



January/February 2022

Pastor Jon Hathorn

When I was leader in the youth ministry, we often had New Year's Eve gatherings. They were often an event that lasted all night. Over the years we rented out a variety of different venues: Racquetball clubs, bowling alleys, Golfland, indoor swimming pools, go kart tracks, pizza parlors, regional parks, arcades, roller skating rinks, ice skating rinks and a few other places. Sometimes we had ice cream sundaes, taquitos, corn dogs or something early in the evening, then pizza a little after midnight, cold cereal competitions in the early hours of the morning, BBQ's at 6:30 AM or even Mexican food at 6:35. These events

were fun and exciting - and I have many memories from them. The greatest memory was seeing students hear the gospel message of Jesus Christ's love and commitment to save sinners through His death, burial and resurrection.



this year. AND THREE, let's find ways to engage with people and invite people to come and hear the message of God's Amazing Grace - as in an invitation to church, having lunch together, through a meal together, posting something on social media, stopping by their work or their house with a pie or a dozen cookies.

As we begin the 2022 year, I ask you to do three things this year to make it very memorable. ONE, pray for God's glory to be displayed in each of our lives and in the life of the church. Let's be a shining light. TWO, let's each pray for at least one person to meet Jesus as a result of the way we live, talk, and love

I am asking God for a miracle and I hope you will join me in prayer and in action. I just think it is wonderful that someone took the time to do this for me. Let's have a great year of worship, service, fellowship and outreach. God is good.

Jon

Important to Note:

- Kids' Clothing Exchange
- Memorial Service
- New Adult Sunday School Classes
- Men's Breakfast
- Parent's Night Out
- Annual Meeting
- Financial Peace University

Justin Linscheid - Assistant Pastor



The start of the year is a natural time to reflect on the previous year and make some new goals for the upcoming year. I think it's a great idea to spend some alone time with God and consider what you might like to discard and what might be beneficial to take up. Write these things down. In particular, what are some practices that might help you grow closer to the Lord? What are some scheduling decisions that you can make that will cultivate your

closeness with God? Sometimes it feels that we give the least amount of time to what is most important.

As you consider 2022, consider that we have several adult ministry options that might add a log to the fire of your faith, so to speak. In January, we have three new classes starting. One is a class on the book of Hebrews, a great book that highlights Jesus Christ and our atonement in Him. A second class is called "More Than A Carpenter".

This class will help you examine the true evidence for Jesus Christ and why this should take a person from skepticism to belief. A third class that we have is Financial Peace University. This class will help you manage money God's way and teach you money principles that work.

In addition to the class options, consider committing to a 2022 Bible reading plan that you can find out more about in our Adult Ministries Booklet (available in the

Justin Linscheid - Assistant Pastor (continued)

church foyer and office) or by contacting me. Spending time with God in His Word daily is so key to helping us walk in the light as He is in the light. We also have a great list of recommended daily devotionals and Christian books in our Adult Ministries booklet. These will help you to “fan the flame” of your faith in Christ.

Are you currently plugged into a small group or might God be prompting you to start a new one? A small group is a key context in which share the journey of faith in Christ with one another. This

support, encouragement, and connection with others is key to our spiritual health and continual growth. Check the church website and Adult Ministries booklet for current options. Please contact me if you think God might be stirring you to start a new group.

May 2022 be a year in which we continue to grow inwardly and reach outwardly. May God infuse inspiration into our bones, fill our hearts to overflowing with His love, and enlighten our minds with His truth. I am praying both that God helps us to grow deeper roots in Him and to

bear more fruit that will bless others.

(Congratulations to Justin & Alyssa on the birth of their daughter Jane, on December 23rd!)



Deacon Message

"And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness" (Col. 3:14)

The deacons of LPC have completed another very busy year of service. It is a privilege to look back with gratitude to God for His faithfulness throughout 2021 and to look forward with expectancy to what He will provide in 2022. Outgoing deacons, Barbara Head, Duffy Ruffin, Lise Bachman-Karnes and Nikki Pyeatt

welcome incoming deacons, Jon Asis, Bob Ramirez, Barbara Hungerford, Beverly Fertig, Rebecca Severin along with Judy Borth and Betty Crecelius, who have agreed to serve another term of office. It has been inspiring to see deacons continue to reach out to their cluster members even though they themselves were faced with major health concerns. In addition to scholarship aid, financial assistance with camp and college expenses, families in need have been especially

blessed during the Christmas season with gift cards. Meals for the sick, visits to shut-ins, grocery shopping and transportation assistance have also been some of the deacon duties carried out. You share in these ministries by your generous contributions to the Deacon Fund. Thank you for partnering with us.



