

MAYHEW TORCH

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PASTOR MIKE'S MUSTARD SEEDS...

This is my favorite time of the year. We have Fall Festival (Halloween), Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. We had these holidays in the past, and we will continue to have them in the future. The Covid pandemic may change how we celebrate these treasured holidays, but it will never cancel them. Why? Because Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrate God. God has always been around, is around and will be around. This time of the season always helps me remember that God is the center of all. We are so fortunate to have God in our lives. These holidays remind us of His greatness, and we love to worship Him.

I am very excited about our future. While sadly many churches have had to close their doors, Mayhew is recovering from the pandemic. We are starting a new members class as three people are interested in joining our family. They already are a part of the family of God, and some of them are already involved in ministry.

We are currently interviewing a fine gentleman to be helping with our Youth Program. Please be in prayer as we move ahead with this possibility. Our present youth ministry is doing very well. Hannah and Florene are doing a great job leading our Children's Sunday School and Children's Church on Sunday mornings, and Florene will soon be starting a Life Skills program for our youth on Thursday night. Then, on another evening night we will have an additional youth program designed more for outreach and reaching out to the community. It will give our Youth two nights to choose from. This is a great opportunity since so many youth have scheduling problems with school activities like sports and music. While both will disciple and reach out to the community, they each have a unique focus of their own. In all my years of Youth Ministry, I haven't seen a more comprehensive direction by a single church than this one. I'm very excited about it. Please be in prayer as we seek God's will.

The leadership has had a feeling that we still need to keep our children's program, AWANA, on hold for one more year. We don't feel that jumping back in full strength is the thing to do before we have a better understanding of this Covid Pandemic. Starting and stopping, stopping and starting is too hard on everyone. SO, we'll postpone AWANA until next year.

Therefore, while we are starting back up, we still do not want to not rush into everything at once. God is doing a great work! Mayhew is strong and our leadership is committed to the God we serve.

In Christ love, Pastor Mike





It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed. Deuteronomy 31:8

Flowers by Lillian



In Memory Of

Kay Yomogida IMO Vesta Cudworth
Kevin Satow IMO Bill and Betty Satow
Hope, Dawn, Richard Satow IMO Sus and Lily Satow
Richard K. Nakatogawa IMO John Murata
Anne Chapman IMO James Erwin Schnase
Ron and Audrey Sato IMO John & Mary Sato

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW DIACONATE BOARD MEMBERS

The church Cabinet s approved the mid-year appointments of Valerie Natsuhara and Tamaryn Crossman to the Diaconate Board. Their willingness so serve is much appreciated, and it will be a great pleasure to have them on board.

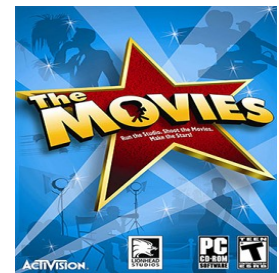
NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS

A new class begins October 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the church, and will last for three to four weeks. For those who expressed a desire to attend but could not make this session, another one will be given in the future.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the church, or if you simply are interested in knowing more about it, you are encouraged to attend one of the classes. Attending a class does not obligate one to join the church. In this class, you will learn what Mayhew Community Baptist Church is about, what it means to become a member and the privileges associated with being one. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Mike.



POTLUCK & MOVIE NIGHT



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2021

5:40 P.M. Potluck Dinner

6:30 P.M. Movie – At the Church

The Secrets of Johnathan Sperry

ABWM and AB GIRLS

On Sunday, October 17th after service, ABWM and AB GIRLS hosted a hot dog, baked beans and salad social in the parking. It was well attended and resulted in a lot of appreciated fellowship. Thanks to all and to Carl for cooking the food.



Donated Items

Currently, the church is not accepting any gently used items. While we appreciate the thought, Carl has had to take such donations to Goodwill. At present, we do not have anyone to coordinate or distribute such items.



Marti Tisdale

A beautiful memorial service was held for Marti on August 3, 2021, the one-year anniversary of her going to be with the Lord.

Thank you, Terri, Judy, Tanya and Luanne

Terri Paterson, one of our newer parishioners, has assumed the task of uploading Pastor Mike's weekly sermons to YouTube. Luanne continues to transfer them to the church's Website. Thank you both!

Some of you may be receiving calls from Judy Blaker, another fairly new parishioner. When it is necessary to send information to all of the parishioners, Judy has agreed to call those who are not able to receive mass texts. Thank you, Judy. Thank you to Tanya for all the time you also helped with this informational ministry.

