



September 2016

Words from Our Pastor- Bob Mitchell

It's not our particular tradition, but imagine yourself stepping into a confessional booth at a church. But instead of confessing to a priest, the priest reverses the order and starts confessing to you! Well, I've got a confession to make to you: There are no message titles for this month to be found in this month's newsletter because I don't know what they are yet!

I focused a great deal of energy at the beginning of this year clarifying the various message series that we would cover. But when it came to considering the Fall Series, I had prepared several messages relating to stewardship. I was anticipating that all properties would have been purchased and we would be well on our way toward engaging in a capital campaign. (I am really ex-

cited about these messages and can hardly wait to give them.)

God had other plans. These messages will have to be set aside for a few months as conversations with the owners of a property continue behind the scenes.

So that leaves the Fall Series up for grabs. I have been praying and seeking God in a concerted way about the direction in which He would like us to go. I refuse to simply preach a 'filler' series. I truly feel the need for these messages to have a God-ordained focus.

So that's where you come in. I am going to ask you what I've asked the elder board: Pray! Pray that God would whisper (or scream) His



thoughts and intentions for our beloved church and its future. Pray that this Fall would be an opportunity for God to communicate clearly to us.

In my seeking, the phrase "Lean in..." continues to resonate, as if God wants us to lean into spiritual practices that will mature our faith. Could it be that He wants us to lean into the kingdom-work of spreading His Good News? Of reflecting with our lives the love and passion of Jesus? I believe so.

So would you lean into prayer alongside of me in order to see a greater measure of God's glory reflected among us,

For Jesus' Sake,
Pastor Bob

Important to Note:

- Growth Groups starting
- Love Stockton
- Marriage Seminar

Pastor Matt Kirkland



It is September. I love September! Truthfully, I have made a personal commitment to myself to find a way to love every month (and day for that matter). I love NFL football. I love new school years. The weather is

changing. It's all good! One of the things I really like about September is my men's small groups starts again. After taking the summer off, I usually can hardly wait to get back together with these brothers in Christ.

When talking about small groups, I often say growth

happens best in circles and not rows. This statement is not to say that Sunday morning worship (this is what I mean when I say "rows") is not important. In fact, our worship is vitally important to our faith development! But worship is what we do for the Lord,

"... growth happens best in circles and not rows..."

Pastor Matt Kirkland (continued)

small group (sitting in circles) is what I do for my personal/spiritual/emotional growth. I sit in rows to give glory to God, and I sit in circles to become the Christian God calls me to be.

One reality of circles and rows is: you can sit in rows for years and not be a Christian, and you can sit in the same circle for years and never grow. Going to church no more makes you a Christian than going to a football

game makes you Joe Montana (my favorite NFL player of all time!). You become a Christian by saying "Yes!" to God's grace and making Him Lord and Savior of your life. From that work of grace, you want to offer praise and worship. And from that praise and worship comes a desire to grow more into Christ's image. I bet you know what I mean.

So, I am excited September is finally here! The guys in

my groups make me a better person, husband, father and Christian. I hope you can say the same for your small group! If you need help finding the right group, stop by my office this week. And if you don't have time this week, I'll see you Sunday.

And did I mention I love October too?!?

Grace and peace,
Pastor Matt

From Pastor Fred Jantz



"For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen

those whose hearts are fully committed to Him."

II Chron. 16:9

I believe most of us are looking for people of character. People who can be trusted and are dependable. J.P. Morgan asked what the best collateral was for a loan. He replied, CHARACTER.

"Life is built on character, but character is built on decisions. The decisions you

make, small or great, do to your life what the sculptor's chisel does to a block of marble. You are shaping your life by your thoughts, attitudes and actions, and becoming either more or less like Jesus Christ."

W. Wiersbe

The place where character is first formed is the home. That is why it is so important to always elevate the place of the family. In our country many no longer see it as the basic building block of a society. But we will live out the truth that God is the author of the family and the first place where character is de-

veloped. We will live in such a way that the world will see character in action. One decision and one day at a time.

Many of you have asked how my interim ministry is going up in Roseville. It has far exceeded my expectations. It has been such a positive thing and I am blessed and grateful. They have chosen their new full time pastor and I will conclude my teaching/preaching role on September 11. Thank you for praying and being interested.

Pastor Fred

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Kid's News for September - Jessica Klinker



Fall is here and we are so excited about starting Awana! We are more than pleased that we have some children signed up for the first time from our VBS, Mega Sports camp! God has been good to us and we are looking forward to seeing our returning kids as well as the new ones.

