

# MAYHEW TORCH

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## PASTOR MIKE'S MUSTARD SEEDS...

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Pastor Mike's Mustard Seed,

I ran across this devotional by Billy Graham that I thought was encouraging.

For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son . . .

—Romans 5:10

The word “reconcile” means literally “bring into a changed relationship.” It means to bring together two parties who should have been together all along. The Bible speaks of the human race as enemies of God. You may say that you are no “enemy” of God, but according to Scripture we are either passive or active enemies of God, apart from Christ. Reconciliation means “brought back into full relationship and fellowship with God.” This is what Christ accomplished on the cross. What a thrilling thought!

God truly goes the extra mile. When Jesus tells us to walk an extra mile for someone, it comes from Him already setting that example. Salvation is a two part process. First, Jesus died for all the sins of the world, past present and future. For every human being that has ever lived. Then second, every human being must ask forgiveness from Christ in order to begin the relationship with God that brings about everlasting life with an everlasting God who is love. We are reconciled to God.

What a beautiful act on Christ's part. Jesus did this even though we were enemies. Why? Because Jesus is telling us to love our enemies, not just in word, but by deeds. Again Jesus is setting the example of living out His own commands. I find great hope in this scripture. Even when God had every right to hate us because we chose ourselves over God, He loved us. Even though God hates sin, He loves the sinner. What an amazing God we serve. Jesus reconciled us to Himself despite our sin. He never gave up on you and me. Something humanity often does.

I'm so glad Jesus loves me.

Pastor Mike

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



*“All of the children will be taught by the LORD,  
and great will be their peace.”*

*Isaiah 54:13*

**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., Perkos

(no breakfast in July)

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.

(no meeting in July)

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

(no meeting in July)

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: 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.

Fabulous Fellowship Dinners – Tuesdays 4:30 p.m. (see article)

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.

### IF THIS SOUNDS FISHY, IT IS!

You may not believe this, but Margaret and I decided to “go off the clock,” get away and go fishing! So, off we went after church on Sunday, up to Clear Lake at a place she’s been going to for years. This was my second time there and it was more beautiful than ever.

It started off with a little concern due to all the fires up there, but the emergency evacuations which kept coming over the phone were for further up north. However, there were numerous fires, and smoke travels. On the way, we went under a large area of low, dark brown smoke for a number of miles but only saw live flames once and they were not close to the highway. Clear Lake, itself, was smoke free; however, a hot wind was howling. Just imagine what the fire fighters were up against.

We got in late-afternoon and started fishing from the dock and caught a fish. Firefighting planes continued their routes overhead, fire trucks would go up the highway, and tree crews tried to cut some trees away from power lines, but given the thousands of acres, the tree work seemed like a hopeless task without some major equipment.

After taking a short break to BBQ hamburgers, we went out on the pier and set up there. The wind was super strong and the lake was really mean looking. The moon was nearly full and the silver reflection off the churning black lake was awesome! Periodically, the sky would light up red due to a flare-up on the other side of the hills. We were the only ones there.

I made it until 2:30 a.m. and had to turn in. Y’all know Margaret! She stayed out there all night long and except for about 20 minutes to eat breakfast, she never left the pier and the docks until 7:30 p.m. the following day, Monday! That’s right, she fished straight through for over 24 hours! She did bring in some good bass. At 7:30 p.m. Monday night, we packed it up, BBQ’s steaks and both of us got a good nine hours sleep.

It was a great break. We hope to go back to the Sea Breeze again next year and wish some more people could come along as well. We were quickly reminded that all the amenities one needs are provided in the kitchen and yard. No need to bring much, but you wouldn’t guess that considering the pile (much unneeded) of “stuff” we hauled up and back!

An abundance of God’s creations are packed into this special spot. It’s so beautiful there on the water, with lush green grass, lovely flowers everywhere and the fragrance of honeysuckle to remind us: Taste and See that the Lord is Good. Psalm 34:8.

Submitted by Anne Chapman



# Pictures from Clearlake



**SWEET MEMORIES****By Tanya Wright**

They are NOT just for use in the “Cutting and Stinging” of our consciousness in our blatant disobedience. But in His Unceasing, Unconditional Love we are also given the Past-me for “The First” holidays, birthdays, gatherings, dinners, lunches, work projects with your Side-kick, your Bestie, Your Pal, your Girl, your Boy. (IT HURTS!!)