Something to Consider

All of us at times can get a bit grumpy, especially when tired or super rushed, and we can think "Oh, gosh, I have to do this or that." It might be yard work, house work, paying bills, unloading piles of things from the car on a hot day, or some less than desirable task at work, on and on. A few weeks ago, I read something that made me think about how we sometimes complain about things that others would give just about anything to be able to do. So, now when I want to say "have to," I stop and consider replacing it with "get to." It's a blessing to have groceries, on any day, that we "get to" haul in and put away. You get the picture. Such a simple concept.

GOD SAID NO

I asked God to take away my pride (habit). God said, No. It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up. I asked God to make my handicapped child whole. God said, No. His spirit is whole, his body is only temporary. I asked to grant me patience. God said, No. Patience is a byproduct of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is learned. I asked God to give me happiness. God said No. I give you blessings. Happiness is up to you. I asked God to spare me pain. God said No. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me. I asked God to make my spirit grow. God said, No. You must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful. I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life. God said, No. I will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things. I asked God if He loved me, and God said, "Yes." He gave His only Son who died for me, and I will be in Heaven someday because I believe. I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as He loves me. God said...Ahhhh, finally you have the idea. THIS DAY IS YOURS. DON'T THROW IT AWAY. May God Bless You.

Submitted by Hector Hernandez
Written by Claudia Minden Weisz in 1980.

*** * * BIBLE QUESTION * * ***

What does an ancient Galilean wedding have to do with the coming Rapture? Answer is on page 13.

UPDATE ON THE CHURCH'S PARKING LOT

All of you who remember the last Torch will recall the plea to help fund a total repair of the church's huge parking lot. Although the church doesn't lack for other major projects, no single project is of the magnitude of the parking lot. Thus, it was decided to make a plea for the repair of the parking lot alone. After all, that project, in itself, would literally take a miracle to accomplish.

As donations came in, we thanked the Lord for each and every one and offered up prayers for the donors. (Note, only the Financial Secretary is privy to the names.) Suddenly a letter showed up in the mail. We learned that it came from another state. It can only be described as a "miracle letter." The parking lot work was now set to happen right away.

When a fundraiser is launched, it is never known whether it will result in less than needed, just the right amount, or exceed the need. Because of the high cost of this project, the church would be struggling if it weren't fully covered. So, what happens to additional funds that came in? For one thing, there was unanticipated costly preparation work in the north-east area at the back of the property. This work had to be attended to prior to commencement of the parking lot work. There is still a pending project around the huge Oak tree at the south-west corner by Ellenwood. The pavement around the tree and the drive area to the adjacent ranch property has been removed, and will be replaced by gravel. This is pending a decision of the City of Rancho Cordova Arborist as to whether to accept the recommendation of a private firm's arborist that this tree needs to be removed. That will determine the timing and amount of gravel to be purchased and spread. There will also be removal of large roots.

There are other important projects on the horizon, but those are for another day. Meanwhile, a tremendous load has been taken away both in the funding of the parking lot repair and the safety issues which have now been resolved. May the Lord's blessings be upon all who have prayed over this project and who have contributed their resources.

Anne Chapman
On Behalf of the Board of Trustees



After
Resurface







TRUE LOVE

Anonymous Author

I have come to the conviction that love is not a feeling. It is a commitment. And only is/was true love revealed to us in the commitment of God to rescue the fallen seed of Adam. Is the measurement of our commitment to God revealed to us in our commitment to others? So fake is love when we rely on our feelings. I will maintain that God's perfect love is set forth in 1 Corinthians 13. If a person can read this chapter describing love and not see that human love/feelings miss the mark of God's standard, he is deceiving himself.

I Must Get Home by Night

As I look back across the years, I see myself again.
 A little girl away from home with darkness closing in.
 As soon as shadows streaked the sky with dying shades of light,
 My only thought was getting home before the coming night.

No other place in all the world could even half compare,
 To being home, secure and safe with loved ones gathered there.
 Well, many years have hastened by, and things are not the same.
 The old home place stands empty now, for God has made a claim.

My loved ones still await my step, but on a farther shore.
 The lights of home have shifted now, as earth prepares for war.
 Strange shadows move across our land, I smell the stench of sin,
 I find myself away from home with nighttime closing in;

And how I long for home tonight! Almost the darkness turns;
 Almost I see the shoreline, Lord; and how my spirit yearns!
 For I long for home! My final home! For sunrise without light;
 it's growing dark so very fast! I must get home by night.

The above poem was found in a Pentecostal Evangelism publication that someone had left in a laundromat.
 The author of the poem is listed as Mary Mason.