We had a great time during the Spiritual Renewal Weekend with Tony Borders who

is a great ventriloquist and illusionist. It was truly fun! He made us laugh and truly think about Jesus' plan for us.

At this time we are fully staffed in almost all areas of our children's ministry! If you are interested in serving with children, we are looking for a helper in the 10:45 preschool Sunday school class and we really need substitutes for every ministry. If you are interested please call Jessica. You will make her day!!

Trunk or Treat will be coming soon. This is such a great way to get to know our neighbors and the young families near us. Last year we had 600+ people attend and expect that we may have even more next year! Sign ups for cars will be coming out soon I think we will need about 30 cars. If you are interested in helping with food or games or having a car there, please let Jessica know.

Upcoming Events

- ***Trunk or Treat sign ups***

Student Ministries-Jon Knapp, Seminary Grad, and Zak Kear



In the month of September we are excited for our JH lock in on the 16th & 17th. If you have or know any students in grades 7 or 8, please tell them about this awesome event! It's going to be overnight, with lots of fun, prizes, and best of all, it's FREE!

Also, our High School ministry will not be meeting on September 4 in observance of Labor Day.

We look forward to October

where we will be serving at the Stockton Food Bank, and inviting students to our crazy night of Nerf War action. Thank you for your continued support of the Student Ministry here at Lincoln - We Love Our Church!



Deacon Message

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men."

~ 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

The Deacons deliver floral arrangements or plants to members and active non-members who have been hospitalized. When a member or immediate family member has passed away, we deliver flowers or donate to a charity of their choosing. For newborn babies and

newly adopted children, we provide a rosebud on display in the front of the sanctuary. We thank you for your continued generosity in donating to the Deacon Fund, which allows us to continue with this important ministry. God bless!

Deacon Service

Introducing - Tom BetGeorge



We are excited to introduce our new Director of Music/Worship Leader, Tom BetGeorge. Tom comes to us from the Bay Area and has many

talents that you will be seeing over the next few months. His first Sunday leading worship will be September 11th. Here's a little bit about Tom: When I was twelve years old I gave my life to Christ and haven't looked back since. From that time on I have

been studying and writing music steadily. In 2002, I received my Bachelor's Degree in Music from UC Berkeley followed by a Master's Degree in Media Writing and Production from the University of Miami in 2006. Over the years I have served in a variety of roles to include a music judge, talent coordinator, piano performer, music teacher, worship leader, and an orchestra and choir director for musicals, schools, an opera house, and of course, at church. I just married my best friend, Teri, in

January of 2016. Although I went to high school in Turlock, I spent most of my life in the Bay Area. I recently moved to Tracy because I missed the small-town feel. Aside from music, I have a few passions including fitness, sports (Frisbee, football, and volleyball), working with youth, and nerding out with Christmas lights. Most people know me as a bit of a perfectionist – I either go big or go home in everything I do. I love Jesus and music. Putting the two together makes the best job ever!

Session News

Report of Statistics:

Communion:

August 7, 2016 – 272

Average July Worship

Attendance: 292

The Session celebrated the baptisms of *Brooklyn Hamm*, and *Melissa Ronquillo*; the reaffirmation of baptism for *Christina Johnson*, *Kaylee Webb*, *Addisyn Loy*, and *Hunter Chambers* and the child dedication of *Aurora Johnson* on Sunday August 14, officiated by Pastor *Matt Kirkland* and Director of Youth Ministries, *Jon Knapp*.

These items were noted and actions taken at the regular meeting of the Session on August 16, 2016:

- Deacon Representative, *Judy Flaig*, reported to the Session that a highlight of the past month was

distributing twelve scholarships to LPC college students.

- 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*.
- The Session VOTED to approve the **General Terms of Employment For All Employees** policy and procedures as developed and written by the PBS Commission.
- **MSC to approve study leave for Pastor Bob Mitchell August 23 – 28, 2016.**
- *Andrea Shakespeare* has served as Director of Music Ministries for the

last seven years and has resigned to pursue other interests. **The Session voted unanimously to approve offering the position of Director of Music/Worship Leader to Tom BetGeorge.** The position is for 20 hours per week and covers responsibility for both 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. worship services.

