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## **PASTOR MIKE'S MUSTARD SEEDS...**

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Hello there Mayhew family!

I am blessed to get the opportunity to write the Easter article in place of the pastor; my awesome Daddy! As most of you know, my Mother lost her Mom very suddenly this year. It was a big shock to our family and has left a big hole in our lives. One that she filled with joy, encouragement, poise, and unconditional love while she was on this earth. My Dad went with my Mom's family to Georgia to bury her ashes next to Pop's. It is a bittersweet trip for the siblings and an honor to their spouses to be able to accompany them as they remember the parents that torched the way for them as followers of Jesus! That's what Easter is all about though, isn't it? Jesus was born, He died, and He rose again so that we may become followers of Him. This article is a dedication to the woman I called "Grammy" and to our Lord that she loved with all her heart and followed bravely until the day she took her last breath.

Everything I thought I knew about Grammy was broadened and intensified when she passed from this world and went into the arms of the Lord. She was a fierce believer in Jesus Christ. After reading through her letters and prayer journals I realized we had much in common. More than I thought to begin with. She never doubted that there was a God, and she never doubted His love for her. She had a strong and unwavering security in who she was in Him, but she still very much had her insecurities of who she was as a person and a woman. I could tell through her writings that she often felt weak, incapable, and worried that she wasn't doing something right or wasn't enough when it came to being a light to those she loved and came into contact with. It was humbling to read about this side of her, because it wasn't a side that was ever really shown. Now I know why. We didn't see it because in her daily life she diligently gave those insecurities to the Lord and He would fill up her cup and give her strength for that day! She was reassured in her purpose and in His love for her. Grammy would obediently give Him her time, and He would keep His promises to her. It was a beautiful relationship. One that I aim for more daily ever since she passed away.

He has promised to supply every need we have. The Bible says in Philippians 4:19: "But my God shall supply

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all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." God has obligated Himself only to the extent of our needs. That would include food, clothing, shelter, companionship, love, and salvation thru Jesus Christ. It would not include the number of luxuries that we have come to think of as needs. And if there is one thing Grammy instilled in us... it is to live within our means. She knew He would give her exactly what she needed, and it would be more than enough. That is faith.

Wouldn't our lives be changed from the inside out if we changed our prayers from asking Him for so many things, to asking God for just enough to fulfill our purpose? We don't take anything from this earth with us. The only person that died and took something with Him...was Jesus. He's taking us with Him. The ones that wanted the relationship He offered and died for. He could have anything... and HE CHOSE US!!!

Easter was Grammy's favorite holiday! I can understand why. It honors the day that even after the death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He arose! Hallelujah! He is risen indeed! How do I know that?

Because I believe! I don't need the proof. With proof I would not need my faith. I feel Him all around me even if I can't see Him. I feel Him in the laughter and innocence of my children. I feel Him the kindness of a stranger. I feel Him in the journey with my husband. I feel Him in the grace of a person's forgiveness. When I feel Him most is when I take my time away from everything else and just be with Him. Believing in Him means being at peace with not having all the answers. Grammy had so many questions, but she never took those unanswered questions as a way to not believe. She took them for exactly what they were... to be revealed in His time. Even if it meant that she would have to wait until they were walking side by side in heaven.

If I could take anything from the testimony of my beloved grandmother, I would want to take from her example... and just be with Him. I want to be with Him when I am happy. I want to be with Him when I am hurting. I want to be with Him when I am doubting. I want to be with Him when I am angry. A relationship is when two people are invested. He is fully invested in me. So much so, that He gave His only Son to make a way to be with me. If He wants my time, then He will have it. Jesus paid the price for my sin. He doesn't want me to live in shame. My Grammy made sure that I knew that. She made sure that I knew that my mistakes were not my identity. They were merely a way of knowing just how big our God is and just how big His love is for me. My identity is in Christ alone.

Thank you Grammy for living the walk with Jesus and not just talking about it. Thank you for loving me enough to share Him with me. Thank you for your prayers. I have read how often you prayed for us, and I know you did it much more than what I have only read. Most of all... thank you Jesus for dying and being raised from the dead. For what was completed in You... may I have a chance again to see her.

Happy Easter Mayhew! Jesus is all you will ever need!

Submitted by Nella Dietz



## Bible Verse for the Month of April



*“He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’”*

*Luke 24:6-7*

### BIBLE QUESTION FOR APRIL

How did Jesus use an example of a kernel of wheat to explain life after death? The answer is on page 14.

## MONTHLY CALENDAR

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

Children's Sunday School : 9:45 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., Perko's

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.

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

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

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

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

ABWM (American Baptist Women's Ministry) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after service.

AGAPE – College and Career Group: Every Friday 7:00 p.m.