SALVATION, GOOD DEEDS and BAPTISM

Salvation and Good Deeds

Mayhew Community Baptist Church is an American Baptist denomination, which believes that salvation can only be attained through the grace of God and through His unmerited free gift of the forgiveness of sin. It isn't possible to "earn" salvation. To receive this gift, a person must believe and confess that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, who died on the cross to bear the sins of humankind. Because of the fall of Adam and Eve in the Garden, all mankind from that day forward commits sin and are no longer acceptable to enter into an eternal relationship with our perfect Lord.

Think about everyday life. No matter how hard we may try, it is impossible to go through the day without committing sin. It may be an egregious act, a judgmental or mean thought, or a million other things. Remember, that God can make anything and everything He wants, yet the thing He wants the most of all is YOU and ME! That's why He created us! He wants a loving relationship with us, one that will last throughout eternity. Now, there's a little (actually HUGE) problem here! It's called Free Will. When Adam and Eve walked away from God, this catastrophic event changed human life forever. No longer was mankind in a pure enough state to maintain a relationship with God, much less enter into His eternal kingdom. Even our best attempts to do Good Deeds isn't enough. We simply can't work our way into heaven.

The only way to resolve this was for God to come up with a plan to cleanse us of our sins so we will be pure enough to enter into His kingdom. You may ask, how can that possibly work? What does that have to do with God sending Jesus to live among us, only to be hung on a cross to die? Consider the following example of a courtroom:

Let's say a not only to pay back what the car is worth (new), but adds a good amount for further restitution. No matter how sorry the culprit is, he has no means to make this payment, so he is going to be thrown in jail. Just as the gavel is about to drop, an unknown person in the room stands up and says "Wait! I will pay for the damages. Let the defendant go free and clear." That, my friends, is unmerited grace. That is what Jesus did for us. All we have to do is to acknowledge our belief in Him, ask Him to forgive our sins and turn away from them. Once we are saved, it can never be snatched away from us.

So, why then, do we need to try to do what's right, try to keep God's commandments, especially when the Bible says we are no longer "under the law" but are saved by grace? The answer is the very reason we are here to begin with. LOVE. We will always struggle with sin, but we will never lack from the Love of God or the Love that He provides for us to give back to Him.

You may also ask, if God knew mankind would choose to walk away from Him, why did He give us Free Will to begin with? Genuine *LOVE* cannot be forced. It would not be real, and therefore, of no value. The most important things in life are our relationship with the Lord and with each other. *Love has to be Real.*

Prayer of Salvation (available to everyone)

Lord Jesus, I confess my sins and ask for your forgiveness. Please come into my heart as my Lord and Savior. Take complete control of my life and help me to walk in Your footsteps daily by the power of the Holy Spirit. Thank you, Lord for saving me and for answering my prayer.

Baptism

Where does that leave us with the Rite of Baptism? The church believes that baptism is not a requirement for salvation. Rather, it is an outward expression of the believer's inner belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, the cleansing of sin, and the person's commitment to follow Jesus for the rest of his or her life. Mayhew CBC has its own baptismal at the back of the stage in the Sanctuary. A person does not have to be baptized to attend the church; however, it is necessary for membership. Proof of baptism from a similar Christian church is valid. Numerous parishioners have elected to be baptized again in the church. It is a wonderful event. If you would like to consider this, please be in contact with Pastor Mike.

Submitted by Anne Chapman

MINISTRY, Etc., UPDATES
Face Coverings are Required for Indoor Activities

Face Coverings are Available at the Church

Sunday Worship Service

11:00 a.m. inside the Sanctuary on Sundays.

Adult Sunday School

10:00 a.m. in Crone Hall before Sunday service.

Children's Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Scudder Hall, 12 years and older.

Children's Church

Convenes after the 3rd consecutive song during service. Crone Hall.

Diaconate Board

The Board is meeting at the church the first Sunday of each month after service.

Board of Trustees

The Board meets at the church the second Sunday of each month after service.

Board of Christian Education

Two new Youth Ministries are on the horizon, to be held mid-week in the evening.
Additional information will be forthcoming. See also Pastor Mike's Mustard Seed regarding both ministries..

ABWM

Meetings are at the church the second Sunday after service.

Cabinet:

Cabinet meetings have resumed at the church. Times to be announced.

AGAPE

Meets at the church on Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Men's Bible Study

Meets on Wednesdays at the church at 6:00 p.m.

Women's Bible Study

Meets on Wednesdays at the church at 5:30 p.m.

Office Hours

Office Hours have been reduced to 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday.

TRUSTEE WORK DAY AND UPDATE

A Work Day has been scheduled for Saturday, November 6, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Pizza will be served for lunch. We plan to give you an update later; however, here's what the Trustees are up to at this time and are hoping to have lots of help.

