

Pastor Jon Hathorn - Passions, Giftedness and Duties



A great conversation took place with a group of men as we discussed the

“duty of American men” in the past with a common duty of serving America as a duty and responsibility - maybe not so much as a passion to serve or a love for serving - but because we are Americans and we are supposed to serve and contribute.

We now choose what we love, as if we don’t like doing it - we say “no thanks” or “that’s not my

thing.” Few people said that to the government and few people said it to the Lord.

Our family had a very cool dog named Copper, and neither Bev, nor the girls or I ever felt a “special calling” or “giftedness” to cleaning up the yard. We also weren’t able to get him to wear a diaper or clean it up himself.

As believers, I want us to strive to bring God glory by using our presence, our gifts, our human talents and passions to serve the Lord. One of the greatest teaching tools of all time

was the Catechisms - which was a simple question and answer teaching, to help those unable to read know truth.

The first great question was and is “what is the chief duty of man?” And the answer is - “**Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.**”

What an incredible concept. Let’s do that and remember this year’s theme - “In the WORD and The WORD in Us.”

Important to Note:

- New Members Class
- Don’t forget to Vote
- Daylight Savings
- Men’s Conference
- Food for You
- Young Adult Retreat
- Church-Wide Garage Sale
- Seder Supper
- Easter
- Office Closures
- Men’s Breakfast
- Faith Night at the Stockton Ports

Justin Linscheid - Assistant Pastor



Growing up, Lent was more of a joke to me than anything. “What are you giving up for Lent?” my

friends would ask. “Homework,” I’d say with a smirk. They’d laugh and respond with a comeback like, “Obeying my parents.”

But as I have gotten older (and hopefully more mature), I’ve come to see the value of

Lent. Many Christians have found that giving up something they enjoy during Lent stimulates their inner growth. Some also choose to take on new acts of devotion or service instead of relinquishing something. No matter what you choose to give up or add on in Lent, the purpose is a deeper, truer, and more vital relationship with God through Christ. If you think of Lent as a season to earn God’s favor by your

good works, then you need to reconsider your participation. God’s love and grace have been fully given to us in Christ and we can’t earn it by fasting or doing spiritual practices. But if you see Lent as an opportunity to grow more deeply in an experience of God’s grace and your closeness with Him, then Lent can be a very helpful tool. I encourage you to ask God to lead you into what might help you personally to grow closer

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to Him in this season.

In anticipation of Easter, we will be in a sermon series called "The Last Words of Jesus". If a person has the ability to say final words before they die, they are often significant. Such is the case with Christ. In this series leading up to Easter, we will lean in close and listen to the final words of our Lord and Savior upon the cross and the significance that they have for our lives.

Coming up on March 16th is a men's conference taking place at 1st Baptist church in Stockton. There is more information at our information counter in our sanctuary's foyer, or just reach out to me and I'd be happy to send you the details about registering. We will also have a Men's Breakfast at Lincoln in Agape

Hall on April 6th at 8:00AM.

A big outreach event in March is our annual Church-Wide Garage Sale. This will take place on Saturday March 23rd from 7AM-12PM in our Activity Center. We will have excellent deals, free snacks, and a great opportunity to interact with our community. All proceeds this year will go to fund commodities for our local neighborhood outreach through our Food For You program. Please support this cause by signing up to serve and/or dropping off usable items that will bless our community at one of the following drop-off times in our Activity Center:

Saturday 3/16 8AM-12PM

Sunday 3/17 11:30AM-2PM

Monday 3/18 8:30AM-3:30PM

Tuesday 3/19 8:30AM-3:30PM

Wednesday 3/20 8:30AM-3:30PM

Thursday 3/21 8:30AM-3:30PM

On Saturday April 6th, join us for Faith Night at the Stockton Ports. Tickets will be made available at our Sunday services as the date draws nearer. Please feel free to reach out to Dave Hungerford for more details about this fun night.

May this Easter season be a time in which you, "throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy" (Ephesians 4:22-24).

Director of Student Ministries - Harry Ulep



What a start to the year! Our youth programs kicked off with exciting events like our Wednesday Night Family

connections, Hume Lake Winter Camp, and a High School Super Bowl party. It has been a blessing getting to see relationships continue to grow, students discipled, and God glorified through the various activities and youth groups. One memory I want to highlight was a great conversation with a student at winter camp. The student would stay back after chapel as the other

students left for free time, and he sits in awe staring at the camp stage. In talking with him, he looks at me and says "this feels like a dream. I never knew how close we could be to God". And I had the chance to encourage him that the same God we are leaning into at camp is the same God who wants this relationship with him when we go home. I got to see him smile from ear to ear knowing that camp would be just the start to an incredible journey of faith in his life. And another memory is at our super bowl party. Rather than watching the halftime show, we would grab the



guitar, students requested worship songs, and we would praise the Lord together. God is carrying out a great work in each of these students' lives and it is a blessing to be a part of it.