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

- Study leave for Bob Mitchell August 23-28
- Staff Retreat – August 29-31
- Study Leave –for Matt Kirkland September 30 - October 8

Respectfully reported,
Connie Andersen,
Clerk of Session

Marriage Building

"Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage" with Mark Gungor, is about helping couples get it right, get along, have fun and achieve a successful

marriage, no matter how long you've been married. This seminar will be held at Shelter Cove Community Church in Modesto on

Friday, September 30th & Saturday, October 1st. See Shawn or Cassie Loy for more information.



Adult Discipleship

Sunday Mornings

7:30am: NEW SIX-WEEK STUDY! Jesus preached the kingdom of God in word and He demonstrated it in power through His miraculous deeds. Get a unique look at the Miracles of Jesus, their impact on the lives He touched, what they reveal about God's heart and their

significance for us today. Series runs Sundays, Aug. 28 – Oct. 2 in the Fireside Room.

9:00am: “Experiencing God” by Henry Blackaby. Led by Linda Thomas in the Library.

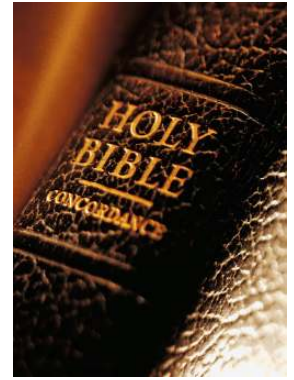
10:20am—“It’s Personal” with Andy Stanley. Led by Lise Karnes in the Library.



10:20am: The Book of Job with Pastor Van Selow and Lavon, in the Fireside Room.

Wednesday Evenings

6:00 pm: A continuing book by book journey through the Bible. Led by Ed and Denise Miller, Fireside Room.



Growth Groups Forming

Pick up a new catalog or browse through it online at

LincolnPres.org

If you're looking for a great small group, you'll find it here. You can sign up online, indicate on the Connect

Card in church on Sunday, or call the church office.

We offer a wide variety of groups so that everyone can participate.

Groups begin the week of September 4.

Questions?

Contact Pastor Matt:
matt@lincolnpres.org



Treasurer's Report-Carol Bedell

Operating Fund:	July	YTD	% of Annual Budget
Income	\$62,657	\$439,327	58%
Expense	\$69,134	\$414,533	55%
Net	\$ 6,477	\$ 24,794	

*July
Financial
Report*

Although our expenditures in July were greater than our income by \$6,477, we are still \$24,794 in the black for the year. Keep praying for God's sufficiency.

September Birthdays

1 Rebecca Severin	10 Hunter Olney	24 Bev Potter
2 Jesse Marquez	12 Kees Groenewegen	26 Sandy Harmon
4 Shirley Grimes	Ron Korock	27 Merrilee Chapman
5 Drew Meyers	13 Peggy Heskett	Hanna Fetters
6 Lisa Richers	15 Dan Cliburn	28 Don Cottman
John Lindell	16 Norma Yamaguchi	29 Ron Ehrlich
7 Macie Webb	21 Ken Lovegreen	30 Barbara Bennett
9 Jenna White	22 Jessica Klinker	
Robert Moore	23 Ed Downs	



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 9:00 am Service

September 4

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

September 11

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

September 18

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

September 25

Greeters: Judy Flaig
Ushers: John & Carol Sharpe, Dottie Edaburn,
Lavon Van Selow
Sound Tech: Paul Johnson
Security: Gabe Laguna

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 10:45 am Service

September 4

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

September 11

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

September 18

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

September 25

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

September

11 Charito Lopez
18 John & Carol Sharpe
25 Lise Bachman-Karnes

October

2 John & Carol Sharpe
16 Joe & Cathy Graham

Pew Supply

September

7 Kathy Vermillion
14 Lisa Richers
21 Ila King
28 Lorna Zink

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

Love Stockton

Love Stockton this fall will be on Saturday, September 24th. Our project will be in Oak Park that morning. See Ed & Denise Miller for details on what to wear, bring, and the project in general.




Directory Updates

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629-5068

Danny Bacaylan
331-3911

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Communion 7:30 am Adult Ed 9:00 am Worship 10:20 am Adult Ed 10:45 am Worship	5 Office Closed Labor Day 6:30 pm Hula for Health	6 10:00 am Growth Group 12:00 pm Quilting 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Commission Mtgs.	7 9:30 am Retired Guys' 5:45 pm Jr. High 6:00 pm Awana Club 6:00 pm CR 6:00 pm Bible Study	8	9	10
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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 - Adult Bible Study
Celebrate Recovery
Awana

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

Lincoln's Mission:

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