Relocate the items behind the screen in Satow Hall to a room in Issei Hall and organize everything. Because of the need for storage, it's been necessary to store many items behind the tall screens in Satow Hall. They take up one entire wall. Since the school is no longer here, it frees up space to move it elsewhere. This is the most major project for the work day.

Clean up the area between Satow Hall and Crone Hall and take old refrigerator and any other items to the dump.

Clean out the shed to get the scaffolding and other equipment out.

Replace the AC filters over the sound room and in the foyer, using the scaffolding.

Clean the light globes and put in new lights in the sanctuary and foyer.

Replace missing light covers in Crone Hall.

Inspect the Satow Hall gutters to see if they can be repaired.

Take away the wood border around the playground.

Spread the two piles of wood chips behind Issei Hall.

Carl to trim the dozen-plus small trees (later).

Other items:

The Nursery repair has been a long ongoing project. Only Doug and Pastor Mike have been working on it. It is now reaching the final stages, and it will be very exciting to see the end result and be able to put it to use. There still will be tasks to complete on the bathrooms. This has taken priority over other matters and it will be good when it is finished and attention can be spread to other things. The Nursery project has been paid for by private donations, which are now just about depleted. Once again, this is an example of the significance people can make when they set their hearts on an important task needed by the church. Thank you Doug and Pastor Mike for your never-ending diligence to this project, and to those who have funded it. This couldn't have happened without each of you.

Broken stained glass in the foyer and Satow Hall: Twice a transient broke the glass in the front of the church. Doug repaired it the first time. The second time, it broke and bent the lead framing around the panel. This has to be done by a professional stained glass firm. Meanwhile, someone at the school broke a top panel in the same pane, plus one in Satow Hall. There has been particle board covering the area. The glass firm has taken both panes away for repair. The school will pay for their portion; however, our portion for the bottom part is a whopping \$900! Fortunately, the person who deliberately broke it twice appears to have left the area.

Broken window over Crone Hall kitchen: This unsightly window has been in need of repair for too long. It has now been replaced by a local window company. The torn screen will now be replaced. A private donation paid for these repairs.

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What's ahead:

The church facility is similar to our homes, just much larger. Things get old, wear out and break. For the past decade, the Trustees have been dealing with major repairs and replacements in order to maintain the church in proper condition. While many tasks are behind us, there will always be some things ahead. To name a few, the large HVAC unit that services the foyer, offices, restrooms and cry room is operating on borrowed time. It's about three decades old and every day we hope it keeps going. Five others have already been replaced. The carpets in the Sanctuary, Satow Hall and Crone Hall are in need of replacement. Once the nursery is finished, the classrooms need refurbishing. An 8' x 8' shed needs to be purchased and assembled. The shed project has already been funded by a parishioner; however, manpower is needed to follow through. A step at a time, and sometimes a leap at a time, things get accomplished.

What is needed:

Besides ongoing costs to maintain the church, manpower is seriously needed. While people assist when they can, and many are tied up with full-time work, it primarily falls on Doug Holcombe and Pastor Mike to spend many hours each week simply to maintain the facilities, inside and out. If anyone has the time and ability to help, please contact Carl Piepenburg, Chair of the Board of Trustees. (916) 519-6004. Prayer is always needed and appreciated.

DO IT OURSELVES JANITORIAL SERVICE

That's right! The Board of Trustees decided to explore the possibility of parishioners assuming the tasks of keeping the church clean. The janitorial firm was let go and a new era began.

This effort has been a Major Success! The church has never been so clean! Diane initially had organized the tasks to be completed, and new equipment was purchased – a commercial spin mop, a new multi-purpose vacuum and an I-Robot vacuum. Cleaning and other supplies have been purchased and organized for ease of access.

A cleaning schedule has been set up with teams of two people to handle the areas of the main building. Florene and Lorene coordinate the cleaning of Crone Hall. The other volunteers of the cleaning crew are: Diane and John Sarbacher, Carl and Otha Piepenburg, Hannah Guro, Ted Satow, Tamaryn Crossman, Darnice Thacker, Paulene Conaway, Becca Viola and Valerie Natsuhara. Anne Chapman is a back-up. If someone is unavailable to take his or her shift, that person is responsible for switching with another member.

Cleaning is performed after service each Sunday. These are large areas to clean and sterilize. Input from the volunteers has been great. They say it gives them satisfaction and a sense of physical responsibility for the church, plus the great benefit of working together.

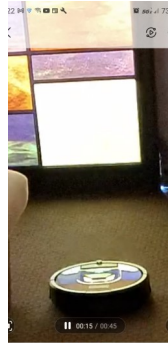
GREAT JOB, EVERYONE!

