

# MAYHEW TORCH

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## PASTOR MIKE'S MUSTARD SEEDS...

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Well, this year has been one of starting back to normal. Learning to live with Covid-19 has been a challenge. While we've been used to watching movies where viruses become a crisis, that scenario is now on our doorsteps, and wearing masks has become an everyday way of life. But we will not be afraid! Covid has helped me focus that no matter what is thrown at us, we, as Christians, will be victorious. Why? Because Jesus was victorious over the cross. The cross was much more deadly than any physical disease. The cross was 100% lethal. Because Jesus overcame that which is 100% deadly, He can protect what matters most, our Spirit and Soul. Praise God!

So, on we go with great expectations of serving our God. This recovery of ministries is really getting going. We were really blessed by Liz's recent testimony. God is alive and moving in our church and the world. We'll have two new Youth Ministries starting up. Four new people have joined the church and four people are scheduled to be baptized on January 2, 2022. We have several new Deacons, a couple of new Trustees, and a new Christian Education Chairperson, Andorful. The entire parking lot was resurfaced. That expense was covered by an anonymous giver. It is clear that God still has big plans for Mayhew!

We've decided to hold off on big outreach events for now. Ministries like AWANA, Harvest Festival, and the Christmas float, we'll start up when we are ready. We have great leadership in place, and I'm very excited to be serving with such a leadership team and church family.

I would really like to thank Anne Chapman for all she is doing as Moderator. She is non-stop! Her gifts have been stretched to the max. Thank you, Anne. I would also like to say thank you to Paulene Conaway. Her many years as one of our church secretaries were incredible. She was always supportive. Always working on things that weren't even in her job description. Thank you, Paulene. I want to thank the Boards and committees for all their work, even though Covid limited us. And, of course, for all the ministries that keep us together.

I want to thank Doug for always being at my side and working so hard on projects day after day. I think of Glenn and Doug in the tech department, and Becca and the worship team. I think of Lillian who arranges those amazing flowers every Sunday. I think of our Sunday School and adult teachers. We are well taken care of. We have Terri's help with the video ministry, getting it on the web site along with Luanne. There is Sharon, who has been cleaning high, out of reach areas, like the ceiling fans. I think of Anthony who is helping with the remodel of the nursery.

I want to thank Kojo for his spiritual leadership with the Deacons and for assisting with the alter call after services. I appreciate Andorful assuming the position of Chair of Christian Education. I think of our financial team which keeps the books balanced. Diane has taken the Treasurer's job to a whole new level. I think of the many spiritual gifts Carl brings to the church, and the time he commits, which are truly outstanding. I think of Lorene, who has implemented the most amazing fellowship events. I think of Hector, and how good it is to have him back. I will miss our Quilting and Dress a Girl Ministries. They were so important. But as Scripture teaches us, everything has a season. Thank you, dear ladies, for your talent and persistence. Many people were blessed, not just here but around the world.

There are really so many people that I can't mention everyone by name. But I want to thank this church for loving God so much. Visitors feel God's love when they attend Mayhew. Mayhew is family.

Finally, I want to thank my family. All that they do and the prayers they offer for me and the church are amazing. God has and will continue to be GOOD! Let us continue this next year with servants' hearts full of humility!

In Christ, Pastor Mike





**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.  
Lamentations 3:22-23**

### **In Memory Of**

**Kay Yomogida IMO Mary T. Sato  
Marian and Kay Sakakihara IMO Tomomi and Shinji Sato  
Lillian Kawamura IMO Joe Kawamura**

### **OUR WEBSITE**

**If you would like to view this publication in color, go to our website at [mayhewcommunitybaptist.org](http://mayhewcommunitybaptist.org). Click on “Website” then click “Newsletter” on the header.**

**The Website also has Pastor Mike’s sermons under “Videos,” as well as information about our Services, Ministries, Events and Methods of Giving. Click on “Testimonies” for Testimonies About the Church, Perspectives and Personal Narratives, and Miracle Corner stories.”**



**A HEARTFELT THANK YOU  
FOR MAYHEW CBC'S CHRISTMAS GIFTS  
TO ABRAHAM LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FAMILIES**



Happy New Year! I hope that this note finds you in good health and good spirits, and that all of you had an enjoyable holiday season. I was so pleased to get an e-mail from Ted before Christmas, letting me know that you were able to return to meeting with one another, and absolutely delighted to learn that you wanted to provide some holiday support for families in the Lincoln Village and Countryside neighborhoods again this year. Your contact and generosity could not have come at a better time, and I am pleased to share information about the impact your kindness had on two Abraham Lincoln Elementary School families.

