



March 2019

## Words from Our Pastor- Bob Mitchell

In the past few months, I've been thinking a lot about both the past and the future. I'm doing this because Trish and I believe that God is calling us to labor in a new portion of the kingdom-field at the end of this month. This transition has me reflecting on the past 27 years of ministry here at Lincoln. Simultaneously, I'm also thinking about what God might have for the future of Lincoln and the Mitchells.

But as I wrote in one of my very first newsletter articles here 27 years ago, God wants us not to focus primarily on yesterday or tomorrow. He has a great deal to say about focusing on 'today.' When Paul was awaiting trial with a very uncertain future, he writes to the Philippians of his desire



that "Christ shall even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death." (1:20)

A life that is honoring to Christ is lived each moment, beginning right now. This is emphasized in the lyrics of the following poem:

*He was going to be all a mortal should be... tomorrow.*

*No one would be better than he... tomorrow.*

*Each day he stacked up the letters he'd write... tomorrow.*

*The greatest of workers this man would have been... tomorrow.*

*The world would have known him had he ever seen... tomorrow.*

*But the fact is he died, and faded from view, and all that was left when living was through, was a mountain of things he intended to do... tomorrow.*

Confident that living a Christ-honoring life in the present will insure a God-blessed life in the future, I count it as one of the greatest privileges of my life to have been for these past years,

Your Pastor, Bob

### Important to Note:

- Daylight Saving Time Ends
- PNC Update
- Welcome Classes

## Jon Hathorn - Pastor of Church Ministries



When I was growing up, we had a treehouse. It was pretty cool. I probably thought it was about 30 feet in the air and about 3 times bigger than it actually was. I have four special memories about that incredible place. One is the

enthusiasm of building it and learning from my dad about how to build something. Two is the day my brother and I went dumpster diving at a carpet place so that our treehouse would be plush with carpet. Let me tell you our treehouse was cool until the rain came. Three is the first time we spent the night up there and shared candy,

popcorn and stories late into the night. And then the fourth is the one and only time my mom went up in the treehouse and our family had lunch. She was scared of heights, but her love for us outweighed her fear and caused her to go up that one time. We could see "the petrified look" during the entire meal. All these emotions

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*“... four special touches each year...”*

were real, and they all came because of that cool and special treehouse.

As a church we are hoping you will join us in loving and caring about our Lincoln neighborhood. We want to have four special touches each year. Each one is cool and special. Each one is about Making A Difference.

A door to door hello May 4th

A garage sale - June 1st

National Night Out - Aug. 6th

Trunk or Treat - Oct. 31st

Would you consider getting involved in a few of these? It is simply a way to say we care. You might feel like I did building the treehouse or my mom did climbing into the tree-

house. When I think about these events I am reminded of Jesus' words in Matthew 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men that they will see your good works and praise the Father in heaven."

You'll hear more about these. Please join us. I will be there.

Ministering Together,  
Pastor Jon

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**Pastor Fred Jantz**



As I write this article, the rain has stopped and the sun is shining. This means that our construction project

begins to move forward again. The trenching was done, but we need re-bar for foundation footings, plus all the utilities that need to be in place before the concrete slab can be poured. Today, I see workers doing their work and moving the project forward.

Some completed items:

1. We have the building permit. Only thing left is consolidation of various parcels on our land base. This will be done and requires administrative oversight by the city/county.
2. We inspected a completed cement slab that had been smoothed and sealed out by the Stockton airport. We think that it will work fine for our activity floor. If we need to upgrade and modify that in the future, it can be done. This accepted floor has no additional costs.

3. The temporary power pole and hook up by PGE is completed. The construction trailer has power as does various places on the site.

4. The memory box has been filled with various meaningful items from you and will be placed at the foot of the foundation.

5. Pray for those who work on the site....our on site supt. is Tom Doherty.

Praise God from whom ALL blessings flow.

Pastor Fred

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**Deacon Message**



One of the privileges of being a deacon is to assist financially with children and youth who are going to Christian camps.