Your efforts are sincerely appreciated both in terms of cleanliness and monetary savings.

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Now for a little humor. Diane programed the little robot and let it happily run around the Sanctuary. She blocked off the opening between the bifolds to Satow Hall to ensure it didn't go in there. Then she went home. Later that evening, she received a message on her phone that the robot was *lost*. Oh, come on! What was that? After a little research, she could see it looked like it had escaped into Satow Hall and was now stuck between the two refrigerators. Hmmm. She then put it to sleep. Awhile later, it woke up and continued crying for help. She put it to sleep once again. The next day Anne went to the church to check on it, and found it in Satow Hall, trying to get out the side door. Well, the good thing about it all was that after it had run around most of the Sanctuary and before she left for the day, she had changed its diapers! Wonder if there's a book on How to train Up Your Robot?



Looks like Tamaryn has gone “noodles” with the spin mop, left picture! What a Great Idea! Instead of wheeling it out to the hose, she connected a styrofoam noodle from the sink to the bucket.

ANSWER TO BIBLE QUESTION

In the ancient Galilean wedding, the groom would offer an object of value and a cup of wine as a proposal to marry. The bride had the total option (free will) of accepting the cup from the groom. She could accept it, or reject it along with his proposal for union. Provided she accepted, the groom then began to make preparations for their union and their life together and for the day when he will come back to claim his bride. This often took a year or more. Meanwhile, the bride was fitted with the appropriate wedding garments and was to keep her lamps trimmed. From that day forward, she must “always” be ready for her groom to return for her. This was no small feat either. Neither the bride nor the groom knew the day of the wedding. Only the groom’s “father” could know the day and hour as he, alone, would be the one to set the time.

After a long period of time, and only after the father deemed that the groom had completed all of the requirements the father had set forth, the father would tell the groom he may go forth to claim his bride. The day and hour suddenly had now been set. Can you only imagine how much excitement was in the air at that point?

Once the groom returned to his bride, she would be “physically lifted up” and carried to the wedding ceremony.

The ancient Galilean wedding mirrors exactly how God has prepared His church for when His son, Jesus, returns to claim the church for his bride. Only the Father knows the day and the hour. We, as Christians, are the bride (the church) and we must always be ready.

References – Revelation 19:7-9. 21:2.

See also the film: Before the Wrath, narrated by Kevin Sorbo.

GRACE and MERCY

Grace is when God gives us good things that we don't deserve. Mercy is when He spares us from bad things we deserve. Blessings are when He is generous with both. Truly, we can never run out of reasons to thank Him.

Posted by Mabel Tierce

A SPECIAL TESTIMONY

Does God Really Answer Our Prayers?
By Diane Sarbacher

I can tell you he does! ALWAYS!

In mid-May, my brother confided in me that he was going to be in some financial trouble very soon. His annuity payments would be ending and without those payments, he wouldn't be able to continue living in his mobile home and meet all of his monthly payments. Now what do we do??? Jesus said, "Therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." (Mark 11:24) So, we prayed. We prayed a lot!!!

God gave us a plan.

1. Sell the mobile home which he owns outright and with the housing market as it is, a good sum of money would come out of it.
2. Find a new place, smaller, easier for him to manage, and cheaper to live in.

Okay... So, after days of praying and brainstorming we came up with a plan to complete the plan God had given us.

Buy a trailer or 5th wheel and find a long-term RV parking space to put it on. Sell the mobile home and use that money to supplement his Social Security money to keep him comfortable for many years.
Sounds easy right? Well, no, not easy at all!

Step 1. Start searching for an affordable travel trailer.

Off to see our first one June 5th. It was a bit too small so more searching. Oh, and don't forget, we have to figure out how to pay for one! Once again, God answered our prayers! A family member let us borrow the money to buy a trailer!

Step 2. Get the mobile home sold. June 9th that went up for sale.

Step 3. Find an open long term RV spot to park it at.

Step 4. Do a moving sale to sell everything in his 3-bedroom 2 bath home!!

Turns out, the pandemic caused people to move from their homes, buy travel trailers and move into long term RV spots. This now caused travel trailers to be in high demand and those in our price range sell like hot cakes! We discovered that long term RV parking spots are expensive and have waiting lists several years out!

There was a lot to do on the mobile home to get it ready for sale. Lots of cleaning and fixing minor issues. His mobile home sold June 16th in just 7 days!! The buyer agreed to buy it as-is so no cleaning or fixing required!! Step 2 was complete but now the pressure was really on to get everything done in the next 30 days!

Thank you God!