Welcome To Our New Members

In November, Session voted Bill Conley & Ken Mills into membership at

Lincoln. We are excited to have them join us in calling Lincoln home!

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Children's Ministries - Heidi Verheyden



Thank you to everyone that helped support and encourage the kids with their Christmas carols at church! It always brings a warmth to my heart seeing the kids proclaim the birth of Christ as they are on stage and a giggle as they dance, take over the mic and even pick their nose! It truly was a special time for the kids! There was a great team of music leaders; thank you to Maureen Gibson, Char Gray, Teri and Tom BetGeroge for using your musical abilities to make it an incredible day!

As a mom, something that I dread doing is sorting through my

children's clothes. Honestly it is not that hard, but it is one of that's tasks that I just don't enjoy. Maybe because it is the thought that now I need to refill the drawers, so they have clothes to wear. After building up the momentum to sort the sizes and bag them, I try to get the clothes out of the house as quickly as possible before a child finds the bags and has a moment because that was their favorite clothing item!

Well parents, get ready to clean out those clothes and shoes that no longer fit your kids because on January 8th, we are doing a clothing exchange. Please bring clothes/shoes to the church for swap! We are asking you to do your best to bag up items by size and bring them down, either



on the 8th or before. That Saturday from 9 am to 11 am families can trade out their kids clothing.

Kids & Parents Night Out! February 11 from 5:30 to 8 pm, the Kid's Ministry invites the families to drop off their kids (infants- 6th grade) for an awesome night of dinner and fun! Parents, while your kids are having the time of their lives, we hope you will take this time to go out on a date and invest in your marriage! Be sure to RSVP not only to reserve your child a spot but also for dinner reservations!

Student Ministries - Harry Ulep



Each year, it always amazes me to see the hecticness of the holiday season. The speedy cars driving around from store to

store to find and purchase that one special gift. The endless lines within those stores of holiday shoppers getting their presents. The busyness overall as the year comes to a close. But on the opposite end of the spectrum, there is joy in seeing families putting up Christmas lights in the front lawn, people's faces filled with excitement thinking about their upcoming festivities, and a time for reflection on the many ways God has blessed us through this last year.

One huge blessing has been our youth group meetings. It has been so great seeing many of the students bonding over fun games and during small group times with our leaders.

We ended the year with a fun-packed Christmas Party! One game played is called "Double Trouble", where students attempt to role double numbers with dice in order to secure a present!



We also played a youth group favorite, White Elephant! It truly was a night filled with laughter, excite-



ment, and a celebration of who God is and what He's done for us.

Youth group will resume on January 12th, and we can't wait to continue the fellowship, community, and growing alongside one another! We are also still taking sign-ups for Youth Winter Camp 2022 at Hume Lake! We are going from March 4-6th and would love for your teens to join us for a weekend of fun activities and worshipping God in the mountains! Contact me at Harry@lincolnpres.org or (209)373-8883 if you'd like more info or to sign up!

Treasurer's Report - Carol Bedell - October 2021/ November 2021

October/November

Operating Fund:	<u>October</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>% of Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$73,327	\$678,682	87%
Expense	<u>\$69,750</u>	<u>\$523,243</u>	67%
Net	\$3,577	\$155,439	

Financial Report



At the end of October we were \$155,439 in the black. We received \$11,308 toward the Building Fund. Our mortgage rate was revised to \$6,943 per month from \$12,623. We also reduced the reserve held by the mortgage company by \$17,208.21 and applied that to the mortgage. The balance on the loan is now \$938,641.08. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Operating Fund:	<u>November</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>% of Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$64,859	\$743,543	95%
Expense	<u>\$58,395</u>	<u>\$582,212</u>	74%
Net	\$6,464	\$161,331	

Through November of 2021, the Operating Fund ended \$161,331 in the black. After eleven months of the year our income is at 95% and our expenditures are at 74%.

The Building Fund received \$28,683 in November and we paid the \$6,943 mortgage payment and an excess of \$21,740 toward the mortgage. At the end of November we owe \$913,677.88 on our loan. Thank you for your continued commitment and support of LPC through your giving and your talents.

Giving Statements



In January, we will be emailing annual giving statements to those for whom we have email addresses on file. If you

have changed your email address this year, please contact the office at: office@lincolnpres.org

with your current information. All other statements will be snail-mailed.