As you may already know, we strive to ensure that your donation provides much-needed support for families experiencing difficult life circumstances. Over the years, your generosity has supported families who had recently lost loved ones, that had lost most of their possessions to fire, to those who lost their jobs during the Great Recession, to a Middle Eastern family separated by arcane immigration laws, as well as to provide some holiday cheer to children whose parents were incarcerated or otherwise unavailable to them, and who were being raised by extended family.

Each year, your kindness has been a beacon of hope and humanity for the families whose lives you've touched, and this year is no exception. In consultation with school staff, the decision was made to focus your donation on two families, one, a single dad with two children, and the other, a couple with four children. While both families are currently sheltered, each has experienced homelessness in the past 18 months, due to the impact of the Pandemic. The parents in both families are working multiple jobs in an effort to get back on their feet, and your donation could not have come at a better time. Both families requested a gift card from Walmart, not knowing how much they would be receiving. When the \$350 cards were delivered, the tears were difficult to hold back, as they talked about the difficulties each of them was experiencing trying to provide basic needs for their families, let alone some Christmas gifts.

Ladies and gentlemen, your generosity not only allowed these parents to give their children some gifts, it also put food on their tables. Your gift freed up money that could then be used to put gas in their vehicles so they could get back and forth between home and work. Your generosity made a significant difference in the lives and well-being of these two families. An interesting side note: when I delivered the gift card to one of the families, I realized I was at the home of a family that your donation had helped several years ago; they had opened their doors to this family as they worked to get back on their feet. It was as though things had come full circle, a true pay it forward kind of moment!

My deepest thanks to all of you for support of families in need in our community, and for allowing me to play a small role in delivering that support; it is a great honor indeed. I wish you all health and happiness in 2022, and hope that the blessings you have bestowed upon others return to you tenfold.

Most sincerely,  
Julie Kauffman  
Student Support Services Specialist II

### RETIREMENT PARTY HONORING PAULENE CONAWAY

How much love and appreciation can be stuffed into one event? All those who attended service on February 27, and the gathering afterward in Satow Hall, know just how much! Paulene faithfully and capably served as the church's secretary for many decades. While the celebration and thanksgiving had been delayed due to Covid-19, it didn't lose any of its passion when the day finally came. A plaque of appreciation was presented to Paulene by Tamaryn, Diaconate Chair, and a similar one has been hung on the wall outside the church office. Golden State Floral brought the most beautiful roses ever!

Pastor Mike, Anne, Mabel, Lodie, Colleen and Dora, all spoke of Paulene's special qualities during her service as secretary, and also of the numerous ministries she has been in and still serves today, among which are ABWM Treasurer, Leader of Women's Bible Study, Quilting and Sewing, and the church's Prayer Team. One of the main themes of all speakers was Paulene's Old Fashioned Work Ethics. She always believed in giving her all, more than 100%, and if there was a slow period, she would find something to do even it wasn't within her duties. She has always been there to do whatever is needed and is always generous in giving of her time, expertise and leadership. She's known to be the "only one" who was able to stitch together the most difficult quilt ever tackled! Paulene had a saying we've all heard many times, "I don't know how people can make it without the Lord." Therein, lies her strength of character. We love and thank you, Paulene!





### RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP

On January 23, four parishioners received the Right Hand of Fellowship as new member of the church. They recently completed the New Member Class, along with the Spiritual Gift Survey. A Cookie Fellowship was held after service to welcome Hector Hernandez, Harley and Sharon McGee and Judy Blaker. It is very exciting to have them as members of Mayhew CBC. (Another New Member Class will be starting soon.)



Hector \* Harley \* Sharon \* Judy

### BAPTISMS

Four parishioners were baptized during service on January 2, 2022. Congratulations to Mike Smith, Hector Hernandez, Harley and Sharon McGee. The church believes that baptism is not a requirement for salvation; however, 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. While a person does not have to be baptized to attend the church, it is necessary for membership. Proof of baptism from a similar church is valid. It is a wonderful event. If you would like to consider being baptized, or find out more information about it, please be in contact with Pastor Mike.



Sharon



Harley



Mike



Hector

### A NEW DEACONS AND NEW TRUSTEES

It is a pleasure to announce that Rock Ferriera has joined the Diaconate Board. Hannah Guro and Hector Hernandez have joined the Board of Trustees. Welcome aboard and thank you for your willingness to serve the Lord in these leadership positions!

