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Greetings Mayhew Family! My name is Reena Gaisie, Kojo Gaisie's wife and mother to Moses! I will be taking over the coordination and publishing of our Mayhew Torch and wanted to take a few minutes to say hello and express how excited I am to be a part of this journey with you all! Due to unforeseen circumstances, Pastor Mike wasn't able to write his Mustard Seed for this newsletter but be on the lookout for one soon!!

Wow! I can't believe we are in 2023 already! With a new year comes new plans, new goals and new resolutions. How many of you make New Year's Resolutions? To be honest, I used to make one or two but it never really seemed to work. Two weeks into the year and I had already forgotten about them.

But, there is one resolution that I wanted to make in this new year, and my hope is that you will consider making it with me as well. That resolution is to make time to read the Word of God more. Maybe this isn't true for you, but most days there are at least a few minutes that seem to be wasted on something pretty insignificant that I could use for reading my Bible. Depending on how fast you read, even 15-20 minutes a day, reading the Bible will get you through the whole Bible in a year!!



Here are some reasons for reading God's Word, straight from the Bible:

Isaiah 40:8—"The Word of our God will endure forever" (NIV)

Proverbs 30:5—"Every word of God is flawless; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him" (NIV)

Luke 11:18—"Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!" (NIV)

Wow! How encouraging are those verses! There are so many more verses that we could all point to. There are many reasons to read God's word but most importantly to understand God's love for us and for everyone! So let us resolve to read and study God's word more often in this new year!!

May the Lord continue to bless you in this new year!



The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

In Memory Of:

Kay Yomogida IMO Leroy Kennedy
James Redwine IMO Leroy Kennedy
James Redwine IMO Yvonne Redwine
Ron & Audrey Sato IMO John & Mary Sato
Miriam Sheppard IMO Louis Carter
George Sato IMO Shirley & Ellen Sato
Kiyoko Sato IMO John & Mary Sato
Anne Chapman IMO Louis Carter
Marian Sakakihara IMO Shinji & Tomomi Sato
Susan Nelson IMO Marti Tisdale
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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.

Greetings, Blessings, and Merry Christmas to all Torch Recipients.

From Anne Chapman

As the recovery from Covid-19 continues, the church has experienced a mixture of challenges and great blessings! The Lord has guided many of our parishioners through illnesses, disabilities and hardships.

While the decline in attendance due to the virus is still having an impact, new ministries continue to be created and are flourishing. New people have brought enthusiasm and talents into the church body. A number of parishioners have given generously of their resources to support the church and its ministries and to enable it to continue to reach out to the community and carry out God's Great Commission. These gifts are tremendously appreciated, and we seek to use great discernment in their use. As for the regular monthly tithes, they are still low and not keeping up with nondiscretionary operating expenses. The Lord is faithful and true, and leadership is trusting in His continuing provisions for everyday operations.

Now, I would like to change subjects and tell you about another blessing. Reena Gaisie (wife of Kojo and mother of their child, baby Moses) has agreed to take over the coordination and publishing of the Torch, starting with this issue. Reena, who is also heading up the church's Media Ministry, is extremely capable, experienced in Publisher, and is enthusiastic about taking this on.

The Torch is always a major, time-consuming and expensive undertaking. It's also lots of fun. It takes a steady crew of four: Reena, Diane, Erin and Hannah, plus whoever contributes articles. I will still be writing articles. Hopefully, we will be able to return to publishing it more times during the year. Please welcome Reena, and let her know if you would like to submit an article for a future issue. Her cell number is (916) 837-7822.

It's time to close now. Thank you for your gracious support of the Torch and your kind words over a long time. May you have a Wonderful Christmas and many blessings in the coming year.