Band Practice: Morning service – 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

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Mayhew Community Baptist Church,

Mayhew Church would like to reach out to our community by helping those in need with their homes and lives. We have an exciting community service opportunity again this year to participate in a neighborhood improvement program for our Lincoln Village neighbors that is put on by Rebuilding Together partnering with Rancho Cordova City Hall, and the Lincoln Village Neighborhood Group, "ITLV"-It Takes a Lincoln Village.

This community outreach will be during the day on Friday, April 20th and Saturday, April 21st. We hope you can join in on one of these days, or if these dates don't work at this time, please join in for future community service opportunities.

Please contact Hope Nelson with the Community Service Ministry if you are interested in participating - anyone in church can do this event! We would like T-Shirts for our group to wear when we represent Mayhew. If you can please contribute toward your shirt it will also help the ministry.

Please let us know what day you want to participate (Friday or Saturday)--by Sunday, April 1st so we can order T-Shirts:

- We will need your full name, contact information, and T-Shirt size, if you want to participate, please.
- Each person needs to RSVP to the Community Service Ministry in order to participate for the Rebuilding Together Day for the Lincoln Village Community so Rebuilding Together can assign a home for us.

Please share this with your fellow church family members so we can all participate.

For each person participating, the Community Service Ministry will need the \*below information, please:

1. \*Your First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. \*Friday or Saturday? \_\_\_\_\_
3. \*Phone/Cell#: \_\_\_\_\_
4. \*Email: \_\_\_\_\_
5. \*T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_



# Rebuild Day 2018 returns to Lincoln Village in Rancho Cordova

April 20 &  
April 21!



## You are invited to Rebuild Day

Please join our fellow Mayhew members as we help our local community for this special outreach event on Friday, April 20 or Saturday, April 21, 2018. RSVP by Sunday, April 1st if you would like to help.

Sponsored by  
**Rebuilding Together  
and Rancho Cordova City.**



For Questions or to RSVP, contact Hope Nelson :  
(916) 813-9970 (call/text) or [hope-nelson1@sbccglobal.net](mailto:hope-nelson1@sbccglobal.net)

Rebuilding Together is a nonprofit agency that has improved homes since 1991.

[rebuildingtogethersacramento.org](http://rebuildingtogethersacramento.org)

### AWANA SEASON IS COMING TO A CLOSE

This year's AWANA season will end on May 1<sup>st</sup>, culminating with the annual "Derby Races." Once again, Margaret has been totally Amazing in building all the race cars for this event. She's had the kids (and adults) sanding and painting their cars. She also has kept them busy during activity time making Easter crafts for their families, and has filled in running the entire program when necessary.

This has been a great AWANA year. The kids are fantastic and enthusiastic about learning their verses. When we announce an upcoming holiday week with no AWANA, there is a big "Oh, No!" from the kids.

All volunteers from the congregation are very much appreciated. They are so dedicated. Even so, there have been too many kids to tend to and we are blessed that some of the family members have stepped up to assist. Two new children came this month and we were able to accept them. It is always exciting to watch the kids grow and mature. So many who come initially can't read, and speak very little English. They learn and memorize by listening. Within a few months, so much changes. They progress at reading and speaking. They literally mature right before our eyes while they are like sponges, soaking up the Word.

The little Puggles and Cubbies flourish, and most of them come back to us as Sparkies. Sparkies go on to become T&T's (Truth and Training). T&T's grow up and go on with their lives. Some stay as AWANA helpers.

Even if you haven't been involved with the program, we urge you to come on May 1<sup>st</sup> and watch the exciting Derby Races and participate in the fun, food and fellowship.





\* \* \* **FABULOUS FELLOWSHIP SUPPERS** \* \* \*

Carl and Otha had been going out to dinner prior to volunteering at AWANA on Tuesday evenings. Lots of times they would go to Perkös then head over to the church. They have been wanting to include others as well and have been spreading the word. Pastor, Jim and I have been going, along with Luanne when she can, and Nella and the kids were able to join us once. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME** and encouraged to come. We meet at 4:15 at various restaurants close to the church, so we can get back to AWANA before it starts at 6:00. (Dutch.) After AWANA ends, we may adjust the time.

NOTE: It is not necessary to be a volunteer at AWANA to come to dinner. It is purely a time for fellowship.

Following is the schedule for the Fabulous Fellowship Suppers for the month of April (4:15 p.m.)

- Apr. 3 - Mandrin Garden  
9185 Kiefer Blvd.  
Sacramento, CA 95826
- Apr. 10 - Casa Ramos  
10717 White Rock Rd.  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
- Apr. 17 - Chili's  
3199 Zinfandel Dr.  
Rancho Cordova, CA 94570
- Apr. 24 - Perkös Café and Grill  
9647 Micron Ave.  
Sacramento, CA 95827

If you know ahead that you will be able to come, please let Otha know in case it is advisable to call ahead for a reservation. 1-916-519-9881.