### MIRACLE CORNER

#### \* \* \* *The Weed Eater* \* \* \*

By Hector Hernandez

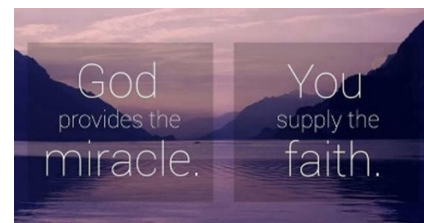
It was a beautiful day to finish weed eating the strip along Routier Road. I was using a weed eater that Pastor Mike had loaned us and only had to finish up some of the edges, when the line needed to be replaced. This one has a double spool which needs two lines wound at the same time and make sure they don't cross over the divide onto each other's area. I got that done then threaded each line into its hole and pulled them tight, then put the cap on. Good to go. It fired up and the spool was spinning around, but it wouldn't feed out more line. Oh well, try again. And again. And a third time.

By now what had started out to be a glorious and peaceful day was turning into frustration and my patience was disappearing. Plus, this was wasting time. In desperation, I said to God, "Please help me and give me patience." Little did I know that He was about to give me even more!

I had noticed a truck that had driven by several times, and there it was again. This time, however, it turned around on Ellenwood and came back my way, just as I had finished my prayer. A man got out and came over to me. He said, "It looks like you're having trouble. Maybe I can help you." He told me that this was his occupation and he could show me a different way to install the lines! It wasn't even necessary to take the cap off to do it the way he showed me. Within just a few minutes, it was up and running *and feeding the line just fine!* I couldn't thank him enough. I couldn't thank God enough!

All day long, I kept thinking about what had happened! God had heard my prayer. He cared about me and my frustration. With all the problems going on in the world, my request seemed so small, yet He reached down and blessed me with a miracle. Praise be to His glorious name! In Jesus' name, Amen.

*Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer,  
believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.  
Mark 11:24*



Feed your faith and your doubts will starve themselves to death.

*Credit: Debbie Macomber.*

Submitted by Hector Hernandez.



### END TIMES PROPHECY SERIES TO BEGIN

**Pastor Mike will be giving a 14-week session on the End Times. It will held on Sunday Evenings in Satow Hall and will utilize the work of Irv Baxter, founder of Endtimes Ministry.**

**Start date is April 3, 2022, 6:00 p.m. Films are pproximately 50 minutes.**

Have you had trouble remembering the sequence of events spelled out in the *Book of Revelation*, and mentioned in numerous other books of the Bible such as *Matthew*, *Daniel*, *Ezekial*, and *Joel*. Or have you always wondered about what's ahead but never have had a chance to delve into it?

When will the End of the Age happen? Jesus says "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only." Matthew 24:36. Jesus also said "Truly I say to you that this generation will not have passed away until all these things shall have taken place." Matthew 24:34.

What are the "things" that have to come to pass? Have some of them already occurred? What lies ahead for us who are in the "Church Age," and what happens thereafter?

What is The Rapture of the Church?

Will we be part of the 7-year Tribulation, "The Beginning of Sorows," and what about the last half, "The Great Tribulation?"

What is meant by the Antichrist and the False Prophet?

What is the Mark of the Beast?

What happens to all the Nations?

What will happen so that the world is not entirely destroyed?

When will Christ return and start his Millenial Reign. Who will be part of this?

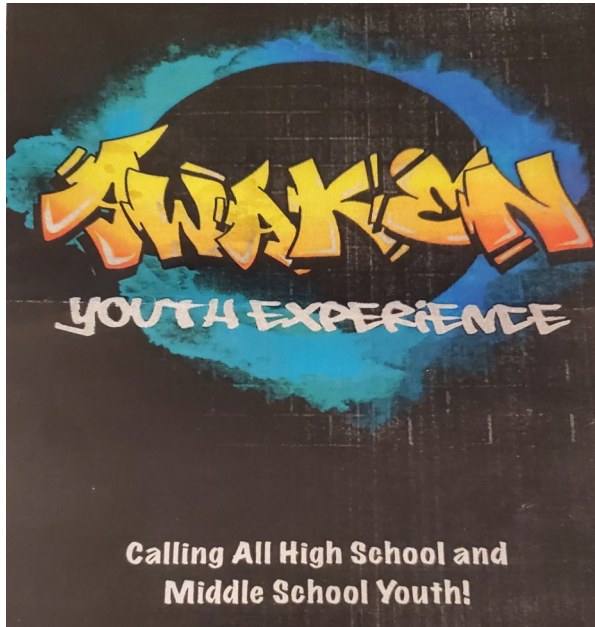
What is the Final Judgment?

