

Pukalani Baptist Church

WITH CHRIST, INTO CRISIS!

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

Sunday, March 22, 2020

Pastor's Pen by Pastor Paul Kaneshiro

Aloha to the Fellowship of PBC,

Praying that all of you stay safe by following the recommended Guidelines from the CDC and the Hawaii Department of Health. One of the harder recommendations in the attempt to diminish the spread of the Corona Virus, is the plea from our County, State, and National Leaders to practice **Social Distancing and Isolation** in the next 15 days. Stay in your home and stay away from everyone else as much as possible. This will limit exposure to those who unknowingly have the virus. If you are sick with coughing, sneezing, and a temperature please stay at home. Remember, this is not just to protect ourselves, but especially to protect those who have health conditions that cause them to be at more risk to the effects of this virus. Those of us who are over 60, have high blood pressure, diabetes, and other conditions, especially compromised immune systems, need to self isolate ourselves because we are at greater risks to be impacted to a greater degree.

2 Timothy 1:7 (KJV) “**For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.**”

This is a verse that I have memorized and often repeat throughout the day. The fear that so many are experiencing is NOT from God. He promised to give us His Power, His Love, and His Sound Mind. Reject the Fear and receive what He wants to give us from Himself.

During this time of uncertainty, Let us Minister to one another with words of encouragement, acts of kindness, and ministry to needs. We can especially use the tools of our Electronic age. Phone calls, texts messaging, emails and other platforms that I don't even know. A great example of this is Pastor Jim Wellsand who texts me words of encouragement from our Master's Word. I appreciate his ministry in our Lord's Word.

Some are doing practical ministries such as Yardwork (Glenn, Dave, Jason & others) to assist those who are in need. Others still (Women's Sunday School class) are writing cards and calling to check up on each other. A number of others have been preparing meals for some. We can all do something to uplift and exalt our Savior by ministering to each other and to those outside our Fellowship. Several have volunteered to assist those who need help during these time. Contact our Staff and Deacons to request assistance.

Remember, God our Father is still in control no matter what happens. We should focus on JESUS as the Only Way of Salvation. Pray and seek to share HIM with others. Remember that HE loves You. **1 John 4:19** “We love him, because he first loved us.”

GOD IS GOOD! ALL THE TIME!!!
Pastor Paul

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Church Newsletter

Message from Laura Newell

I like to watch God working in small & large ways and every way in between. Earlier this week I drove down to Kahului to pick up a prescription I needed. I waited in a strangely quiet line of masked men and women, and when I stepped forward to show my ID, the young woman seated at the computer gave me a long look.

She asked, “How are you doing with all that's going on?” I smiled and replied, “it sure helps to know God's still in charge.” Her response was a resounding “Amen!” By then we were both smiling. I received and paid for my prescription and turned to go.

Suddenly remembered one of Pastor Paul's favorite passages, I left her with these words: “God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind.” I catch myself looking for appointments to encourage words with others. You, too? Amen!

Announcements for Sunday, March 22, 2020

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering - If you choose to donate to this ministry, Please designate "Annie Armstrong" in the memo line of your check. We will continue to collect this offering through the end of the month.

PBC's Awana Ministry: Please remember that we will NOT be having Awana on Wednesday, April 1.

Youth Night on Friday, March 27 is cancelled.

Instructions to Accessing the Sermons on our PBC website:

1. Log on to www.pukalanibaptist.com;
2. Click on Messages;
3. Click on 2020 Messages; and
4. Chose the Sermon of the Day (i.e. for today's sermon, click on the 3/22/20).

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

Prayer Requests for the Week

Iris Ginoza: Please be in prayer for my cardiologist who has cancer.

John Yamamoto: On Friday, Betty goes for a follow-up with a CT Scan to see how the cancer is doing. Would like to ask for prayers for a positive outcome during the CT Scan.. Thank you for the prayers..

Update from Lovena Love: My dad is prepping for surgery on his legs. He has blood clots. Lovena Love: My Dad had an angioplasty done to both legs to remove blood clots... His feet gained blood flow. He also had another procedure to help release pressure in his calves due to the blood flow... he is in pain, but comfortable.

Here is a prayer request from Laura Newell: Please uplift Laura's Aunt Edie in prayer. She is in the hospital with a bowel blockage and things are being done to avoid surgery. At this time, no one can be with her in the hospital. Please pray for Aunt Edie's healing.

Debbie Gonsalves: Could our church family please pray for Amy and her ohana, Hona, Hina Leighana and Mason. Pray for protection, a strengthened immune system, and a renewed relationship with our God Most High! Amy's co-worker tested positive for COVID-19 yesterday. She had contact with her a week ago. Amy said she's not worried and feels great. She is self isolating herself and the rest of ohana. We all have so much to be thankful for even in our times of uncertainty. How reassuring that we can claim, "Our Father has got this and is in control." The joy He gives is healing. Believe and rest in Him! Mahalo Debbie

Lorri (Niki's mom) & Niki Gibo: Thank you everyone for praying for Niki's dad, Ron. We give Him praise that he returned home from the hospital last night. He did peritoneal dialysis at home for 3 years, but an infection set in and now he has to do hemodialysis at a dialysis center until he heals. Your prayers were amazing and most comforting. Now he's home after 2 weeks of hospitalization. Please continue to pray for healing, strength and a smooth transition to hemodialysis and, if it is His will, he will be able to do peritoneal dialysis again. Thanking God for His great love through His church.

Today's Scripture

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
John 14:6 (English Standard Version) ESV

Prayer Chain

If you would like to be added to our prayer chain email list, please contact the church office at pbcmaui@hawaii.rr.com.

Children's Ministry Resources

Here are some activity resources that you might want to use for your child(ren). Credit goes to ministry-to-children.com for these resources:

<https://ministry-to-children.com/bible-word-search-puzzles/>

<https://ministry-to-children.com/worksheet-learn-about-the-bible/>