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PASTOR MIKE'S MUSTARD SEEDS...

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This past Saturday our AGAPE ministry had it's 10-year anniversary! It was such a great event. Kojo and Andorful started this ministry when they first arrived. It has grown to be a very successful ministry in several ways.

First and most important it has helped many people find and walk closer with God! I had several people tell me that this ministry has helped them in their walk with the Lord. It is so encouraging to see young adults finding their way to a deeper relationship with God. One young woman told me she was so thankful for Mayhew to have such a great ministry that has helped her grow in Christ.

The second successful aspect is how it has integrated many different churches coming together to demonstrate the unity that is possible in Christ.

The third successful aspect is the future ministries and artists that are emerging from AGAPE. Missionaries, poets, musicians and evangelists. This is happening because Jesus is using Kojo's and Andorful's leadership skills and the humility that Jesus asks of His servants.

This is just one of the ministries that Mayhew offers for our communities of Rancho Cordova and Sacramento. Let us continue to pray and support the ministries of Mayhew. The mission God has put before us is going strong!

Amen!

Pastor Mike



PASTOR BREAKFAST

Due to scheduling, there will not be a Pastor Breakfast in Oct. The usual time is every second Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m., at Perk's on Micron (dutch treat). **All are welcome.** For those of you whose schedules permit, this is a great time to come for fellowship with Pastor Mike and each other. You are really encouraged to come to this breakfast, which is very informal. Church matters are rarely discussed. Everyone gets to know each other, find out common interests, and form bonds. It will resume in November. *Don't be shy. Don't be hesitant. Just come! Hope to see you there.*



AWANA STARTS OCTOBER 1 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The AWANA season officially opens on Tues., October 1, 2019 and will run into April, 2020. It is held every Tues. from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., except holidays. Nella is the Commander this year. Thank you to the volunteers who have come forward to help with the Puggles/Cubbies, Sparks, and T&T's. The two areas where coverage is still needed are running the sound room and coordinating the games. If you are interested in helping in these areas, please contact Nella at 530-736-6325, text or call.

All people who will be working with children must be fingerprinted on behalf of the church. It is a simple process and the forms are available through the church office, or you may contact Anne at 916-505-5433.

Everyone is excited and looking forward to a Great AWANA Year!



BIBLE VERSE FOR OCTOBER



“But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.”

Philippians 3:20-21

Appreciation to Pastor John Ellis and His Wife, Phyllis

Previously we let you know of the passing of Pastor John Ellis, and more recently, that his wife, Phyllis, had joined him. The couple faithfully served Mayhew CBC from June 1970 to September 1981.

Last month the church received a monetary gift with a note Pastor Ellis had written prior to his passing, expressing the couple and their three children “... were blessed to be part of your fellowship and I feel that our ministry was an important part of my service to God’s kingdom, I am leaving a monetary gift for the future ministry of your congregation. Thank you and may God continue to bless you in spreading Christ’s love in the world today.”

A letter of appreciation is being sent to the Ellis family.

THE LORD TAKES HOME BILL SATOW

Bill went home to be with Jesus on September 8, 2019. Bill passed away peacefully on his 90th birthday, following a brief stay at Eskaton Care Center Fair Oaks. Bill was born to parents, Riichi and Chiyeko Satow, on September 8, 1929. Bill grew up in Sacramento. During the war, the family, including his brothers and sisters, Sus, Oscar, Leo, Ted, Ernie, Tish, Chiyo and Hannah, along with other family members, was sent to the internment camp at Poston, Arizona, where they stayed for approximately half a year.

Japanese friends then requested the family come to Keenesburg, Colorado, to work on the farm. It was hard work. A year after the war was over, the Satow family decided they wanted to move back to California. Bill had just gotten his driver's license. Six kids and two adults loaded everything they had into a car and a truck and headed West.