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We started working hard on step 1. My husband John and I scoured the internet for affordable trailers or 5th wheels. The first one we found was in Fairfield and we scheduled an appointment to see it on Friday June 11th. John was able to take the day off so he drove us there. We looked at a beautiful 5th wheel, but the people selling it backed out.

All of this had me completely stressed out! Sunday, June 13- I ended up in the Hospital. John took me to the Emergency Room. My heart was racing and my blood pressure was sky high. Because I'd had a heart attack in January, they kept me overnight and did tons of tests. But yet, another blessing because all of the tests revealed my heart was just fine and working great!

Thank you God!

John can't just take days off of work, so my brother and I went again to Fairfield on Tuesday June 14th and again, found a beautiful 5th wheel that the owner promised to hold for us. We could go the next day and pay for it and pick it up. However, he sold it out from under us to the next person scheduled to view it because they offered above the asking price and hauled it off that day! Oh well, wasn't what God had in His plan for us.

June 17th, one more try for one we found in Castro Valley! A 2-and-a-half-hour drive one way! We contacted the seller on a Wednesday and he would show it to us on Thursday in advance of more showings scheduled over the weekend. I was determined to get this one and move it home that day. But how?? It was a 5th wheel and we of course have no way to tow it! Pastor Mike, as usual, had offered to come to our rescue but just couldn't swing it on that day.

My brother had been talking to Tina Sprague about doing a moving sale for him because she does those and has experience. She had mentioned they could help move a 5th wheel. I immediately called John and Tina. Now remember, I called them on Wednesday and we needed to make the 5-hour drive to move it on Thursday!

God stepped in again and somehow gave John Sprague the strength to set up his truck to haul an older 5th wheel and drive 5 hours, 3 of which he was hauling a 5th wheel! He gave me the strength to drive my brother and me in his car there and back. He gave my husband the most strength as I was determined to get this one so he had to have the strength to let me make that drive even though he was worried sick about me!

We got the 5th wheel home, but where do we put it? Once again, God had a plan! My brother's mobile home park has a RV parking area but it was full. His neighbor offered up his spot so we could have a place to park it until we found a permanent spot!! Step 1 complete!

Thank you God!

Now onto Step 3, finding a long term affordable, close to where he currently lives RV park with an open spot. As we were working on our plan, God did it again! An RV spot just down the street opened a spot! We hadn't seen a spot open in this park in years! It's a much less expensive RV space, close to us, and his doctors. We contacted the rental agency! The day after we got the rig home, June 18th, I mailed off the application and pictures of the rig. A week went by and they called my brother concerned about income being that the annuity was to expire.

God was right on it! The realtor for the house sale knew the agent so she called him and explained about the house being sold and the offer already in escrow!! The waiting to hear if he would get that spot was nerve wracking! If he didn't get it, we wouldn't have a place to put it at all. God had it covered; why did we worry??

Lo and behold, on July 6th my brother was approved for that open spot!! It was only 2 and a half weeks from the day I mailed the application in but it seemed like forever to see if he would get that spot! It's not a great area but it's close to us and his doctors at the VA in Mather! Step 3 Complete!

Thank you God!

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Now we have to complete step 4. Moving sale!

Step 4. The moving sale. Tina Sprague helped to organize the sale which happened July 16th and 17th, but she wasn't able to work it. She lined up two women who would orchestrate the whole thing. Now mind you, my brother's favorite place in the world is Lowe's! He had a shed full of all types of power equipment and tools and work benches, everything you can imagine! He even had a riding mower and a trailer! He even had a motor scooter he bought from a neighbor because it was a good deal! Not to mention a LOT in the house!

God had it handled! Typically, the mobile home park will not allow sales in the park due to cars parked on the street and traffic, but they gave him permission to have the sale at his home! Not only that but EVERYTHING except an old recliner and one old chair sold! That is amazing as most people don't need big furniture, TV's and that type of stuff, but all got sold including all that equipment! Step 4 complete!

Thank you God!

July 23rd a friend of one of my brother's friends moved the trailer from the mobile home park to the RV park. That was a scary situation as the guy really didn't know what he was doing. After running over the mailbox, my brother talked the guy into letting him back it into the spot! I guess God had to throw some humor into all of this. We can laugh about it NOW!

Thank you God!!

All that was left was the moving of little stuff over, but my brother has moved into the trailer as of July 25th! Some work is still to be done to make it more comfortable for him, but that will happen without a major deadline to meet.

July 28th the house sale closed, two and one-half months from the time we started working on our plan!

The number of obstacles we had to go through seemed impossible when we started all of this planning. God had given us this plan and He was there with us every step of the way!!

