

May 2018

Words from Our Pastor- Bob Mitchell

When I get an invitation to an event that will keep me out late on a Sunday night, I normally turn it down. There simply isn't enough energy remaining from preaching in the morning. However, last Sunday night was different. The Student Ministry invited me to help drive some students who had tickets to a Christian concert downtown at the Bob Hope Theatre. Because Pastor Jon had given the morning message in worship, I had more than enough energy to say "Yes" to this invitation.

A couple of things dawned on me the morning after this concert. First, it was fantastic to see the entire Theatre filled with (mostly) young people who were thoroughly enjoying music that glorified our Lord. Second, I'm not sure if it's good or bad to have enjoyed a concert where the volume was sufficient enough to 'rattle my innards.'



My third observation snuck up on me when I thought of those who rode with me in my car. One is African-American, another is of middle-eastern descent, a third is Mexican-Philippine descent. And the driver (me) is Swedish. While our church leadership isn't intentionally aiming for any certain quota in terms of ethnic mix, I believe that God is currently at work to quietly diversify our church's ethnicity, helping us to more reflect the community we live in.

Our drive to and from the concert was filled with incredible laughter and joy. It was a small slice of heaven, where the fellowship is not only deep, but is

also a reflection of the incredible diversity that God has created.

Things are happening at our church. Our people-profile is morphing. So is our physical campus. Trees are being removed to make way for the upcoming construction of a multi-purpose activity center. Information meetings will soon give way to meetings that will require a congregational vote to proceed with securing the funding needed to complete the project. I can only imagine the lives that are going to be changed through ministry that will happen in this new facility. And who knows what God has up His sleeve as to what Lincoln will look like five years from now!

Excited as I can be about God's activity among us, I remain,

Your Pastor Bob

Important to Note:

- Father/Son Nerf War
- Window Washing Fundraiser
- Mother's Day
- Youth Service Day
- Congregational Meeting
- Memorial Day

Jon Hathorn - Pastor of Church Ministries

A personal journey of FINDING FREEDOM

His name was John, and his name still is John. I met him while I was a student at Delta College. He could sing really well, and there was a hole in the bucket that I was trying to carry a tune in. I could play basketball pretty well and he was very awkward on the court and didn't know very much about the game. He spent his high school years in the Philippines at a missionary boarding school where his parents were mis-

sionaries, and I grew up in Stockton in public schools. He loved to take pictures with his fancy camera and the pictures were really good, and I knew how to spell the word PHOTO. We both liked playing cribbage, eating fish and chips, cracking jokes about things, and we both needed a friend.

John was a person of fellowship. We truly enjoyed so many things about hanging out and sharing our lives with one another. It didn't really matter if we were at his house eating an

entire cake that his sister just baked, working together at JC Penney's in the mall, being in the college Sunday School class or making fun of each other. We were great friends.

I was thinking back to my friendship with John, and it all started because someone asked us to be in a skit together. The skit was humorous and it was



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meaningful. We had a lot of fun doing the skit and laughing at our forgotten lines. When it came time to perform, we each said our lines correctly and then we laughed so hard because it was the only time we said them correctly. John and I didn't just have a friendship - we had fellowship with one another, we had freedom with each other. We were at peace with ourselves and with each other because we shared life and shared prayer re-

quests he trusted me and celebrated. Like any college student, in fact like any other person - there was the unknown of each other. Our vulnerability grew, and as a result of being real with each other - each of us experienced more and more personal freedom. I was accepting John for who he was - and also accepted who he wasn't. And this might surprise you - John accepted me for who I was and who I wasn't.

This was my first taste of finding freedom. In finding this freedom, I understood God's grace and mercy - and that even though God knew everything about me - He loved me. That's freedom. I hope you are finding freedom as well. Did I tell you that Bev and I love the people of Lincoln Pres?

Jon



Harry Ulep says "During the concert, I was moved by their acoustic song set because I was able to hear every voice in unison and seeing many people worshipping God with their hands raised in surrender."