Prior to Poston, and while Bill was growing up, he attended Edward Kelly School, the one-room school house on Bradshaw Road. He would always remember their very special teacher, Miss Cox, during those years. Miss Cox is the person who first began calling him "Bill," and it stuck with him ever since. Although she was very poor, she had a car and would drive the kids to the ball games. After the war, Bill and the other students got together and threw a party for her in appreciation for all she had done for them. A single female teacher barely made enough to live on. Years later, they heard she had passed away and was in a potter's grave in Dixon, without even a headstone. Bill and the former students got together, collected money, and had a nice ceremony for her and arranged for a headstone.

Bill spent four years in the Air Force. Once, while on temporary assignment in Greenland, he worked on planes as part of the Engine Replacement Crew. This experience gave him the skills to continue working on and replacing engines, which is how his family could afford their cars.

After serving in the Air Force, Bill went on to graduate from Sac State, earning his Masters in Economics. While in school, he met a lovely school secretary, Betty Kataoka. You guessed it! They were married on August 7, 1960, in Satow Hall, which at that time was the church Sanctuary. They enjoyed 59 years of marriage and had two children, Kevin and Valerie, and three wonderful granddaughters.

Following graduation, Bill went to work for the State of California, Dept. of Boating and Waterways. His work sent him on travels up and down California as he helped to develop the coastal and inland waterways. He loved his work and it gave him much pleasure.

Bill was a lifelong and faithful member of Mayhew Community Baptist Church, and was a part of the construction of its buildings. He especially loved the huge beams. He had such fond memories of the many years the

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parishioners, along with people from the community, came together to build this beautiful church. He always remembered and was thankful for all the ladies bringing food to feed the hungry crew. It was a long-term team effort. Everything was volunteer.

Bill served in many ministries within the church. He had a wonderful voice and sang in the choir. He was the youngest Moderator ever to serve. He served on the Diaconate Board, the Board of Trustees, Pastoral Search and Selection Committee, and in numerous ministries. He was the umpire of the baseball team and loved to watch the church's sports events.

In his retirement years, Bill enjoyed water color classes at the Rancho Cordova Senior Center and participated in their weekly singing sessions. For ten years straight he traveled to Roswell, New Mexico for an Air Force reunion.

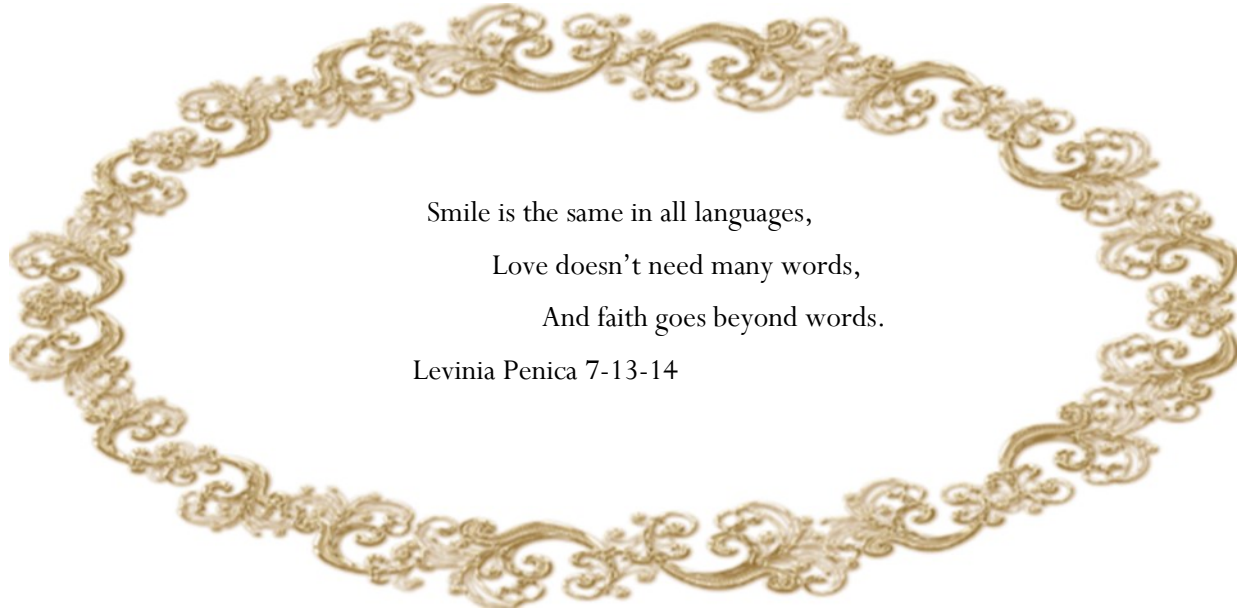
Over this last decade, although he was not serving in a specific ministry, he provided much encouragement and wisdom, and expressed thankfulness to the church leadership and all those who were dedicating themselves to God's kingdom.