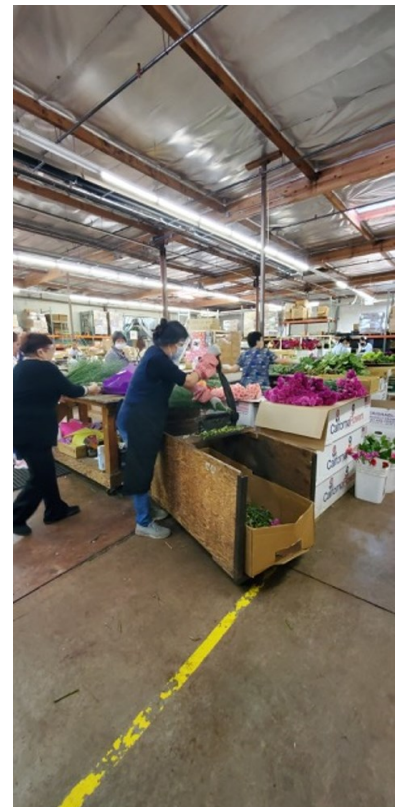
The church's annual meeting and election of officers will be held directly after service on Sunday, January 29th. This is a week later than most years and it's the 5th Sunday of the month. Cookie fellowship will be held the week prior, on January 22nd. The annual meeting is for church members only.

THE KEENAGERS ARE BACK!

Written by: Rose Grant

The Keenagers had their first outing on Tuesday September 13th—and what a day it was! Everyone gathered at the Church and caravanned to the venue, The Golden State Floral Co., by invitation from the owners. There, we were greeted by our very own Ted and Joylene Satow and sister Sherry Sanbo, who were the most gracious and patient hosts you can meet. First, we were given a tour of the whole facility—all 29.6k square feet. Yes, it is an impressive operation. Beautiful flowers in variety and quantities as you've never seen before. There were roses in all colors, carnations, gladiolas, mums, daisies, and many that we did not know the names of. Some of the flowers come from as far away as Ecuador and Colombia. The group had a lot of questions, and Sherry patiently answered all of them. We also met the staff—all friendly and happy, doing a lovely job in such a fragrant environment. Later, we were treated to a wonderful lunch of sandwiches, delicious potato salad, pasta salad and mixed greens, etc. Dessert of chocolate-dipped strawberries, a variety of cookies, fruit salad, etc. An amazing spread! To culminate a wonderful visit, there was a raffle of the six beautiful arrangements that adorned the tables. Guess what? The guys in the group won four of them!!! Then, each person present was sent home with a personal mixed flower bouquet. The love and generosity shown to us by the family was overwhelming and unforgettable, and made our first Keenagers field trip outstanding!

“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity” Ps. 133:1 (NIV)



Second Keenagers Outing**Written by: Rose Grant**

The Keenagers would like to share with you the joy of our recent outing to a Christmas Cantata at the SAFE Credit Union Performing Arts Center in Sacramento on Oct 2, 2022.

It was a great evening of music, dancing and song. During the Intermission there was a Biblical message by a pastor and a personal testimony by a member of the amazing Healing God we worship.

The performance by the celebrated Gracias Choir and Orchestra was beyond words. The group travels extensively and has been awarded prizes in choral competitions across the world. Some places include the Carnegie Hall in NY, the Sydney Opera House in Australia, venues in Germany, Austria, etc.

From the beautifully choreographed dances by the children, The Nativity opera, “The Gift of the Magi” musical, to the conclusion with the full choir and orchestra’s glorious rendition of “For Unto Us a Child is Born” and the “Hallelujah Chorus” from Handel’s “Messiah”, it all was wonderful! Enough to make you teary-eyed at the absolute beauty of it.

Everyone, including the three tiny ladies in our group (Abigail, Celine and Shalom) enjoyed themselves. We are hoping that the Gracias Choir will return to Sacramento next year, and a greater number from our church will be able to attend and enjoy this unforgettable experience.

MIRACLE MOMENT!
“The Stove”
 Submitted by Ann Chapman

Why would God care about a stove, especially a humongous Vulcan 6-burner gas stove that hadn't been used for years and needed some TLC? Well, let me tell you!