That first second of wondering (still) and giving an impatient, unthinkingly thought of “WHERE IS She/He??” And then, “OH”!!! The remembrance of your “new reality” of Life and Death. And THEN, lovingly and compassionately “The Keeper Of Our Tears” is here... “Blasting Us with A Memory” SO CLEARLY that through our tears, (maybe as yet unfallen) that puts you and your “Loved-one Back Together” again, “Completing One-another” again....being Whole again!!!

You experience “A Soft-sigh”, “A Small-smile”, and Deep-Gratitude to God for the “Time” – Years, (or maybe only months) that you Had Together, Close, “Close-enough-together” to Feel, to Touch, Smell, Hug, Kiss...LOVE that “Special” ... Someone” ... Whom you MISS So Terribly much!!

God, “Thank-you” for Our Sweet, Precious Memories you allow us to make, and keep in the deepest of our minds, and our hearts.

### **BERNICE OUYE GOES TO BE WITH JESUS**

On May 28, 2018, our sweet Bernice made her journey to Heaven to be with her Lord. Bernice was born on July 18, 1918 and lived a long, good life of 99 years.

Bernice was born in Sacramento and attended Edward Kelly School and Sacramento High School. When the war broke out she was with the group who was sent to Poston Relocation Camp in Arizona. While there she had a sponsor and after leaving the camp she went to Toledo Ohio and worked in a variety store for a couple of years before coming back to California. She then worked for the Department of Health Services and eventually retired from there.

Every Friday for 27 years she volunteered at the Asian nursing home in Greenhaven. She would pick up VCR movies a friend taped in Japanese. She would make the rounds to see who wanted to come watch, take them to the room where she would play the VCR on the television and then take the residents back to their rooms.

She lived in her home on Kiefer Blvd., which had enough acreage where she could grow veggies and tend to her flower garden and fruit trees. Every morning, rain or shine, she walked to the Post Office and back home. She was an avid reader and also enjoyed crocheting, knitting, and cooking. She especially enjoyed having family over.

Bernice was active in the church's American Baptist Women's Ministry for many years, as well as several committees. It is well-remember that when the ladies would get together to roll bandages out of strips of sheets, while everyone was talking and had 5-7 rolls made, Bernice had been sitting, working quietly with her head down, and had 30 rolls made!

Although Bernice was not very tall, my goodness, she was so fast! She walked fast and even with a walker after breaking a leg, she could fly by like lightning!

What stood out the most was her great personality. Bernice was always kind and sincere, gentle and humble, with a ready smile, handshake or hug. She would look a person right in the eye, offer her beautiful smile and melt one's heart. She will be greatly missed until we can join her once again.

### Torch Article for July 2018

#### American Baptist Women's Ministries (ABWM)

Exciting events are happening this Summer. Remember the vacation that you have been wanting? Read on. The ABWM has assembled proven leaders to teach other the art of leadership. Where? Camp Alta Campgrounds at Alta, CA. When? August 17-19<sup>th</sup>. The all-inclusive rate of \$155.00 includes room, food and drinks. There are special rates for girls and young ladies. We plan to caravan from Mayhew CBC to Alta on 80 East. Registration ends July 13<sup>th</sup>. Contact Paulene Conaway or Florene LeBlanc for details.

If you can't make it, but want to finance someone else, our Barbara Grady Campership Fund is accepting donations.

In September, we'll be blessed by our own worship leader, Becca Viola. Becca will be speaking on Women's Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at the 11 O'Clock worship service. Afterwards, there will be a dutch treat luncheon. More details to follow.

Lodie Gipson, Chair

ABWM, Church/Community



### Dress a Girl Around the World (DAG)

For our new members, Mayhew CBC has been involved in this ministry of love since 2011. We make dresses for little girls around the world. Personal deliveries have been made to Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. We gave dresses to victims of Oklahoma's tornado a few years ago, disasters in Tuscaloosa and Houston to name a few. On a larger scale, Africa has received thousands of lovingly stitched dresses.