What is the New Jerusalem and where does it come from? Where will we be for eternity?

There are numerous interpretations of the end times. It is important to be in constant comparison with the Word.

**\* \* \* COME AND SEE \* \* \***





### AWAKEN YOUTH GROUP —

**Jr. High—High School. Tuesday nights from 6:00—8:00 p.m., Room 5. We will be having tons of fun discovering destiny and identity while we chase after the heart of God.**

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This ministry is under the church's Board of Christian Education, Andorful Gaisie, Chair. Pastor Shawn Himley is the Youth Director over it. Shawn's wife and daughters are helping with their amazing spiritual and musical gifts. Shawn's artist friend hand-painted the mural. Hector is providing security. At this time, other volunteers are a missionary family which has been known to the church a long time, as well as our parishioner, Judy.

Refer to the Moderator's Report on page 18 as to how this program came about.



Virtually all items for this ministry have been donated by parishioners, including the karaoke machine and funding for the carpet. Then, there was a surprise from God! Just as Diane had finished putting a request in the Sunday bulletin to see if anyone had a sofa or two they could donate, Anne received a text from her next door neighbor, with a picture of a black leather 3-piece sofa set (see below). The neighbor had just put it on the street as they were getting new furniture, and he asked if she knew anyone who would want it! Oh Yes! Carl and Andorful beat it over there and it couldn't be more perfect!





## NEVER - SAY - NO

A few years ago, the church established an “earmarked” fund to ensure that no one would be left out of an event because the person couldn’t afford to pay. This pertains to all ages, and includes events such as movies, eating out, and other church outings.

Now that we are up and running again, plans are underway for some youth outings, as well as movies and lunch for adults. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, it would be much appreciated. Contributions would need to be in addition to regular tithes, not redirected.

**Just write “Never Say No” on the note portion of a check or indicate it on the envelope.**

A great example of the value of this ministry is our parishioner, Hector. A few years ago, the church arranged for about 25 people to see the film “I Can Only Imagine,” followed by lunch at a restaurant. Hector was one of the group that could not have otherwise attended. Since that time, Hector has been Baptized, joined the Church, been appointed as a member of the Board of Trustees, where he works tirelessly on church projects.

Long before the Never-Say-No fund was created, our parishioner Lee Green started the idea of helping those who can’t pay by donating money for parishioner gatherings and other events. This great idea later developed into the establishment of this special, earmarked fund.



*And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.*

Hebrews 13:16

### BIBLE QUESTION

What woman was a good illustration of a person to be an example of a gentile benefiting from the blessings of Israel’s Messiah? Answer is on page 14



### LOOKS AND SMELLS “GREAT”

A big thank you goes to Lyon Moser, owner of Moser Bros. Carpets, Tile and Hardwood Cleaning. The carpets in the Sanctuary, Satow Hall and Crone Hall were in such dire need of attention, it was not prudent to tackle it ourselves. Although the tile in the foyer and restrooms were being mopped, it was evident that much more was needed. During the Trustees’ Fall Workday, Terri suggested we have the firm of Moser

Bros. give us an estimate, which they did right away and provided a large discount if we had all the work done at once, without a return trip and setup being necessary. Right away, the word spread and parishioner chipped in to cover the cost!

The church’s workday crew got busy clearing out much of the large furniture as well as the pews along the walls. Oh, my goodness! Lyon came the following day and worked long into the evening. The results were outstanding! The carpets in the three rooms lightened up several shades and still smell wonderful. The tile looked like it had just been laid and the gray and black grout was now white! In fact, we have been able to delay replacing the carpet for some time. It had seemed so hopeless before Lyon took control. Thank you, Lyon and thank you, Terri, for the suggestion! You won’t be disappointed if you call Lyon Moser. He not only is skilled, but is patient and kind and will give you his very best.

### DONATED ITEMS

While the thought behind bringing donated items to the church is appreciated, at present we have no one who has the time to coordinate distribution or take them to Good Will. If anyone wishes to take on that effort, please let the office know. Meanwhile, if you bring items, please have a designated person or ministry that you know will be able to use them. It is not feasible to let items accumulate from one week to the next. Thank you for your understanding.

- - - The above does not pertain to food - - -



### **CHURCH WORKDAY**

There was lots of much-appreciated help. Great fellowship, and many projects got accomplished.

Another Workday has been set by the Trustees for Saturday, May 21, 8:00 a.m.—Noon.

ALL ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO COME.

