

Pastor Jon Hathorn



THE IRREDUCIBLE MINIMUM

- I really enjoy speaking to children. It's because it

makes me think about what's really important.

Last night, I had the chance to speak to our Wednesday Night Team Kid 3rd -6th graders. I was given 15 minutes to share. I hope you enjoy reading this as much as I enjoyed sharing it. The important thing to keep in mind is this:

What is the most important thing they need to know - and how can I share it, and how can they remember it, and what does that mean? That's it.

Here was my assignment - Genesis Chapter 11 - "The Tower of Babel"

The most important thing - "God is a strong tower" and "He can destroy all human towers"

How can this be shared -

1. Repeat after me "God is a strong Tower".
2. Flex your muscles and say "God is a strong Tower".

3. Ask - "Who is a strong tower?"

4. Have little fun with different poses.

Read Gen. 11:1-4

1. Ask - "What did the people do?"
2. Use blocks and start talking about building a tower and give a visual.
3. Ask if this is a strong tower.
4. Talk about weak human towers versus the strong tower of God.

Read Gen. 11:5-9

1. Ask - "Which is stronger, God or the towers men build?"
2. Allow one of the students to come forward and get ready to destroy the tower.
3. Let the student knock over the tower.
4. Share a couple of sentences about God knowing us and coming down to help destroy the wrong things in our lives.

Review - the irreducible minimum

1. Flex and say "God is a strong tower".
2. Ask "Which is stronger -

God the strong tower or the towers men build".

3. Ask "What happens when people trust their own towers?"

From the Bible - the irreducible minimum for you and I is this:

1. God loves us.
2. We have messed up and need God's help.
3. Jesus came to earth to provide the help we need.
4. The help came when Jesus died on the cross and rose from the grave.

Let's never forget that all important, most important thing - one more time.

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How can we remember it? Tell it to yourself, believe that it's true, and tell it to others.

Have a great day,
Jon

Important to Note:

- Office Closures
- Men's Breakfast
- Women's Event
- GCRM Graduation
- Light Show Festival
- Candlelight Services

Justin Linscheid - Assistant Pastor (continued)



One November, my family shared our Thanksgiving meal at my aunt's house. We ate a great meal, watched some football, and then my brother

and I started to get bored. You know how it is when you are kid. Adults sit around and talk too much. We wanted some action. We had seen some football on TV and so we decided to play. As we were fully engaged in playing football in my aunt's front yard, pivoting, spinning, diving, tackling, we were oblivious to the fact that we were absolutely ruining my aunt's front yard. We were tearing up the soft wet grass, tracking mud all over the walkway, and trampling the flowers. We were also getting our clothes thoroughly muddy for the ride home in our parents' car.

As my parents came out to tell us it was time to leave and hug our family

goodbye, they were embarrassed to find out we had ruined both our clothes and my aunt's yard. Thankfully, my aunt was very gracious in saying that she would clean up the mess and then provided large trash bags that my brother and I could do as clothes so that we would not make a mess of our parents' car on the way home. My aunt's character in showing grace as opposed to anger increased our thanksgiving that Thanksgiving. We had not only become aware of our mess but had been provided a gracious solution.

I am thankful that our God is gracious. He not only points out our messes but provides a gracious way out. Through faith in Jesus Christ, God will take our mess and wash it clean and fix what we have broken. I have been shown grace many times in life, much more than one football incident. I am so thankful for God's good character and provision.

As a church, we create opportunities to share who God is and what He has done. Trunk or Treat, our Thanksgiving meal-kit outreach, the Christmas lightshows, and our Worship services are just some of the ways that we worship God and spread the good news about who He is and what He has done for us. As fallen humans, we sure know how to make messes. My prayer is that people will come to know that God not only points out our messes but provides a gracious way out.

This season you will hear about opportunities to give and serve and share. I encourage you to support and engage in these opportunities as an overflow of your gratitude for who God is and all that He has done for us. May our efforts to both gather together and reach out be an act of loving God, loving people, and bringing the two together through Jesus Christ.

