labor shortage, weather, building inspections, etc.

Next Steps

Session is recommending that this project move forward. Decisions that Session will vote on in the next 7 – 30 days include:

- Finalize building design
- Seek additional capital pledges and donations
- Secure a loan
- Call a Congregation Meeting for Loan Approval
- Green Light Project Construction

For the congregation of Lincoln, your next steps include:

- Seeking God's direction for your financial participation. If you have yet to financially participate towards this project, wish to increase your original pledge amount, or solicit financial donations for this project, today is the time to do so.
- Confirm your commitment or voice your concerns as Session will be making final decisions in the next 30 days.

Final Thoughts

Your Session is committed to this project. We truly believe that God is leading this project and that He is wanting us to move faithfully and obediently as He guides us through this process. If we could do this project on our own, then we would not need God and it would not be a God size goal. We believe that God wants us to trust and believe in Him during this time. This has been a four-year process and God continues to show up and guide our path.

We believe that God wants us to be a church that reaches beyond the walls of Lincoln. That provides opportunities for people to Know God, Find Freedom, Discover their Purpose and Make a Difference. Where the people we love would accept a grace saving relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. So, we bring our two fish and five loaves and ask God to use it and multiply it for His glory. We believe that He can and will use Lincoln to advance His kingdom as we are "Here for Good".

Questions

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 and building project presentation is available by contacting the church office.

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Keith Evans – keithdevans@sbcglobal.net; 209-481-4319 (Text Only)

John French – jfrench@lincolnpres.org; 858-382-3801

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 9:00 am Service

March 4

Greeters: Patty Roek, Lillian Harris

Ushers: Maria Montalvo, Betty Crecelius, Charito Lopez,
Jane Carson

Security: Mark Gantt

March 11

Greeters: Ro & Tambi Loyd

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

Security: Jim Duncan

March 18

Greeters: Sandy Harmon, Jennifer Gutierrez

Ushers: Tim Sass, Dave Hungerford, Leroy Alford, Frank Beasley

Security: Bruce Parker

March 25

Greeters: Carole Meehan

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

Security: Billy Heinrich

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 10:45 am Service

March 4

Greeters: Bill & Merrilee Chapman

Ushers: Dave & Sharon Olney, Drew & Holly Meyers

Security: Stan Kaneko

March 11

Greeters: Patrick & Heidi Fedor, Keith Evans

Ushers: Tom & Janet Beck, Bill & Carroll Johnston

Video Tech: Billy Heinrich

Security: Bill Wagner

March 18

Ushers: Dave & Sharon Olney

Security: Bob Yamaguchi

March 25

Greeters: Brant & Sandra Fetters

Ushers: George & Vicky Alavazo, Dave & Sara Blicharz

Video Tech: Tammy Hannon

Security: Jim Wilcox

March Birthdays

1 Donald Friis	12 Rick Robbins	19 Joan Speirs
3 Jonathan Stone	Craig Potter	20 Tami McGregor
4 Janice Mockler	Anna Woods	22 Ed Miller
5 Duffy Ruffin	15 Donna Halboth	Ken Bansmer
7 Joshua Stone	16 Dottie Edaburn	23 Char Gray
10 Linda Davies	17 Janet Beck	24 Lise Bachman-Karnes
Dave Olney	18 Jerry Crooks	26 Paul Singh
Lauren Sage	Betty MacRae	30 Christie Ferguson
Howard Stokes	Sherry Shields	Joe Graham
11 Jeida Lavender	19 Marcie Bayne	31 Bill McGregor
Jette Asis	Tess Reynolds	



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Flowers (Easter Lily order forms now available in the foyer)

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 Flowers

4 Cynthia Alford

April Flowers

1 Easter Lilies
8 Charito Lopez

Pew Supply

March

7 Linda Davies
14 Lisa Richers
21 Ila King
28

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



hello March!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 5:30pm Music Rehearsal 6:30 pm Marriage 911 FPU	2	3 12pm Mainspring (Young Adult)
Bay Area Sunday School Convection						
4 Communion 7:30 am Adult Ed 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Adult Ed 10:45 am Worship 6pm Sr. High	5 6 pm Celebrate Recovery 6:30 pm Hula for Health	6 12:00 pm Quilting 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Men's Group 6:30 pm Jr High Band 7:00 pm Commission Mtgs.	7 9:30 am Retired Guys' 5:45 pm Jr. High 6 pm: Awana Club Bible Study	8 5:30pm Music Rehearsal 6:30 pm Marriage 911 FPU	9 7pm Christianity in the Movies	10 12pm Mainspring (Young Adult)
College - Hume Lake						
11 7:30 am Adult Ed 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Adult Ed 10:45 am Worship 6pm Sr. High 	12 6 pm Celebrate Recovery 6:30 pm Hula for Health	13 12:00 pm Staff Lunch 12:00 pm Quilting 1:30 pm Staff Mtg. 6:30 pm Men's Group 6:30 pm Jr High Band 6:00 pm P/B/S	14 9:30 am Retired Guys' 5:45 pm Jr. High 6 pm: Awana Club Bible Study	15 5:30pm Music Rehearsal 6:30 pm Marriage 911 6:30 pm LIFE Group in Fireside L@L Deadline	16 6pm Self-Defense Class in Agape Hall	17 12pm Mainspring (Young Adult)
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25 7:30 am Adult Ed 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Adult Ed 10:45 am Worship Building Info Mtg 6pm Sr. High Palm Sunday	26 6 pm Celebrate Recovery 6:30 pm Hula for Health	27 12:00 pm Quilting 1:30 pm Staff Mtg. 6:30 pm Men's Group 6:30 pm Jr High Band 7:00 pm Deacons 7:30 pm AA Group in Agape Hall	28 9:30 am Retired Guys' 5:45 pm Jr. High 6 pm: Awana Club Bible Study	29 5:30pm Music Rehearsal 6:30 pm Marriage 911 6:30 pm LIFE Group in Fireside	30 7pm Service Good Friday Office Closed	31 11am-1pm Easter Carnival (backyard & parking lot) 12pm Mainspring (Young Adult)

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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

Wednesday

5:45pm - Jr. High Group

6:00pm - Adult Bible Study

Awana

Saturday

12pm - Mainspring Young Adult Group

Sermon Titles

March 4 - A Lap Around The Track With Isaiah
(Isaiah 6) Pastor Bob Mitchell

March 11 - A Lap Around The Track With Abraham
(Genesis 20) Pastor Bob Mitchell

March 18 - Pastor Jon Hathorn

March 25 - A Lap Around The Track With David
(Acts 13:36) Pastor Bob Mitchell

Lincoln's Mission:

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