### **CAPTIVATING CRAFTERS OF MCBC NEW MINISTRY**

Judy Blaker is starting a new ministry which has been approved by the Board of Trustees and the Cabinet. It will meet in Crone Hall at 11:30 every other Friday, beginning April 29. The ladies are to bring their own projects and gather to have conversation and work on them. Should anyone like to share treats, that would be a welcome delight! There is no cost to the church. Any questions, call Judy (949-677-4567) or Otha (916-519-9881).

### REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (From Annual Report)

Greetings to you all from the bosom of the father of lights and spirits, Yahweh the great God Jehovah and His Son Yeshua (Jesus Christ) the LORD King.

Last year and the years before were filled with so many differences of opinions and perspectives. Allow me to borrow the school of thought from the writings of Charles Dicken's book A Tale of Two Cities to express the accurate rendering of the times and seasons that eclipsed us in the last two years of the church history. Charles Dickens stated that "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, . . . it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way—in short, the period was so far like the present period, that some of its noisiest authorities insisted on its being received, for good or for evil, in the superlative degree of comparison only."

Dickens' strategic analysis of the crucial times of his generation is the accurate representation of the times and seasons that we are in. The church both locally and globally experienced challenging times because of the chaos and confusion that was lurking at every angle of society. However, one evening after men's class, Pastor Mike and I were in the parking lot having a discussion concerning the times, and he made a statement that stuck with me for a while. He said, "out of the ashes we have to rise," just like the phoenix bird in its symbolic representation embodies the rising from the ashes of ruins and life to soaring higher in beauty and glory.

Moreover, in Isaiah 61:1-3, the Lord through the Prophet Isaiah states that He will give us beauty instead of ashes, heal the broken hearted, lift the spirit of heaviness off and give us garments of Praise. God indeed has turned our mourning into dancing during these tumultuous times by rewriting the scripts of the destiny of the church. We lost the Yattiy school family but God is bringing us youth to replace the void and space left behind. I believe it's a season of passing of torches to the next generation and thanks be unto God that works out everything for our good. The Youth of Yattiy is passing the torch to the next generation of youth that God is bringing to this church.

The torch of leadership for the Christian Education was passed unto me last year as an interim leader, and I have seen much progress and changes in this short period of time. We can choose to remain in darkness or allow the light of God to dawn upon us for this new season. To God be the glory, great things He has done and greater things He will do.

Andorful Gaisie, Chair  
Board of Christian Education



Updated from  
Annual Report

American Baptist Women's Ministries—empowering women and girls to live into the fullness of who they are created by God to be.

Our ministry is blessed to have twelve active members, and a few who were inactive due to Covid -19 for 2021.

#### ABWM FOCUS PEOPLE and MINISTRY

COVID-19 has forever changed the world. We will continue to be servants and leaders here at Mayhew and support communities, organizations, and change with it.

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Here's how the Women and Girls Mission at MAYHEW CBC continued its mission for the last 6 months after re-opening from the pandemic August- December 2021

September 19, 2021~ ABWM WOMEN'S DAY PROGRAM CELEBRATING 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday

October 17, 2021~ Theme: A Time to Serve

Hot Dog lunch served to attendees (approximately 50 were served, and 10 were take-out). Thanks, Carl Piepenburg for grilling. (Donation \$156.00)

ABGirls had a fundraiser selling candy. (\$25.00)

November 21, 2021~ Theme: Grateful and Blessed

Thanksgiving meal served to all after service. (55 were served)

December 19, 2021~ Theme: Holiday Craft and Bake Sale (50-55 participated)

Terri Patterson sold jewelry and her husband Bill Patterson provided handmade wooden items.

Mabel Tierce made pillows and kitchen towels.

The fundraiser was a great success! Thanks, Mayhew family for your support!

The Annual Valentine Appreciation Sunday was February 13, 2022.



### 2021-2023 Ministry Focus: Let the Walls Fall Down

#### Theme Scriptures:

The scriptures connected to the Ministry Focus, Let the Walls Fall Down, include Micah 6:8, Isaiah 1:17, John 13:34, and Ephesians 2:14. Each scripture helps us think about how to implement our key MISSION FOCUS locally, regionally, and nationally.

