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Leaves - some of the "should be" definitions of leaves

*"the things that trees leave behind"

*"the things that trees didn't want"

*"the things that little boys and girls wish would stay on trees"

*"soft piles to jump in"

When I was growing up, we had two humongous oak trees, and I loved the fall months when the trees lost their leaves, except on the day my dad said to rake the lawn. I loved the oakball throwing, jumping in the piles of leaves, making a maze in our back yard with the leaves and playing tag - anything but raking the leaves. Should you make one big pile or a bunch of little ones? That was always a good question.

Every year the leaves would come. Our current house is

pretty much the same. I love the Ginkgo tree turning yellow and watching the leaves - leave the tree. I love watching the Modesto Ash trees turning a bit brown and falling. And you know what? I also enjoy the bright red leaves of the tree that I don't even know the name of right now. Incredible colors.

Every year, leaf upon leaf upon leaf. The leaves make a great compost for the garden, great piles for the kids to jump in, and the trees are fun to watch when the wind is blowing.

Now to the main point - "Let's turn over a new leaf." As we start the new year, let's practice some things and make them a habit. A habit of spiritual growth and a walk

of intimacy with God Almighty. Maybe that means making prayer a part of every morning, or making a worship song or two a way to start your day. Making a habit of leaving worries at the feet of Jesus. Taking the time to pray for some friends who don't yet know Jesus Christ.

Let's commit to a 31 day diet of spending quality time with God and being influenced from the Scriptures. When I was 17 years old, I was challenged with reading one chapter a day from Scripture every morning, and asking God to help me believe and trust what I was reading. That NEW LEAF APPROACH changed my life. I say 31 days, because that's how long January is. I am praying for you to take the challenge and enjoy a special journey with Jesus.

Let's grow together
Jon

Important to Note:

- Spiritual Growth Opportunities
- Office Closures
- New Adult Sunday School Classes
- Memorial Service
- Financial Peace University
- Men's "No Regrets" Conference
- Parent's Night Out
- Annual Meeting

Justin Linscheid - Assistant Pastor



The months of October-December provide for some great community outreach opportunities in our local neighborhood. It was wonderful to see so many people from our local neighborhood here for Trunk or Treat in October. Then in November, we were able to hand out 100

meal kits that each fed a family of five to our neighbors for Thanksgiving. In December it was a joy to see our neighbors come out to the Christmas light festival and drive-through to enjoy having fun with their families at church. As I talk with people in the neighborhood

surrounding Lincoln, I often hear them say, "we love that church and coming to the events." Each of these opportunities is a potential stepping-stone on their journey to God and connecting with Him and His people. Our love and generosity expressed through such events serves as a win-

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dow into who God is for our community.

The beginning of a new year provides a mental opportunity to set new intentions and goals for ourselves. I take this season as a time to prayerfully reflect on my life and some changes I would like to make that will help me to live more fully in the will of God for my life. I encour-

age you to consider some steps you might take as you intentionally make efforts to grow. Being plugged into the Christian community is important for our personal growth. Fellowship with fellow Christ-followers shapes and encourages us as we gather, love one another, and study God's Word together. This spurring on in our faith fuels us

toward further outreach as we endeavor to make Jesus Christ known in this world.

Consider some of the following Sunday school opportunities that are starting in January. Perhaps one of these classes will provide needed encouragement to you as you gather with other believers and seek to live out God's will in your life.



There are the following 6 classes for Adults this season, at 9:30am Sunday mornings.



The Book of Phillipians: JOY. Have you noticed that we do not see it often today? We are bombarded with bad news and sad news. Where can we turn for a different response to life? The apostle Paul writes about outrageous JOY and encouragement. Come and have a fresh smile on your face and a new JOY through life's storms. *Activity Center Rm A3*



Reading the Bible with Rabbi Jesus: The Bible is an Eastern book. We see it through the colored glasses of Western culture. Much is lost. We miss the subtleties of humor and many of the underlying assumptions. What lies between the lines, what is felt and not spoken, is of deepest significance. *Choir Room*



RightNow Media offers a vast variety of Biblically based videos taught by some of the best Bible teachers in the world. We are currently studying the book of Acts with The Eyewitness Bible Series. Come join us as we seek to grow closer to our Lord. *Fireside Room*



OmniInfinity: Because it matters what you think about God. Omni is a unique, engaging, and interactive discipleship series focusing on the attributes of God and the spiritual practices necessary to really know Him and not just know about Him. *Activity Center Rm A2*



The Truth Project is a ground-breaking small group curriculum on the Biblical worldview. This class will show you the relevance and importance of living the Biblical worldview in your daily life, featuring insights from Biblical experts like R.C. Sproul, Os Guinness, and Gordon Pennington. *Agape Hall*



Curriculum for Christlikeness: Using The Good and Beautiful series, we will put our ideas about God to the test to see if they match up with what Jesus Himself reveals about God. Learn who God is, what it means to be a Christian, how to live in community, and how to address toxic self-narratives that hinder our spiritual growth. *Activity Center Rm A4*

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Children's Ministries - Heidi Verheyden



The end of the year was filled with so much excitement in Kid's Ministry. TeamKid finished off the year with a trip to the Ice Rink. The kids earned their way, by participating in small groups, having Christ-Like attitudes in games, and learning Scripture. It was a terrific night with so many families coming out to have a blast! There were lots of laughs, falls and Christmas cheer as the kids learned how to ice skate and tried out some twirls on the ice, as the kids took on the task of ice skating.