Student Ministries - Chad Brown

Church Family,

It has been an exciting month! We had our first Parent Coffee Night and it was awesome getting to know the parents and hearing their heart for the minis-

try. We now have a mission and vision for our student ministry that will truly see disciples being made. Our incredible team of volunteers are meeting and preparing for small group mentoring, where students will have an adult



David Crowder Concert 04/16/18

walking through life with them. The youth building is undergoing some changes that will provide a safe and exciting place for our students to learn about God and invite their friends. As part of our dream for that room we are

in need of a couple youth items. If you know of anyone or feel led, our game lounge needs an (xbox one) and a (PS4). These game consoles are so our students can come in and hang out before and after services. This will also help students who feel intimidated by church to be more relaxed and at home. I want to thank everyone for their prayers. We have already seen students give their lives to Jesus and others getting more stoked on Christ.

In Him,
Chad Brown

Children's Ministries - Kristen Lambdin

What a wonderful Easter weekend we celebrated! We had such a fun time at our Great Surprise Easter Event and we are so thankful for everyone who came out and the help of our awesome congregation. It was a beautiful day of loving on our community

and celebrating Christ's resurrection!

This month in Sunday school we've been talking about the miracles of Jesus with our series called "That's Amazing!" We have been learning that through Jesus nothing is impossible and

He is able to do far more than we could ever imagine.

Coming up we will be having a boys Nerf & Nacho night! May 5th 4-5:30pm. Let us know if you will be joining us! It is sure to be a blast!



Congregation Meeting on May 20, 2018 To Approve Financing for Lincoln's Building Project

On April 17, 2018, Session voted unanimously to approve securing financing for the building project pending congregation approval. A congregational meeting has been called on Sunday, May 20, 2018 after the second service (approximately 11:45am) for securing financing up to \$1.6 million. If the congregation approves this financing, then the building project will move forward with the anticipated completion date set for spring 2019.

When the building project originally began in 2016, the cost projection was \$1.9 million. This estimated cost did not include permits, site preparations and site improvements which are mandatory. In May 2017, the capital campaign concluded with total pledges equaling \$1.6 million, with the addition of the line of credit secured, we could meet our original projected goal. However, when the costs for permits, building materials, and site improvements became clear, the cost of this project rose dramatically. As of the writing of this letter, the estimated cost of this project is \$2,836,731, which includes the potential renovation of the Agape Hall kitchen.

Session discussed at length the possibility of adding an acoustical design, commercial kitchen and hardwood floors. Session voted to include the acoustical design to improve sound quality of the building. 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

To pay for the building, Lincoln will need to raise additional capital or secure financing. The church has received to date \$511,000 of the pledged \$1.6 million. Session has approved securing financing up to \$1.6 million. It is believed that between \$1 million - \$1.4 million will be required, but with the rising cost of labor and materials, the extra money approved would be used as a contingency.

Lincoln has been working with "Church Investors Fund" to secure financing. As of March 25th, the rate on a \$1.4 million loan for 20 years was 5.25%. The monthly payment would be \$9,074 totaling annual payments of \$108,888. In 2017, Lincoln took in \$458,788 into the Kingdom Growth Fund, which is the fund where capital campaign donations are deposited. The following is an example of how the above-mentioned loan would be paid down. In this example, only a quarter of the 2017 Kingdom Growth Fund would be needed to meet the loan commitment.

Example - Loan Pay Down:

\$1.4 million for 20 years is \$9,074 per month

\$9,074 x 12 months is \$108,88 per year

\$458,788 Kingdom Growth income in 2017

24% or \$110,109 of 2017's Kingdom Growth income would be needed

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Cheryl Pannabecker, Office Manager

Congregational Meeting (continued)

In the last six (6) months from September 2017 – February 2018, the Kingdom Growth Fund income was \$157,193 which averages out to \$26,199 per month and would be almost three times (3x) more than the anticipated monthly payment. Even if the church took in half of the past six month's average of \$13,099, that would still be enough to cover the monthly payment. If the church maintains the six-month average income of \$26,199, the loan would be paid off in seven (7) years. If the church maintains monthly income of half of this amount at \$13,099, the loan would be paid off in 14 years.