Moving forward,

Lorene Smith, ABWM President

For this food in a world where many walk in hunger —  
 For faith in a world where many walk in fear —  
 For friends, where many walk alone —  
 We give you thanks, Lord.  
 Faith, relationships, character, integrity.  
 Don't think. See, Feel, Trust. SFT  
*From the Film, Seven Days in Utopia*  
 Submitted by Anne Chapman

Answer to Bible Question on p.9. It was a Canaanite woman (a gentile) whose daughter was vexed with a devil. She pleaded for Jesus to have mercy on her, but he did not answer her. The disciples asked Him to send her away. But Jesus answered and said "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Then she came and worshiped him, saying, "Lord help me." But he answered and said, "It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs." And she said, "Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered and said "O woman, 'great is thy faith; be it unto thee even as thou wilt.' And her daughter was made whole from that very hour." Commentary: Jesus was testing the woman's faith, which was rewarded by a miraculous healing. "Children" means Jews and "dogs" (aka the pets under the table) refers to gentiles. Her statement meant that she knew what could be hers, even as a Gentile, and this became an illustration of millions of gentiles who would later be blessed by Israel's Messiah.  
*Matthew 15:26-28.*

### **REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Revised and updated from the Annual Report)**

While many activities were on hold or reduced during the year due to Covid-19, the Trustees were very busy.

The amazing blessings of the church parking lot resurface and the three refrigerators remain in our hearts.

Miscellaneous Projects: Numerous tasks were on the Trustees' plate, including plumbing projects, hardware and other repairs to the buildings, a broken window and ripped screen in Crone Hall, professional cleaning of carpets and tile in the Sanctuary, Satow Hall, Crone Hall, the foyer, hall and restrooms, fallen tree limbs, another dangerous tree condition, and seeking a permit from the City to remove a huge oak tree (which was denied).

Nursery Remodel: There is light at the end of the tunnel regarding the nursery room. A new air condition/heating unit is being put in by Pastor Mike and Doug. Texturing and painting will be happening soon and then the flooring will be installed. Private donations are paying for almost everything! What would we do without the caring and generous parishioners who are committed so much to the Lord's church and service to Him?

The church's "do-it-ourselves janitorial service" has been and still is a roaring success. These are very committed people, and the church has *NEVER* been so clean and safe. Pastor Mike said he now knows why the ocean is blue. It's because the water in the toilet bowls is always blue and it goes into the ocean! Ha ha. Being on a team like this is a lot of work; however, with that comes great fellowship and satisfaction.

The Trustees approved classrooms 4 and 5 to be used for a new upcoming Jr. High through High School Youth Group – AWAKEN – which is going really well. Furniture and needed supplies were obtained, almost all being funded via private donations, including a 12' x 20' carpet remnant and binding.

Another carpet remnant was obtained, cut, and laid in both the men's and women's baptism dressing rooms. Thank you, Diane, who is not even a Trustee, for measuring, cutting and laying the carpet. The dressing rooms also were cleared of all the supplies, etc. from Covid-19 protection measures in the Sanctuary, and they were taken to a part of classroom 1 (now storage room). This has been great since recently there were four baptisms.

The Trustees held a Workday in November. Over 20 people showed up to help. It was a roaring success. All of the items that had been stored behind the screens in Satow Hall were sorted, organized, and stored in classroom 1. This was a major

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undertaking. Then the furniture and side pews were taken out to the parking lot so the carpets could be cleaned. All of the cupboards and drawers in the Crone Hall kitchen were thoroughly cleaned and reorganized. The shed was cleared out, sorted and rearranged. Wood chips behind Issei Hall were spread. Gutters were inspected and some were treated. Extra pesticide spraying was performed. All the light globes in Satow Hall were replaced. Various missing light covers were installed.

Yattiy Hybrid School had outgrown the church's facilities and relocated elsewhere. While they are a great school, their move released numerous classrooms just in time for upcoming needs.

Last, but not least, a new, and expensive, controller for the Marquee out front was funded by a private donation. What a joy it is to have the sign back.

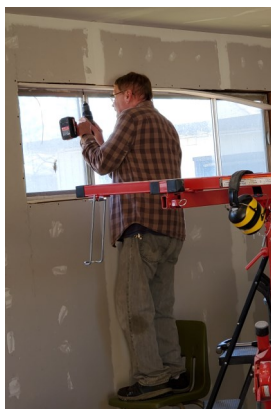
Thanks to everyone who helped work on these projects, provided funding for many of them, and who were cheerleaders and supporters with their prayers, and also with food.

The Trustees are still moving forward with more projects. Because of the heavy rain at the end of last year, invasive grass has taken over the city, which includes the church grounds. A lawn mower and weed eater could not do the job. A "weed mower" was found for half price and it has been a life saver. Other equipment was donate and we now have enough to keep the grounds up.

