



# LIFE @ LINCOLN

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# God Changed Both of Us

By: Jed and Allison

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**Y**ou would never expect that after two people spent their lives making seemingly all the wrong choices and acting out of disobedience to the Lord that they'd somehow end up living in His Glory, abounding in His blessings, and end up right where He always had in mind for them to be, living a life and love beyond what they could have imagined. But that's the power of the Lord God Almighty! That's the redeeming, restoring, sanctifying power of the blood of Jesus Christ. And that's the beauty of turning your life over to the one Perfect Savior, and getting on board with obedience.

He can take the most broken, lost, abused, confused and defeated people, and literally restore them back to life. He can take you from the deepest, darkest pit you've ever been in, one you don't know how you'll ever get out of, and plant you on such solid ground you can't be shaken. He can save and restore you from addiction, infidelity, immorality, abusive behavior, destitution, divorce, anxiety, abortion, depression, broken family - everything!

We have lived it first hand, we've seen it play out in our own lives. He took two sinners who were trapped in their own flesh, and set us free. Once we finally decided to lay ourselves at the foot of the cross and invite Him in to cleanse, purify, and purge our lives

of all that was not holy, He began the good (and yes, very long) work of overhauling our hearts.

Our desires changed.

Our lives changed.

We were made new!

And then we were made into one with Him.

This is what Christ has done in our lives, this is our story - the story of the new Mr. and Mrs. Jed and Allison Thompson! God is good!



## Jon Hathorn - Pastor / Head of Staff



2 Timothy 2:2 reads this way, *"And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others."*

Everyone is learning life from someone: TV, movies, social media, and a variety of others. Are they being trained well? Mentoring others is important and takes place in so many different ways in our society: the trades, individual physical training, music lessons, job training, counseling and many other places. But is it taking place the way it should be taking place? The idea of mentoring is a Biblical concept and both families and the church need to improve in this mandate. In the Old Testament - Jethro mentored Moses, Moses mentored Joshua, Elijah mentored Elisha, Jesus mentored the disciples and Paul mentored Timothy.

Biblical Mentoring is an intentional effort of teaching a Biblical way of living: spending time together, studying together, serving together, and walking in life together. Our homes should be a place of training and learning - providing opportunities to watch and be involved. The church should be a ministry of watching, involvement together, and then entrusting

I recently watched an incredible movie entitled LIFE OF A KING. The movie is based on the true story of Eugen Brown, an ex-

convict who served 18 years in federal prison before returning to Washington D.C. It was there he used chess to help inner-city youth, by the founding the Big Chair Chess Club - a real organization. The movie shows two main messages "think before you move" and "visualize the possible outcomes in life."

He used chess to develop critical thinking skills, concentration, discipline, perseverance but above all he mentored young people through an environment of change.

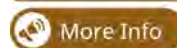
Chess can be so much more than a game, it is a life metaphor - learning the power of decisions, reading in advance life situations.

Who is mentoring you, and who is being mentored by you? Mentoring is not really a choice, but intentional mentoring is a choice, and it takes time and involves a relationship. Please check out the involvement opportunities on our website or even feel free to contact me. I would love to see you enjoy a journey with Jesus, with others.

See you soon

Jon

P.S. One last thing - this June and July, Lincoln will be offering a class on Sundays 9:30 - 10:30; encouraging a personal journey with Christ. Please consider attending The Practicing The Way Course.





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## Justin Linscheid - Assistant Pastor

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**T**hank you church for a fantastic Garage Sale this spring! We welcomed over 700 guests onto our campus, had 75 volunteers serving on the day of the event, and many more throughout the week helping to set everything up. It was a beautiful example of our church coming together to serve our neighborhood with generosity and love. We gave out 200 bags of groceries and raised over \$7,000 to purchase essential items for families in need and help students get to summer camp.

What a blessing to be part of a church family that gives so generously!