Over the next couple of months, our youth programs will have the opportunity to continue the fellowship through activities like a high school game night, a nerf night, some time at Skyzone, and our weekly youth groups. We are also

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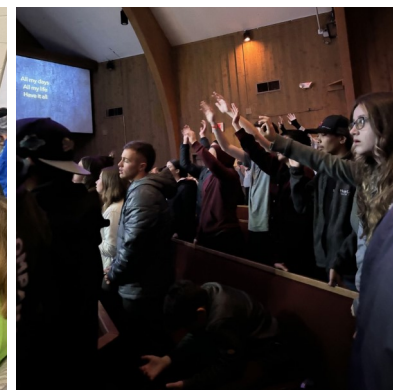
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Director of Student Ministries - Harry Ulep continued

excited to see some of our students take leadership in serving. We are encouraging our students to serve at our church garage sale, within Sunday services, and also starting a potential youth worship team for our youth group! We are always looking for volunteers who can help with different events or even being a leader in our weekly programs. If this is something you may be interested in and being part of our team that encourages the youth and creates a safe, fun, and inviting atmosphere for our students, please reach out so we can chat more about it!

Lastly, we are starting to look forward to our summer programming, which includes our annual Youth Summer Camp at Hartland Christian Camps! We are excited to be sending our junior high and high schoolers to camp for a week of high energy, awesome activities, great worship, and a chance to grow closer to God through His Word. We will be going from July 14th -19th, so save the date! We hope to take as many youth as we can to be a part of this incredible experience. For more information, feel free to contact me!

We are grateful for all the prayers and support that the youth ministry gets as we pour into each and every one of these students that come through our program. It is a blessing to serve alongside all of our volunteers, partner with all of our parents and families, and to see students take ownership of their faith as they grow closer to God.



A NOTE FROM CHERYL

It's official-I'm retired! It has been a joy and blessing to work for Lincoln the past (almost) 12 years. I've loved being part of your staff in the office & working alongside so many of you over the years. I've been blessed with a number of volunteers who have been so helpful in the many

things it takes to run the office, and I know you will continue to be a help to Donna as she takes over the duties. Thank you all for making Lincoln a great place to work & serve! God bless you ~ Cheryl



Children's & Family Ministries - Jenelle Maloy



Children and Family ministry has had a fantastic start to 2024! In January we began our Family Connections

nights. On the first Wednesday evening of each month, families with kids of all ages, come together to eat dinner in Agape Hall, work on an activity, and then break off into a family unit to go over a one-page devotional. We're learning about the Fruits of the Spirit and having a great time of fellowship and

community.

In February, Mary from the non-profit Showered With Love dropped off a blue Donation Love Bin. Children and families have been dropping off personal hygiene products for the homeless. Our Donation Love Bin is almost full!

Kids Church has seen triple growth during the second service hour and the team is excited about the new families God has brought to LPC. We believe that God will continue to



show His vision for the programs so we can make every minute matter while kids are on our campus.

Coming up in late spring is our second service project to be determined by the kids and VBS. We're looking forward to having John Alvarado return to participate and speak at our VBS program.



Directory Updates

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Treasurer's Report - Carol Bedell - December 2023/January 2024

Operating Fund:	<u>December</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>% of Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$118,950	\$855,117	103%
Expense	<u>\$ 70,690</u>	<u>\$796,251</u>	95%
Net	\$ 48,260	\$ 58,866	

At the end of December we have received 103% of the projected income for the year and expended 95% of projected expenses for 2023. This leaves a positive balance of \$58,866. We also have \$25,894 in the Future Capital Projects Fund and \$40,000 in the Major Maintenance Fund. We ended 2023 in good financial shape. Praise be to God who enabled this to happen.

December/January Financial Report



Operating Fund:	<u>January</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>% of Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$68,901	\$68,901	8%
Expense	<u>\$62,544</u>	<u>\$62,544</u>	7%
Net	\$ 6,357	\$ 6,357	

We ended January 2024 in the positive with \$6,357, however, some expenditures, such as healthcare costs were not paid in January.

The Financial team has contacted everyone who was giving on line to the Capital Campaign/Building Fund and asked them to redirect those funds to Tithes and Offerings or the Future Capital Projects Fund, this task has been completed. Our new Treasurer, Brittany Bobrow, has begun training and is excited to work on the Financial Team. She has a lot of financial experience and will do a good job. It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as your Treasurer since 2013. Thank you for your continued support of LPC.





Dinners for Eight provides a relaxing environment in which to get to know other members and visitors of Lincoln Presbyterian Church. We encourage you to take this opportunity to use this program as an outreach to invite others to join

your group. The more the merrier! Your group may decide to meet for breakfast, lunch, dinner, or just dessert. You can plan a potluck meal in a private home, meet in a restaurant, a backyard Bar-B-Que, picnic in a park, have a pizza night, or maybe stage an ice cream fest.

Dinners For Eight is casual, relaxed, flexible, and fun. If you enjoy good

food and friendly conversation, then this is a perfect opportunity for you to make new friends.