Lights for the overhead screens needed replacing which entailed Pastor Mike spending a long time on a 24-foot ladder just to disconnect them and bring them down. Pretty scary to watch, so we just kept praying for safety! It's amazing how many things are on the ceilings or in the attic that need tending to!

The last Trustee meeting a few weeks ago was over two hours long, and we came away with about 34 things "to do," and each person has his and her own list. With that, I think I'll closed this report and go take a nap!

Carl Piepenburg,  
Chair of the Board of Trustees



Nursery work, baptismal carpet,  
Carl's Men's Bible Study





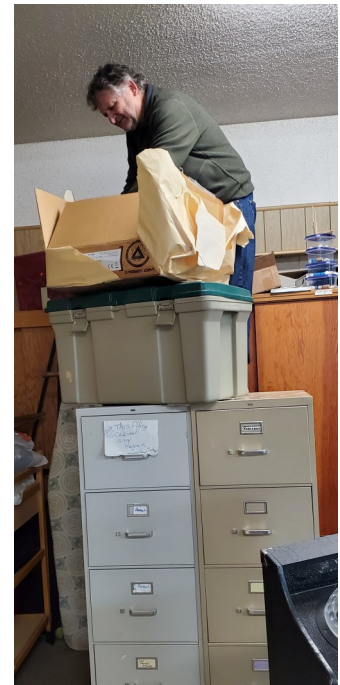
Doug and Diane  
standing guard  
over our Pastor!



Notice the nursery's window to the left. After taking out an old air conditioner, it was necessary to put a window in its place. It's almost impossible to believe, but the price was to be \$550! No way!

Then, Pastor Mike walked into Dick's Rancho Glass a short ways from the church, and lo and behold, there sat a double pane window the "exact" size needed. It was an extra or something, and they were selling it for \$50!

Thank you, Jesus!



Can't help but wonder what all Pastor Mike  
was climbing at the age of three?





Painting a  
cabinet for the  
AWAKEN  
room.  
Thanks, Diane.



How many times  
have you seen a new  
parishioner who is going to  
be baptized clean  
the equipment?  
Thank you, Sharon!



Hector getting a  
jump start on the  
invasive weeds with  
the great weed  
mower.



Making a  
stone  
leaf guard.



**MODERATOR'S REPORT (From Annual Report)**

As we were preparing this annual report, the goodness of the Lord came into full focus. There is much appreciation and even awe at the love and help the Lord has shown in so many ways during this year. Look at what has been transpiring all this time through the Covid-19 season. By the grace of God and the goodness of our parishioners (whether still with us or living in other states), enough was received in special offerings to pay for the huge parking lot resurface project, two new refrigerators (a third one was donated), expensive main controller for the marquee, carpet and tile cleaning, nursery remodel, and other special needs.

Thinking back to the start of Covid-19, that very week we had two dinners arranged with potential youth directors. They had to be cancelled. As disappointing as that was, God had other plans for later. Church activities were shut down. After many months, we started outside drive-in services using an FM transmitter to broadcast the services to our car radios in the parking lot. We even tried back-to-back outside and inside services but it proved to be too physically difficult. Finally, inside services were commenced, with Pastor Mike's creative 40-inch cellophane between all the pews and 6-foot sticks on the pews for spacing. A handful of parishioners showed up with their masks. Temperatures were taken as well as all CDC precautions adhered to. Some people sat in Satow Hall. Communion was implemented with personal packets.

During this time, we received an ad from a local realtor, listing 30 churches in our area which had closed and were selling their property. It asked if we wanted to sell. There were never any such plans.

Just a few months ago, Andorful introduced us to an amazing young man and his family whose passion and expertise is youth ministry, and plans got underway to bring back to life a Jr. High through High School program. Youth are the future, of the church, of this country, and everywhere else. Once again, parishioners donated items, including a karaoke machine, and on the "very day" that a plea was going out for sofas, my next-door neighbor (unaware of all this) texted me to say they were giving away their sofa set and did we know of anyone who may need it because they just put it on the street! This beautiful leather sofa, love seat and captain's chair now sit in the youth room.

Tending to God's church is a joy and a joint endeavor by all of us. While we miss our long-time parishioners who have gone home to Jesus, they will always be much appreciated. Others are now home-bound and unable to come back. They will always be much appreciated and sorely missed. We also have new and wonderful people who the Lord has brought to us. Four recently have completed the New Membership Class. Four parishioners are scheduled to be baptized this coming January 2, 2022. Several new board members also will be up for election to office in January. God is still in the business of releasing us. His hands are always there for us, and we are always under the wings of His angels.