Children's Ministries News

We've got great news for you! First of all, please welcome our new hire to the nursery, Erica Ford. She lives in Stockton and works at a law firm during the day, and has 2 children. We are so pleased to have her and she is doing a great job.

Then....drum roll please....we are pleased to announce the hiring of Jenelle Maloy as the next Director of Children's and Family Ministries! Some of you already know her, but

she has lots of ministry experience and comes with lot of fresh ideas. She officially started on October 17th. Please give her a warm welcome and help her off to a good start.

The kids are starting to practice their songs for Christmas. We are looking forward to hearing them sing in December!

TeamKID, Children's Church, and Sunday school continue to be wonderful opportunities for the kids



to learn God's truth while having fun at church. We encourage families to dig into these lessons each week as a family and discuss the content that goes out weekly via email.

God Bless,

Star Heer
(Elder of Children's Ministries)

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Meet Our New Director of Children's & Family Ministries, Jenelle Maloy



I'm a born and raised Stocktonian, married to Nathan and we have 4 boys ranging in ages 5-18. I attended UOP to pursue Communications, and Western Seminary where I received my ACTC in Transformational Coaching. I began my ministry career at the age of 18. I have over 20 years of ministry work in areas ranging from a summer day camp Director, to 5th-6th grade coordina-

tor all the way up through high school.

On the kid's side, I'm looking forward to building Christ centered programs that are fun and engaging and rooted in biblical truth. I'm excited to develop opportunities for kids and families to go out in the community and be an example of Jesus' model of serving, not being served. Having a 5-year-old up to almost 18, I believe that family is forever and doesn't stop at Jr. High.

My hope is that the kids will experience a firm foundation on Christ that they will build upon as they grow. One goal is to have God's Word etched on their hearts, and not only that, but that they will be able to understand God's Word and defend it. I'm a big fan of the 'why'? I'm a big fan of apologetics and I've been chatting with God and done some research on effective ways to equip kids on how to defend their faith.

Director of Student Ministries - Harry Ulep



Where has the time gone! We're in the middle of the fall season, approaching the end of the year, and all I can say is

praise God. There are so many exciting things to praise God for as we look at the youth ministry. We are in the middle of an outreach series with both youth groups, encouraging students to invite their peers and hear about how nothing is too hard for God to do. It is awesome seeing the joy on students' faces as they come to youth group saying "Harry, I invited people. I told people about youth group". These students are taking ownership of their faith and sharing the gospel in the ways that they know how to. In the last couple of months, they enjoyed the comradery of our color wars night, covering one another in color dyed powder. The junior highers participated in a record breaking night. And overall, relationships were built, memories were made, and God was glorified both on their school campuses as well as at Lincoln.

As we look towards the last couple months of the year, our youth will have the opportunity to serve within

the community through local non-profits. They will continue to be given opportunities to serve within

the church through the Christmas Light Show and participate in Sunday morning activities. Our desire is to



equip our youth and parents to carry out their God-ordained responsibilities to take next steps and own their faith.

Along with all of these exciting things for the next two months, here are more things to look forward to: we are beginning registration for our annual trip to Hume Lake Christian Camp for our Youth Winter Camp! The trip will be on February 2nd-4th. We want to encourage students to come and invite friends for a week-end of high energy, various activities, times of worship, and an escape



from the everyday routine of life to be intentional with our time with God. If you would like more

information about winter camp, contact me at:

Harry@lincolnpres.org

Also, Jenelle Maloy, our new Director of Childrens and Family Ministries, and myself are collaborating to create more opportunities for family connec-

tions starting in January. Be on the lookout for more information to come!

We appreciate all the prayers and support given to the youth ministry. May we continue to pray for students to grow in their faith, for the Gospel to be shared, and for our leaders and any new leaders who feel called to youth ministry, that they may continue shining the light of Christ into the various lives we touch. I am excited to see God move and what He has in store.

Deacon Message



"Well done, good and faithful servant!..." (Matt.25:21)

The deacons of LPC offer a number of supporting ministries such as preparing and serving communion on the first Sunday of each month and on other special occasions. Deacons have blessed the sick with meals and visits; shut-ins with assistance such as grocery shopping and transporta-

tion to doctor appointments; families with financial assistance, and students with scholarship aid for college and church camp. Memorial receptions are another very important ministry providing comfort for grieving families.