As mentioned, the income in 2017 for the Kingdom Growth fund was \$458,788. If the church were to continue collecting this same amount of money from 2018 – 2022, the building amount of \$2,836,731 would be paid off by March of 2023, or 6 years and 2 months. This could be accomplished by asking those who made a four-year capital campaign pledge to continue for an additional two years at the same amount they have pledged today.

These dollar amounts are based on no growth in church membership, and so far in 2018 we've already experienced growth of 13 new members. The church is staffed for growth now with the vacant pastoral positions filled as both Jon and Chad have already made an impact. We fully expect the church membership to grow during and beyond the time frame of the building project and anticipate these new members will participate in the capital campaign. That gives us great confidence along with Lincoln's strong history of paying off debt, that the pending financing will be retired well before the term expires.

Next Steps

For the congregation of Lincoln, your next steps include:

- 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 for an additional two years
- Attend the next congregational meeting to vote for the financing proposal

Final Thoughts

We believe this is the time for unification for a greater purpose. 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 presentations are available by contacting the church office.

Session Members: Keith Evans, David Blicharz, Roosevelt Lloyd, Sandy Evans, Merrilee Chapman, Star Heer, Paul Zakhary, Ann Wunsch, Rhonda Jacobsen, Patrick Fedor, Shawn Loy, Shannon Barker.

Deacon Message

Attention Students!!!

We will be accepting Letters of Request for Scholarships through June 1, 2018 from any LPC member seeking a college or vocational education. Applicants should have regular attendance at Lincoln

or at a church in their college area. Each applicant should submit a Letter of Request that includes the name of the school, the history of their involvement at LPC or the church they attend at school, current phone number, address and a current email

address. Please mail your request to Lincoln Presbyterian Church, 900 Douglas Rd, Stockton, CA 95207
ATTN: Carol Sharpe. We appreciate the generous donations from our congregation to the Deacon's Fund which make this service possible...



Adult Discipleship

Sunday Mornings

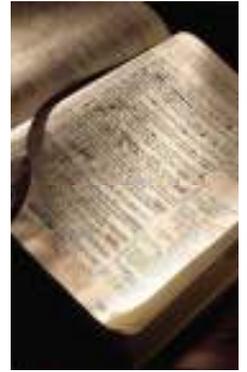
7:25am: "The Son of David - Seeing Jesus in the Historical Books" a video series by Nancy Guthrie, will be the topic of discussion through April. All adults are welcome, light breakfast served. Leaders are Carol Bedell and Patrice Verhines, in the [Fireside Room](#).

10:20am: "1 Samuel" 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:	March	YTD	% of Annual Budget
Income	\$59,283	\$177,040	22%
Expense	\$58,893	\$165,929	21%
Net	\$ 390	\$ 11,111	

March Financial Report



Through March (25% of year) we have received 22% of the projected annual income and expended 21% of the projected annual expenses. We are in the black by \$11,111 which is a blessing from God. Please continue to pray for our church as we make big decisions regarding our building plans and pray for God's growth in each of our lives.

May Birthdays

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



DEACON NEWS:

One of our many ministries is providing meals in times of need. The Deacons of LPC are updating and expanding our list of volunteers. Deacon Dinner volunteers are called on occasion to prepare and deliver a meal to one of our fellow worshippers. Are you willing to join this ministry? If so, please note "DEACON DINNERS" on your connect card next Sunday, with your name and phone number, or clip out this form and drop it in the collection plate. Thanks in advance for your caring heart!

DEACON DINNERS:

Yes, I'd like to be a part of this vital ministry!