The kids singing performance was such a delight to share with everyone as we shared the true meaning of Christmas through song and Scripture reading. Our final excitement for the year was to do a two-day Winter Camp for kids while they were on break from school! Each moment was filled with activities, games, and lots of fruit snacks!

Here are a few save the dates:

Kids, join us for a one-day **Soccer Clinic**, January 28th from 8:30-11am. It is a free indoor event where kids will get to learn, enhance, and practice some soccer skills along with hearing a devotional. The event is for kids in kindergarten through 5th grade. Be sure to save your spot!

Kids & Parents Night Out!

February 17th from 5:30 to 8 pm, the Kid's Ministry invites families to drop off their kids (infants- 5th 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 sign up not only to reserve a spot for your child, but also for dinner reservations!

All kids event registrations can be found on the church website:

lincolnpres.org/kids

Over the summer there are two great camp opportunities through Camp Koinonia in the Santa Cruz Mountains.



Registration is set to open in February. All registrations for camps will take place through the camp: <https://www.koinoniaconferencegrounds.org>

Family Camp at Camp Koinonia has something for everyone. Come and enjoy a break together over Memorial Day weekend, May 26-29. Enjoy a time to be spiritually refreshed during Chapel time, and there are kid's and youth classes for all ages! We'll make dinner and wash the dishes. You just relax, connect and have fun.

Kid's Summer Camp is a place where lives change. Campers are supported and encouraged by fun-loving cabin leaders. They learn who Jesus is, sing songs, play crazy games and make great friends. It's a safe place for adventure and growth. Kid's Camp is for campers entering 3rd through 6th grade. Kid's Camp is \$525 per camper and takes place July 16-21. Don't miss out on this life-changing week.

Student Ministries - Harry Ulep



It's January and the start of a new year. We spend the night counting down the last few seconds of 2022, creating new year's resolutions, and praying for the things God might have in store for us. As we wrapped up the year, the youth had a great time with their Christmas party and the completion

of our Christmas series "Christmas Unwrapped". The students got to learn about God's glory being shown through the different perspectives of people in the Christmas story. We played games like a white elephant gift exchange and a game called Unwrapped, where students have to unwrap a giant ball of Saran Wrap to find different prizes within. We also got to enjoy a hot cocoa topping bar



and other snacks to go along with it. It was a night filled with laughter, excitement, and the joys of fellowship.

I want to take a moment and show gratitude to every single person who helped the youth ministry in any way

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Student Ministries - Harry Ulep (continued)

throughout this last year. You are a huge blessing to these students, from providing snacks or a way of transportation to events, to being a volunteer on a weekly basis and pouring into the students' lives. Each role is important in seeing lives impacted and helping the youth ministry be as fruitful as can be. I am thankful for every volunteer and the

ways we are able to partner with parents to help raise these students in a life of faith.

Youth group will start back up on Wednesday, January 11th. We can't wait for more opportunities for students to relate to one another, to grow in community, and to take strides in their walk of faith. Along

with that, Hume Lake Winter Camp registration is still open! We are going from March 3rd-5th and want every Jr Higher and High Schooler 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 to sign up or for more information.



Save the Date - No Regrets Men's Conference



Saturday, February 4, 2023,
8:30am to 1:30pm at First
Baptist Church in Stockton

- 3 incredible simulcast speakers
- Live in-house worship

- Out-of-this-world tri-tip lunch from a professional caterer
- Lots of snacks and refreshments
- Give aways and fun

- Various churches in attendance
- Cost is \$35/ person. See Justin for more info.

Deacon Message



As we transition into a new year we want to welcome our new deacons and thank our outgoing deacons for their service.

Our deacon ministry loves being able to care, encourage, serve, and pray for our cluster members.

Please let your deacon know how they can partner in prayer with you.

As the tree is taken down, the

ornaments and decorations packed away, the goodies long gone, and the memories fade, may the powerful truth of Christmas remain.

Isaiah 9:6 says, *"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder, and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

Candice Lucey shared in an article for Christianity Today, "If Jesus was a

regular child, the verse would read 'unto Mary and Joseph a child was born.' The King James Bible states several times that a child was born 'unto' someone specific such as Abraham, Enoch, and Eber. Jesus was not born unto Joseph and Mary. He is the world's Savior and servant King. He was born unto us because He came to save us."

Christ our Savior has been born and He has come to save us from our sins.

Treasurer's Report - Carol Bedell - October/November 2022

October/November

Operating Fund:	<u>October</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>% of Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$72,778	\$732,447	92%
Expense	<u>\$55,814</u>	<u>\$614,865</u>	85%
Net	\$16,964	\$117,582	

Financial Report



At the end of October the operating fund was \$117,582 in the black. In October we received \$12,942 toward the Building Fund. We were able to pay our mortgage of \$6,943 and an additional \$5,999. At the end of October, the remaining balance on our loan is \$415,562. Thank you for your continued faithfulness.