Thank you for your continued generous support, not only by your donations of money, but of time you are

willing to offer in helping serve alongside members of the Deacon Board in any of the afore mentioned areas of service. Just ask your deacon how you can help.

Christmas Memorial Donation

Lincoln has a wonderful tradition of family members honoring and remembering others at both Christmas and Easter time. Families donate money in the name of a loved one and the money has been used for poinsettias and Easter lilies. 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 Christmas 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 Christmas and Easter as usual. Thank you to the people who thought of this idea. Please complete the form & return it with your donation by December 10th to be included in the Donor list to be published December 17th.

Given in honor of: _____

Given in memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Phone number: _____

Treasurer's Report - Carol Bedell - August 2023/September 2023

August/September

Operating Fund:	<u>August</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>% of Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$57,050	\$540,278	65%
Expense	<u>\$64,063</u>	<u>\$491,380</u>	59%
Net	\$(7,013)	\$48,898	

Financial Report



At the end of August we are 67% through the budget year and have received 65% of expected income and expended 59% of projected expenses. The Building loan ended August with a balance of \$62,972. The reserves of \$49,816 reduce the amount we owe to \$13,156. We appreciate your continued faithfulness and dedication to God's work.

Operating Fund:	<u>September</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>% of Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$60,679	\$600,956	72%
Expense	<u>\$73,967</u>	<u>\$565,126</u>	68%
Net	\$(13,288)	\$35,830	

We ended September \$35,830 in the black. After 75% of the budget year we have received 72% of the projected budget and expended 68%.

The balance of the Building Fund at the end of September is \$48,910. Thank you for your continued commitment and support of LPC through your giving, time, and talents.

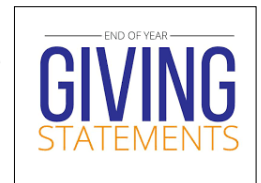
*We are looking at closing down our Charles Schwab account. It can be used to transfer/sell stocks and the giver will receive contribution credit. If you are planning to do that in the future, please let Carol Bedell know and we will keep the account open.

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.



Directory Updates

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New cell #689-7518

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476-9359

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6748 N Pershing Ave
95207

John Sharpe
jcsharpe2143@comcast.net

Noralee Willard
598-7794
(no landline)



Special Times @ Lincoln

Thanksgiving Meal Outreach 4-6pm on November 17th: We plan to give away 125 meal kits on this day. We will be asking for donations of \$10 per meal to help cover the costs of putting this together.

A Season of Advent, special Sunday mornings, Christmas Light Show Festival, Drive in Light Shows, 2 Christmas Eve Services, and a few special giving opportunities to love our city and those who don't yet know Christ.

This is a great Christmas Season of Celebration at Lincoln.

Sunday Special Celebrations

Sunday December 3rd is our "Children's Christmas Presentation", when our kids will bring us Christmas songs to enjoy.

Sunday December 10th - 9:30 - 10:30 "The Lack Family Singers" Christmas Concert

Sunday December 24th - Morning services at 8:15 & 10:45, Christmas Eve Candlelight Services in the evening at 4:30 & 6pm.

Advent Sunday Morning Services

Advent is a time of looking forward to the coming of Jesus - Each Sunday morning in our services, we have a family, a couple or an individual in the church share a short reading and a simple reminder of one of the key

components of Christmas: love, joy, peace, hope. If you would like to be a candle lighter or reader during advent season, please contact Justin - justin@lincolnpres.org

Christmas Light Show Festival

Saturday Night December 9th from 5:30-7:30 pm. Join us for a night of fun for the whole family. Free food, games, live music from the Lack Family Band, and a premiere showing of our Light Show at 7pm.

Drive Thru Light Shows

December 15th - 23rd from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Bring your family to our drive-through experience of the Light show. Listen to it on your radio and stay in the warmth of your car. A great activity for the Christmas season.

Special Giving Opportunities

Each year, we like to emphasize a few special giving opportunities.