Our hearts and prayers go out to Betty and the family. There are many eras within a church, some of which overlap each other and some are still continuing. Without a doubt, Bill's passing marks the end of a very special era, not only in the church but in other areas his life has touched. Bill can most certainly claim what the Bible says in 2 Timothy 4:7-8: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

In closing, the family is offering the following Bible verse. It is very special, because anyone present at a choir practice or any event led by the Crone sisters would end with all of them reciting the verse in unison from memory.

"Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart. And God's peace, which is far beyond human understanding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7





Smile is the same in all languages,
Love doesn't need many words,
And faith goes beyond words.
Levinia Penica 7-13-14

MIRACLE CORNER

Two Similar Accounts – As Told to Anne Chapman

Mark 4:12 says – “. . . they may indeed see but not perceive . . .” Additionally, a commentary by Norm & Kathleen Rasmussen says “Sometimes I think God allows us to purposely lose personal items just so we can watch God help us find them, and the biggest reason for this is that it reinforces our faith in answered prayer. It also reinforces our belief that God is interested in every detail – seemingly insignificant – of our lives which includes lost items.

Tammy and Ed

The other day, I (Anne) was sitting with my laptop and working on the October Torch, when Tammy Jensen asked if it would be a good time to talk. She had something important to tell me. Her story went like this:

Last Friday, Ed was in a taxi and lost his cell phone. He didn't have it when he got home. Tammy called the cab company and a search ensued. A search was made of their lost and found and the cab driver was contacted. Tammy also requested other passengers be called. It even came down to the company sending her a picture, on her phone, of the only lost cell phone they had retrieved. It wasn't Ed's. No one had seen it, and it was counted as lost.

Now it had been missing six days. Plans were underway to try to get Ed another cell phone on the next Saturday. Both Ed and Tammy had been praying hard to God for the phone to be found. This day, Tammy went to the laundromat and did laundry. When she came home, Ed was at home asleep in his chair. She proceeded to walk into the bedroom and dropped off the clothes. When she came back out, she noticed something black on the floor. She reached down and picked it up. It was Ed's cell phone!

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It wasn't there before. In fact, it couldn't have been there because in their small apartment, it was in the only direct path they both walked all the time – in front of the table and by his chair. It would have been stepped on many times over. Ed and Tammy had been praying again that day for God to let them find it. And there it was laying right down on the floor, and right where Tammy also had just walked for the umpteenth time. "Where did this come from?" Tammy said, "I was so excited and we were thanking Jesus and felt so blessed."

Tammy said she believes God either hid it from their eyes or brought it back. They'd been praying and waiting on God. Yesterday was when God wanted it to be revealed. She said, "We have to wait on God. God gets and deserves the glory." This is the power of prayer. Even the timing of her phone call was special as it came just as I was working on Torch articles

My Friend, Betty

A number of years ago, I put a similar article in the Torch about my friend's experience. Betty lives in rural Ione and attends a Baptist church similar to ours. She has a ring full of keys (similar to the one Paulene carries!). One day she flipped the door to lock and left her house. Oops! No keys! She couldn't get back in the house, drive the car or anything else. At last, she had to crawl through a window!