Locally, we are involved with Downtown Ministries of Rancho Cordova. We give dresses, underwear and socks for girls. Pants, shirts and socks are given to boys. Many items are donated to us and passed on to the appropriate facility. This month we are delivering thirty dresses directly to Downtown Ministries along with other items recently given to us.

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is located in Rancho Cordova and is a monthly recipient of items. We have delivered about 80 dresses for babies in 2018 to WIC. Often we are given blankets, bibs, etc, from other DAG groups and those items are earmarked for WIC.

We believe DAG is making a difference here and abroad. We have donated 296 dresses so far this year. We invite you to take a look at what we are doing. We are in Crone Hall from 11AM to 2PM on the second Thursday each month. A potluck lunch is available at noon.

If you can't sew, your skills can be used in other ways, so you can still get involved.

You can get more information at (916) 635-8235.

Lodie D. Gipson, Coordinator, DAG



American Baptist Women's Ministries  
Region Fall Conference  
September 15 2018

Registration ~ 9:00 am  
Program at 10am ~ 2: 45 pm  
AT

Shiloh Baptist Church  
185 Chandler Street, Vacaville CA



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9:00am - 2:45pm

**Norma Ward**  
Executive Director of Progressive Transitions  
Speaker

**REGISTRATION FORM**  
(LIST EACH NAME AND ADDRESS SEPARATELY – PLEASE PRINT)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

Home Church \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Zip

Registration Fee: \$20.00 per ADULT/Young Adult Woman (YAW) and \$15 per  
AB Girl

(INCLUDES: Continental Breakfast and Lunch)  
Styles Scholarships available for YAW

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

DEADLINE TO APPLY: Wednesday, Sept. 5 2018  
Make Check Payable to: "AB Women of the West"

Send Registration Form and Check to: Treasurer, Linda Rodie, 2872 Sussex,  
Clovis, CA 93611 [linda.rodie@att.net](mailto:linda.rodie@att.net) 559 375 1988

**FEEL** . . . Faith Engaged Exhibits Love (Luke 8:43-48 and Acts 17:27-29)

**Report from the Diaconate****GOD'S MEDICINE FOR DEPRESSION PART I****By: Kojo Gaisie**

Are you constantly tired and sad? Have you lost interest in things you use to enjoy? Do you have difficulty concentrating, trouble sleeping or sleeping too much and lost appetite for food? Do you feel tired and have thoughts of suicide, and or have feelings of unworthiness? If you answered yes to any, most, or all of these then there is a high possibility that you may be suffering from depression.

Depression is among one of the major disorders today in our society. According to the World Health Organization more than 6 percent of the adult population suffer from depression in the United States minus teenagers and the youth and over 350 million people around the world as well. Also 1 in 6 people will suffer from depression at a point in their life.

Beloved I wish above all that you are in good health and that you are prospering in your body, soul and spirit. The Lord wants us to enjoy our lives to the fullest by taking care of our natural bodies which is the first house (now his temple). He purchased you with his blood when he died on the cross. He also saved our soul and regenerated (made alive) our spirit and called you his very own child. I found solace and tremendous peace from God the father after the death of my own biological father. My Dad was a loving father and a very good friend to me.

Upon reading the scripture "A merry heart does good like medicine but broken spirit dries the bones" (Proverbs 17:22), suddenly God's revelation dawned on me! I can still be cheerful in the mist of the chaos, fatigue, or loss of appetite. I realized the problem was not just the situation but how I was going to respond to it. Our strength comes from the joy of the Lord when all else fails. I had to return back to my joy, my first love, my Heavenly Father although he never left me for a second. Read Philipians 4:6-9 and after that, allow God's peace to flood your. I will be back to share part two on God's revelation as a medicine for dealing with depression. Stay tuned!!

## **THE DARTTS THE FINAL TOUR**

On June 5, The Dartts gave another fantastic performance at Mayhew CBC. They are on their last tour around the country. The father and group leader, Pastor Tracy Dartt has serious medical problems, so he and Sharon had to remain behind. Tracy had spinal surgery a number of months ago which developed into an infection. The infection destroyed the kidney he had received as a transplant a number of years ago. He is now on dialysis and it is unknown when he will be able to come home.