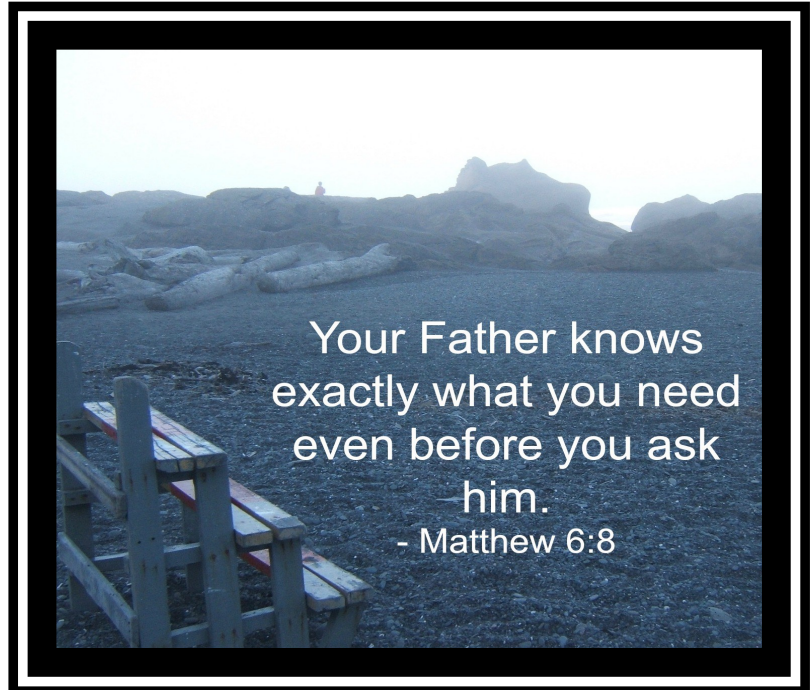
Some time ago, a parishioner needed to vacate a storage unit at the same time that Pastor Mike and I had a mutual need for one. This was perfect, except for one thing; this huge stove had been sitting a long time and seemed to have no purpose. A seemingly great idea sprung up! Maybe we could put it in Crone Hall for church events, Harvest Festival, etc. It appeared that it would just fit. Then Covid hit and many gatherings ceased.

A few years passed and the stove, again, had no purpose. We could only assume it would still work, but we really didn't know. There it sat, taking up space and collecting more and more dust.

Then, of all things, the storage owner decided to sell and eliminate all of the units. Escrow was closing and we had to have everything out within a couple of weeks. The timing of this was so seemingly impossible, that all we could do was laugh! Then we got serious. “Dear God – What on earth are we going to do, especially about the stove? Help, please.” There simply was no time or way to advertise it on Craigslist, given the major moving schedule and the unknown condition of the stove.

All of a sudden, a thought came into my head. Call the Pastor from a local church who, a few days ago, had spoken to me about our marquee out front and what the permit process entailed. I called him and asked if he had any use for a huge gas stove that had been sitting for a long time. He said, “Let me ask our cook!” A short time later he called to say she was very excited about the prospect.

We met right away, and it was just what they had been needing and they were willing to take a chance on it. Who would have guessed? We didn't even know each other until a few days earlier. No one else over the years had ever called about a permit process. There is no doubt that God put this whole thing together. He had it all figured out before any of us was even aware of it.

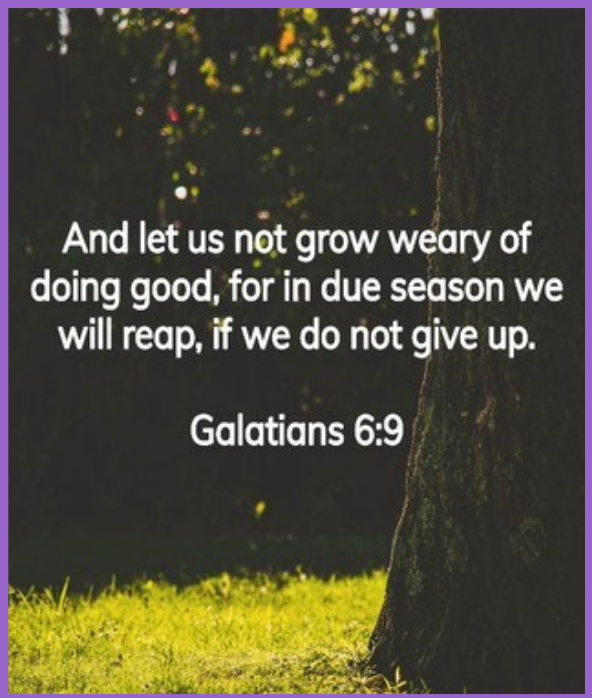


Matthew 6:8 says “. . . your Father knows what you need before you ask him.” That's for sure! He knew way before and had it all set up!

