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PASTOR MIKE'S MUSTARD SEEDS...

MUSTARD SEED

A few evenings ago, I was watching The Lyon King with my granddaughter, Celine, now almost four years old. The lyrics took on an enhanced meaning at this stage of my life. They reminded me of a Mustard Seed article I wrote over three years ago. Celine was only three months old and the four parishioners mentioned in the article have long since gone to Heaven. I thought about where each of us is today in our own journey in the Circle of Life. There is also now Desmond, my four-month old grandson, who is just beginning his Circle of Life. I decided to reprint the article here, not only for the new parishioners, but for all of us to reflect upon the amazing journey of life. But first, the lyrics for the theme song, Circle of Life:

*From the day we arrived on the planet, And blinking, step into the sun,
There's more to see than can ever be seen, more to do than can ever be done.*

*There's far too much to take in here, More to find than can ever be found.
But the sun rolling high, Through the sapphire sky, Keeps great and small on the endless round.*

It's the Circle of Life, And it moves us all, Through despair and hope, Through faith and love.

Till we find our place On the path unwinding, In the circle, The Circle of Life.

The Circle of Life – God's Perfect Recycling Plan

Have you ever considered how God creates a soul and put it in a body then takes it away from the body and puts it in heaven? This is the blessing of life itself. God knows exactly what our whole life will be even though we, ourselves, do not know. We live out our days, watch each other develop, and eventually we die.

Eph. 1:4 tells us that God has known us before Creation. Each and every human being who was born and died before us, who is living now, or who will be born in the future, shares something wonderful in common. We all were predestined (or planned) by God before we came out of the womb. He predestines us to Live Life. And what is life? The Lord made each of us in order to have a relationship with Him. Stop and think of how incredible this really is! God is Love. Our God, who is all powerful and who, through the Word, created the heavens and earth, actually cares to have a



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Bible Verse for the Month of August



“And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.”

Philippians 4:7-9

These Bible verses were authored by the Apostle Paul to the Philippians.

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 – 1st Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m., Perkös

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**)

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

Quilting Group - 2nd and 4th Mondays, 1:00 -3:00

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

AGAPE – College and Career Group: 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.

relationship with you, and with me, and to be loved by us and fellowship with us – forever and ever! Has anyone else ever made you feel so wanted? Here is God, who can do “anything” and yet He chose us! He gives every one of His creations the opportunity to spend eternity with Him.

So where should our attention be focused? Life can be so hard at times. We know that the Lord gave us free will. After all, who would want to be loved by a robot? Always remember that God first loved us. He doesn’t force himself upon us or rule our lives as though we are puppets on a string. Yet, in His ultimate wisdom and sovereignty He knows what we are going to do, what is going to happen to us, and what is best for us.

As I look at my tiny granddaughter, Celine (which consumes more and more of my time) it is almost beyond my comprehension to realize that God actually knew us all long before the creation of the Universe. He knew the Apostle Paul, Celine, you and me.

Celine, being only three months old, doesn’t even know she is alive, yet if she lives out a long life, she will go through childhood, puberty, grow into a young adult, experience middle age, and finally become old, possibly with many wrinkles, a failing body and mind. Yet, throughout all of this, her soul will never grow old. It will never perish. Her relationship with Jesus can never be taken from her. She will never be snatched out of His hand. John 10:29

Now I think of our many parishioners who are suffering - Thelma, Lee, Doris, Lavina, to name a few. They, too, were once three week old babies. They, too, will experience the full circle of life, just as we all will, and they, too, can never be snatched from the Father’s hand. When this earthly journey has ended, Life itself has really just begun.

Bless you Lord Jesus for your wonderful gift.

Pastor Mike

A CHANCE ENCOUNTER

By Tanya Wright

I have to share this Story that is TESTIMONY of the truth that Pastor's Preaching a few Sunday's ago stated that Irv's "miscalculation" during Children's Moments which came up Short by two bags of the children's Nut-Treat" was No Accident!

Pastor emphasized God Knew that those two missing bags were Not going to be able to be eaten by J.C., nor Timothy because of their Nut Allergies. God Knows, and Uses Incidents to the Glory of His Power.