This summer, we're also looking forward to a class called **The Practicing the Way Course**. This experience is designed to help us center our lives more intentionally around Jesus and His way of life. As the curriculum says, *"Transformation is possible if we are willing to arrange our lives around the practices, rhythms, and truths that Jesus himself did, which will open our lives to God's power to change."* We hope you'll consider joining us on this journey of spiritual formation and deeper connection with Christ.



# CHURCH PICNIC AND WATER DAY



**Sunday, June 29th**

Join us for one celebratory service on June 29 at 10:30AM as we come together to celebrate Independence Day, honor those who have served in the military, and worship Jesus Christ. Following the service, everyone is invited to enjoy a church picnic and water activities.


## Hymn Sing

Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>

9:30 - 10:30 am | in the Sanctuary



# The Practicing the Way Course

A man with dark hair, wearing a dark blue button-down shirt and blue jeans, is sitting in a wooden armchair. He is gesturing with both hands, palms facing forward, as if speaking. In front of him is a low, round wooden table with a small dark jar on it. To his left is a small wooden side table with a modern, dome-shaped lamp. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

The Practicing the Way Course features eight sessions of teaching, guided conversation, and spiritual exercises designed to lay a foundation for lifelong apprenticeship to Jesus.

Sundays | June 1 – July 29 | 9:30 – 10:30 am



## Sunday Mornings at 9:30 AM

June 1 – July 27

Students in grades 6 – 12, come hang out, dive into God's Word, and spark real conversations.

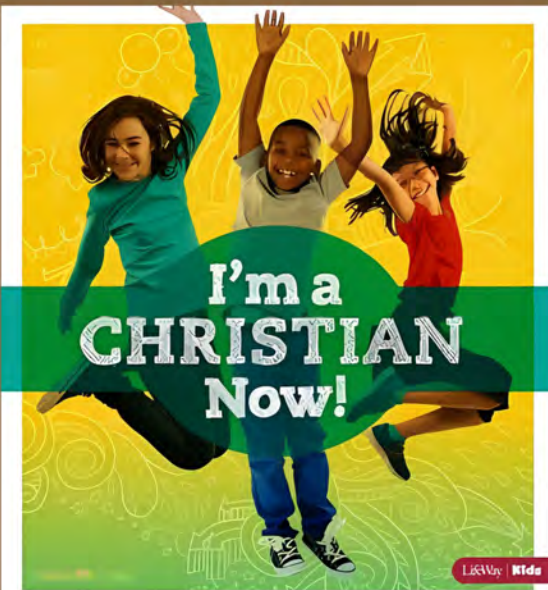
Meet us in the Youth Room  
let's IGNITE your summer!

**I'm a  
Christian  
Now!**



I'm a Christian Now! teaches kids how to become a Christian, how to follow Jesus' example, how to share their testimony, and even more about what it means to be a believer of Jesus Christ.

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## Josh Imboden - Director of Student Ministries

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### SUMMER CAMP, JUNE 8-14th.



Join us at Hume Lake for the best week of your summer! Middle and high school students will enjoy outdoor adventures, exciting rec games, dynamic speakers, and powerful worship - all set in the beautiful Sierra mountains. This year, we'll explore the story of Joseph in Genesis, discovering how God is present and working even in the hardest moments of life. Students will be challenged and encouraged to trust God's goodness and sovereignty.

Need help with costs? Scholarships are available through Lincoln and Hume. Just select the option during registration or contact [josh@lincolnpres.org](mailto:josh@lincolnpres.org).

Scan the QR code to Register or to see the camp videos. Watch it, you'll want to go.



### Youth Lounge:

Kick off your Sunday right! Starting the 27th, head up to the balcony before second service for *Youth Lounge*; a chill hangout just for teens. Come grab some food, meet up with friends, and start your morning with good vibes and great conversation. Then we'll stick together in the balcony for service.



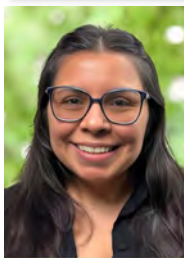
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### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA:





## Raquel Perez - Director of Children's & Family Ministries



Spring is in the air! Spring is one of my favorite times of the year. I love the rainfall, the blooming flowers, and the warmth of the sun. It's a beautiful season full of endless possibilities as the days are longer and the desire to get out grows stronger.

