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PASTOR MIKE'S MUSTARD SEEDS...

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Mark 12:30 New International Version (NIV)

30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

Romans 12:11 New International Version (NIV)

11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

My sermon last week was on Being Passionate to God. This is THE most important spiritual truth in our lives. In fact it's the most important action of your life! This is what you were created for.

One day a man walks up to Jesus and he says, "Lord, what's the most important thing in the Bible?" Jesus said, "I want you to love God with all your heart and soul and mind and strength. Nothing matters more than that. That's the number one thing in life. "I want you to love Me passionately." Nothing else matters in life if you don't love God passionately. God doesn't want you to love Him half-heartedly. He wants you to love Him with all your heart and all your soul and all your mind and all your strength.

Jesus creates His human creation within these four characteristics. This is the total you! And every aspect of these characteristics must love God to their fullest. When we struggle with our spiritual journey it's because we have lost touch with our passion with God. If we have great passion for God, whatever comes our way, whatever Valley of the Shadow of death we walk in, we will come out the other side stronger. Your passion for God is the secret to a joyful life!

We somehow struggle with demonstrating our passion for God. Rick Warren tells it like this, "But in our culture it's ok to be passionate about anything except your religion, except your faith, except your relationship with God. I can go to a rock concert, or a political rally or a baseball game and I can shout my head off. I can get excited. I can get hoarse from yelling so loud. When my team loses I could cry. Nobody thinks that's a big deal. When my team wins I can jump up and dance around and wave my hands in the air. If I do that at a game people go, 'He's a real fan!', If I do that in church people say, 'He's a fanatic! He's a nut case.' You don't want to get too emotional about your faith. It's ok about anything else but not that.'

Your passion for God is the energy of your spiritual journey. If I had only one piece of advice I could give to anyone, it would be find your passion for God and keep the most important thing you ever do in this life.

Passionate for Christ, Pastor Mike

Bible Verse for the Month of June



"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Hebrews 11:1

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., Perko's

Fabulous Fellowship Dinners – Tuesdays 4:30 (see schedule on page 11)

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.

Men's Bible Study: 5:30-6:30 p.m. each Wednesday

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

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 -2^{nd} Thursdays, 11:00-2:00

Quilting Group - 2^{nd} and 4^{th} 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.

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

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REPORT FROM BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

AWANA Grand Prix

What an Amazing Event! May 1 was the last day of this AWANA season and it ended with a huge celebration and rip-roaring Derby Races. Once again, Margaret outdid herself in getting all the cars made and prepped, arranging for the kids to pick their cars, sand and paint them, and enter them into the race.

The track was in place, spanning the entire length of Satow Hall. Beautiful trophies were lined up, awaiting the winners in the categories of speed, design and best decorated. There was pizza and other goodies, and lots of black and white racing flags to wave.

Over 70 people, kids and parents, attended. Pastor Mike was in charge of lining up the cars (4 at a time), announcing their numbers and owners, and sending them flying down the track. Fire trucks and ambulances went screeching after the ones that overturned or went off the track. Doug rescued all the cars at the end of the track and returned them to the starting line. There were run-offs and more run-offs. Enthusiasm, and noise, filled the room!

Pastor Mike won best design but said he couldn't accept it because it was Doug who had actually made the car. Doug refused to take the trophy and insisted Pastor keep it.

It has been a great AWANA year and all the children, parents, and volunteers are much appreciated. The new AWANA season will commence toward the end of September.

Submitted by Anne Chapman





JoySounds Spring Concert

On May 4, Becca brought her JoySounds Children's Choirs to Mayhew CBC. It is totally amazing what these children can do. The concert started with Philip Dudum on the piano, playing Variations on Actus Tragicus, J.S. Bach. He did a beautiful job which blessed everyone.

The children in the choirs are 4 years old to 16. Below is the schedule of songs, the younger choir, then the older choir. Tremendous respect goes to Becca for her skills and dedication to bring out the abilities of these wonderful children. If you missed this one, be sure to watch for the next one. I is such an inspiration and a blessing.





JoySounds Spring Concert Program

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Ride the Chariot......Spiritual, arr. Sally K. Albrecht



JoySounds Jr.

Amelia DaCastello, Abigail DiSilvestro, Susanna DiSilvestro, Claire Driver, Lucy Insco, Sabrina Porter, Adaya Solomon Sarah Sosa, Dale VanDuyn, James VanDuyn

Some Folk Do (But We Don't)......Stephen Foster arr. with new Words & Music by Mary Donnelly & George L.O. Strid O How Lovely Is the Evening......Traditional Round Wade in the Water.....Spiritual, arr. Jay Althouse Our Great God......Fernando Ortega & Mac Powell One True God.......Steven Curtis Chapman, Matt Redman, Chris Tomlin Pié Jesu.....Traditional Latin; Music by Mary Lynn Lightfoot De Colores.....Mexican Folk Song arr. with English words by Sonja Poorman Joy and Temperance.....Traditional Round .. Words & Music by Stephen Foster, arr. with additional lyrics by Sally K. Albrecht Solo: Emma Driver Duet: David & Daniel Insco Duet: Joshua DiSilvestro & Luke Jiang Soli: Ruth Smirnov, Mary DiSilvestro Duet: Emma & Elizabeth Sosa Solo: Ruth Smirnov Solo: Leah Lee Oh! Susanna.....