Today, my Two sisters kindly "Dropped me off" from Church service at Food Source Store (right next door from my Home). But carrying my two bags, I MUST have Looked like I was "Barely Making it", (probably "favoring" my Bad Knee I've just recently acquired.) A car driven by a lady (moving "Pretty-fast",) flew by me, as well as others making sure that they Made the Green light! But then, she Stopped (with No Traffic behind her), and just as speedily, reversed, Backed up – "Buzzed-down her window" and leaned down to say to me, "I Know you don't know me, but I know I've Seen You..maybe at "The Crossroads" (Apt.'s). "Hop-in! I'll give you a lift the rest of your way Home!" She continued on, "You remind me of My Mom, walking, trying to carry Groceries home."

"I'm Sorry for crying,...My Mom"... I thanked her Profusely, wiping the moisture from my own eyes, and explained, "Baby, I'm Home" Pointing to my "Bradshaw-side Driveway." I Live Right Here!! "Not 100 feet away". (She still Offered to take me to my Gate.) I told her, "No, but God Bless You Sweetheart!!" Matter-of-Fact", I Want YOU to Come Visit my Church!" (I have to mention here, that STILL NO TRAFFIC had driven up behind her honking, nor showing their displeasure. Her response to my invitation was, "I've Been Looking for A Church that I Could Go To...Where Is It??" We exchanged Names, then all the pertinent Streets, Neighborhood and Landmarks. Nodding, she repeated, "Okay...Okay...!!!"

With mutual waves "Good-bye", she "zoomed-off" leaving me "Grinning" at God using Even "A Limp" to Reach Someone Searching for Him!

Footnote: Tanya, in her travels on foot and on the bus, uses her engaging personality to respond to the Lord's calling to reach out to people, strike up a conversation, and invite them to church. Several of our current parishioners are here because of Tanya. She is a great example for all of us to follow. Blessings upon you, Tanya. Anne Chapman

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR HANNAH SATOW



On July 21, a beautiful memorial service was held for Hannah Satow who went to be with the Lord on June 17, 2018. Hannah was born on Valentine's Day, February 14th, 1927 and was the fourth child of Richii and Chieko Satow. When Hannah was three years old, the family bought a 20-acre patch of land in an area in East Sacramento called Mayhew and moved there to raise strawberries, bush berries and grapes. The family lived in a house along Routier Road and Hannah and her siblings attended the nearby Edward Kelley Elementary School, the one-room school house we still see today.

In 1942, Hannah, who was 15, and her family, were among the 120,000 Japanese Americans living on the west coast to be affected by Preside Roosevelt's Executive Order. They were eventually incarcerated at the Poston internment camp in Arizona.

Afterwards the family moved to Colorado to work as farm laborers on a sugar beet farm. Hannah said that topping sugar beets was the hardest work she ever did. In 1945, she graduated from Prospect Valley High School with a 4 year scholarship and enrolled in Colorado Women's College. In 1947, Hannah and her family returned home to Sacramento. Soon afterwards Hannah traveled to Japan and served as a secretary for the occupation army during the Allied Occupation of Japan.

Hannah earned her Bachelor's degree from Sacramento State University in 1956 and decided to pursue teaching. She loved kids and taught elementary school in the Sacramento Unified School District and the Berkeley School District. During these years, Hanna took an active role in the Mayhew Community Baptist Church. She taught Sunday School and enjoyed singing in the church choir. She also served as the director of the summer Vacation Bible School. Hannah also served as Sunday School Superintendent.

Then, in the 1960's, Hannah took a teaching position at Prince Edward Free School in Virginia. The goal of the school was to integrate African-American and white students into the school. Hannah was passionate about teaching and her performance is documented in two letters of recommendation found by her family.

The first one reads: "Hannah has the most enviable record in the Sacramento area as a teacher in the public school system. She is thorough in preparation and presentation, conscientious and courteous. We cannot speak too highly of her as one who will give unstintingly of herself in any capacity in which she may be called to serve."

Another letter said: "Miss Satow is a lady of excellent character and is loyal, cooperative, and dependable. She taught under my direction for a full year and her work was outstanding. Both children and

parents love and respect her. She's a most capable teacher ... you are most fortunate in securing her services."

Hannah loved dogs and had several. She name each one of them Poochie! One Poochie even used to go up toward Routier Road where Hannah would be coming home from work, and would hop in the car with her for the rest of the drive.

With declining health, Hannah went to live at Golden Pond assisted living facility from 2006-2012, and from there to Southern California at Aegis in Laguna Niguel, until her passing on June 17, 2018. One might think a person with such a full life would be unable to adjust to such a change. Not Hannah! Her "Spirit" never grew old. She was a favorite among staff and residents. She was always in a good mood and always grateful.