God continues to stir the hearts of our LPC kiddos. We have seven kids who are interested in being baptized, we have added an outreach area to our Kids Lobby with various kid friendly gospel tracts, and our new LPCKids Connect Cards have been a huge blessing in providing a space for our LPC kiddos to share their prayer request.

Our kiddos have been enjoying the playground on Sunday mornings and

Wednesday nights. We just finished our spring service project where we partnered with Showered with Love. It was a huge success! This summer we will be partnering with Directions Medical Clinic, more details coming soon. Our kiddos and families had a fun time at our Family Board Game Night. Lots of friendly competition and memories were made.

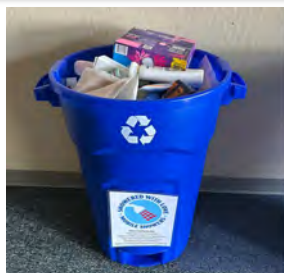
Visit our website to subscribe to our weekly LPC Kids Newsletter. It is the best way to get up-to-date information about what's happening with the kids and families of LPC.



If you have any questions, contact me at [raquel@lincolnpres.org](mailto:raquel@lincolnpres.org). God Bless you and yours.

### Some Important Dates to Remember:

- May 14th: Mother's Day, come celebrate with us!
- June 1st: Kids Summer Sunday School Kick-Off
- June 29th: Church Family Picnic & Water Day



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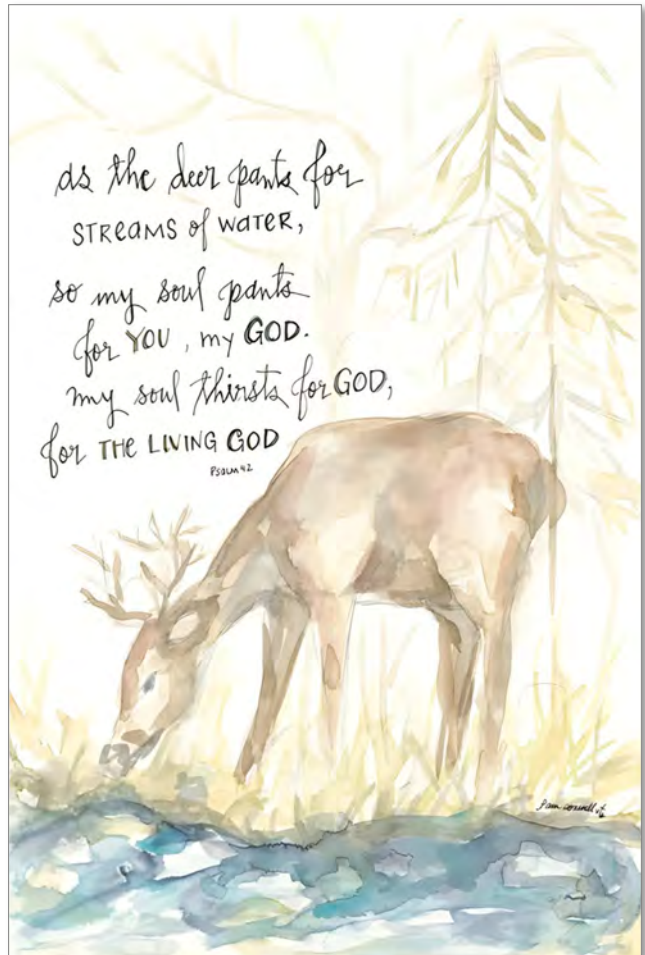
# Daily Word of Encouragement

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## Thirsting for God

“David’s words in Psalm 63:1 express a deep longing: “O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.” Similarly, Psalm 42:1-2 cries out, “As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.”