JoySounds

Ain't That Good News......Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

Joshua DiSilvestro, Mary DiSilvestro, Emma Driver Hanna Dudum, Philip Dudum, Daniel Insco, David Insco Luke Jiang, Leah Lee, Selah Porter, Ruth Smirnov, Elizabeth Sosa, Emma Sosa

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.



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THAT SMALL QUIET VOICE

By Tanya Wright

I experienced a startling realization recently. I was "down on my hands and knees," scrubbing Puppy Smells out of my nice carpeting I have in the long hallway-runway of his crate area. (Right next to my open bedroom door, and in the heat, it gets RIPE!!)

He was somberly watching Mommy scalding, scrubbing, bleaching, Lysoling, then Arm and Hammering his favorite scent Away! Eye-to-eye, chin in his beloved crate, viewing me from the open bathroom doorway (which he also claims a his), I asked him, "Is One Little Puppy Worth All This Effort?!!!

(The comparison took me aback – a step or two! Both "amazingly" the answer is YES!! God has Proven that He does feel that I (and You) are Well Worth All the Effort!! He sent His only Dearly Beloved Son" to earth from Heaven to Die on the Cross for my sins (and your)!

I (after coming to that conclusion) with more energy, now, continued on scrubbing! (My Puppy's "sorrowful eyes" tracking my every motion.) Seeing his sad Puppy-dog expression, I reproachfully stated accusingly to him "YEA – YOU OUGHT TO BE SORRY!!" "YOU BETTER BE SORRY!"

(This time, I actually "Gasped" (I'm ashamed to confess) because the Truthful answer to "ARE YOU SORRY FOR SINS COMMITTED?? was an unrepentively "NO." (Still down on my knees), I fervently pleaded tearfully, GOD, PLEASE BRINGE ME TO BROKENNESS!!" As I CONFESS Loving what your WORD commands, THAT, I DON'T." FATHER PLEASE FORGIVE ME!!"

(As the Apostles "Cried-out" to the Lord, "INCRESE OUR FAITH!!" I Cried out" to the Lord, "Please Increase My Brokenness!!" And still on my knees, soberly, continued scrubbing.

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PS – "THANK YOU, those of you who have kept me In Prayer for my (as yet Undiagnosed Condition that is robbing me of my breath and seemingly all of my energy.

This past year has been a Challenge. (Especially with a New Happy, Energetic Puppy!) It turns out, he's at the Root of all my symptoms! Allergy-reactions to his dander, and worsening asthma symptoms which have increased prescriptions, side effects, (that I've never experienced up to this year. Others becoming "more intense")!

I had not put his arrival together with my ever-worsening physical symptoms. I was so busy having fun and enjoying my new L'll-Fierce Guard Dog/Companion!!!

You, who have prayed "Healing Prayers for me" (some specifically "from the top of my head to the tips of my toes," Thank You!! Rejoice with me as I start on the road to healthier breathing again!!

Love, Tanya

A POEM – LOVE IS A GIFT" (Part of my Morning Text Ministry of my sister-in-laws).

Love is Patient. It can't be hurried or forced.

Love is Kind. Love is a deep exhale!! – Ahhhhh.

Love is Kind, Gently, not Hurtful or Damaging. Sweet-spoken, Soothing, not brash, abrupt, or groff.

It is Not Self-seeking. It is the Heart of Giving." (Not receiving.) Giving of Thoughts . . . to . . . and of . . . Giving of Consideration." "Giving of Time . . . and Self!."

It is Not Easily angered". . . Keeps No Record of Wrongs." No Apologies Needed! Love Understands!!

It Protects" – Oh, How IT PROTECTSS!" How readily it "Jumps in front" of the least possibility of insult or impunity!

Love is the Most Excellent Way!! Such a Precious, Precious Gift!

Tanya Caldwell-Wright

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MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The men's Bible study, led by Carl Piepenburg, has commenced on Wednesday evenings 5:30-6:30. If you would like to contact him, his cell number is (916) 519-6004.

APPRECIATION FROM MABEL TIERCE

Many thanks to all of those who brought me gifts of food, flowers and even a stuffed dog (Rosco). Also thank you for your many prayers. I am feeling and doing better.