Bible Reading Plans for 2022

The Whole Bible in a Year:

Keith Evans will be sending out a daily Bible reading to go through the entire Bible in a year. If you would like to get your daily Bible reading in an email from Keith, please send your email address to him at: keithdevans@comcast.net and he will include you in the "Daily Bible Reading" email group.

Bible in a Year with Nicky Gumbel or Chronological New Testament Plan - YouVersion:

Would you like to read through or listen to The Bible in a year? This Plan will lead you through the Bible in one year. Each day includes a devotional commentary to enhance your understanding and engagement with God's Word. Or, read/listen to the New Testament chronologically which goes through June. If you are interested in either of these plans, please email: justin@lincolnpres.org



Weekly Bible Verse

Keith Evans will also be sending out a weekly *Memory Verse* every Sunday Night in 2022. If you would like to be included, please send your email address to Keith at: keithdevans@comcast.net and he will include you in the "Memory Verse" group. Finally if you would like to receive a daily devotion from *Pastor Rick Warren of Saddleback Church*, let Keith know & he will include you in the "Daily Devotion" email group.

Missions Report - Highlights from Student Ministry - Emily Ferguson (Cru)

Emily and her fellow Cru ministry team at UC Davis have used some creative approaches to engage people on campus in 2021. A large poster survey at the start of the new school year jumpstarted spiritual conversations with students: Which pictures represent your last year? Which pictures represent your feelings about being back on campus? Which pictures represent your spiritual journey? "It's a great way to go deeper in just a few minutes," says Emily. "Considering that ¾ of the campus have spent very little to no time on campus, the harvest feels especially plentiful."



Cru at UC Davis also launched another avenue for opening up spiritual conversations, called Real Life: Dinner and Discussion (pictured above). They have talked about topics such as belonging, empathy and acceptance, and how to create a plan to reach your goals. *Pray for wisdom on how to create a welcoming atmosphere to all*

students wherever they're at in their spiritual journey, especially for students to bring their non-Christian and seeking friends. Pray for all the new students they are meeting, connecting with, and inviting to be a part of Cru.



At staff conference, Emily met with 6 interns serving with Cru on campuses in California, Arizona, Oregon and Washington. After many video calls, phone calls, and emails it was such a joy to meet them in person! (above)

In addition to working directly with mentoring and reaching out to students for Christ, Emily has also taken on a broader role. "I will still be on campus doing traditional college ministry at UC Davis, but I also recently stepped into the role of Intern Coordinator for the West Coast as a part time role and I am loving it!" She helps guide Cru staff interns who serve on campuses for 1-2 years, getting a taste of full-time student ministry. "For some, it's a stop on their career path where they grow, serve, and gain valuable ministry skills they will take into the workplace," she says. "For others, it will confirm a

calling they feel to join Cru as full-time staff and continue serving on campus or in various other capacities. I have found it to be a great blend of administrative work while still getting to walk alongside and care for recent graduates that are seeking where God is leading them. I get to help them to navigate a sometimes rocky transition and be successful in a unique work environment." *Emily asks prayer for students for their mental, emotional, and spiritual health as they head home for winter break. Home is a hard place for many of them.*



And of course, Emily is embarking on a new phase of life herself as she and her fiancé JWoo get married January 1, 2022. *Pray for JWoo and Emily as they prepare for marriage and this next season of life.*

Financial Peace University

Defeated by your empty bank account? Paycheck-to-paycheck living is no longer an option! Dave Ramsey and his team of

financial experts will teach you how to take control of your money. Begins January 19 @ 6pm. To sign up, contact Justin at:

Justin@lincolnpres.org
Or call the church office at 477.2783

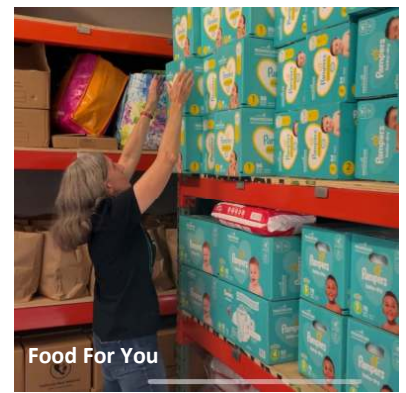




Trunk or Treat



Christmas Decorating



Food For You



Ladies' Christmas Lunch



Kids Sing for us at Christmas

Directory Updates



Barry & Connie Baxter
The Commons on Thornton
10711 Thornton Rd #140
95209

Kathy Vermillion
9484 N Highway 99, Space 43
95212

Marie Todd
6711 Providence View Ln
Houston TX 77049



Annual Meeting

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** and lunch will be on Sunday, February 27, 2022,

immediately following 2nd service. The 2021 Annual

Report will be available by February 20th.