These psalms remind us that our greatest need is not just provision, security, or even direction - it is God Himself. In seasons of dryness or sorrow, our hearts often chase after lesser things to fill the void. But only the presence of the living God can truly satisfy the deep thirst of our souls. Today, take a moment to turn your heart toward Him. Seek Him, not just for what He gives, but for who He is. He is the living water, the only one who can quench our deepest longings.



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Lincoln’s “Daily Word of Encouragement” is written by members of the Lincoln Family and shared each day as a source of inspiration and spiritual nourishment.

Scan this QR code to sign-up



# Activities at Lincoln

900 Douglas Road, Stockton

For more information  
check out our  
website QR CODE



Open Sign Ups | Dinner once a month  
for 3 months | Getting to know 6-7  
other people from Church



Tuesdays | Noon - 2:00 pm  
"making quilts to encourage  
people in life transitions"



Thursdays | 6:00- 8:30ish  
"We have 3 courts"  
Men, women, all skill levels



Monday's | 6:00 pm  
Learning Choreography  
to worship songs



Tuesdays | 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
"For men at least 18 years old"



Saturday | June 7th | 8:00-9:15 am  
Good food - Good Friends  
Good Message for men



# Deacon Message

One of the things the Bible shows us is that Jesus fellowshiped with his disciples over food. It's more than mere physical nourishment: It's also a picture of God's provision.

Among your deacons' tasks is that of coordinating what we call Deacons Dinners.

If you are ill or recovering from surgery, for example, you might be too tired to prepare meals for yourself or your family, or too busy caring for a spouse or child to have the time for this task. That is what Deacon Dinners can provide: Meals in the short term. Your deacon can coordinate having a meal or two delivered while you recover.

But there's more. We're updating our list of those who are willing to occasionally provide meals for a member or regular attender who is in need of a temporary meal support because of illness or recovery from surgery.

There are few rules: meals can be home cooked or purchased; just be sure to follow any dietary restrictions of the recipient.

Those who have provided such meals report that they are handsomely rewarded by the appreciation on the faces of those who receive them.

Being involved in this ministry is one way we can bear one another's burdens.

If you are interested, please contact any of the Deacon Dinners coordinators:

Lise Bachman-Karnes: (209) 969-2537

Tara Silva: (209) 603-2037

Donna Villagomez (209) 470-8611



# *Birthdays*

## May

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|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Michelle Pelley | 13 Bonnie Smith     | Cindy Wong          |
| 5 Anamae Johnston | 16 Cynthia Stoub    | Scott Jacobson      |
| Joel Prez         | 19 Matt Hewlett     | 25 Patrice Verhines |
| 5 Join Asis       | 20 Dave Harmon      | 26 Star Heer        |
| 6 Pat Ehrlich     | Susan Thomas        | 28 Steve Farrar     |
| 10 Emily Johnson  | 22 David Hungerford | 29 Keith Evans      |
| Jordan Bambas     | Carolyn Ritchie     | Tambi Loyd          |
| Betty Crecelius   | Pat Van Oss         | 30 Gail Wilcox      |
| 11 Debra Larson   | 23 Jessica Morelli  |                     |
| 12 Wethera Duncan | 24 Summer Verhines  |                     |



## June

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|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 2 Eric Etchison     | 11 Terri Solt   | 23 Sandy Richardson |
| 4 Bev Hathorn       | 17 Bob Ramirez  | 24 Gerry Moore      |
| 5 Robert Bobrow     | 18 John Stewart | 26 Denise Miller    |
| 6 Victoria Chrys    | 19 Liza Lopez   | 28 Dave Palmer      |
| Amanda Garcia       | Ann Wunsch      | 30 Tom Beck         |
| Heidi Verheyden     | 20 Ed Gray      |                     |
| 7 Anna Marie Bambas | Bill Johnston   |                     |
| Kevin Beltz         | 21 Bruce Parker |                     |
| 8 Rene Friis        | Cindy Costanza  |                     |



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**Sunday Worship: 8:15am & 10:45am | Sunday School: 9:30am**

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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.**

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 4:30pm | closed 12-1pm | Friday 8:30am-Noon