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Sunday, June 16 was a special day at Modesto Church of the Brethren for several reasons. We welcomed five people into membership: Andrew Sampson, Allison Sampson, Cooper Sampson, Johnathan Goodrich, and Barbara Burton. Welcome to all! And this was the day that the congregation has been looking forward to for the last 2 years: our new pastor, Andrew Sampson, preached his first sermon! We are very grateful for new members and especially for having a permanent pastor!



God Is Here

Posted on June 5, 2019 by eBrethren

Adapted from a reflection by Becky Ullom Naugle,
director of [Youth and Young Adult Ministries](#)

I recently discovered a new piece of choral music that made me cry the first time I heard it. I don't know how I found the song "Baba Yetu," but I loved it! It stirred my soul and I played it again as soon as it was over. (Here's [one version](#) as sung by the choir of Stellenbosch University, the oldest university in South Africa.)

Then, I learned that "Baba Yetu" is "the Lord's Prayer" in Swahili. How had I not heard this song before? The "Lord's Prayer" isn't new material, I've been around church-y spaces for a few decades, and even sung in a choir or two. I was intrigued!

But--"Baba Yetu" is not a traditional African hymn. Its genesis? An American composer, Christopher Tin, wrote it...as the theme song ... for a video game. It's absolutely fascinating to me that the text of the "Lord's Prayer" would be used for the introductory music of a video game! Why not share a great piece of modern sacred music with unsuspecting secular culture? Isn't this the call of Christians in every generation: to rephrase God's truth using contemporary tools?

"Baba Yetu" is probably the closest contact some folks will ever have with the "Lord's Prayer." Shouldn't I acknowledge and celebrate this?

Glory be to God for finding a clever and cool way into the lives of so many! Known or unknown, God is here. Called or not called, God is here!

From Luella: This is only part of Becky's article. For the complete text, click on "eBrethren" in the header before the article.

After reading Becky's article, I clicked on the link (in orange print, above) that took me to the version of "Baba Yetu" that she mentioned. I listened, found more versions, looked up the lyrics and kept listening! Even though I don't understand the words, "Baba Yetu" is catchy and inspiring. Praise God that it is being heard by millions of video gamers; whether they know it or not, they're having church!

Invitations to Worship

Sunday, June 23

Scripture: 1 Kings 19:1-15a

"Where Do We Find God?"

Theme: God shows up in the darndest places.

Summary: Elijah does not find God in the grand displays - great wind, earthquake or fire - but in the silence. Where do we find God? Sometimes in the most unexpected of places or when we feel like we have been abandoned; is where we find God.



June 30

Scripture: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Title: "The Prize for Disobedience"

Theme: The Witness of a Supportive Community Network congregation.

Summary: Elisha disobeys Elijah not once but twice! However, he ends up being rewarded for his actions. In a few days the Church of the Brethren will be gathering for its annual conference; we are asked to toe the line but at what cost?

(You may contact Pastor Andrew by email at andrew@modcob.org)



Greeters for June:

June 23: Eddie & Gayle Hernandez

June 30: Al & Elaine Forcier



Ruth Garrison

June 6, 2018

*"Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day".*

Author unknown

Louise Roy

June 21, 2018

*"Unable are the loved to die,
For love is immortality".*

Emily Dickinson



Sue and Dave Messamer are both home from the hospital and will be having further treatment.

Keep in your prayers the family of David and Mary Strohm. A memorial for them will be held in September. The exact date is to be determined.

Also, keep in your prayers the families of Phil Reffle and John Heisel.

Michael Fletcher says, "Greetings from the UC San Diego Hospital. The surgery on Tuesday was very successful and the recovery is right on track, maybe even a little ahead of schedule. At this point it looks like I'll head home on Tuesday, but Monday is possible. I've been overwhelmed by the support I've received from all of you and many others and am grateful for your friendship, it has been a real source of strength and optimism. Thanks and blessings to all."

Chelsea Feeney's surgery this week lasted 4 hours, and she is recuperating well at home.

Last week, while visiting in Modesto, Trish Galt fell and fractured her tibia near the knee. She is resting at home in Davis and welcomes prayers.

Laura Hay sent word that her dad, Steve Hay, will need bypass surgery within this week. Please hold the Hay family in your prayers.

Linda Bustle is rejoicing that her sister Rosie is visiting with her, and that she had a favorable checkup and won't need another until December.

Luella appreciates your prayers as she undergoes an angiogram on Thursday.

Elaine Forcier reports that Maddy is visiting family in Arizona, and that her daughter-in-law Robin's mother is in hospice care.

Shaun and Kelly Gepley are thankful for a successful Peace Week, naming all who helped. Kelly is happy that she has signed a contract for next school year. She will be working as a resource specialist in Stockton.

Kim Boardman also gave thanks for a successful Peace Week, saying that the children placed "Kindness Rocks" around the church that can be taken and kept or passed on to someone else.

Felton Daniels commended the congregation for successful maintaining of the work of the church over the past 2 years while we searched for a permanent pastor.

Allison Sampson is simply happy to be here!

Items of Note

Russ Matteson reports that donations of furniture for the parsonage in Waterford have given the new pastors all they need, except that they need a washer and an electric dryer. If you have these items to donate, please contact Joel Price at (209) 204-1956 or Russ Matteson at 909-406-5370.

From the Board

The MCOB Board is planning to update the church's constitution. A committee is being formed to carry out this task. If you are interested in joining the Constitution Committee, please contact Karen Cosner.

The Condensed Calendar

Monday, June 17

5:30 pm Ladies' Night Out—Sizzler

Tuesday, June 18

Wednesday, June 19

Thursday, June 20

6 pm Book Study-Library

6 pm Interfaith Prayer Supper-Modesto
Islamic Center



Friday, June 21

First Day of Summer

Women's Retreat-CPP-through June 23

Saturday, June 22

Next Sunday, June 23

9:30 Sunday study

11am Worship

Do you have an announcement you would like the congregation to see on the big screen, before Sunday worship begins? Please send any announcements to the church office at office@modcob.org by Wednesday evenings. Thank you!



June 26 6 pm Summer Supper Potluck

June 30 12:30 pm Prospector Potluck
Hernandez home



July 3-7 Annual Conference-Greensboro, NC

July 4 Independence Day holiday/office
closed

July 10 6 pm Summer Supper Potluck

July 19 6 pm F.U.N. Night

July 24 6 pm Summer Supper Potluck



August 14 6 pm Summer Supper Potluck

August 25-Sept. 1 Hosting Family Promise

Articles and photos for the next issue of Chimes are due by Saturday, June 29.

Email to:

chimes@modcob.org

The Editor thanks you.