The keys were nowhere to be found. Fortunately, she had an extra house and car key, but where was the full key ring? She searched from the car to the house, all around the house, and up and down the long, thin rural driveway. From there she retraced the route she and her big dog, Sadie, walk – down to the crick bed, up a steep hill and down again. She scoured the driveway. Still no sign of the keys.

Almost a week went by. Every time she walked the driveway to the mailbox, she kept looking for the big chain of keys. She did the same thing when she drove the car back and forth.

Finally, she was very discouraged. She'd been praying all along, but this time she said "Dear God, I've been so neglect. I'll try very hard to be more attentive to what I'm doing, if you'll just please let me find my keys." At that very moment, something glistened in the sun right in front of her slow-moving car. The keys! The big, fat, ring of keys, right in the middle of the driveway, shining like a beacon!

What really happened to these two items? Did God close their eyes to them, and also protect the items from being walked on and driven on? Or were they actually lost and He returned them? One will never know and it really doesn't matter. All that matters is He answered their prayers asked in faith, and all the Glory goes to Him.

MORE CHANGES – CHURCH OFFICE

Congratulations Sandee! Sandee landed a full-time job which she started on Monday, September 16. Sandee has done an excellent job filling the Office Tech position on Mondays and Wednesdays. Although appointments to this position are on a temporary basis, she has put her all into everything she does.

While she came to us with exceptional knowledge of Word and Power Point, she has mastered the other church programs such as Publisher, Church Windows, and the Marquee. She has organized and updated numerous procedures and files and has been a blessing to families in producing beautiful publications for memorial services. Her attitude and dependability have been outstanding.

Her new employer will truly be blessed and we wish her the best. Fortunately, her hours are such that she still will be able to be our Church Clerk, on the Cabinet, and also remain on the Security Committee.

Welcome, Diane Sarbacher! On Wednesday, September 18, Diane began working in the Office Tech. position, Monday and Wednesday, 9:00 am – 2:00 p.m. As you know, Diane is our Treasurer. For many years, Diane was a software analyst. Needless to say, she is not afraid of computer programs! She is highly detailed, thorough and organized.

God certainly has blessed us in our need with these two amazing people.

* * * HARVEST FESTIVAL * * *

Wow, where did the time go? It's hard to believe fall is in the air. That means the Harvest Festival is just around the corner.

This event is hosted by our church and the Yattiy Hybrid School. It's a safe and fun way for the community to enjoy the evening. This event cannot be a success without your assistance. We need candy donations, people to decorate their cars for Trunk or Treat, and volunteers to help at this event.

Date: October 31

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Thank you for any assistance you can provide to make this event a success. Any question, please free to contact Hannah Guro.

HOLY SPIRIT CLASS

Scott Yomogida blessed the church by giving a special six-week class prior to morning service. It was an in-depth study of the purpose and nature of the third person of the trinity. When we become Christians, we receive the gift of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit within us. He goes everywhere with us. It was a wonderful class and a personal journey for each participant to help us understand God's provision of grace to His people in both the old and the new testament times. We learned how to be aware of and recognize the ways the Holy Spirit works within our individual lives and the amazing love and power He has been given to help us, if only we will let Him.

The class was limited to seven participants. Scott has devoted a lot of time developing this special study. It was amazing and it is hoped he will be able to schedule additional sessions. Thank you so much, Scott.



REPORT BY ABWM

Well, it's that time again. ABWM (American Baptist Women's Ministries) is on the go. Not that we ever stop. We just completed our first event of the year – Women's Day – which I must say was innovative, informative and successful. Not to brag but we, as a unit, are so dedicated to our mission that it is almost impossible for us to fail, but again, without the support of Mayhew Church we could not keep the level of success we maintain. That is why we are continually thanking Mayhew members for their hands-on approach to everything we bring their way.