*“And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.” Acts 2:42*

Thank you, Carl and Otha, for starting up this fellowship time.

Submitted by Anne Chapman

## ***A SURPRISE AT CASA COLOMA HEALTH CARE FACILITY***

*By Anne Chapman*

Have you ever done something accidentally, only to find out the Bible says to do that very thing? It happened to us at Casa Coloma this month, and it gave us a good laugh as well.

Every second and third Thursday of each month, six of us go to the nursing home where we play piano and help the residents sing songs for an hour – 4 gospel, 4 old time secular favorites, on and on, then 4 patriotic, then more gospel and old time songs. There is no lead singer. Amazingly, most of the people who come and who can sing, do a good job keeping together. At times someone will sing ahead or lag behind. There are also lots of distractions as well. We have a good time and I feel the Lord knows we are worshiping Him and that we appreciate Him and also the great country He has given us.

It takes a lot of concentration for me not to get distracted and lose my place, so I try hard to tune out anything that will throw me off, and keep on playing the music. It was toward the end of the hour and something was *Very Different!* I kept playing. No one said anything was amiss. Then Mabel announced the next song in the line-up. I said, “We just did that one.”

That’s when it all became clear! Something had gotten mixed up! I’d been playing the good old campground song, *Do Lord, Oh Do Lord, Oh Do Remember Me*, and the group had been singing *This Little Light of Mine!* We all had a good old-fashioned laugh, then proceeded to play each song – separately!

We made a special note that we’d done exactly what the Bible says to do. Psalm 98:1 says “Sing to the Lord a new song.”

Later, at home, I played *Do Lord* while singing *This Little Light of Mine*. It sounded BEAUTIFUL! Besides, how could it go wrong when we were following scripture, even if we didn’t realize it!

## REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Over the past number of years, the Trustees have accomplished a tremendous amount of important tasks such as four new air conditioners, roof jobs, new sidewalks, rocks and chips around the church, tree work, installing the new sign and moving fences, laying sprinkler lines and planting grass, etc., etc. There are too many projects to list here and we are very thankful they are behind us.

Last year alone we made tremendous progress on our landscaping, including trenching for and laying sprinkler lines in the quad area and planting grass. Due to the onset of winter, we had to stop in the midst of finishing the work in the playground area and along Routier Road. We will be resuming this effort soon.

The Trustees have identified additional projects for this year and beyond, and the Board has put together a coordinated working group of people willing to help. The initial group consists of Margaret (Chair of the Board), Pastor Mike, Doug, Kojo, Andorful, Kenny, Ted, Bob, Robert, Carl, Abe, Ron, Patrick, Bill M., Colleen and Anne.

Most of this group has met twice, once at Perko's for a planning session and then on a Saturday to walk around and discuss plans. Carl brought his dump trailer. Residual debris was cleaned up and he and Robert took a load to the dump. Then, of course, we had to go eat! That's what we do best! The next step for the Trustees is to set priorities. We will be giving you more information and details shortly. We did want to let you know we are very excited about the plans and working together to accomplish them. Seeing a project come to fruition is so satisfying, and enthusiasm is contagious. The Trustees will be welcoming your participation, as you can, to keep God's house in tip-top shape.

### **FAMILY EASTER BLOCK PARTY**

Come out and help. Come and enjoy. The church will be having an Easter celebration on Good Friday, March 30, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Yattiy School is heavily involved as well. There will be games, food, live music, an Easter egg hunt, and car trunks with bible verses and candy (similar to Trunk-R-Treat). As with the Harvest Festival, this is an opportunity to share the Word with our community and to get to know each other.

The church is not collecting any money. However, the school is selling tickets for a fundraiser for themselves, as they do not charge tuition and rely on donations.

This is the first time we've done this. Hopefully it will become popular. We're doing what we can to get the word out. Please tell your friends and neighbors. Hope to see you there!

### **EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**

Come join in the Easter Sunrise Service which will commence at 6:35 a.m. on Sunday, May 1. The service will be held in the parking lot in front of Satow Hall. There will be songs with Becca and a message by Pastor Mike.

### **THE LIVING CROSS**

On Sunday, March 18, three huge wooden crosses were again placed on the stage in the sanctuary. Two represent the crosses the thieves hung on. The center one represents the cross of Jesus Christ.

On Saturday, March 31, the ladies will be decorating the "living" cross, starting about 9:00 a.m. Ted's family at Golden West Floral graciously provides the church with a room full of beautiful flowers. Ted delivers them in the morning, the day before Easter. For those of you who can come help put the flowers on, your participation will be appreciated. It is a special day, and a time of celebration and fellowship. Come to the parking lot around 9:00 or shortly thereafter.

The Living Flower Cross will be brought into the sanctuary Easter morning during the first song. Be sure you don't miss this! You will never forget it.