Your contributions to the deacons' fund in March are earmarked for camperships. Most Christians became Christians

as young people so this ministry is vital to the eternal salvation of our youth.

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## Student Ministries - Harry Ulep, Youth Intern



A key value for our youth department is community, as it says in John 18:20 "For where two or three gather in My name, there am I with them." Our high school students were blessed with an opportunity for team building and fellowship at Mount Hermon Adventures. They completed activities promoting teamwork and a variety of obsta-

cles on a ropes course. It was a wonderful day filled with laughter and memories, with the hope that this community would continue into our winter retreat. Both Jr High and High School students will be attending Hume Lake Winter Camp to experience a weekend of fun in the snow, great music, and messages about Ephesians 2:8-9.

Our High School ministry is also looking forward to the exciting Mexico Mission Trip. This is an annual trip where we take stu-

dents to experience ministry outside of our home city and build a house for a family in need. We are having our first of three meetings on March 10th, discussing the details for the mission trip and allowing families to see the ministry that takes place.

Thank you for all the prayers and support that you give to the youth department. We are thrilled to embark in this journey of life and community with students, parents, and leaders alike.



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## NEWS FROM SESSION – PASTOR JON NAMED INTERIM SENIOR PASTOR

In September 2018, Pastor Bob informed Session that he was beginning to start the transition from Senior Pastor/Head of Staff at Lincoln. At that time, Pastor Bob's timeline to leave was between 6 – 24 months. Pastor Bob wanted Session to get a head start on forming a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) and allow Lincoln to begin the search process.

In October, Session met with Dave Kerr of the ECO Presbytery to review the church's transition options. These options included hiring the new Senior Pastor and then Pastor Bob would leave, keep current staff in place, hire a full-time

outside transition pastor to fill the role of Senior Pastor, or a combination of these options. In November, Pastor Bob announced that he had accepted the Senior Pastor Position in Idyllwild, California and that his last Sunday at Lincoln would be March 17, 2019. Bob's announcement meant that Session would need to decide sooner rather than later which option would fit Lincoln best. Session researched, discussed and prayed about what direction God had for Lincoln during Pastor Bob's transition.

At the Session retreat on January 26, 2019, Session unanimously voted to elect Jon

Hathorn, Interim-Senior Pastor/Head of Staff beginning Monday, March 18, 2019. Jon will remain in this role until the new Senior Pastor/Head of Staff has been hired. We are confident that Jon along with Pastor Fred and the rest of the staff will continue to provide outstanding leadership that Lincoln needs during this transition period. Please keep Jon and the staff in your prayers and we also ask that you are willing to volunteer and assist when and where needed.

## PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC) UPDATE

At the end of January, the PNC facilitated four (4) Town Hall meetings. The purpose of the Town Hall meetings was to allow you, the congregation, an opportunity to provide feedback regarding the next Senior Pastor and to understand your future hopes and dreams for Lincoln. Each Town Hall meeting featured a brief overview of the PNC process and then asked questions to gather information as to what is important to you. Town Hall meetings were well attended as 92 different people attended. The PNC also received 19 Questionnaires with additional comments. Thank you all for your participation. It is greatly appreciated!

The meetings and questionnaire featured four questions. Susan Thomas and Mark Gantt facilitated each meeting as scribe Merrilee Chapman recorded your comments. Below is a compilation from each Town Hall meeting and the Questionnaires of the most frequent, or recurring responses to the four questions:

### What are your future hopes and dreams for Lincoln in the next three years?

**Most frequent mentioned comments were:** Use the building – A lot! Have after school programs and tutoring. Have sports programs and leagues such as basketball, volleyball, pickleball. Use the building for more fellowship events such as Wednesday night

suppers or pot-lucks. More fun activities for all ages. Outreach in our neighborhood more. Participate in more city-wide service opportunities. Grow the church and develop programs for all ages with a focus on young families. Focus more on discipleship. **Other recurring comments:** develop and mentor more volunteers; host music concerts/events; host seminars; all church study; more variety of classes. **What programs, classes, ministries, missions, etc. would you like to see at Lincoln?**