Name _____

Phone _____

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 9:00 am Service

May 6

Greeters: Patty Roek, Lillian Harris

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

Security: Mark Gantt

May 13

Greeters: Ro & Tambi Loyd

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

Security: Jim Duncan

May 20

Greeters: Sandy Harmon, Jennifer Gutierrez

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

Security: Bruce Parker

May 27

Greeters: Carole Meehan

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

Security: Billy Heinrich

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 10:45 am Service

May 6

Greeters: Bill & Merrilee Chapman

Ushers: Dave & Sharon Olney, Drew & Holly Meyers

Security: Stan Kaneko

May 13

Greeters: Patrick & Heidi Fedor, Keith Evans

Ushers: Tom & Janet Beck, Bill & Carroll Johnston

Video Tech: Billy Heinrich

Security: Bill Wagner

May 20

Ushers: Dave & Sharon Olney

Security: Bob Yamaguchi

May 27

Ushers: George & Vicky Alavazo, Dave & Sara Blicharz

Video Tech: Tammy Hannon

Security: Jim Wilcox

THANKYOU!
volunteers

Thanks to the
Assembly Crew of the May
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

May Flowers

6 Cynthia Alford
13 John Kluge
27 Betty Crecelius

June Flowers

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

Pew Supply

May

2 Linda Davies
9 Lisa Richers
16 Ila King
23 Barbara George

Directory Updates



Kathy Vermillion
kvermillion39@gmail.com

Tom & Janet Beck
Home: 463-3207
Tom's Cell: 518-6273
Janet's Cell: 518-4357



Sat

		<p>1</p> <p>12:00 pm Quilting 1:30 pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:30 pm Men's Group 7:00 pm Commission Mtgs.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30 am Retired Guys'</p> <p>5:45 pm Jr. High 6 pm: Awana Club Bible Study</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:30pm Music Rehearsal 6:30 pm Life Group in Fireside</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>12pm Mainspring (Young Adult)</p> <p>12-2 pm Fuse Day (Youth)</p> <p>4-5:30 pm Father/Son Nerf War—Parking Lot (Children's Ministry)</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Communion 7:30 am Adult Ed 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Adult Ed 10:45 am Worship 12 pm Growth Track 6pm Sr. High</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6 pm Celebrate Recovery 6:30 pm Hula for Health</p>	<p>8</p> <p>12:00 pm Staff Lunch 12:00 pm Quilting 1:30 pm Staff Mtg.</p> <p>6:00 pm P/B/S 6:30 pm Jr High Band</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30 am Retired Guys'</p> <p>5:45 pm Jr. High 6 pm: Awana Club Bible Study</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:30pm Music Rehearsal 6:30 pm Life Group in Fireside</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7pm Christianity in the Movies</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Window Washing</p> <p>12pm Mainspring (Young Adult)</p>
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<p>20</p> <p>7:30 am Adult Ed 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Adult Ed 10:45 am Worship 11:45 am Congregational Meeting 6pm Sr. High</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6 pm Celebrate Recovery 6:30 pm Hula for Health</p>	<p>22</p> <p>12:00 pm Quilting 1:30 pm Staff Mtg.</p> <p>6:30 pm Men's Group 7:00 pm Deacons</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30 am Retired Guys'</p> <p>5:45 pm Jr. High 6 pm: Awana Awards Night Bible Study</p>	<p>24</p> <p>5:30pm Music Rehearsal 6:30 pm Life Group in Fireside</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>12pm Mainspring (Young Adult)</p>
<p>27 GRAD SUNDAY</p> <p>7:30 am Adult Ed 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Adult Ed 10:45 am Worship 6pm Sr. High</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>6 pm Celebrate Recovery 6:30 pm Hula for Health</p> 	<p>29</p> <p>12:00 pm Quilting 1:30 pm Staff Mtg.</p> <p>6:30 pm Men's Group</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:30 am Retired Guys'</p> <p>5:45 pm Jr. High 6 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>31</p> <p>5:30pm Music Rehearsal 6:30 pm Life Group in Fireside</p>		

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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

May 6 - "Let's Give Some Love" (John 13:34,35)
Pastor Fred Jantz

May 13 - "Fruit in the Middle of the Mess"
(Galatians 5:22-23) - Pastor Bob Mitchell

May 20 - "Guest or Resident?"
Pastor Bob Mitchell

May 27 - "Living a Life of No Regret"
(2 Kings 13:14-20) - Pastor Bob Mitchell

Lincoln's Mission:

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