MIRACLE MOMENT!**"Getting My Dream Job"**

Submitted by: Mark Kennedy—from AGAPE

I was searching for a job for a very long time (about 2 and half years). God was showing me things throughout that time. He was opening a lot of doors, but everything was also closing at the same time. It was a very difficult period. There were times when I was very frustrated and confused. I would lay in bed wondering "What is going on?! Is someone playing a trick on me?!" I got married during this time which was a huge blessing, and our wedding was almost completely paid for. My wife and I were not working at the time and didn't have much money. We received a lot of things for free and money started just coming to us. Our honeymoon was very special as well! And after that, we enjoyed basically another year of honeymoon! It was a very special time, arranged by God. I ended up getting a job. But not just any job! I was making my dream salary, and I also got to work from home remotely! The work life balance is great and my job is not very stressful. I love what I do, and I have a very understanding boss and great teammates at work. This could only come from God.. and a little waiting!



**And let us not grow weary of
doing good, for in due season we
will reap, if we do not give up.**

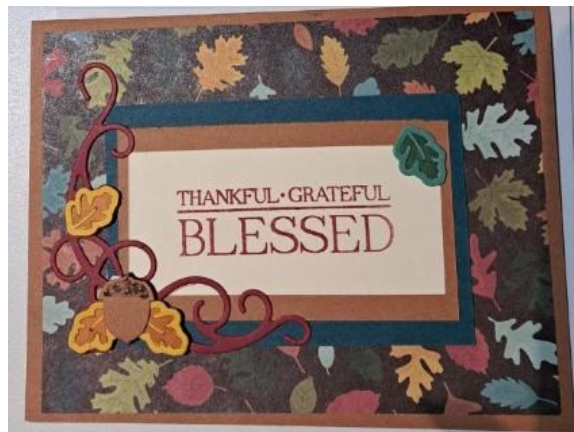
Galatians 6:9

*Miracle Moment!**“My family coming to Christ”**Submitted by: Mark Kennedy—from AGAPE*

I was pretty much the only Christian in my family. My family persecuted me after getting saved and always tried to get me to renounce my faith and convince me that I was psychologically deranged. It was a very scary time, and I felt like I had to run away from home. They never understood me and always thought that something was wrong with me. It became my entire family against me! I knew I just had to pray and trust God. I couldn't change them, and I didn't want to waste my energy trying to do so! I had more important things to do, like focus on my new found faith and walking with the Lord on my newly enjoyed deliverance! A couple of years later my Dad started coming to church with me. He is now saying he wants to get baptized and I will be the one to do it! My mom (who used to think I was crazy) is now begging me to start taking my brother to church with me! She is saying that he needs whatever I have. Praise God! She has seen the changes and the fruit of what the Lord has done in my own life and is now advocating FOR my faith!



Below are some handmade cards from our very own Captivating Crafters...



BIBLE QUESTION

Who in the Bible, authorized the stoning of the Apostle Stephen?
Answer is on page 12

What's up with the Board of Trustees?