New groups now forming. Sign up forms are available in the Narthex. Should you have any questions, please call:

Jim (471-0473) or

Wethera (471-1405) Duncan

Annual Garage Sale

On March 23rd, we will be having our annual garage sale to bless the community. There are three great ways to be involved in and support this event. One - sign up to volunteer on the day of the event. Two - donate goods to the event starting on Saturday March 16th. And third, offer to be here for a couple of hours a day or two on

March 16-22, to receive and sort goods in the Activity Center.

Contact Justin for more information - justin@lincolnpres.org.

Church-Wide Garage Sale!

Lincoln Church
900 Douglas Rd.
Stockton, Ca 95207

Saturday
March 23, 2024
7AM- 12PM



Easter Memorial Donations

Lincoln has a wonderful tradition of family members honoring and remembering others at both Easter and Christmas time. Families donate money in the name of a loved one and the money has been used for Easter lilies and poinsettias. These celebrations have been a blessing, but it has also been a challenge because of the

strong fragrance for many. Honoring and remembering is a wonderful tradition. All donations will go towards purchasing plants as décor for Easter morning and/or plants for one of the planter areas around the church: front walkway on Douglas, the area in front of the office, or one of the planters outside the Activity

Center. This will be a great long lasting blessing. If you'd be interested in participating, all the names of those being honored and remembered will be publicized in conjunction with Easter and Christmas as usual.

Forms will be available in the foyer beginning March 3rd.



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. Arrangements are \$55.

Charter Way Florist
5620 N. Pershing Ave
956-9087

March Flowers

3 Jesse Morones &
Debra Shull
10 Charito Lopez

April Flowers

7 Jesse Morones &
Debra Shull

March/April Calendar

Sundays:

Sunday Worship - 8:15am & 10:45am
Live-stream service on YouTube @ 8:15am
Sunday School - all ages @ 9:30am
High School @ 6pm

Mondays:

Hula for Health @ 5:30pm

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

Retired Guys Study @ 9:30am
Kids & Jr High @ 6-7:15pm
Mom's Group @ 6-7:15pm
Adult Bible Study @ 6-7:15pm

Thursdays:

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

Dates to Remember:

March 1	Youth Game Night
March 3	New Members Cass
March 5	Don't forget to Vote
March 6	Family Dinner
March 10	Daylight Saving Time
March 16	Men's Conference at FBC
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 21	Food for You
March 22 - 25	Young Adult Retreat
March 23	Annual Garage Sale
March 28	Seder Supper
March 31	Easter (regular service times, no Sunday School)

April 1	Easter Monday - Office Closed
April 3	Family Dinner
April 6	Men's Breakfast
April 18	Food for You

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March Birthdays

1 Jenelle Maloy	15 Donna Halboth	22 Lanny Fertig
4 Jared VanZwaluwenburg	16 Dottie Edaburn	23 Char Gray
5 Duffy Ruffin	Liam Tacla	24 Lise Bachman-Karnes
7 Camron Rezanian	17 Janet Beck	26 Paul Singh
10 Linda Davies	Kristen Colton (Lambdin)	27 Marcus Nalls
Dave Olney	Tyler Solt	30 Christie Ferguson
Lauren Sage	18 Jerry Crooks	
11 Jeida Lavender	Betty MacRae	
Jette Asis	Sherry Shields	
12 Rick Robbins	19 Tess Reynolds	
Craig Potter	Joan Speirs	
Anna Woods	20 Tami McGregor	



April Birthdays

1 Hal Armstrong	10 Jim Duncan	24 Eve Barton
Magdalin Zakhary	11 Jamie Peña	Kathy Vermillion
2 Tom BetGeorge	12 Tammy Nalls	Noralee Willard
Brittany Bobrow	13 Gary Tacla	26 Carol Sharpe
3 Sydney Reynolds	15 Leroy Alford	27 Sandy Evans
4 Josie Ferguson	16 Jim Wilcox	Barb Vallandingham
6 Elgin Robinson	22 Marie Todd	Karyn Johnson
9 Ralph Swann	Bree Laguna	30 June French
Bill Chapman	23 Regina Brown	

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www.lincolnpres.org

March/April 2024

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 4:30pm, closed 12-1pm
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

"IN THE WORD AND THE WORD IN US." That's our 2024 theme as a church. There are more copies of the Bible than any other book in the world, but that doesn't make it the Word of God. It just shows that man has interest in Spiritual Truth. It is our desire for us to be in the Bible and the Bible to be in us.

March - We will continue with a new sermon series entitled "The Last Words of Jesus". As we lean in close and listen to the words of our Lord and Savior upon the cross we will hear the significance that they have for our lives.

Feb 25 - "Suffering" I thirst (John 19:28-29)

March 3 - "Abandonment" My God, My God, why have
You forsaken Me? Mark 15:33-34

March 10 - "Relationship" Woman behold your son...
Behold, your mother. (John 19:25-27)

March 17 - "Forgiveness" Father forgive them for they
know not what they do. (Luke 23:34)

"Salvation" Today you will be with Me in
paradise. (Luke 23:39-43)

March 24 - "Victory/Triumph" It is Finished (John 19:30)

"Trust" Father, into Your hands I commit My
spirit. (Luke 23:44-46)