Our Theme for the coming year (Sept. 2019 thru June 2020) is Sisters Seeing Wholeness. Our first kick off at the Women's Day Event on Sunday September 8 was met with great enthusiasm. I do hope you had a chance to witness it first-hand, but if not let me just recap. The speaker (JoAnne Treiber) and musicians (our very own Becca and chosen choir) were well received. As usual, many of us met after the event at Brookfields for fellowship. The topic, Sisters Seeking Wholeness, was based on the scripture Psalms 27:4, and God moved mightily in our midst as every song played tied into the message for the day.

In keeping with the theme, our next event will be the Regional Fall Gathering on September 28 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. where Mayhew will be the host, with a focus on "Are you the missing piece of the puzzle."

This is actually a Leadership Training for all current and potential officers. In addition to two training sessions, there will be a Continental Breakfast and Lunch. All are invited. The cost is \$20 which, of course, will go to a worthy cause.

On another note, it is with heavy heart that I have decided to step down as President of Mayhew ABWM; however, it is my great pleasure to introduce Lorene Smith as our new President. Lorene is an active, get it done, person who loves to engage with members individually and collectively. Lorene has a Masters in Organizational Leadership and Change and has served in various ministry positions including Superintendent of Sunday Schools and Children's Church Ministry Leader just to name a few. She has been a tremendous asset to ABWM since joining Mayhew and we look forward to her leadership. I hope everyone will take a minute to stop and greet Lorene, if you have not met her, and give her your support.

This does not mean that I will not be a part of ABWM or Mayhew. On the contrary, I will do all I can to help maintain the natural flow of our team. I am grateful for the help that everyone gave me when I served as President.

By His Grace

JoAnne Treiber,

Former Mayhew ABWM President



MONTHLY CALENDAR

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

Children's Sunday School : 10:00 Sunday mornings

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

Young Adult Women's Ministry (Women-in-Motion)

12:45 on the 3rd Sunday at Starbucks on Bradshaw Rd.

Pastor's Breakfast – 2nd Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m., Perkos

Diaconate meetings: 1st Sunday of the month following morning service

Trustee meetings: 2nd Sunday of the month following morning service

Cabinet Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

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

Men's Bible Study: 5:30 p.m. each Wednesday (**check for short breaks**)

AWANA – Oct. 1 thru Apr., Tuesdays 6:00-8:00 p.m. except holidays.

Casa Coloma Health Care Facility: 2nd and 3rd Thursdays: 9:00 a.m. sing-along;

10:00 spiritual message

Dress-A-Girl Around the World – 2nd Thursdays , 11:00 – 2:00

ABWM (American Baptist Women's Ministry) – 2nd Sunday after service

AGAPE – Every Friday 7:00 p.m.

Fabulous Fellowship Dinners – Tuesdays 4:30 p.m. (Call Carl for Place)

Band Practice: Morning service – Sundays 9:15 a.m.

Christmas Collection in Foyer: 3rd Sundays after service

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

Flowers

By

Lillian



UPDATE ON THE CHURCH WEB PAGE

By Anne Chapman

Our web page is now under new church management. Keeping it up requires both time and expertise. No one has had the necessary time to spend on it since Jeremy left for a full-time job. At that time the new site had been developed and some information had been put in, yet nothing had been updated or added. That all changed a few weeks ago. The new web staff editors are:

Isaiah Fulton – Technical input and formatting
Zoey Gumbs - Oversight
Board of Trustees (Anne Chapman) – Ultimate responsibility

Nella Dietz initially had worked with the designer to create the new site. She did a great job, and met with us to get us into the site in order to add material. Sandee Brown attended as backup support for input. Isaiah is Sandee's son. Although he is 14 years old, he is a "super tech" in all sorts of ways. Isaiah has exceptional skills to make this website appealing and interesting. Zoey has been with the church for a long time and is familiar with its ministries and operations. She will provide oversight into what and how material is entered, plus the timing and duration of certain entries. The Board of Trustees has ultimate responsibility over the main format, content, and appropriateness of submissions. None of us can change the main design. That can only be done through the designer.

