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Pastor's Page



We Have Access to a Life-Giving Well That Never Runs Dry!

Our spirituality (our relationship with God) is what sustains and inspires/guides us in life and in service. It is the source from which flow the rivers of the Spirit into our lives and out to others. As I have been meeting with members of our church many of you speak of how you would love to see Westview flourish again and grow as a church. You are a wonderful church and a kind, caring group of people. It seems we just need to continue to focus on staying connected with God and asking God to guide us then we will know which way to walk next to be the church God has called us to be.

On Sundays we have been learning about worship. We have been looking specifically at three themes about worship:

1. Christianity is not about rules but about a relationship with the living God (You seem to already live this well.)
2. The ultimate act of worship is not Sunday mornings but how we live between Sundays — we give God glory as we love our neighbors, care well for God's beautiful creation, etc.
3. We are called into a continual relationship with God—acknowledging God's presence in each moment and giving God thanks. The Apostle Paul urges us to “pray without ceasing.”

At our Bible Study on Wednesday nights we have been studying different ways to pray in order to grow in our relationship with God — the source of all life and love. Last session we studied the works of Brother Lawrence a Carmelite Friar born in 1614. His letters were compiled into a book entitled *The Practice of the Presence*. He realized that the more he focused on God during his day the more he was blessed by God's presence, perspective, love, wisdom, etc. He discovered that he could turn an ordinary task like doing the monastery dishes into a time of prayer and communing with God by merely acknowledging God's presence and being/talking with God in this task. He found that as he “Practiced the Presence of God” throughout his day he grew closer to God and his life was more full of God's love and fulfillment. (To learn more of Bro Lawrence ask me for some excerpts I handed out on his book or ask someone who went to the study!)

I wonder how we might be changed as we, at Westview, seek to “Practice the Presence? I wonder if we will grow even closer to God? I wonder if we will better hear God's voice in our daily lives and as a church? I wonder how this might improve our ability to be the church and better reach out to others with loving arms...I wonder...

Let's give it a try!

In joyful service,
Pastor Dan



By Louise Sako

In our retirement years, Rekiso (Ray) and I have found that joy is a choice and our positive attitude to life is the key to happiness.

When Koso and Emily Takemoto first started attending services at Westview Church some three years ago, I sensed some feeling of joy. In the intervening years, that feeling increased after months of association and fellowship

with them at various church functions. Through tidbits of our conversation, I was astonished to find so many phases of our lives were quite similar. Here are some parallel facts.....

Koso and Ray are both Kibeis, born to first generation immigrant parents from Hiroshima, Japan. At a young age, they were taken to Japan, educated in schools in Hiroshima, returning to the United States in their late teens. Emily and I are Niseis, also born to first generation immigrant parents from Japan. Koso and I were born in 1917. Emily and Ray were born in 1916.

After World War II began in 1941, we were all evacuated to internment camps in 1942. Koso evacuated from Sacramento, California and I, from Auburn, Washington and we were interned in the Tulelake Relocation Camp in Northern California. In 1943, Koso and Emily were married in the Tulelake Camp and Ray and I were married in the Minidoka Camp in Idaho. The Takemoto's two sons and our one son all have Caucasian wives.

After retirement, Koso and I had an interesting time-consuming hobby of bonsai for many years. We enjoyed participating in the various clubs in our respective areas.

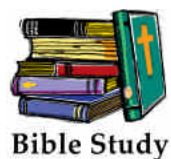
As for similar physical conditions, Koso and Ray both have an advanced arthritic condition which is aggravated sometimes by gout. Emily and I have an acid reflux condition which limits us to eat less acidic foods.

Both families are members of the Westview Presbyterian Church. We sit on the same side of the sanctuary in adjoining pews. We also drive Honda automobiles.

These are some of the similarities in our lives, I am aware of, which has made us experience much joy in knowing the Takemotos. It is our mutual love of God which has manifested in our lives to experience this joy in our twilight years. We hope for more years together in the future.

Our **current** Sunday Message series is **"Worship - taste and see that the LORD is good."**

In **September** we will begin a series on **"Discipleship - Following the One who gives Abundant Life."**



Bible Study

It's not too late to come check out our Wednesday night Bible Study on prayer: "Sitting in God's presence: Daily practices to enrich your life." held on **the first and third Wednesdays** of

each month at **Westview 6:30 pm** until July 21st. In **September** our Wednesday Bible Study will begin a book study on the *New York Times* Best seller, *What Jesus Meant*, by Gary Wills. Order your copy now on Amazon.com or sign up in the Narthex for the study and we will order you a copy.

Westview will be scheduling youth events two Fridays per month in the near future.

The **first youth event** will be a **beach BBQ Bonfire** that is **tentatively scheduled for August 19th**. More details in next month's Chimes.