Christmas gifts for Men in the New Life Program at the Gospel Center Rescue Mission:

So many churches and programs focus on gifts for women and children and we have a special invitation from the Gospel Center Rescue Mission to support the men in the New Life Program. On Sunday Dec. 3rd, we will have tickets available for purchasing a gift

intended especially for a man in the program. We have one week to have the gifts returned to the church.

Operation Christmas Child

The shoeboxes that were filled & collected for this in July will be sent out by Samaritan's Purse in November.

Women's Christmas Tea

Saturday, December 2nd, 9:30am - 11:30am: All the decorations and classic Christmas Tea things a lady would expect and hope for. Sign ups will be available online soon. Or you can sign up in person in the foyer on Sundays November 5th & 12th.

Christmas Gift Wrapping

Provided by the Youth Group as a fundraiser for camp. Sunday December 10th & 17th. Contact Harry for more information - harry@lincolnpres.org



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

The 2024 Flower Chart will be available for sign ups at the end of November.

November Flowers

- 5 Betty Crecelius, Jesse Morones & Debra Shull
- 12 Barbara George
- 19 Susan Thomas

December Flowers

- 3 Jesse Morones & Debra Shull



November/December 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
Adult Bible Study @ 6-7:15pm

Thursdays:

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

Dates to Remember:

Nov. 5 Daylight Saving Time ends
Light Show set-up (12-4pm)
Nov. 11 Veteran's Day
Nov. 12 Gospel Center Rescue Mission Graduation
Nov. 16 Food for You
Nov. 17 Thanksgiving Meal Outreach
Nov. 19 Morning of Thanks & Christmas Decorating
Nov. 23 & 24 Office Closed
Nov. 28 Light Show set up
Dec. 2 Men's Breakfast
Women's Christmas Tea
Dec. 9 Christmas Light Festival
Dec. 10 Lack Family Concert
Dec. 15-23 Christmas Drive-Thru Light Show
Dec. 21 Food for You
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
Dec. 25 Office Closed
Dec. 31 Breakfast & One Service
Jan. 1 Office Closed
Jan. 15 ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE

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November Birthdays

1 Beverly Fertig	19 Jan Cambra	24 Patrick Fedor
2 Lavon Van Selow	Debra May	Casey Journagan
3 Savannah Nalls	20 Juanita Fain	25 Connie Baxter
5 Nancy Oberholtzer	Michael Heer	26 William Bambas
7 Kedric Nalls	Sharon Norbutas	Lorna Crooks
Darrell Johnson	21 Charlotte Yurkovic	27 Crystal Bates
9 Dick Ennis	22 Bob Gibson	28 Jake Erickson
14 Bob Norbutas	23 Doug Wary	29 Jane Carson
15 Emalie Lamie	Tara Silva	Lorna Zink
18 Jenny Creamer	Christi Journagan	30 Chery Pannabecker

December Birthdays

1 John Kluve	13 Bill Conley	25 Karen Gantt
2 Patty Roek	Julie Senegor	25 Ron Allen
John Schulz	14 Cynthia Downs	26 Irma St John
3 Wendy Bell	Holly Meyers	John Montalvo
Amanda Stogner	16 Rachel Peña	27 Jed Asis
4 Cori Reynolds	Joyce Korock	Tyler Graham
7 Jen Gutierrez	18 Gabe Laguna	28 Heidi Fedor
Dorothy Wilkins	Scott McGregor	29 Bill Wagner
11 Richie Senegor	19 Barbara Morefield	Maureen Gibson
Valerie Ehrlich	Alyson White	30 Bob Yamaguchi
Jim Dunn	21 Sandy Parker	31 Ray Johnson
12 Susan Blythe	22 Carroll Johnston	Loren Tacla



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**November/December
2023**

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



November 5	Facts About the Lord's Return 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
November 12	Measures of Believers - 1 Thess. 5:1-11
November 19	A Morning of Thanks & Praise
November 26	The Family of God - 1 Thess. 5:12-18

December 3	Hope
December 10	Joy
December 17	Peace
December 24	Love
December 31	One Service in the Activity Center