So, we're off and running already! A few days after our meeting, Kojo requested material to be added regarding the upcoming AGAPE Banquet. He sent several pictures and a scripture. Isaiah immediately added them to the AGAPE page as well as the Special Events page. They look great and are slightly animated.

What's next?

Ministries will be asked to look at the site and submit updated and new information.
Special Events will be posted as they come up.
Pictures will be updated as well.
Dates, times, and other specific information will be updated.
The monthly newsletter, Torch, will be included, going back to last year (in color).
A "Miracle Corner" site is planned. Related articles from the Torch will be placed here.

Criteria:

We have been advised that there is no specific requirement for the amount of information that can be posted. However, when adding videos and pictures, for instance, we need to keep in mind they can slow down the site.

Certain pictures will need approval, i.e., pictures of children.

Nothing with political overtones will be accepted.

Postings must be sensitive to the feelings of others.

Until such time as training has been completed and the Trustees have had a chance to review the entire web site production, all submissions should be sent directly to Anne: aachapmanaa@gmail.com.

FINISHING THE COVERED DECK

Pastor Mike, Doug and Kenny have finished this project. Today, as of this writing, it has become 100% complete!! Between replacing the rotted back of the garage wall and putting up this covered lean-to, this significant project is behind us. The cover is made of sheets of clear, corrugated acrylic. Between the cover and the nearby trees, the Easter crosses, Christmas Parade float material, and other items will be protected from the weather, both rain and sun. Good job guys!!

Before Margaret left, she donated lots of concrete border material. Doug plans to use them next to the garage to form a flower bed.



** * * AN AMAZING CLEANUP DAY * * **

On Saturday, September 7th, 17 people came out to help clean up the upper parking lot and nearby areas. This was a huge undertaking as so much had accumulated there over time due to many separate projects. Carl brought his dump trailer and work began.

The first project was to get rid of stacks of 4' x 8' white boards. Two people dragged them from behind the garage and up to the parking lot. Others positioned them and load them into the dump trailer. It took two loads to clear them out.

Then it was on to relocating all the boards and other parts of the Christmas float (including the outhouse and huge platform that was on the top of the goose neck trailer) from the upper lot to the area behind the garage. They were carefully placed there, pending the completion of the lean-to. They can now be moved to their permanent home.

All the while, others were wheelbarrowing loads of wood chips and placing them along the back side of Issei Hall as well as into the playground area. Others would rake them out. This went on all day long. Grace, a little child from the school, insisted on running one of the wheelbarrows and did a great job!

Now, there was still a large pile of wood chips left to deal with. Previously, they had been given to us free, but proved to be too much to deal with. They were an eyesore, took up space in the

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parking lot, had gotten soaked with rain, on and on. Today was the day! Taking more to the playground by wheelbarrow was out of the question so it was decided to shovel them into the dump trailer and take them over to Router Road. The plan was to pull through the double gate and dump them.

Well, it “almost” worked! First they tried backing in, then driving in. With just a couple of inches to spare on either side, it was looking possible. Oops! What about the wheel well on the driver’s side? Another inch was needed, which was impossible. So, after much planning and maneuvering, it was time to call it a “good try” and retreat. Ted had previously given permission to put chips in a certain place along the back corner of the field, so that’s what was done.

A big Thank You goes to all the people who came out to help: Carl, Andorful, Abe, Rock, Sandee, Doug, Pastor Mike, Anne, Isaiah, Janae, and from the school, Christine, Nina, Rhonda, Elias, Grace and Bruce. During this time, Isaiah helped Steven from the school run computer wiring.

It was a long day. However, the weather was cool and lovely. There were lots of snacks. This was an amazing day of fellowship and accomplishments.





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