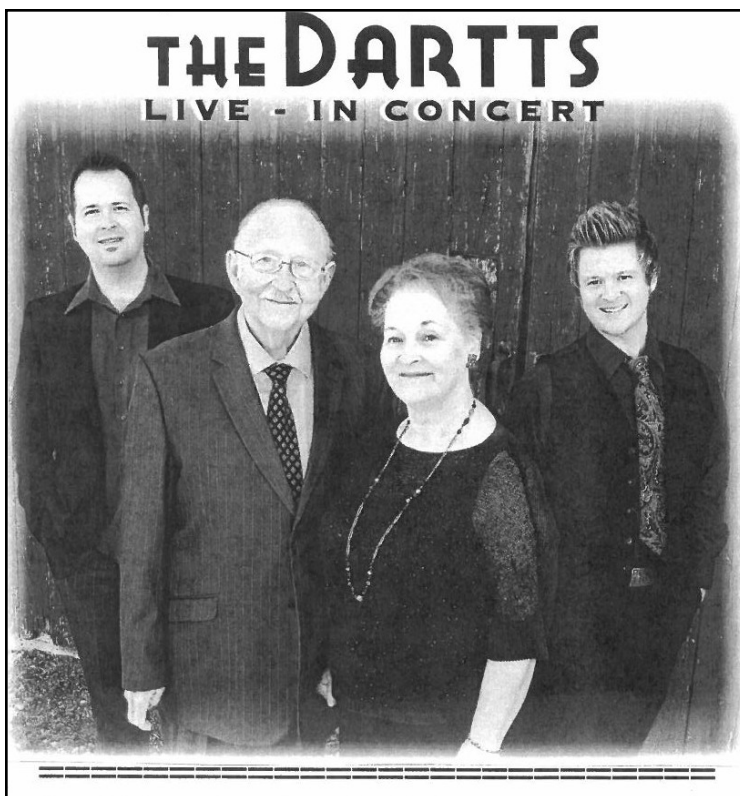
### **BAPTISMS**

CONGRATULATIONS TO IVAN THACKER on his baptism on March 18<sup>th</sup>. It is such a blessed event when a person publically affirms his or her faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and commits to following in His footsteps.

There will be two more baptisms on Easter Sunday. If any of you wish to be baptized, now or in the future, please talk with Pastor Mike.

### THE DARTTS GOSPEL QUARTET

Looking ahead, The Dartts will be back to give a concert at Mayhew CBC on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, at 7:00. It lasts about a hour. There is no charge to attend. A free will offering will be taken. They bring many people to the knowledge of Jesus Christ as they tour the country all year bringing the Word in a beautiful and entertaining way. This is a great event, and also a time to purchase a variety of their CD's and other items from this talented Christian group.





### **RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP**

CONGRATULATION to the following who have completed the New Member Class and were presented with the Right Hand of Fellowship on Sunday, March 18:

Carl and Otha Piepenburg, Ivan Thacker, Joanne Treiber, and Kenny Banks.

Welcome to Mayhew CBC's family. We are so glad to have you as members.

### **ANOTHER NEW MEMBER CLASS**

Several new parishioners have expressed interest in becoming members. Pastor Mike will be scheduling another New Member Class. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for those of you who may be interested. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to Pastor Mike.

Please keep in mind that attending such a class does not obligate one to join the church. The class offers valuable information about the church, the reasons why a person may want to become a member, and why the church is structured to have members.

### **THANK YOU FROM CARL AND OTHA PIEPENBURG**

Dear Mayhew Church Family,

Thank you for all the warm greetings and making us feel so welcome and accepted into the church family. It is a beautiful thing that God has done by leading us into this church to be able to worship with you all.

### **ANSWER TO BIBLE QUESTION**

Jesus said, "The hour has come, that the Son of man should be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. John 12:23-25.

**Announcements, Updates and Coming Events**

Pastor's Breakfast – For the month of April the breakfast will be held on the first Tuesday, April 3rd at 8:30 am. The breakfast will be held at Perko's Restaurant.

Torch articles for the month of May will be due on Monday, April 16th. Articles are to be submitted by email to [mayhewcbc@gmail.com](mailto:mayhewcbc@gmail.com).

**YATTIYR SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

The school will be on a month break starting April 9 and returning May 8. We wish them a nice time off and look forward to their return.

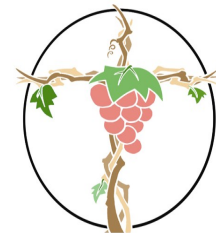
# April Birthdays



4/12– Samuel Lister  
4/16– Rachel Kitigawa  
4/18– Fumiko White  
4/19– Glenda Spann  
4/23– Michael Smith  
4/23– Otha Piepenburg  
4/30– Lance Richard

**In Memory Of...**

Michael and Debbie Fong IMO Dave Kawamura



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