- ◇ The rainy season is here, and the big gutter along Riichi Satow Hall is leaking and running down the walls. It needs to be replaced. Aside from the cost, manpower is needed. A leak from above in Riichi Satow Hall by the kitchen has returned. Per a roofer, they thought it was the deteriorating flashing around the HVAC unit; however, that's been completely replaced and there is still a leak. Another roofer will need to be called in. The garage roof on the west side also needs repair.
- ◇ The nursery has been completed except for the flooring, which will be done when the children's bathroom has been finished. The church thanks everyone for their generous donations to make the nursery remodel possible. A sincere thank you goes to all the volunteers as well.
- ◇ The nursery bathroom and two adult bathrooms in Scudder Hall are well underway. While Stephen, from the school, is no longer at the church, he has been spending many, many hours on these rooms at no labor charge to the church. The remaining supplies needed will cost several thousand dollars. Without Steven's skills and donated time, it's hard to imagine what the overall cost would have been.
- ◇ A new Security Team has been formed with volunteers for long-term and short-term duties. Aside from manpower and training, there is still a serious need for someone to install the cameras, which we have. We also have the DVR and monitor, and all the wiring is still intact. So far, it has not been possible to find an installer who doesn't require a monthly contract. If any of you know someone who has the expertise to complete these installations and incorporate the correct software (which needs to be purchased), please let the church office know at (916) 363-6145 or email to Mayhewcbc@gmail.com.
- ◇ Live Streaming of Services is one of the most important projects for the church. It provides a real-time experience for people who are unable to attend in person, and the geographical boundaries for reaching people are endless. Not only will it serve our own homebound, but it will reach people near and far who are not able to connect with a physical church. It has been shown that for people who are within a close distance to the church, approximately 30% who start watching a live stream, will eventually attend in person. This is also a great opportunity to reach out and connect with the youth both within and outside of the community. About 63% of people ages 18-34 are watching via live-streaming and the numbers are increasing. In addition to regular services, live-streaming can be used for Bible studies and other ministries and events. The initial phase will be to construct a small sound room with the appropriate equipment. The church has some necessary initial camera equipment, and it is possible that additional pieces may be donated. It will cost about \$1000.00 to construct the sound room and about \$6000.00 for equipment to get it up and running. The Trustees are in charge of the construction. Salvesh Nadan and Reena Gaisie are leading the effort to select the proper equipment and recruit staffing, which will likely include numerous young people. This is an exciting time. If you are interested in joining this effort, please contact Reena.

Grateful and Blessed
Hospitality Event at Mayhew CBC
Written by: Lorene Smith, Hospitality Chairperson

1 Peter 4:9 “Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.”

On Sunday, November 20, 2022 after service, A Grateful and Blessed luncheon was held with a full feast of Thanksgiving turkey, dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, sweet potato casserole, cranberry sauce, rolls, and apple pie for dessert. Joining us were members and visitors from the community.

Thanks to ABWM Ministry, Kings & Queens and Carl who helped serve.



Answer to Bible Question on page 9.

Saul of Tarsus, who later became Paul.

Acts 7: 58-59

Acts 8:1

Diaconate Board Update

The Diaconate board would like to thank Pastor Mike, Kojo Gaisie, Andorful Gaisie, our worship director Becca Viola, the band, Lance Richard and Mike Smith for working so closely with the Diaconate in helping to create a wonderful service for our parishioners each and every Sunday.

The Diaconate is a small team but a mighty team. God led us into new and wonderful ministries this year and we are going strong. Thank you to all for your encouragement and help this year. The Diaconate, as you see below, has been busy! Praise God!!

New Members: We welcomed four new members in 2022 Three of them were baptized. We also had two other parishioners Baptized this year.

Prayer before Service: We've put together a small prayer team that meets fifteen minutes before service to offer prayer to anyone who needs added prayer.

Captivating Crafters: We have so many talented, crafty people. They wanted a group to show where their talents, ideas, and have a place to spend time with others while working on their own projects. Thus, the Captivating Crafters ministry was formed. The idea was presented by Judy Blaker and it is a huge success. The group meets every other Friday. This group ties into the next new ministry formed this year.

Homebound outreach: The pandemic closed the church for almost an entire year. Now that we are fully open, many of our parishioners choose to remain safe in their homes. We created a homebound mailing list. We currently have 24 of our homebound on this list. Every month a packet is sent to the people on our list which includes a devotional page and activity pages. Although this is no substitute for personal contact, it helps fill some of the void that our homebound parishioners may feel. The Captivating Crafters team took this one step further. They created handmade ornaments and Thanksgiving cards and delivered them in person to the members on this list. The smiles were so bright from the recipients! A huge thank you to the crafters for making the gifts and for helping to deliver them! Beautiful homemade Christmas cards were mailed out!

Children's Bulletins: We now provide a children's bulletin for the children. There are activities and pages to color.