I encourage you to bring family and friends to experience the presence of the Lord during services, fellowship with each other, participate in ministry activities, and attend upcoming fellowship dinners and potluck/movie nights.

While it can be said that we are rising from the ashes, there is something else. All the while we have been safe in the hands of God, who, in His timing, slowly released us little by little to return to worshiping together and carrying out His Great Commission.

In the midst of a world in darkness, Mayhew CBC has a great opportunity to be a shining light on a hill during 2022 and thereafter. Matthew 5:14-15.

Anne Chapman  
Church Moderator

### WEBSITE RESTORTION

Recently, some of the headers on the Website disappeared and the links were rearranged. This is not something we can tend to in-house and we asked for an expedited restoration, which has been accomplished. Updates still need to be made, and they are being worked on. If you ever notice something like this happening, please do not hesitate to notify the office.

### To All Torch Recipients

If you see anything in here that is incorrect or missing, i.e., birthdays, anniversaries, dates, spellings, etc., please let the office know. Leave a message at (916) 363-6145 or send an email to [Mayhewcbc@gmail.com](mailto:Mayhewcbc@gmail.com).

Would you like to put an article in the Torch, or have a miracle story to report? Need help with it? Contact Anne at [aachapmanaa@gmail.com](mailto:aachapmanaa@gmail.com). Thank You.

### NOTICE

The Torch publications which are put on the church's website will no longer show birthdays and anniversaries. They still will be displayed in the mailed copies.

## 2022 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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## AND OTHER PROGRAMS

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(Nominating and Christmas Committees are  
 appointed by the Moderator at year end.)

## Morning Worship Service

Pastor Mike Schnase  
 Worship Director, Becca Viola  
 Band – Mike Smith, bass guitar  
 Lance Richard, drums  
 Doug Holcombe, alternate bass guitar

## Sound Room

Doug Holcombe, sound  
 Glenn Natsuhara, overhead screen

## Announcements at Service

Kojo Gaisie  
 Andorful Gaisie

## Children's Message at Service

Kojo Gaisie  
 Andorful Gaisie  
 Hannah Guro

Prayer Before Service and Written Prayer  
 Requests, Tamaryn Crossman

Prayer Team Coordinator – Anne Chapman

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Funerals and Memorials, Hannah Guro

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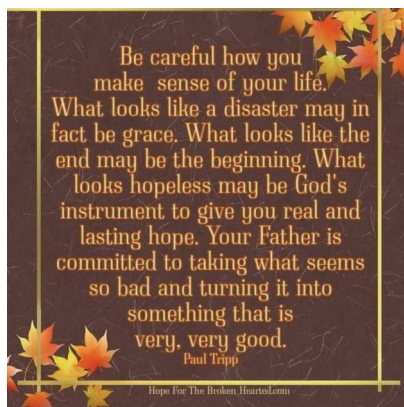
(Numerous ministries are on hold due to Covid 19.)



Below are some of the spiritual messages that Mabel and others have shared.

They bring hope and encouragement.

Thank you for taking the time to pass these along.



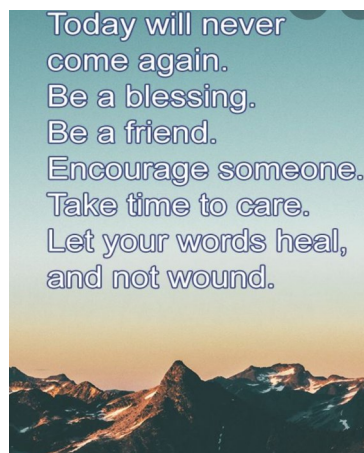
Paul Tripp

Once a man was asked, "what did you gain by regularly praying to God?" The man replied, "nothing...but let me tell you what I lost: Anger, ego, greed, depression, insecurity, and fear of death." Sometimes, the answer to our prayers is not gaining but losing; which ultimately is the gain.

Marcus Stanley

When the enemy brings hardship into your life, God has a way of taking that experience and turning it around for your advantage. You may think you've hit a dead end, but if you'll stay in faith, you will see God begin to open up a new route. He'll put the right people in your path, the right opportunities, the right circumstances to move you forward toward your God-given destiny.

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**We all have our days where we feel we can't survive, Sometimes dreams are shattered, Friendships may fall apart. Loved one's may hurt us. Finances may worry us. Sickness may overtake us. We may even lose people we love, But God will ALWAYS be there to guide us through even the toughest of times, Never lose FAITH. Hold onto HOPE. TRUST in GOD ALWAYS!**

God's Spoken Word Ministries

**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. God is Good All The Time!**

Dan Roberts

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