# MAYHEW TORCH

## THE NEWSLETTER OF MAYHEW COMMUNITY BAPTIST

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## PASTOR MIKE'S MUSTARD SEEDS...

I'm so excited regarding this year. Our new outreach ministry which began last year already has started showing growth and this year looks to be the same. Due to helping the family with Nella's giving birth, the float and parade in December, as well as other matters and vision planning, I'm skipping this article and will catch up next month. In Christ, Pastor Mike.

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For those of you who were not at the Annual Business Meeting, I am sharing my year-end report with you. Anne Chapman

## 2018 ANNUAL REPORT MODERATOR

It has been a great privilege to serve as your Moderator this past year. Your support and encouragement have helped more than I can express. There have been some major challenges, amazing victories, and incredible excitement for the future of Mayhew CBC. Through all of these the Lord has been leading us and providing us with everything needed to carry out His will, His way. At this time, I would like to share with you my philosophy regarding the church, its leaders and its congregation.

Mayhew CBC has only one owner. The church belongs solely to Jesus Christ. It doesn't belong to any one individual or to the corporate group. It's ok to refer to it as "our church" in conversation because this is where we come to worship, as long as we don't forget who its rightful owner is. We are the Body of Christ and our purpose is to carry out God's Great Commission. Please take notice of our Purpose Statement which hangs on the wall in the Sanctuary.

It is my sincere view that within the leadership of the church, there are no "bosses." Each of us is a "shepherd," a "servant" and a "steward" of the church. The fate of the church depends on the Lord's desire for it. Our job is to recognize that we can do nothing on our own. When we humble ourselves, seek His will over our own, and listen to the Holy Spirit, we can endure all things, make the correct decisions, and nothing will be impossible. As Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

As for members of the congregation who are not in leadership, you are critically important to every part of the Body of Christ. The Lord has given each believer one or more spiritual gifts to use to advance His kingdom. Consider all of the ministries and activities within this church and how many different abilities people bring to them to make them a success. Not one of us is here at Mayhew CBC by mistake, and God has a plan for each of us. If a person is disabled and can no longer perform physical activities, the ability and willingness to pray, to make a phone call, or to lend encouragement, are as important as any other task. Each one of us is important and needed.

Now I'd like to address this past year, which is somewhat of a culmination of previous years. More of our mem-

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bers have been called home by the Lord and we miss them. Others have needed to move to other cities or other states. All in all we have lost over 30 people in the past few years. We also have gained new people who are bringing their own enthusiasm to us. The great thing about God's love is that it is infinite. He doesn't put a limit on it. We never need to love someone "in place" of another, but rather "in addition to." We can freely welcome new people and families with open arms. It is my hope, as well, that the cultural mix will always continue to be a snapshot of heaven itself, as Pastor Mike refers to it. I hope that never changes.

This last year we reached out to the community in such ways as again hosting the Dartt Concert, participating in the Lincoln Village home repair project, a park outreach event and Christmas Parade, and of course our successful Fall Festival and the AWANA program. We also have been taking new parishioners to dinner and having fellowship dinners as well. Around Easter time, we entered into an agreement with Yattiyr Hybrid School to use the church facilities for their classes. A focus group is underway for many more outreach plans in the future.

The Lord has blessed us with a very special Pastor, an amazing group of leaders who work together in harmony, and a wonderful family of parishioners. Let us give thanks as we go forward into 2018 in Unity of the Spirit.

Respectfully submitted, Anne Chapman, Moderator

## MAYHEW CBC'S PURPOSE STATEMENT

The Purpose of Mayhew Community Baptist Church is to introduce people of all ages to Jesus Christ for their salvation and membership into His church; to help them grow to Christ like maturity and to discover their God-given ministry to magnify God with their lives.



## **Bible Verse for the Month of February**



"Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Matthew 22:37-40

## CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

Morning Worship Service: 11:00 a.m. every Sunday

Children's Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday mornings

Adult Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings

Pastor's Breakfast – 1<sup>st</sup>Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m., Perkos

Diaconate meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month following morning service.

Trustee meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month following morning service.

Cabinet Meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Women's Bible Study: 5:30 p.m. each Wednesday

AWANA, every Tues (except holidays) 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Casa Coloma Health Care Facility: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays: 9:00 a.m. sing-along; 10:00 spiritual message

Dress-A-Girl Around the World: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays, 11:00 – 2:00

Mayhew Quilting: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 1:00 -3:00

ABWM (American Baptist Women's Ministry)  $- 2^{nd}$  Sunday after service.

AGAPE – College and Career Group: Every Friday 7:30 p.m.

Band Practice: Sundays 9:15 a.m.

Christmas collection in Foyer: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays after service.