* * * FABULOUS FELLOWSHIP SUPPERS * * *

Following is the calendar for the Tuesday fellowship dinners for the Month of June. The dinners will generally be held at 4:30 pm. Please call Carl to confirm nothing has changed. We look forward to many people joining in this time:

- June 5 Mandrin Garden 9185 Kiefer Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95826
- June 12 Casa Ramos 10717 White Rock Rd. Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
- June 19 Olive Garden 5445 Sunrise Blvd. Citrus Heights, CA 95610
- June 26 Perkos Café and Grill 9647 Micron Ave. Sacramento, CA 95827

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Shannon Hayes Goes to Be with Jesus

SHANNON SUE HAYES

Born January 1, 1969. Died April 7, 2018

A Celebration of Life is planned for Saturday, June 2, 2018 at 11:00 AM at Mayhew Community Baptist Church. Shannon loved this church and your spirit and compassion. We hope you will join us for this remembrance and celebration for her.

Thank you,

Nancy Snyder

Shannon has been a long-time member of Mayhew CBC. She taught children's Sunday School, helped with the Wednesday night youth group as well as Vacaction Bible School and served as Church Clerk. She also headed up the annual Harvest Festival for many years.

Shannon was loved very much and will be missed. Prayers go out to her family.



THE LORD TAKES HOME HARRY KAWAMURA

Harry went to be with the Lord on April 23, 2018. A beautiful service was held at Mayhew CBC on May 5. Harry was preceded by his lovely wife, June in 2013. For many years, both were members of Mayhew CBC. His son, Scott, described his dad as having a presence which was constant and dependable.

Early on, Harry worked on his family's 40 acre grape and strawberry farm. He attended Edward Kelly School, Elk Grove High School and Sacramento City College. In addition to his love of God and his family, Harry loved sports and excelled in baseball, basketball, golf and bowling. He also organized and oversaw the basketball teams at Mayhew CBC. He also served in the U.S. Army in South Korea. In 1958 Harry married June and they started their family in 1959. Karen was born in 1959 and Scott in 1962. He worked for the State Controller, Information Technology Department until 1997.

Harry had a deep love for his family, his grandchildren, and the family animals. Around 2009, his heath had declined and he endured more and more health challenges. His grandchildren shared their loving memories of their granddad, as well as some hilarious stories!

Harry is safe and well now in the presence of Jesus and reunited with his beloved June. He has been a blessing to many and will be missed.

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NEWS AND UPDATES

The Playground:

WOW! The playground looks like new! Doug and Kenny worked hard to stain and install new top boards around the playground area. They also stained the sides. The top wood had become so old and cracked that it posed a safety hazard. More bark chips will be delivered and spread. A parent of a child in the school provides this material without charged.



The Quad Area:

Last year it was amazing the grass came up in the heat wave that ensured. However, the actual soil lacks substance and nutrients. A thin layer of top soil is being added to the area. More seed will then be planted. Weed control is taking place as well. The entire area should be thick and green soon.

Lighting:

The lighting in various areas of the parking lot is inadequate. Pastor Mike and Doug have been working to remedy this. Also, the tall pole with a light on top of Scudder Hall needed modification. It was too cumbersome and dangerous to keep it maintained. Pastor and Doug are modifying it as well.

Garbage Disposals:

There have been ongoing problems with the drainage in the sinks of Satow and Crone Hall. Patrick is tending to clearing the lines and installing a garbage disposal in each sink. Thank you, Patrick.

Landscaping along Routier Road

The Trustees still have work to do on this project. The sprinkler lines and supplies were purchased last year and most of the trenches dug. A few more repairs need to be made in the area before tilling and leveling the ground and finished everything up.

The Donkey:

Some of you may have noticed the little donkey in the flower bed by Scudder Hall. The donkey was donated by Shannon Hayes. It will be given a makeover in the near future.

Announcements, Updates and Coming Events

Pastor's Breakfast – For the month of June the breakfast will be held on the first Tuesday, June 5th at 8:30 am. The breakfast will be held at Perko's Restaurant.

Torch articles for the month of July will be due on Monday, June 18th. Articles are to be submitted by email to mayhewcbc@gmail.com.

June Birthdays

6/2 – Tamaryn Crossman

6/2– Margaret Michels

6/3–Brian Burnley

6/6– Ivan Thacker

6/7– Patrick Van Orman

6/19– Betty Satow

6/19 – Bernice Ingram

6/21 – Lodie Gipson



6/22- Kelly Schnase

6/23 – Linda Beedle

6/24 Darnice Thacker

6/26- Jim Schnase

6/30- Quinton Malone

June Anniversaries

6/22– Rick and Tamaryn Crossman

In Memory Of...

Kinjiro Makatogawa IMO Harry Kawamura

Margie Sunahara IMO Harry Kawamura

Harry and Geraldine Kawahata IMO Harry Kawamura

Yoshio and Ritsuko Iwasa IMO Harry Kawamura

George and Tayeko Ogawa IMO Harry Kawamura

George Sato IMO Harry Kawamura

Karen Iwata and Scott Kawamura IMO Harry Kawamura

Eiichi and Michiko Okamoto IMO Harry Kawamura



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