There's a saying: "Being happy or sad, gloomy or excited, moody or stable, are options that are presented to you every morning. You just have to make the right choice." There can't be a better example of what that right choice is – Hannah Satow! Let's follow her!

The floral arrangements at Hannah Satow's service were so exceptional, they can't be described without a picture. These were prepared by Golden State Floral in West Sacramento, the same firm which provides flowers for our annual Living Cross at Easter.



CHRISTIANS, DISCIPLES, APOSTLES AND MAYHEW CBC

By Anne Chapman

We are accustomed to making reference to the 12 disciples of Jesus, then call them the 12 apostles. We talk about the Apostle Paul, and so on. What is the difference? A disciple is a follower who accepts and assists in spreading the doctrine of another (in our case, Jesus). An apostle is someone who is sent to deliver or spread the teachings to others. An apostle can be described as a messenger, an ambassador, and most commonly a missionary. Thus, all apostles are disciples, but not all disciples are apostles.

Where does Mayhew CBC fit in with this? Over the years the church has had a few parishioners who are missionaries. As for the rest of us who are believers, we are not apostles; however, we can fit into the description of disciples when we are followers of Jesus. Now, it gets a little deeper here. We call ourselves Christians. What does that really mean? Let's see what the Bible says. The word is used only three times in the New Testament and each time is referring to the first "Christians" of the early church.

"...So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch." Acts 11:26.

They were called "Christians" because their behavior, activity, and speech were like Christ Jesus. The word Christian means, "follower of Christ" or "belonging to the party of Christ." In addition, the Bible is clear that as a Christian we cannot earn salvation through good works. "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast." Eph. 2:8-9.

For us to be a disciple of Christ, we must first be a true Christian, have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, ask Him to forgive us of our sins, accept God's free gift of salvation through Jesus, put our faith in Jesus Christ and become obedient to His Word. It is only then that we can perform the activities of a disciple and even an apostle. (Credit: allaboutgod.com)

This brings us to a question. Are we, as Christians at Mayhew CBC, disciples? Do we have to take a class to be a disciple? What are we doing when we talk to people from our booth at a park event or an encounter with a stranger at a store or on the bus? Oh my, isn't this getting confusing? Actually, it isn't.

Here's an example that may bring some clarification. Tammy Jensen, one of our members at Mayhew CBC, rides a bus to work each day. She is not shy about striking up a conversation, and often people tell her their problems. Maybe the person isn't a believer and maybe the person has no hope. Tammy will talk to them about Jesus, give them references from the Bible and give them encouragement. What is she doing? Answer – she is Evangelizing. (Good grief, Anne, why are you switching gears here! Really, I'm not.) She is spreading the Good News. She is planting the seed that, when watered, may result in a person becoming a Christian.

Evangelism and Discipleship go hand-in-hand. Evangelism is the foundation and beginning of the discipleship process. Without evangelism, many lost sheep will never hear about Jesus and never

become a Christian. If there are no Christians, there is no one to disciple. Get the point?

Look at the ministries of the church. The AWANA program – It teaches the elements of “becoming” a Christian. It continues for a period of nine years and goes “much deeper” into a person’s own walk with Jesus and passing their faith on to others. Children’s and adult’s Sunday School, as well as the AGAPE group contain discipleship activities. The Women’s and Men’s Bible Study groups are other examples. Even deep personal conversations, decisions and commitments, with family and friends about spiritual matters can be a form of discipleship.

So, if anyone says about discipleship, “I can’t do that,” YES you can and You Probably Already Do to some extent. You just haven’t put a label on it.

Now to the question, Do we need a class on or training in Discipleship? The answer depends on you, as an individual, and the answer may be different for each person. Aside from what has been discussed above, focused discipleship is a ministry in itself. Without question, this is an important area both for personal growth and the church body itself. We can all benefit from improving our relationship with Jesus Christ and living our lives better. Some of us also will possess a spiritual gift that will enable him or her to spend time teaching another person in this area.

Before I explain the Discipleship Ministry within this church, I want to say that no one ministry will be a match for everyone. That pertains to sewing, Awana, music, cooking and hospitality, serving on boards, performing administrative and bookkeeping duties, teaching classes, maintenance, producing the Torch, etc. Some of you remember a previous article, God’s Kaleidoscope. Each of us is like an individual shard of glass, each with its own shape and color. It isn’t until all the pieces come together as a whole that the true beauty is revealed. So it is with ministries and the spiritual gifts God has given to each believer. This church believes people should serve in areas of interest and where their gifts apply. No one should ever feel pressured to join a particular ministry.