My brother is a Christian and loves our Lord as my husband and I do. He means the world to me and I will always protect him as he has always protected me. God let me know that He understands our bond. He helped us over this crazy, impossible hurdle in impossible circumstances. He gave my husband the strength to let me be me and help my brother even though John was terrified for my well-being. I told my husband, "God put me here for a reason and that is to serve. Not to worry, God gives me warnings to slow down but He also gives me strength to help whenever and whoever I can." Obviously, He had also given many of those involved in this endeavor the gift of serving His will!

On July 28th, I was at Wal-Mart. An older woman was in the aisle I was in. She said "Excuse me, I need help." She had forgotten her reading glasses and couldn't see her shopping list that was on her phone. We went through the list and figured out the 4 items she still needed. She looked me square in the eyes and said "Thank you, God put you here today to help me, God Bless you." I said "God Bless you too. The glory goes to God." Again, God showed me He put me here to serve His will!!

Thank you God!

Do you think that God answers our Prayers? Yes, he does! ALWAYS!

Thank you God!

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IN CONCLUSION

As we conclude this issue of The Torch and look to the future, we are hopeful of being able to resume additional ministries which have been put on hold due to Covid-19. We will, however, only do so when it is deemed safe as well as reasonable.

Not being able to hold AWANA, the huge Harvest Festival and other outreach events has left a strange void since March of 2020. Casa Coloma Health Care Facility Sing-Along has been silent as well.

One thing that has not been slowed down or silenced is *PRAYER*. In fact, it is flourishing.

The church's long-standing "Prayer Chain" has continued to be active, and we know that the Lord hears the petitions that are sent up. This is a very dedicated group of people who take seriously the promise of Matthew 18:19, and the power of intercessory prayer. Please do not hesitate to request prayer for yourselves, your family, friends, or whoever or whatever you feel is needed. Confidentiality is taken very seriously, and if you like, you can simply ask for prayer for "an unspoken need." God will still be listening and will know. If you phone or text Anne Chapman (916) 505-5433, your request will be sent to the prayer chain. Updates are always appreciated.

Tamaryn Crossman of the Diaconate Board has headed up another prayer effort. It is multi-fold. There is a special box in the foyer by the office door where prayer requests can be dropped in. Only Tamaryn can see or retrieve them. At 10:45, fifteen minutes before service, she and a few prayer members meet in the cry room to pray over previous and current requests. Again, you may request whatever level of confidentiality you wish.

The blue Visitor Cards in the pews have a place for prayer requests on the back. A person may drop them in the offering bag during any service. Tamaryn will include these requests as well.

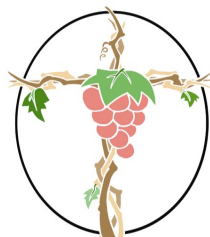
Blue Visitor Cards

On the front of the same blue card mentioned above there is a place for visitors to fill out their names, phone numbers, emails, etc., as well as what a person is looking for. This enables a visitor to receive a follow-up call. Note, we don't just drop by and make house calls.

People may be going to numerous churches in search of one that is right for them. Mayhew CBC is a very friendly church, and while we welcome newcomers, they are never pressured.

The church leadership and prayer teams appreciate those who reach out for prayer, and those who are dedicated to this ministry.

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To all Torch Recipients: If you see anything in here, i.e., birthdays, anniversaries, dates, spellings, or if someone has been missed, please let the office know. Leave a message at (916) 363-6145. Or please send an email to Mayhewcbc@gmail.com. Would you like to put an article in the Torch? Need help with it? Contact Anne at aachapmanaa@gmail.com. THANK YOU!

JANUARY

Birthdays

- 1 Sharon McGee
- 2 Yasuko Yoshino
- 5 Ocille Perry
- 12 Doug Holcombe
- 28 Floyd Gipson
- 30 Glenn Natsuhara

Anniversaries

- 6 George & Gladys Okino
- 24 Ivan & Darnice Thacker

FEBRUARY

Birthdays

- 1 Desmond Dietz
- 6 Shirley Motley
- 7 Keiko Kurosaki
- 10 Julie (Yuko) Kersek
- 14 Valeria Natsuhara
- 18 Nicholas Waits
- 19 Dora LaVern Doolittle
- 19 Doris Malone
- 22 George Okino
- 23 Morena Holmes Reynolds
- 23 Rock Ferriera
- 24 Louis Carter
- 27 Bill Kitigawa
- 28 Randy Kurosaki