NOTE: Periodically, a schedule change will occur. Check with ministry coordinators. If you don't know who to contact, ask Anne.

## **REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

As usual, the Trustees have been busy this year. Around the first of the year the Trustees interviewed Katherena and Stephen Higashi, owners and operators of Yattiyr Hybrid School, about possibly using our property for their school. The church they were occupying lost their lease so they had until Easter to find a new location. At that time, they had 27 children attending. The Trustees felt that they would be a good fit for our church.

The school now has 40+ children and is continuing to grow. They are able to offer a Christian based education, free of charge, to these children. We don't charge the school rent but do required them to pay their share of utilities and exceptional expenses.

The children and staff of the school have already provided our church with help in landscaping, helping with the Harvest Festival, and other projects.

Speaking of landscaping, much has been done to improve the church grounds. New wood chips were ordered and spread in the playground area and behind Issei Hall. The kids at the school helped with the spreading of the chips. As-a-matter-of-fact, one of the parents of the children do-nated the chips.

Extensive work has been done on adding new sprinklers and fixing leaks in the old sprinkler system. Ted Satow volunteered to plow the area with his tractor then a rototiller was used to finish breaking the soil down to smaller pieces. It was a challenge due to all of the river rocks hiding under the soil. Grass was then planted in the quad area. It looks beautiful.

Lines were trenched along the playground and Routier Road side of the church. We still need to get sprinkler lines and such to finish off the project. More repairs need to be made on the existing lines.

Another issue we found was that we had some tree limbs that were becoming dangerously close to falling. These limbs were cut and disposed of.

We had an amazing work day this year. The workers filled the Pastor's utility trailer with things that we no longer needed. They organized everything and the kids washed all of the windows in all of the buildings, inside and out. What would we have done without their help?

Have you noticed how good the church looks? Doug Holcombe and Hannah Guro spent many hours painting the buildings on the grounds. They look fantastic! Derrick Dietz made signs near the entrance of the parking lot and over each building to make it easier for people to know where things are located.

This year we have had a lot of issues with the sewer system blocking up. Unfortunately, one of the

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blockages happened right before the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. The Trustees rented portable toilets and a sewer snake to try to resolve the issue. We are still anticipating some issues in this area but, as of right now things are flowing fairly well.

We had a couple of negative issued that we had to deal with. First, someone broke into the shed located in the back of the church. Several items were stolen. We are working on a way to make the shed more secure. The second problem we encountered was that someone lost control of their vehicle and ran into the fence causing extensive damage to the gate and some of the surrounding area. The issue has been resolved and the work to repair the damage has been completed and paid for by the person who ran into it.

The Trustees were involved in the workings of the Harvest Festival. It was a great success!

We had to purchase a new computer for the sound room. This was a chunk out of the budget but one that will last for several years. The new computer was installed and the new soundboard and speakers that had been previously donated were connected. Things are running fairly smoothly.

Now to the money side of the church. Four new people have been added to the Treasurer Team. We are striving to have backups to any and all of the workings of the team so that we are prepared if someone needs time off. Also, the Expense Claim has been revised for the designated funds and a place added to specify who to make the check out to.

Although so much has been accomplished, there are still more major projects on the horizon. The large trees are lifting up the parking lot and concrete. The entire parking lot is in need of replacement. The nursery still needs major work. The garage roof and eves are in need of repair. More landscaping is pending.

Thank you for your support in the endeavors to keep our church looking and running great!

MARGARET MICHELS Chair, Board of Trustees

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#### **CHURCH LEADERSHIP - AND OTHER PROGRAMS**

If you have wondered who does what and who to contact if you need information or wish to participate in activities, this may be helpful.

Cabinet

Pastor Mike Schnase Moderator, Anne Chapman Board of Trustees Chair, Margaret Michels Diaconate Board Chair, Kojo Gaisie Christian Education Chair, Vacant President, American Baptist Women's Ministry, Vacant Treasurer, Robin Alexander Church Clerk, Tamaryn Crossman

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Office Staff Paulene Conaway, Office Assistant Jeremy Kanenaga, Office Tech **Morning Worship Service** Mike Schnase, Pastor Becca Viola, Worship Director Band – Mike Smith, bass guitar Lance Richard, drums Doug Holcombe (alternate bass guitar) Hope Nelson, violin Choir - Ed Jones Tammy Jensen Jim Schnase Lisa Paulsen Sound Room Doug Holcombe (Sound) Glen Natsuhara (Overhead Screen) Zoey Gumbs (Overhead Screen) **Outreach Band** Becca Viola, Nella Dietz, keyboard Pastor Mike, electric guitar(s) Doug Holcombe, bass guitar Hope Nelson, violin Tom Wooten, electric guitar Joshua Montoya, electric guitar Mario Paoloni, drums Nella Dietz, Becca Viola, Hope Nelson, Luanne Schnase, vocals Announcements at Service Kojo Gaise Andorful Gaise Irv Horton Children's Message at Service Hannah Guro Irv Horton Kojo Gaise Andorful Gaise Luanne Schnase Children's Church Hannah Guro Florene LaBlanc Dress-A-Girl Lodie Gipson, Coordinator Mayhew Quilting Mabel Tierce, Coordinator