The Discipleship Ministry of this church goes beyond what was discussed above. It is time spent one-on-one, taking that person who has placed his/her trust in Jesus, and leading the person to spiritual maturity by teaching how to walk in obedience to all that Jesus commanded. The person who has gone through the process is then able to take someone else, one-on-one.

This ministry is headed by Bob Simms. He personally works with a person one-on-one and also enables the person to take someone else through the discipleship program. Undoubtedly this is a “perfect match” for some parishioners within this church. Only you know who you are. It has to come from the heart.

If you are interested in pursuing this, I encourage you to call Bob at 916-712-7492. If you don’t have transportation, Bob will gladly come to you. If, on the other hand, you wish to meet somewhere other than your place, that is fine as well. Everything needs to be easy. This is also the type of ministry that needs to be at your own pace. If you are curious but not sure, talk to Bob. If you are concerned about a time commitment, Bob can help you as well. Remember, everything we do is voluntary. There is no obligation for checking this out and seeing if it right for you.

Let’s don’t forget that Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to live within the heart of every Christian. Wherever we go, the Holy Spirit goes with us. He will also give us everything we need to accomplish everything God wants us to do.

Party in the Park Outreach: Rancho Cordova Recreation & Park 60th Anniversary

By Hope Nelson



Our Mayhew Church's Community Outreach Ministry had another fun opportunity on Friday, July 20th, and participated in the Rancho Cordova Recreation & Park's 60th Anniversary "Party in the Park". The event lasted from 5:30 to 8:30pm. This was our second year doing the "Party in the Park" event. Margaret Michels helped find the canopy and banner before the event, and with the help of Anne Chapman (via the phone), Darnice Thacker, and Paulene Conaway helped work on finding and getting the packets ready for the event to hand out.

At 4pm on Friday, Darnice Thacker, Bob Simms, and Hope Nelson loaded up chairs, a shade canopy, our Mayhew church banner, table, and packets to hand out. We headed over to Lincoln Village Park across the street, and set-up for the event that lasted from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. Lan Ly joined us, and also helped Bob Simms and Hope Nelson take down the booth at the end of the event. We visited with other vendors who were participating, and helped others set-up. Lan Ly, JoAnne Treiber, and Ocille Perry also came and spent time visiting with people from our community at the booth, and quite a few members of our church also came by to check out the event, including our Yattiy School.

We were able to greet many people from our community, and handed out over 87 packets to families and groups that came by our booth! That was amazing! The weather ended up being really pleasant, with a breeze keeping us cool; the pool was open to the community that day, and the new par course was open. There was music, food trucks, booths from the community, and the Recreation and Park District gave out items with their 60th anniversary logo on them. Some items were fans and even balls to the kids, who were playing with the balls on the lawn. It was a fun family event, and nice to come out and meet others in our community. We hope you can come and join us for the next community outreach and meet our local neighbors by our church. Some of our outreaches have been the Lincoln Village ITLV (It Takes a Lincoln Village) Neighborhood Group's Christmas Parade this past December, with the latest being the Rebuilding Together Day for Lincoln Village on Saturday, April 21st, where we just happened to be assigned to Paulene Conaway's home. What a nice coincidence-the news even came out for that one! Quite a few of you came out for that event, and it was a great day helping our community, so please make plans to join in with us for Mayhew's next community outreach!

If you see anything come up that would be a good community event please contact:

Hope Nelson at (916) 813-9970, or email at hope.nelson1@sbcglobal.net. Thank you!



Above image: Rancho Cordova Recreation & Park's 60th Anniversary "Party in the Park".

Left to Right: Ocille Perry, Lan Ly, Hope Nelson, JoAnne Treiber, and Bob Simms at our Mayhew booth in Lincoln Village Park on Friday, July 20th, 2018.



Above images: Rebuilding Together Day for Lincoln Village on Saturday, April 21st, 2018

Mayhew Church
&
Yattiy School
Float with
Lincoln Village ITLV
'It Takes a Lincoln Village'
2017 Christmas Parade



Float Music



In Memory Of...