2022 Flower Chart



Now available for sign ups. If you would like to provide flowers for one of the services next year, please write your name in the space provided on the chart (on the post next to the Welcome Desk) and if the flowers will be in memory or honor of a special day. The arrangements run approximately \$40. Or you can call or

email: office@lincolnpres.org to select a date.

If you sign 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

Also, note that if you purchase the flowers for a Sunday morning and would like to keep them, please notify the office or pick them up right after 2nd service on Sunday. Otherwise, they are taken to a nursing home or other care facility. Thank you.

January Flowers
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November/December Calendar

Sundays:

Sunday Worship @ 8:30am & 10am
Live-stream service on YouTube @ 8:30am
Adult Sunday School Classes @ 10am

- RightNow Study Group - Fireside Room
- Hebrews - Activity Center Rm A2 (starts January 9)
- More Than A Carpenter - 11:15am - Fireside Room (starts January 16)

Tuesdays:

Prayer Time @ 6:30am
Women's Bible Study @ 9:30am
Quilting @ 12pm
Young Adults @ 6:30pm
Men's Basketball @ 8pm

Wednesdays:

Retired Guys Bible Study @ 9:30am
Kids & Youth @ 6-7:15pm
Mom's Bible Study @ 6-7:15pm
Adult Bible Study @ 6-7:15pm
Financial Peace University @ 6pm (begins January 19)

Thursdays:

Pickleball @ 5:30 or 6:30pm

Dates to Remember:

December 27 & January 3 - Office Closed
January 8 - Janice Mockler Memorial Service
Kids Clothing Exchange
January 12 - Wednesday Night Activities Resume
January 15 - Session Retreat
January 17 - Office Closed (MLK)
January 20 - Food Distribution @ 4pm
February 5 - Men's Breakfast
February 11 - Parent's Night Out
February 17 - Food Distribution @ 4pm
February 21 - Office Closed (President's Day)
February 27 - Annual Congregational Meeting & Lunch

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Thank You To Our Ushers & Greeters

During the past 1½ years of Covid, whether our church services were held outdoors in the fresh air or inside the church or the new building, masked or unmasked, sanitized or not -- your church ushers, greeters, and substitutes performed their duties with joyful smiles and willing

attitudes. Even when the church services changed to earlier hours, those wonderful volunteers did not hesitate to rise and shine and show up on time. I bet you didn't even realize that sometimes they didn't even know where the collection boxes were located or even what they looked like

as we transitioned into a new collection format. But they remained calm and flexible. It has been my pleasure to work with these dedicated individuals for almost two years. Thank you for all that you do.

Joyce Korock,
Usher/Greeter Coordinator

January Birthdays

1	Barbara Head	10	John Doisy	24	Bill Costanza
5	Will Bennett	11	Jonathen Bacaylan	27	Rachel Kudla
	Barbara George		Marie Cottman	28	Cassie Spalding
6	Stephanie Fetherlin		Amy Johnston	29	Fred Jantz
7	Craig Barker	15	Margaret Chau	30	John French
	Robbie Richardson	20	Michael Gotschall		Bill Hill
8	Kirk Reynolds		John Sharpe		Ingrid Best
9	Mary Kaye Moore	24	Julie Colyer	31	Jody Graham

February Birthdays

2	Kris Stewart	9	Daniel Bates	18	Alissa Doolan
5	Mark Gantt	10	James Lavender		Sharon Olney
6	Beth Doe	11	Blake Lamie	20	Irene Jackson
7	Dave Hey		Jim Dunn		Dale Hill
8	Jon Hathorn		Marge Ramirez	25	Gary Vermillion
9	Nancy Bates	13	Sherrie Kudla	26	Allison Fedor
	Prilla McGregor	16	Harry Ulep		Grace Ferguson



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Friday 8:30am-Noon

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Lincoln's Mission:

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

Sunday Sermons



January 2nd - Imitating God's Generosity

"Motivations for Giving and Serving"

January 9th - Imitating God's Generosity

"What's Your Treasure and Where's Your Treasure"

January 16th - Imitating God's Generosity

"Givers, Takers, and 'You Can Stop Now' "

January 23rd - A Five Week Series on the Major Prophets of the Old Testament - Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Lamentations, and Daniel