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Women's Evening Bible Study Paulene Conaway	Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:58
Casa Coloma	
Johnny Farmer	
Prayer Team Coordinator: Anne Chapman	
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Hannah Guro	
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Margaret Michels, Chair	
Kojo Gaisie	
Hannah Guro	
Nominating Committee and Christmas Committee:	
Appointed by the Moderator at year end	
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## A LIFE-LONG TESTIMONY OF LOVE! By Tanya Wright

After a Stormy Winter Birth (Feb.), I contracted a case of Infantile Bronchitis (from which the doctors DIDN't give my parents a very high chance of me surviving).

This brought my Father to his knees in the middle of our living room floor (I was told years later) – leading my three older siblings in desperate prayers for my survival. After Much Prayer, Faith and Hope, I DID!!!

THEN, at fiver years old, still being taken to my new kindergarten class by my father, one day we were offered a ride. I was let out of the car – closest to the curb (by the cross walk), but a couple of cars away from the Cross-Guard.

I still remember being SO PROUD of being allowed to cross the street by myself!! I quickly "scooted" between one of the parked cars at the curb, "directly into the path of an oncoming car." The driver could not see me until directly upon me, and had No Chance to brake before impact. (Throwing me up into the air, and knocking me many feet before I slammed back down to the street.)

The last thing I remember, as I "Froze" (noticing the car rushing upon me), was my Dad's scream of "TANYA . . . NO!!!"

I FELT NO PAIN OF IMPACT. I HAVE NO MEMORY FROM THE TIME OF IMPACT, UNTIL I AWOKE INSIDE AN AMBULANCE, HEARING THE SIREN BLARRING. The EMT was looking down at me as my eyes opened. I asked him "Am I Going to Die?" I'll never forget his "quick laughter," and his answer, as he smiled at me, Putting Me Completely at Ease. "NO!" he said, "YOU'RE GOING TO BE FINE!" And I was! (I never felt any pain at all!).

The doctors told my parents (this time), that I experienced a temporary paralysis of my legs, and it would soon end. I enjoyed being pampered and carried back and forth to the bathroom, until one day my older brother told me "Get Up and GO, Tanya," when I let him know that "I needed to "GO".

When I (confusedly) told him, "I Can't!" he calmly disputed it; telling me, "yes You Can. Thinking, "OH! . . . I DID! (WITHOUT A TOUCH OF PAIN!)

## NOTHING BUT GOD!!!

Some of my more painful life occurrences have been less physically painful than emotionally. Excruciating!!! (Divorce, miscarriage, etc.) But through them all, God's been with me (All with his Angelic Servants), "intervening and carrying me, right beside me onto new maturity In Deeper Faith" in Him!

Being assured that the next milestone in my life (as painful as it may be), surely will be survivable as well, with GOD holding my hand, having my back, LOVING ME!!!

#### MAYHEW CBC LOSES DON DOOLITTLE

On December 19, the Lord called Don home. There is such an empty place where Don used to sit, and his handshakes during meet and greet time were like no others. Our prayers are with Dora and his family and friends. Following is a testimony, written by Dora, about her husband's amazing life, and their life together:

"I Miss You So Much."

On December 19, 2017 I lost the most Loving Human person in my lifetime. It has been hard for me in the last year. I had to stop and think, "You had it easy girl" there are people who are having it much harder.

Doolittle's illness started around 2004. He was showing signs of early dementia. We coped and worried about this until the time of his death. Then, there was the diagnosis of prostate cancer, reached his head, right eye (blind). Cancer spreading, loss of appetite. Loss of weight. That's enough of the sad "stuff." We had a very full life.

Doolittle and I met when he finished high school. He went to Korea, we communicated by writing letters to each other. He was always trying to impress me. I loved it. We were married on September 29, 1954. He was 21 and I was 19. We were so much in Love and stayed in love. (There were times.) Doolittle had one sister and three brothers. He was the youngest and the last one to leave this earth.

We had so much fun during our 63 years. As I've said before, Doolittle wasn't Perfect, but "I was!" (Smile)

Doolittle loved doing these things maybe not in this order: basketball, soft ball, bowling, casino, gardening, watching sports, and any other chores that needed to be done. Lazy he wasn't! And last but not least he started to serve the Lord. He never wanted to hold an office, he just wanted that spiritual growth and nothing else. He never minded that I held an office.