Anne Chapman IMO Bernice Ouye

IMO Hannah Satow

Kay Yomogida IMO Hannah Satow

Tommy and Frances Kushi IMO Bernice Ouye

Allen Fujii IMO Bernice Ouye

John and Erin Takechi IMO Hannah Satow to Nursery Fund

Jodi King IMO Bernice Ouye

IMO Ellen Sato-Simon

IMO Shirley Sato

IMO Harry Kawamura

IMO Hannah Satow

Ron and Audrey Sato IMO Hannah Satow

Mich and Miyeko Takechi IMO Hannah Satow

Isamu Furuike IMO Hannah Satow

Dale Satow IMO Hannah Satow

Alvin and Doroth Kunishi IMO Hannah Satow

Robert and JoAnn Fujita IMO Hannah Satow

Lillian Kawamura IMO Hannah Satow

George Sato IMO Hannah Satow

Chiyo Aiso IMO Hannah Satow

Kay and Marian Sakakihara IMO Shinji and Tomomi Sato

Kathy Aiso IMO Hannah Satow

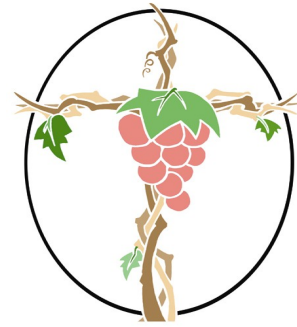
Mel and Connie Gon IMO Ellen Sato, Hannah Satow

George and Taye Ogawa IMO Hannah Satow

Joe and Marilyn Furuike IMO Hannah Satow

Yoshio and Ritsuko Iwasa IMO Hannah Satow

Eiichi and Michiko Okamoto IMO Hannah Satow



NEWS AND UPDATES

Watering the Grounds

Keeping the grounds watered has been a challenge for a long time. Lines and sprinkler heads have been in need of constant repair or replacement. New lines have been added. There are 15 or more banks of systems/timers. More water is needed in various areas, including the bushes, etc. in the upper parking lot. Help has arrived to bring much needed moisture to critical places. Jim Schnase has volunteered to set and move long hoses during these hot months in order to preserve our foliage. This will be a time-consuming project and his help is Very Much Appreciated! Thank you Jim.

The Quad Area (between the classrooms)

The grass is looking much better. Besides being hard to work with, the original soil had lost its nutrients. A thin layer of top soil has been applied, along with fertilizer. More grass will be added. Plans are for this area to be used for church activities.

Filters

Doug and Pastor have been replacing the heating/AC filters throughout the buildings. As this needs to be done on a regular basis, one of them is always on a ladder. We have seven large air conditioners and some of them have numerous filters. All the filter are either at the top of a wall, in the attic (i.e., above the ceiling) or on top of the platform by the baptism area. It's much different than most of our home filters where we walk up to the unit, or at the most, stand on a stool and put it in the ceiling. Thank you two for doing this.

Pastor Mike has never met a ladder he didn't need to climb!

Men's Bible Study

Carl Piepenburg will be starting a new men's Bible Study series entitled Hope Under Construction. The first evening will be Wednesday, August 8, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. in Crone Hall and will continue on Wednesdays, same time and place. The books have been ordered and received.

Please touch base with Carl by phone or text (916-519-6004) to ensure he has obtained enough books. All men are welcome, including family and friends.



Announcements, Updates and Coming Events

Torch articles for the month of September will be due on Monday, August 20th. Articles are to be submitted by email to mayhewcbc@gmail.com.

The Pastor Breakfast for the month of August will be held on Tuesday the 7th. The breakfast will be 8:30 am at Perko's Restaurant.



August Birthdays

8/3– Kay Yomogida
8/6– Marvin Lewis
8/8– Sheila Daniel
8/9– Mike Schnase
8/13– Leroy Kennedy



8/14– Kumi Guro

8/18– Karen Woods

August Anniversaries

8/9– Bill and Betty Satow
8/17– John and Erin Takechi

BACKUP ASSISTANCE

I try very hard to be available all the time and to get back to those of you who call me. This includes all types of matters, including prayer requests. However, once in awhile it is necessary for me to be where there is limited or sporadic cell service.

If you leave me a message to call you back and haven't heard from me by the next day, OR if you have an emergency and haven't heard from me in a reasonable time, please contact Margaret Michels, Chair of the Board of Trustees (916) 969-3802. I will try to keep in touch with her as much as possible. *This procedure is only for circumstances that cannot wait.*

If I know that I'll be completely out of reach for a period of time, I will change my voice mail message. However, I don't foresee that happening very often. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Anne Chapman
Moderator

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