**Most frequent mentioned comments were:** Improve the new member process. Have mission trip opportunities for people of all ages. Have more serving opportunities for people of all ages. This would primarily be local serving or day trip serving opportunities. Revive the Women’s ministry. Partner with other churches in Stockton with their ministries. More weeknight activities for all ages. **Other recurring comments:** Family Camp weekend; family day; bring back social groups (i.e., Schooner Groups); more child care at LPC; larger Sunday morning greeting teams.

### What is it you are looking for in a Senior Pastor on Sunday Mornings?

**Most frequent mentioned comments were:** Teaching from the Bible. Scripture Based. Life application (how can I use this sermon on Monday). Sense of Humor! Approachable. Use lots of cre-

ative communication styles and illustrations for the sermons. Be transparent, authentic, real. Relatable. **Other recurring comments:** Challenge the congregation. Dynamic. Inspires deeper worship. Excellent communicator. Energy. Altar calls.

### What is it you are looking for in a Senior Pastor during the week?

**Most frequent mentioned comments were:** Strong leader for the staff and volunteers. Be able to mentor, lead and hold people accountable. Be able to delegate and empower staff and volunteers. A builder. Follow-through. A finisher. Administrator. To be present and flexible with his time. People person. Protect his family time. Visitation/hospital visits. **Other recurring comments:** Supports all ministries and programs. Learn about Stockton culture. Humble. Teachable. Sermon prep.

The Pastor Nominating Committee appreciates and values all the feedback received, and we encourage continued, open dialogue as we progress through the process. If you were not able to attend one of the Town Hall meetings, you can still provide your feedback by answering the four questions on the questionnaire located in the Narthex and place them in the offering plate. You may also email your comments to the PNC at [pnc@lincolnpres.org](mailto:pnc@lincolnpres.org).

## March Birthdays



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

## Adult Ministries

### Sunday Mornings

**7:25am:** Join us in the Fireside Room at 7:25 am, for **“Seeing Jesus in the Prophetic Books”** a Nancy Guthrie video series. Bring your Bible. Light breakfast served, led by Carol Bedell and Patrice Verhines.

**10:20am: “1 Corinthians”** with Pastor Al Van Selow and Lavon, in the Fireside Room.

**10:30am: “The Book of Mark”** with Francis Chan. 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.



## Farewell Dinner for Pastor Bob & Trish

Save the date!  
Sunday March 17th at 5pm  
Quail Lakes Church

Tickets are limited & we may be full. Some people have turned in tickets they won’t be using, so you can get on

the wait list in the narthex on Sunday or call the office (477-2783) if you would like a ticket.

## Treasurer’s Report - Carol Bedell - January 2019

Operating Fund:	<u>January Budgeted</u>	<u>January Actual</u>	<u>% of Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$66,861	\$48,537	6%
Expense	<u>\$66,861</u>	<u>\$61,292</u>	8%
Net	\$0	(\$11,757)	

We finished 2018 in the positive and after transferring 10% of the balance to the Missionary Support Restricted Fund, we were positive by \$3,496.

January 2019, ended in the negative by \$11,757. Tithes and offerings came in at 6% of budgeted whereas they should be at 8%. There were some one-time expenses in January such as repairing the lift for the Sanctuary, purchasing a new camcorder, obtaining insurance for the building process, website administration and Session Retreat. Hopefully February will show a positive balance.

The Capital Campaign took in \$24,638, and spent \$20,524. The balance at the end of January was \$577,668. Your generosity is appreciated.