He spent a lot of time with Calvin when he wasn't working. Calvin had a lot of respect for his dad. When dad spoke, Calvin listened. Doolittle always took care of us. He served 20 years in the Signal Corp., retired as an E8. Worked as a postal clerk for 20 years. He had me pay bills and buy things and didn't I buy things (within reason).

We had a great life, God was so good to us. I wanted to have Doolittle still with us, but it wasn't God's will.

While Doolittle was living, he coined these two sentences:

"I'm sick." (True) 2. I'll do it tomorrow." (Not True)

I want to thank all of you for showing kindness during these hard times, sending flowers, green plants, food, cards, words of encouragement, phone calls, visiting. With God's help I'm healing.

With Love, Dora Doolittle.

#### **BEAKING DOWN THE FLOAT**

The Christmas Parade has come and gone. So much work went into it and there was much to do to disassemble everything. Greenery, signs, lots of plywood and  $4 \ge 4$ 's, and so many cables. Disassembling it was becoming urgent as Pastor Mike needed to get it back to Fresno to the person who loaned it. Luanne spent a long time winding up the cables.

Then, on Thursday, January 18, Pastor brought the trailer to the church where Doug and our new parishioner, Ron, helped to label the pieces and start disassembling the entire project. The next day Ron came back and he and Pastor worked some more until everything was off the trailer and safely stored and protected. Plans are to use everything again next year, and hopefully in-between.

On Saturday, Pastor, Derrick and Ron also loaded up and took away all the sound equipment that was used for the Harvest Festival and the parade. Thanks so much, Doug, Ron, Derrick and Luanne for helping Pastor Mike with this project.

#### A GREAT BABY SHOWER

On January 13, the Diaconate Board hosted a baby shower for Nella. Everything was beautiful and lots of fun. A special thanks to Mabel for the use of the social hall where she lives, and to Darnice and Joanne for decorating and bringing most of the food. Josh's little son, Jamison, would take each present to Celine who gleefully raced back to her mom, and of course, helped to open it. Then, it became waiting time for Desmond James Dietz to make his entry into the world. As of this writing, everyone is still waiting! Hopefully, by the time you read this, the baby will have been here a few days. Congratulations, Nella, Derrick and family!



## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Mayhew CBC's Annual Business Meeting was held after service on Sunday, January 21. All matters of business were covered. In this issue of the Torch, there is a list of church leaders and ministry coordinators. This list has been updated to reflect the nominees who were elected to serve for new terms of office.

## A MESSAGE FROM MORENA HOLMES

God guided me to get to this day. But the joy is in the journey, asking God every step of the way knowing He gave me the courage and strength this whole year of blood, sweat, and tears.

To all my family and all my friends, I Love you very very much.

(Note, please continue to pray for Morena as she recovers from surgery. We miss her and look forward to her return soon.)

## **DONATION OF CHAIR FOR SOUND ROOM**

An anonymous donor blessed the sound room crew with a brand new chair. It is so comfortable and very much safer! Exactly what was needed. Thank you

## **PASTOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE – 2018**

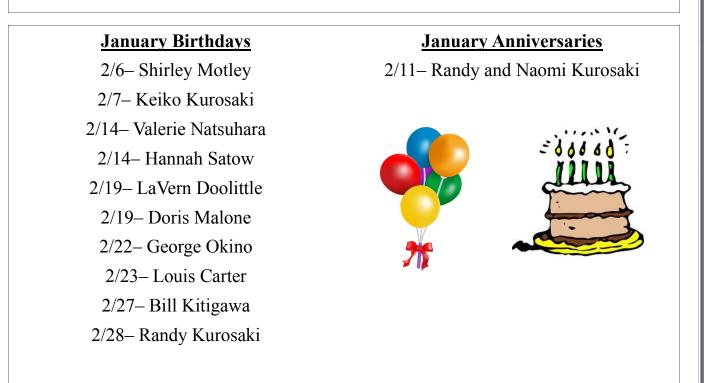
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The above information will be posted on the bulletin board during the year 2018.

## Announcements, Updates and Coming Events

Pastor's Breakfast – For the month of February, the breakfast will be held on the first Tuesday, February 6th at 8:30 am. The breakfast will be held at Perko's Restaurant.

Torch articles for the month of March will be due on Monday, February 12th. Articles are to be submitted by email to mayhewcbc@gmail.com.



## In Memory Of...

Glenda Spann in appreciation of receiving the Torch Kay Yomogida IMO Don Doolittle Kay Yomogida IMO parents John and Mary Sato Kay Yomogida IMO Dave Kawamura Sumiko Suyenaga IMO Don Doolittle to Dress-A-Girl Wonda Bolton IMO Don Doolittle to Dress-A-GIrl



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