For many years, he, his wife Sharon, son Stoney, and member BJ have toured the United States and sometimes abroad, writing their own music, entertaining the communities and bringing the Word to lost souls. Many people have come to Jesus through their ministry, including people at Mayhew CBC. Prior to this, Tracy was the pastor of a Baptist Church in Napa. For decades they have lived in Greensboro, Tennessee, just outside of Nashville where their business is based. They will continue to reside there.

They have spent a lifetime serving the Lord and blessing others. It is now time for us to hold them up in prayer as they enter a new phase of their lives.

Submitted by Anne Chapman

## MEET WALDO

Remember the Christmas float? The live Nativity Scene, snow falling, the band with music and singing, live Santa, huge snowman, all decked out with beautiful lights. It was great and we look forward to doing it again this year, plus hopefully for other events as well.

The biggest glitch is the goose-neck trailer that was used belongs to Jess, a friend of Pastor Mike. Jess also towed the trailer in the parade. Although Jess owns the trailer and lives in Red Bluff, he permanently loans it to a friend in Fresno. That's a long way to get and return the trailer plus it isn't always available.

Efforts to find a similar trailer at a reasonable price were seeming futile. A new one was out of the question completely. Most people don't seem to want to let go of the one they have, and if they do, their asking price is too high. Plus, some aren't in very good condition. The plan has been to find the right trailer for Pastor's personal use and then he would also let the church use it for parades, etc.

Many months went by and all of a sudden about three weeks ago, Jess called to say he saw one on Craig's list. It was in Cottonwood, north of Red Bluff. A few days later Pastor asked him if he would be able to go along if Pastor could come look at it. Jess said he couldn't; however, he just happened to be driving down the freeway just north of Cottonwood. How about that! He went by and looked at it and reported it was in good shape.

Fast forward, Pastor called the owner and explained why he was looking for a goose-neck trailer that size and asked why he was selling it. This family is in the serious ranching business, with horses, cows, etc., and had purchased a much longer trailer to haul hay. This is a Christian family and the husband was very excited about Pastor Mike and the prospect of using it for church parades, etc. Although it was already at a very low price, he agreed to drop it some more. He wanted Pastor to have it. It's in good condition, the beaver tail works great and the tires are like new.

After a couple of trips back and forth to DMV, and talking with this nice family, the sale was finalized. Pastor towed it to Red Bluff and left it with Jess to do a few minor things to it and then it will be good to go.

This goose-neck trailer now has a name – WALDO – or Uncle Waldo the goose in Walt Disney's Aristocrat. Some of you are too young to remember this. You can Google it. You may only remember "Where's Waldo," but that's different.

It seems this trailer was meant to be. It will surely be put to good use.





## IN THE THICKET AND AROUND THE BEND

By Anne Chapman

How many of you have had annoying delays interfere with a project, or have experienced the need to do something two or three times before it actually works? Oh, it doesn't have to be anything life-changing or threatening, just irritating. After all, we live in the moment, and irritations can make us grumpy, especially if we become tired.

When terrible things happen, we look to God for answers. We know He can turn all bad things for the good if we give them completely over to Him and trust in Him. But what about those lesser events, those thorns in the side? Do they even have a purpose? If so, will we ever know what they are? Or are some of them simply tests to see how we react. After all, God is watching, and so are other people.

Recently one of our parishioner couples and five kids were scheduled to move from their tiny house to a new and larger one. Everything was to come together at once. (Ok, don't laugh, it truly was supposed to happen that way!) Many people showed up to help unload the entire house, garage, etc., into a huge moving van and other vehicles and trailers. Everything was looking good. Then, toward the end of the day, the real estate agent dropped the news that there was a delay regarding the buyer of their house and, in turn, they couldn't move into the new and larger house for a few days!

A few days kept being extended until finally they had been "camping" on air mattresses in an empty, hollow-sounding house for a week until the move could finally take place. Everyone handled all this in a most Christian way - exhausted but not complaining, no snapping at other people, and they even continued to participate in church activities.

