



On the Road of Life there *will be* Delays (John 11:1-6)

I was driving east bound on Golf Links Road approaching the freeway. I saw two flagmen holding a sign that said “road work ahead, expect delays”. Anxious to get to my destination I thought, not now God. He quickly reminded me of Lazarus; the brother of Mary and Martha. Lazarus was sick, and his sisters knew what to do. They sent for Jesus to come and heal him: Lord, behold, he whom **You** love is sick” (v3). Imagine their dismay when he didn’t come quicker than right now; maybe he hadn’t received the message??? But that is not what the scripture says: “when he heard that he was sick, He stayed **two more days** in the place where he was (v.6) so that they would move beyond their unbelief, and believe (v15). Jesus *delayed* His coming ...but that is not where the story ends. In **His time**, He raised Lazarus. Perhaps you like I are dealing with delays that can feel like denial. 2020 has dealt us back-to back- to back delays - not the least of which is the corona virus. Many have experienced the pain of not being able to be at the bedside of a sick loved one; the heart ache at the passing of a loved one; the inability to enjoy our favorite restaurants; financial loss from employment or shuttering of a personal business; and sadly – the inability to go to church - forcing us to forsake the assembly of ourselves together (Hebrews 10:25). Oh, what joy if God would allow for victory over COVID-19 without delay. Then the conjunction “but if not, let it be known to you, O King, that we do not serve your gods. Nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.”). During these times we must keep the faith and remember divine delays are not denials, they are delayed blessings: “I am the resurrection and the life he who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live (v.25). *Pastor Earl C. Stuckey*



High School Class of 2020 We are proud of you, yes we are proud of you! Being a teen or young adult student -- is no easy task. It’s harder still under COVID-19 when you can’t celebrate the accomplishments – or study the normal way. But we serve a God who is more than able. Please remember our 2020 high school graduates as they continue their education at home and afar:



Valerie Hardy attending Seattle Pacific University/**Myles Mc Gary** attending Grand Canyon University/**Wesley Reed** attending Virginia State University/**Christina Ross** attending Napa Community College / **Michael Styles** attending University of California @ San Diego.

Celebrating A Real Man

For better or worse; in sickness and in health. We smile as we hear couples exchange these vows during simple and elaborate wedding ceremonies. But when sickness comes – and we have witnessed it in our PMBC family – it can be life changing. We are blessed beyond measure with couples who have “become one flesh” (*Mark 10:8*) lovingly honor this vow. Today we celebrate Early Davis - a husband who is standing with his wife. Once a fixture around the church, driving the bus or cooking and serving in the kitchen, Early has been absent, and sorely missed for months – beginning well before the pandemic. Early had/has his priorities right: it starts at home! Being a 24/7 caregiver is not an easy task; it is only possible with a heart of love, and daily bread from our heavenly father. We salute you Brother Early – as a living example of what God intended when he said “and the two shall become one””til death do us part”. I will lift up my eyes to the hills from which comes my help (*Psalms 121:1*)



Women's Ministry



You're invited to join us in a study! We will be reviewing evangelism and the basics of our faith. Both studies are designed with the objective that you might grow thereby. For more information contact Roz Simpson at (510) 213-4425 or email at rozsimpson2@gmail.com

Men's Ministry

We are all to pray, but in God's perfect plan men are to be the head of their families; leaders in our churches; and ones who intercede on behalf of others. *And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought to always pray and not lose heart* (Luke 18:1). Please join our amazing men of God as they pray and intercede on behalf of themselves; one another; their families; our church; our nation and more. Men's Prayer Meeting convenes on the second Saturday of each month from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. We hope to see you (Zoom) on Saturday, November 14th!



Thank You!

We enjoyed two awesome events in October that honored God, and met the needs of our people. Thanks to Betty Hicks for organizing our Senior Love Sacs project, and all that prayed, donated money, shopped, and/or gave their TIME to make it happen under the watchful eye of Sister Emma D. Turner. Special thanks to Roz Simpson and the woman that labored alongside her to make the unique “distant” retreat a spirit filled experience.