Anniversaries

- 11 Randy & Naomi Kurosaki

MARCH

Birthdays

- 1 Ann Guro
- 1 Raymond Reed
- 4 Holly Crossman
- 6 Tina Sprague
- 7 Harley McGee
- 8 Marquita Arnold
- 10 Robin Satow
- 17 Ed Jones
- 19 Lois Kramer
- 22 Jodi King
- 24 Perry Woods
- 26 Andorful Gaisie
- 26 Roy Boyd
- 27 Becca Viola
- 28 Julia Natsuhara
- 30 Anne Chapman

Anniversaries

- 2 Willie & Morena Reynolds
- 21 Bill & Ruth Kitagawa

APRIL

Birthdays

- 16 Rachel Kitigawa
- 17 Teresa Reed
- 18 Fumiko White
- 19 Glenda Spann
- 23 Michael Smith
- 23 Otha Piepenburg
- 30 Lance Richard

Anniversaries – N/A

MAY

Birthdays

- 2 Ashley Motley
- 3 Mike Grady
- 5 Janae Grace Felton
- 6 Eleanor Natsuhara
- 7 Steve Pas
- 8 Chrystal Johnson
- 8 Michael Guro
- 10 Jessica Brown
- 14 Shaliese Motley
- 14 Sharidonn Motley
- 16 Hannah Guro
- 28 Jeff Jefferson
- 28 Hope Nelson
- 29 Agnes Deguchi

Anniversaries

- 12 Roy & Donna Boyd

JUNE

Birthdays

- 1 Liz Waits
- 2 Margaret Michels
- 2 Tamaryn Crossman
- 3 Joylene Satow
- 3 Brian Burnley
- 6 Ivan Thacker
- 7 Patrick VanNorman
- 19 Bernice Ingram
- 21 Lodie Gipson
- 22 Kelly Schnase
- 26 John Sprague
- 28 Isaiah Wm Felton
- 30 John Sarbacher
- 30 Quinton Malone

Anniversaries

- 10 Harley and Sharon McGee

JULY

Birthdays

- 2 Lillian Kawamura
- 11 Betty Deguchi
- 13 Ted Satow
- 14 Zoey Gumbs
- 16 Lan Ly
- 16 Florene LaBlanc
- 16 Lorene Smith
- 23 Mary Shafer
- 25 Carl Piepenburg
- 27 Beverly Kennedy
- 27 Celine Dietz

Anniversaries

- 14 Melvin & Doris Malone
- 26 Bill & Terri Patterson
- 26 Herbert & Glenda Spann

AUGUST

Birthdays

- 3 Kayzo Yomogida
- 6 Marvin Lewis
- 8 Sheila Daniel
- 9 Pastor Mike Schnase
- 13 Leroy Kennedy
- 14 Kui Guro
- 18 Karen Woods
- 31 Hector Hernandez

Anniversaries

- 10 John & Diane Sarbacher
- 17 John & Erin Takechi

SEPTEMBER

Birthdays

- 2 Bill Patterson
- 6 Moses Gaisie
- 7 Salvesh Nadan
- 10 Naomi Kurosaki
- 10 Ruth Kitigawa
- 11 JoAnne Treiber
- 12 Lauren Takechi
- 14 Paulene Conaway
- 15 Jennifer Emmons
- 16 David Harter
- 17 Lee King
- 18 Cynthia Schafer
- 20 Rick Crossman
- 24 Shaam Nadan
- 24 Louise Carter
- 26 Anthony Janis
- 28 John Takechi
- 28 Anthony Williams
- 29 Nella Dietz

SEPTEMBER

Anniversaries

- 25 Glenn & Valerie Natsuhara
- 26 Michael & Hannah Guro

OCTOBER

Birthdays

- 3 Kojo Gaisie
- 3 Archana Ndan
- 5 Mieko Coe
- 18 Irv Hortn
- 22 Collee Lancaster
- 22 Prudence Crossman
- 29 Luanne Schnase
- 30 Timothy Daniel
- 30 JC Daniel

Anniversaries

- 6 Perry & Karen Woods
- 13 Ted & Joylene Satow
- 28 Carl & Otha Piepenburg

NOVEMBER

Birthdays

- 3 Diane Sarbacher
- 3 Fred Deguchi
- 6 Zachary Choyce
- 6 Lisa Dudham
- 11 Debbie Neal
- 26 Bonnie Alexander
- 29 Mabel Tierce

Anniversaries – NA

DECEMBER

Birthdays

- 1 Crystal Newton
- 3 George Satow
- 6 Judy Blaker
- 7 Tammy Jensen
- 15 Beverly Gumbs
- 22 Kenneth Banks
- 25 Derrick Dietz
- 29 Robert Neal
- 31 Terri Patterson

Anniversaries

- 18 Raymond & Teresa Reed
- 22 Bob & Hope Nelson
- 23 Floyd & Lodie Gipson

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