During this same time period, Pastor Mike's son, Kelly, had landed a new job in Reno, and had lined up an apartment to move into. No problem. Oh really? With the big enclosed trailer loaded with furniture, Pastor and Kelly headed to Reno. Upon arriving at the apartment, they were told it wasn't ready as had been promised (in a contract) and he couldn't move in for a week. They had not provided any notice of such a delay. So, Kelly stayed with a friend and Pastor brought the trailer and furniture back to Sacramento. They tore up the contract.

Now, awhile later, there was a new contract with a different place. Pastor had just gotten the trailer ready again the night before, when the phone rang. This new place had just called Kelly to say the cupboards didn't come in and he couldn't move for almost two weeks! At least this time, Pastor was still in Sacramento.

I pray for my friends in all circumstances, big and small. Yet, I was wondering, why were all these things happening? We may never know the answer to a given circumstance. However, there is something we Do Know. After all, nothing is really about any one of us. It's about Him, God, and what He is up to! His ways are So much higher than our narrow little view of what's happening in our little spot in the world at a given time that our perspective may have very little to do with the bigger picture. We're in the midst of the Thicket and He has an Ariel view. Only He can see Around the Bend. We can only imagine. Nothing more. To illustrate this, please consider the following:

In the late 1970's when I was working at the State Attorney General's Office, one of our attorneys had an important case in a court in San Diego. Somehow, he missed his early morning airline flight from Sacramento to San Diego. Needless to say he was fit to be tied! Attorneys simply don't miss their flights and not show up in court. While he was still fuming about the mistake and trying to figure out what to do, we received the following news: PSA, Boeing 727, flight 182 had collided with a small Cessna over the skies of San Diego. There were no survivors.

After reflecting on this past memory, my prayers changed from "Please God get us this and get us that" to "Change me to wait and see – and trust." Amen.

**SERVICE FOR HANNAH SATOW**

Our wonderful Hannah Satow passed away on June 17. A memorial service will be held on July 21, 2018 at Mayhew CBC. Further information will be forthcoming in the next Torch.

**FABULOUS FELLOWSHIP DINNERS**

You are all invited and encouraged to attend these get-togethers on Tuesday nights at 4:30. It is a great time to get to know each other and have fellowship and fun. If you see your way free to come, please contact Carl (916-519-6004) or Anne (916-505-5433) to find out where that week's dinner will be.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

The Men's Bible Study, led by Carl Piepenburg, continues to be held on Wednesday nights at 5:30 in Crone Hall. It has been well received and Carl is doing a great job. Once this session has been completed, another one is planned. The attendees have expressed a desire for only a few weeks between the two. Please feel free to contact Carl for more information. (916-519-6004)

# Happy 4th of July From Mayhew CBC



## **Announcements, Updates and Coming Events**

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

There will not be a Pastor Breakfast for the month of July. The breakfast will resume in August.



### **July Birthdays**

7/1– Gladys Okino  
 7/2– Lillian Kawamura  
 7/7– Linda Hauch  
 7/14– Zoey Gumbs  
 7/14– Robin Alexander  
 7/16– Lan Ly  
 7/23– Mary Schafer



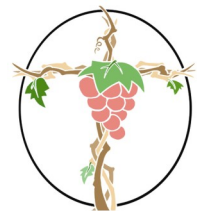
7/24– Carl Piepenberg  
 7/27– Beverly Kennedy  
 7/27– Celine Dietz  
 7/30– Loga Nadan

### **July Anniversaries**

7/14– Melvin and Doris Malone  
 7/26– Hubert and Glenda Spann

## **In Memory Of...**

Sets and Connie Okino : Thanks for the Torch  
 Bill and Betty Satow IMO Ellen Sato Simon and Harry Kawamura  
 Nancy Snyder IMO Shannon Hayes  
 Ritsuko and Yosh Iwasa IMO Ellen Sato  
 Miriam Sheppard IMO Bernice Ouye  
 Robert and Eng Ho Iwasa IMO Bernice Ouye  
 Sandra and Geoff Fricker IMO Bernice Ouye  
 Lillian Kawamura IMO Bernice Ouye  
 Eva and Martin Abe IMO Bernice Ouye  
 Miyoko and Mitsuo Yamda IMO Bernice Ouye and Ellen Sato  
 Yoshio and Sandie Furike IMO Bernice Ouye





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