

# Pukalani Baptist Church

WITH CHRIST, INTO CRISIS!

“...He Hath Said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.”  
Hebrews 13:5b

**Friday, October 23, 2020**

## **Pastor's Pen by Pastor Paul Kaneshiro**

For those of us who are Believers in Jesus Christ & in His Holy Word, the Bible, we will hold fast to the **First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America**. Here are the exact words:

**“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”**

**The FIRST AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

These short six (6) statements hold force of law for all of us:

1. There can be no “State Church”, meaning one created by the Government.
2. The Government cannot prohibit any Church from practicing it's Beliefs as it desires (Freedom of Religion)
3. Everyone's Freedom of Speech is guaranteed and cannot be hindered
4. The Government cannot hinder the Press (Freedom of the Press)
5. The Government cannot forbid the **peaceable** gathering of People
6. People have a right to petition the Government to correct perceived wrongs

It is truly interesting that in the beginning and at the end of the Declaration of Independence, reference is made to the Almighty God whom we worship.

In the second paragraph it states,

**“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”**

Then in the final words of the Declaration of Independence they affirm:

“And for the support of this Declaration, **with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence,** we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.”

It is **FALSE** to listen to those who say to we Christians, "Keep your Religion out of Government". You can see that from the First Amendment of the US Constitution and from the Declaration of Independence, the Founding Fathers depended on our Living God at the beginning of our Nation.

**"How blessed are the people whose God is the Lord!"  
Psalm 144:15b**

Gratefully Praising HIM,  
Pastor Paul

## **Instructions to Accessing the Sermons on our PBC website:**

1. Log on to [www.pukalanibaptist.com](http://www.pukalanibaptist.com);
2. Click on Messages;
3. Click on 2020 Messages; and
4. Choose the Sermon of the Day (i.e. for today's sermon, click on the 10/18/20).

Sermons may take about a week to be posted to [www.pukalanibaptist.com](http://www.pukalanibaptist.com). Thank you for your patience as we continue to provide this ministry to the church.

For assistance, please email the church office at [pbcmaui@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:pbcmaui@hawaii.rr.com) or call (808) 572-7968

## **The Character of Love By Laura Newell**

Last Sunday Pastor Paul preached from I Cor. 13:1-13, reminding us that God has defined love. The character of love is very specific, affecting our attitudes and actions. It's the reminder that we all need on a regular basis because "there are three things that remain - faith, hope, and love - and the greatest of these is love."

That reminded me of a senior British Lit class I taught in China. We were studying the poetry of romance and my students were mildly interested. The language was rather difficult and I'm sure a lot of other issues cluttered their minds. It seemed appropriate to open a discussion about love.

I'd prepared this particular class quite carefully, more so than usual because it looked like a good opportunity for sharing truth, planting seeds, baiting the line. Even more importantly, I had prayed for the Holy Spirit to be our Teacher.

On the board I put two words: love and lust and I asked my students to check their English/Chinese dictionaries for a clear definition of the latter term. Then I proceeded to explain that we were going to consider a contrast, so I began to list the characters of love from I Cor. 13 on the left side of the board.

I explained that I was using the Bible, the best-selling book in all of world literature, to characterize love and from that, we would also characterize lust. "Love is very patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never boastful or proud, never haughty or selfish or rude. Love does not demand its own way. It is not irritable or touchy. It does not hold grudges and will hardly even notice when others do it wrong. It is never glad about injustice, but rejoices whenever truth wins out."

From being mildly interested, students now seemed to be on high alert. You could hear the sound of pages turning as dictionaries were consulted. We proceeded with characteristics of lust as students called out answers. Here's what we settled on: "Lust is very impatient and unkind, always jealous and envious, always boastful and proud, always haughty, selfish, and rude. Lust demands its own way. It is irritable and touchy. It holds grudges and quickly notices when others do it wrong. It is glad about injustice and rejoices whenever lies win out."

What followed could only be described as a hearty class discussion. Afterwards students came up with questions, wanting more discussion, explaining that their Chinese professors never discussed this topic with them. Years, even decades later, students remind me of the "love class," telling me it was their favorite. I hope the characteristics of love are still firmly planted in their hearts because they had to quote I Cor. 13:4-7 on their final exam and all of them did really well on that question.

Pastor Paul, I hope you'll remind us again about God's characterization of love because without it, we are nothing.

### **Men's Sunday School Class**

John Henry is leading a series through the book of Revelation for the Men's Sunday School Class. This virtual class starts at 8:30 AM. Logging on before 8:30 AM is helpful if possible. If you would like to join in, please email Gary Fitt at [gnfitt@live.com](mailto:gnfitt@live.com).

PBC's Yard Ministry: Volunteers are needed for this ministry at PBC. Besides completing yard work, those who help with this ministry will also have a time of fellowship. If you are interested, please contact Jim Moriyasu directly.