YOUTH EVENTS



Ian Hoffman, June 14th

Birthdays Celebrated in June



Joanne Hayashi, June 18th

"When I was Hungry you gave me something to eat"

-Jesus



Salvation Army Meals

In November we will begin serving Salvation Army Meals once a month on Fridays. We will make some teams out of interested persons - it's a lot of fun to do it together!

If you want to do it sooner or want to do it a different night of the week that can also be arranged! Talk to a Deacon to sign up on a list of interested persons to help or to just get more information.



Please pray for those in our Westview congregation, church family, and for those who are ill or are recovering including:

Jiro Sugidono, Renee Toriumi, Bea Shinta and the Koda Family, Hiroko Shikuma, Laura Cass, Karen Hirahara, Shirley Koda, Kimiko Hiura and Toshio Kato.

Worship Team for July 4, 2010

Pulpit Special Video Presentation
Chair David Kadotani
Greeter Yukio Nagata
Usher Reiko Yamamoto
Parking Lot Ron Manabe
Pianist Joanne Hayashi
Refreshments Joanne Yahiro, Nancy Yamamoto, Jane Yoshida

Counters Lester & Michelle Aoki

Worship Team for July 11, 2010

Pulpit Rev. Dan Hoffman (Communion)
Chair Diane Mio
Greeter Ray Sako
Usher Edna Nagata, Joanne Yahiro
Parking Lot Ichiro Sugidono
Pianist Joanne Hayashi
Refreshments Faye Hashitani, Susan Manabe, Lynne Nagata

Counters Lester & Michelle Aoki

Worship Team for July 18, 2010

Pulpit Rev. Dan Hoffman
Chair Michelle Aoki
Greeter Nancy Yamamoto
Usher Marie Nakamoto
Parking Lot Art Hayashi
Pianist Lynne Nagata
Refreshments Joanne Hayashi, Diane Mio, Betty Yagi
Counters Jane Yoshida, Steve Kajihara, Faye Hashitani

Worship Team for July 25, 2010

Pulpit Rev. Dan Hoffman
Chair Edna Nagata
Greeter Louise Sako
Usher Steve Kajihara
Parking Lot Willie Yahiro
Pianist Lynne Nagata
Refreshments Michelle Aoki, Jeanni Kadotani, Reiko Yamamoto
Counters Jane Yoshida, Steve Kajihara, Faye Hashitani

Surprise Wedding Celebration for Randy and Tracy Mano!!

Oh, what a tangled web we weave. We are such liars, and what's so scary is that we're so good at it! The pool party at David and Jeanni Kadotani's home on June 19th was actually a surprise wedding celebration for Tracy and Randy Mano, who were married on Saturday, May 8th. Randy is so involved in everything at the church it was a real challenge to plan and execute this event, which turned out to be a real joy and a great celebration on a beautiful, blustery day...and it was definitely a surprise!

Upon arrival Tracy and Randy were presented with leis of woven ti leaves and purple orchids – gorgeous! And on behalf of the Westview family, Rev. Dan Hoffman presented the newlyweds with a gift in honor of their wedding and also to say “thank you” to Randy for all the time and work he's done for the church, the church building and surrounding area.

The rest of the afternoon was spent eating yummy skirt steak and hot dogs cooked up by Eric Wong, along with the Westview-famous potluck side dishes – oh, so good! In order to relieve our guilt from our overindulgence Tracy and her daughter, Ashli Dean, gave us a little workout with some line dancing. We hardly saw the children – they were in the pool having so much fun!

The lies? They were worth the surprise, joy, fun, fellowship, and celebration of the day! A special thank-you to David and Jeanni Kadotani for hosting the party and opening up their home.

Thank-you also to Diane Mio and Joanne Yahiro for coordinating the event. And last but not least, thanks to everyone else for helping out with the party and bringing your delicious food for the potluck! **Congratulations, Tracy and Randy!!**



❧ ACKNOWLEDGMENTS ❧



*In Memory of Roy Fuji & K. Shioji
Yuki Fuji*

*In Memory of Barbara Arita
Tsuyuki Family & Cass Family*

*In Memory of Zentaro & Oto Yamamoto, James Yamamoto
Lena Gabel*



BIRTHDAY

Ichiro Sugidono

Dr. Art & Joanne Hayashi: For Joanne, Derek & Casey's Birthday

Capital Campaign Fund

*Diane Mio Robert & Jane Yoshida Donna Fujita Grace Fujita
Lester & Michelle Aoki: In celebration of Randy Mano & Tracy Dean's Marriage*

Appreciation

Rick Tahira & June Suksri: In honor of our new Pastor, Rev. Dan Hoffman

Dick & Shirley Wong: Eric's graduation from CSUMB

Ashli Dean: In appreciation to Randy Mano & the Westview Presbyterian Church

Fellowship

Mary Meifu

General

Alan Yagi Rosie Hoffman Briana Fowler Ian Hoffman