## January Financial Report



## Bethel Series Update- Did you know?

1. We have six students and one instructor in the Bethel Series
2. We have just finished half of the training for the Old Testament
3. Our students are preparing in hopes of seeing many in the church participate in the future
4. That as believers we have been “Blessed by God” and are
5. That if you have any questions about the Bethel Series, please contact Ken Stoub at [KenStoub@group-7.org](mailto:KenStoub@group-7.org)

## Directory Updates

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## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 9:00 am Service

### March 3

**Ushers:** Maria Montalvo, Betty Crecelius, Charito Lopez, Jane Carson, Lori DeMercurio

**Video Tech:** Ron Korock

**Security:** Mark Gantt

### March 10

**Greeters:** Ro & Tambi Loyd

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

**Security:** Jim Duncan

### March 17

**Greeters:** Sandy Harmon, Jennifer Gutierrez

**Ushers:** Dave Hungerford, Leroy Alford, Frank Beasley, David Baldwin

**Security:** Bruce Parker

### March 24

**Greeters:** Carole Meehan

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

**Security:** Billy Heinrich

### March 31

**Greeters:** Dave Hungerford

**Ushers:** Gabe Laguna, Prilla McGregor, Lori DeMercurio, Maria Montalvo

**Security:** John Sharpe

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 10:45 am Service

### March 3

**Greeters:** Bill & Merrilee Chapman

**Ushers:** Dave & Sharon Olney, Drew & Holly Meyers, Jim & Ingrid Best

**Security:** Stan Kaneko

### March 10

**Greeters:** Patrick & Heidi Fedor, Keith Evans

**Ushers:** Tom & Janet Beck, Bill & Carroll Johnston

**Video Tech:** Billy Heinrich

**Security:** Bill Bambas

### March 17

**Ushers:** Dave & Sharon Olney, Jim & Ingrid Best

**Security:** Bob Yamaguchi

### March 24

**Ushers:** George & Vicky Alavazo, Dave & Sara Blicharz

**Security:** Jim Wilcox

### March 31

**Greeters:** Brant & Sandra Fetters

**Ushers:** Tom & Janet Beck, Bill & Carroll Johnston

**Security:** Gabe Laguna

## Volunteers Needed:

We're looking for a few people to be on our Alarm Call List. Please contact the office if you would be willing to help!

## FIND OUT MORE ABOUT LINCOLN PRES



Welcome Classes taking place Sundays at Noon March 24, 31, April 7 and 14.

We want to get to know you and we want you to get to know us. Contact Pastor Jon for more information.

## Daylight Saving Begins

Remember: Turn your clocks ahead one hour on **March 10!**



## 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 Flowers

10 Charito Lopez  
31 Ann Wunsch

### April Flowers

7 Leroy & Cynthia Alford  
21 Easter Lilies

## Pew Supply

### March

6 Susan Thomas  
13 Lisa Richers  
20 Ila King  
27 Barbara George

# March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7pm First Friday Movie LIFE Group Youth Winter Camp - Hume Lake	2 Presbytery Meeting Delhi
3 Communion 7:30 am Adult Ed 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Adult Ed 10:45 am Worship Youth Winter Camp	4 4:30-JH Guys Study Group 5:30 pm Hula for Health 6:30 pm FPU	5 9:45am LIFE Group 12:00 pm Quilting 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm Music Rehearsal 6:30 pm Men's Group 7:00 pm Commission Mtgs.	6 9:30 am Retired Guys' 5:45 pm Jr. High 6 pm: Awana Club Bible Study Ash Wednesday	7 6:30 pm Bethel Series (Fireside) 7:30pm Mainspring (Young Adult)	8	9
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**March 2019**

Office Hours:

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

**LIFE @ LINCOLN DEADLINE**  
**March 15**

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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

#### Thursday

7:30pm - Mainspring Young Adult Group

### Sermon Titles

**March 3** - "Preach the Word!"  
Pastor Bob Mitchell

**March 10** - "A Patchwork Message"  
Pastor Bob Mitchell

**March 17** - "God's Thoughts and Plans"  
(Psalm 139:17-18; Jer 29:11; Acts 17:26)  
Pastor Bob Mitchell

**March 24** - Pastor Fred Jantz

**March 31** - Pastor Jon Hathorn

*Lincoln's Mission:*

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