### **PBC's Yard Ministry**

<b>Team:</b>	<b>Members of the Team:</b>	<b>Week of:</b>
1	Jim, Glenn, John Y.	Saturday, October 31, 2020
2	Shane, Duane, Kaipo	Saturday, November 14, 2020
3	Gary, Rick	Saturday, November 28, 2020

### **Operation Christmas Child 2020**

Shoeboxes are for children ages 2-4, 5-9 and 10-14.

Since 1993 Operation Christmas Child (OCC) has delivered gift filled shoeboxes to over 168 million children in more than 100 countries.

Once again this year Samaritan's Purse will be collecting shoeboxes for OCC. However, this year due to COVID 19 restrictions, PBC will not be hosting a shoebox packing event.

If you would like to participate in OCC this year you may:

- go online at [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ) and donate or fill a shoebox
- pick up a free shoebox (12 x 7 x 4 3/8 inches) and label from the PBC church office, filling the shoebox with items from the suggested list below.

Also available for pickup are some supplies that have been donated to PBC that can be used in the shoeboxes, especially for the older kids. However, if you plan to pack a box for the 2-4 age group please let the church office know and there are some supplies that we have which are appropriate for that age group.

You may take your packed and labeled shoebox directly to Grace Bible Church, 635 Hina Ave, Kahului, during National Shoebox Collection Week November 16-23. The shoeboxes may be dropped off at Grace Bible Church during collection week only, NO other times will be available. Or, if you need assistance to take your shoeboxes to the collection site, please let the church office know so arrangements can be made for your boxes to be delivered.

Shipping is \$9.00 per box and PBC will send the money for shipping directly to Samaritan's Purse. You may make checks payable to PBC and designate OCC shipping on the memo line.

## Today's Scripture

<sup>1</sup> Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

Romans 13:1 (New International Version) NIV

## Prayer Requests & Praises

10/11/20: Update from Lovena Love: Tears of JOY!!! We got to witness my Dad walk for the 1st time in 6 months. In 2 weeks he gets to take home his prosthetic leg. Thank you Church Family for your continued prayers. Love, Love Ohana

10/13/20: Update from Jim Wellsand: Lynn passed into eternity very peacefully last night at 9:48 pm. Her recent struggle with the progression of her myotonic muscular dystrophy is over. She is with her Lord and Maker now. Thank God for her beautiful spirit and life. Thank you Lord and Savior Jesus for her salvation and for giving her to me as my wife for 50 years, 6 months, and 3 weeks; as well as blessing us with Lisa, Kevin, and Andy.

10/14/20: Here is an update from Helen Fukagawa. Helen Fukagawa's Mother passed away last night. Please pray for her & her Family.

10/15/20: John Yamamoto: Asking for prayers. Betty has a C/T scan at 2:00 pm. Please pray for a good outcome. Thank you

10/16/20: Update from John Yamamoto: Betty's C/T scan came back with no change since last scan. Praise the Lord. The power of prayer is so powerful. Thank you so much for the prayers.

10/16/20: Prayer Request & Praise from Gloria Inciong: Please pray for my oldest brother's (Donald Grant) family. He passed away yesterday in a Tennessee Care home and is now with our Mom and Dad in Heaven. He had Alzheimer for a while and even though he also had Covid 19

virus and recovered from that, it was the Alzheimer disease that he died from. Praises to God that on his last day before passing, the care home allowed his two sons and their families to visit him and Donald was aware of who they were. He had become very lonely with no visitors allowed and this cheered him up. He also had someone holding his hand and they prayed together as he passed.

10/17/20: Update from Layne Morgan for Laurie Hirata: Laurie's mom recently lost her battle with pancreatic cancer. A small graveside service was held yesterday. Please pray for the family as they grieve.

10/17/20: Update from Colleen Mira: Thank you all for praying for our dad George. He remains in the hospital to finish off his isolation though he has now twice tested negative for COVID19. The power of prayer is amazing! He's on the tail end of treatment for his pneumonia and is feeling just fine. His only "pain" at the moment is being confined to his hospital room - he just can't wait to get outdoors and go for a long walk! Due to the continuing outbreak at Roselani Place it's not safe for him to return there so he will be moving into Hale Makua upon his discharge from the hospital in about a week. Until then, we continue to try and uplift his spirits and remain very hopeful for a smooth transition to his new "home." We appreciate all of you! The Hashizaki Family

10/20/20: Jim Wellsand: Thank you all for your prayers and cards/words of encouragement. I have been deeply blessed by my PBC brothers and sisters. Jim

10/21/20: Prayer Request from Ruby Yip: Please pray for our daughter, Jadelyn, who is scheduled to have an angiogram tomorrow in Oregon. Praise God, our great physician, who is always in control. Thank you so much!

10/21/20: Update from Ruby Yip: Please continue to pray for Garret's mom, Florence Yip, who is in Hale Makua for rehab therapy. She's having some difficulty adjusting. Thank you for praying

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