Keenagers are back: The Keenagers program has been brought back to life. Headed up by our new member Sharon McGee, the first trip was planned for September 13th . The trip was outstanding. We visited Golden State Floral in West Sacramento. Owned and operated by none other than our own Ted Satow and Sherry Sanbo. It was a wonderful tour, and they provided an amazing lunch afterwards. **Continued on page 13..**

Then in October, another trip was scheduled to a wonderful musical event. The Christmas Cantata featured 3 Acts: the Opera, the Musical and a Choir & Orchestra. More events will be planned in the future

Easter Service: Thank you to Golden State Floral for providing us with the hundreds of beautiful fresh flowers to decorate our massive flowering cross and to the volunteers who helped decorate it. Our Easter service had a crowd we were not expecting! We had 107 in service that day with a huge audience of children. Pastor Mike was certainly not expecting to keep the attention of that many children but as usual, he pulled it off! It was a wonderful day!

Cookie Fellowship: When we have five Sundays in a month, we have Bring A Friend to church day. This is a day where the congregation can get out of their Sunday best and wear their favorite sports wear or just dress casually. This is also known as Cookie Sunday which everyone loves! Headed up by Valerie Natsuhara, everyone enjoys some cookies, brownies, fruit, and most of all the fellowship. Thank you to the volunteers who help supply some of the treats and help with cleanup afterward.

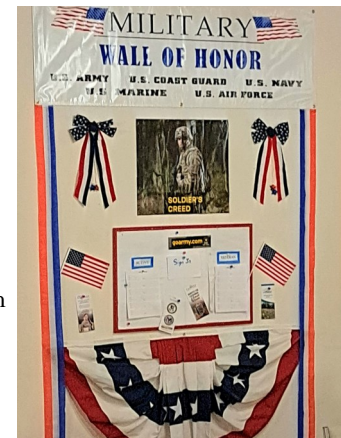
Wall Of Honor: The wall of Honor has been moved but is still prominently displayed in Riichi Satow Hall. Tamaryn Crossman always makes certain our Military men and women are recognized for their brave service to our country during Memorial Day, Veteran's Day and always.

Advent: As we celebrate Advent and Christmas, we thank all of our volunteers who help in the Advent moments we share.

Christmas Fund: All year long, every 3rd Sunday we take a collection for the Christmas Fund. Our own Tamaryn Crossman leaves us nothing but entertained with her clever skits. This fund helps so many within our own congregation every year. A huge, heartfelt thank you to all who donate to this very special fund.

Tamaryn Crossman

Chair of the Diaconate Board





One of
Tammy's
fun skits -
asking for
volunteers
to help with
church clean
up duties
during Sun-
day service



Penial's Baby Dedication

A baby is a gift from God and on Sunday, December 25th, 2022, Abe & Bea along with their family dedicated their son Penial. We thank God for giving us the opportunity to be a witness.

We pray that Penial will continue to bring wonderful and long lasting happiness into their family.



In Memory of Louis Charlie Carter

Reflections of Life

Louis Charlie Carter was born on February 25, 1927 to his parents Bernice Cage and Ambrosia Carter. He had an older sister, Brozella Puckett.

Louis went in the service in 1945, starting in the Army switching to the Air Force and retired from the Air Force on August 1, 1965 as a Staff SGT. After retiring to Sacramento, he worked for Campbell Soup Company and retired from there at age 62.

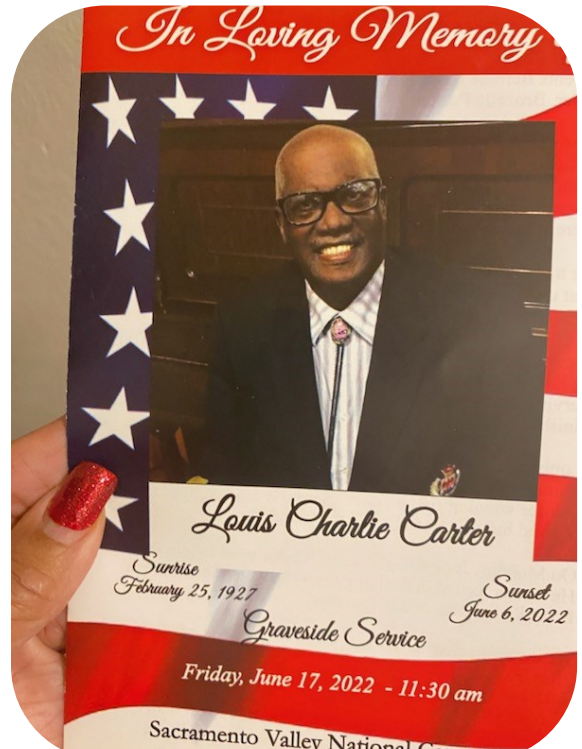
He married Ruby (Taylor) Carter on May 13, 1947 and from that union he had three daughters, Jude Lucas, Rosita Johnson (James), and Monica Carter.