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We begin with a heartfelt November 22nd wish for a Happy 103rd

Birthday to our beloved *Deaconess Alma Hassen.*

At 103 Sis Hassen is our oldest member and the longest serving Deaconess! Before COVID-19

sheltered us all in our homes, she was attending

Sunday school, worship service, and Tuesday Bible Study. But ...did

you know she was a trailblazer in segregated California. She worked

for Mannings Coffee Shop (Berkeley) for 18 years. At the time

Blacks weren't allowed to be seen in the public areas of the store. Alma worked "in the

back" as unto the Lord, and the owner blessed her with a promotion. She later worked

11 years at the Lake Park Retirement Home (Oakland) as a faithful, caring Waitress.

She would later use these skills in the kitchen ministry at Progressive. Well done good

and faithful servant! *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not to your own understanding.*

In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6)



Join us on November 20th - in wishing our beloved *Sister Kay Stuckey*

a happy birthday. God is yet keeping her as she spends time in bible

study and daily devotion; periodic walks at the San Leandro Marina;

and the rare, but much anticipated shopping outings to the mall.



Happy

Thanksgiving



Harvest Time

We have much to be thankful for. I've been young and am now old, but I've never seen the righteous forsaken (*Psalms 37:25*) As you contemplate your Thanksgiving feast remember COVID-19 standards.

Dinner delayed, it not dinner denied. Don't take unnecessary risks.

Protect your family. Be certain to pray for, and as you have opportunity, provide financial support to those serving the homeless. When you do it for the least of these, you have done it to me. (*Matthew 25:40*)

COVID-19 is REAL

Three simple but effective things we can **ALL** do to minimize risk to ourselves and those we love:

- ✓ wear a **MASK** (they do work!);
- ✓ don't get too close, practice **social distancing**;
- ✓ and hear the words of your parents, **wash your hands**.





In today's rental market, finding decent, affordable rental housing is harder than ever. For many, Section 8 assistance from a local housing authority is the only viable option. Timing is everything as the need is demand, and the supply significantly limited. Most Housing Authorities remained "closed" to the public, posting critical information on their websites.

- ✓ Alameda County Housing Authority (including Albany, El Cerrito and Hayward) [haca.net]
- ✓ Oakland Housing Authority [oakha.org]
- ✓ Berkeley Housing Authority [cityofberkeley.info/bha]
- ✓ Contra Costa County Housing Authority (including Richmond, San Pablo, Martinez) [contracostahousing.org]

Opportunities for Seniors (62+)

The Housing Authority of Contra Costa County is opening its Project Based Voucher wait list November 2nd – November 5th. This list will be used to fill vacancies at the newly construction "The Terraces Senior Apartments" located near City Hall, at 2300 Nevin, Richmond, CA. **This is a senior development; applicants must be 62 or older to apply.** After 12 months occupancy, residents *may be* able to transfer to the Section 8 Tenant Based Voucher program – and move to a unit anywhere in the Country, with rental assistance.

Resources for Community Development: wait list is open for housing at 1515 Geary Road, Walnut Creek. **This is a senior development; applicants must be 62 or older to apply.** For more information call 925-465-5462.

MidPen Housing: wait list is open for housing at Vista Estero, 285-8th Avenue. Apply online at <https://www.midpen-housing.org/find-housing/paseo-estero-pre-application>. **This is a senior development; applicants must be 62 or older to apply.**

Opportunities for Families, including Single Person Households

Resources for Community Development: wait list is open for housing at Pinecrest Terrace Glen (Antioch). For more information call 925-777-9657

MidPen Housing: wait list is open for housing at Paseo Estero at 255-8th Avenue, Oakland. Apply online at <https://www.midpen-housing.org/find-housing/paseo-estero-pre-application/>

*please note; unless specified, these opportunities may close at any time