Operating Fund:	<u>November</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>% of Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$66,433	\$799,029	100%
Expense	<u>\$58,847</u>	<u>\$673,434</u>	93%
Net	\$ 7,586	\$125,595	

In November, the Operating Fund ended \$125,595 in the black for the year-to-date. The Building Fund received \$11,647 in November, and we were able to pay the mortgage payment of \$6,943 and an excess of \$5,428 toward our principal. We were also able to pay the Operating Fund back \$1,276 which was borrowed in August leaving a balance of \$406,705. We have reserves of \$46,168 which if applied toward the loan would reduce the balance owing to \$360,537. Thank you for your continued commitment and support of LPC through your giving, time, and 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 and have not yet notified us, please contact the office at:

office@lincolnpres.org

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



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 24 @ 6pm. To sign up, contact Justin at:

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



2023 Flower Chart



Now available for sign ups. If you would like to provide flowers for one of the services in 2023, please write your name in the space provided on the chart (next to the Welcome Desk in the foyer) and if the flowers will be in memory or honor of a special day. The arrangements run approximately \$50. 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

- 1 Jesse Morones & Debra Shull
Cynthia Alford

Spiritual Growth Opportunities in 2023

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.

Weekly Bible Verse & Daily Devotions

Keith Evans will also be sending out a weekly Memory Verse every Sunday Night in 2023. 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 different Pastors and Churches, let Keith know & he will include you in the "Daily Devotion" email group.



Congregational Meeting Called

The Annual Congregational Meeting and lunch will be on Sunday, February 26, 2023,

Starting at 11:45 with Lunch, Annual Meeting immediately following at 12:30ish

The 2022 Annual Report will be available by February 19th.



January/February Calendar

Sundays starting January 8:

Sunday Worship @ 8:15am & 10:30am
Live-stream service on YouTube @ 8:15am
Sunday School for all ages @ 9:30am

Mondays:

Hula for Health @ 5:30pm (Resumes Jan. 9)

Tuesdays:

Quilting @ 12pm
Men's Basketball @ 6pm
Young Adults @ 6:30pm

Wednesdays:

Retired Guys Bible Study @ 9:30am
Kids & Youth @ 6-7:15pm (Resumes Jan. 11)
Mom's Bible Study @ 6-7:15pm (Resumes Jan. 11)
Adult Bible Study @ 6-7:15pm

Thursdays:

Pickleball @ 6-8:30pm
Men's Bible Study @ 6:30pm
Al-Anon @ 6:30pm

Dates to Remember:

Jan 1 One Service @ 9:30a
Jan 2 Office Closed
Jan 11 Wednesday night activities resume
Jan 15 Lunch & Seminar by Kevin McGary
Jan 16 Office Closed
Jan 24 FPU begins @ 6p
Jan 28 Will Bennett Memorial Service @ 11a
Kids' Soccer Clinic
Feb 4 Men's "No Regrets" Conference
Feb 17 Parent's Night Out
Feb 20 Office Closed
Feb 22 Ash Wednesday
Feb 26 Annual Congregational Meeting

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Sunday Jan 15th

THINKING BIBLICALLY—SPECIAL GUEST

Kevin McGary - At Peace with God—Thinking Biblically

Free lunch at 11:45

Afternoon Seminar starting about 12:30

January Birthdays

1 Barbara Head	11 Jonathen Bacaylan	26 Jason Hill
5 Barbara George	Marie Cottman	27 Rachel Kudla
6 Stephanie Fetherlin	Amy Johnston	28 Cassie Spalding
7 Craig Barker	15 Margaret Chau	29 Fred Jantz
Robbie Richardson	20 Michael Gotschall	30 John French
8 Kirk Reynolds	John Sharpe	Bill Hill
9 Mary Kaye Moore	24 Julie Colyer	Ingrid Best
10 John Doisy	Bill Costanza	31 Jody Graham

February Birthdays

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



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Friday 8:30am-Noon

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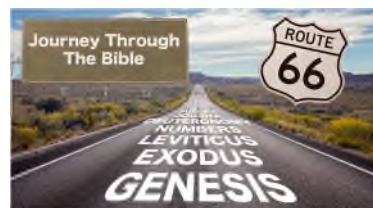
Lincoln's Mission:

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

Sunday Sermons



**JANUARY PREACHING THEME -
"Thinking Biblically"**



**FEBRUARY PREACHING
SCHEDULE "Return to
Route 66"**

Jan 1 Broadening Our Understanding of Stewardship
Jan 8 Good Lessons from a Bad Example
Jan 15 Special Guest - Kevin McGary
Jan 22 The Priorities of Our Time
Jan 29 Dollars and Sense, Cents and Sense

Feb 5 First Timothy
Feb 12 Second Timothy
Feb 19 Titus
Feb 26 Special Guest - John Mark Wheeler - YWAM