He accepted Christ and was a member of Mayhew Community Baptist Church, in Sacramento, California, for many years serving as a Sunday school teacher for grades high school and finished with teaching the Adult Sunday School Class.

Louis was a professional roller skater as well, skating competitions in different cities with his skating partner, Dottie Dunfee winning first place trophies. He also enjoyed traveling and had traveled all over the world.

On Monday, June 6, 2022, Louis Carter went to join the Lord. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruby Carter, Sister Brozella Puckett, and his parents.

He leaves to cherish his love and memories... three children: Jude, Rosita, and Monica. Four grandchildren: Joyia Lucas, E.L. Lucas, Thomas Richey and Avona Sanchez (Marcos). Nieces: Denise, Henrietta, Rosita, and Toni. Nephews: Aaron and Kevin. Cousins: Henry, Kelly, Dana, and Cathenkeliner Rash and family, and a host of great grandchildren and friends.



In Memory of Leroy Kennedy

Submitted by: Jodie Matanane

As a member of the Church, Leroy:

- Attended adult Sunday school
- Went on trips with the early Keenagers Club
- Secretary of the Board of Trustees
- He would also come in early on Sundays to turn on heaters
- He always sat on the left side AKA the Amen Corner, giving Pastor a LOUD AMEN when he was in agreement

Leroy's Story

Leroy Kennedy, son of Morris Kennedy and Minnie Carney (his beloved Bette), was born August 13th, 1938 in St. Francisville, Louisiana. He departed this earthly life to return home with Jesus on Saturday January 22nd, 2022 at the age of 83, surrounded by his family exactly as he had wished.

His formative years were spent in St. Francisville, Amite, and New Orleans, Louisiana. After graduating Cohen High School in 1956, he enlisted in the Navy in 1957 and worked as a medic with the Marines. He served our country honorably for four years and transitioned to the next phase of his life in Northern California. While living in Oakland, California he met the love of his life, Beverly Peterson and subsequently married in 1978. From this union he became the proud father to two sons, Erik and Adrian Roswell Kennedy.

Leroy was a sports fan but he had a specific love for the game of baseball and his favorite team, the Oakland A's. He would fondly recall watching Willie Mays, Sandy Koufax, and many other baseball stars play the game. He passed this love of the game along to his sons, grandchildren, and extended family.

Leroy was an extremely loving family man and friend. He adored his wife, loved his sons, and cherished the title of Papa to his grandchildren. He was a kind and gentle man who was always there to lend an ear or a hand to those close to him or simply needed him. While he may not have been a physically imposing man, he was a strong man who fought a battle with cancer.....and WON!

Leroy was a long standing member of Mayhew Community Baptist Church. He cherished his church family and openly relished his love for the Lord. As much and as often as he was able, he would contribute to the church and mission as he realized the joy that came with a relationship with Jesus. In addition to baseball, he loved watching old TV westerns and mystery shows, listening to Blues and Jazz, tasting some See's Candies, and having a drink with co-workers, family, and friends. He wasn't a gaudy man but when he got dressed up he was the definition of "the man makes the suit, the suit doesn't make the man".

Left to cherish his memory are: his wife Beverly Kennedy; his two sons Erik (Marvina) and Adrian (Jodi) of Sacramento, CA; eight grandchildren, Tayler, Josiah, Dakota, Camryn, Adrian Jr., Trinity, Micah, and Daralynn of Sacramento, CA; one sister Joyce Gates of Georgia; four in-laws Roderick (Theresa) of Fremont, CA, Debbie (Dwayne) of Hayward, CA, Cynthia of Manteca, CA, and Yolanda of Oakland, CA; a host of highly loved nieces, nephews, other relatives and many, many friends!





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