

Pukalani Baptist Church

WITH CHRIST, INTO CRISIS!

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

Pastor's Pen by Pastor Paul Kaneshiro

What a Joy to see those of you who were able to join us for the Good Friday Worship at 12noon on Friday!!! Thank you Warren Aihara for leading us in Praise & Worship. I understand that it was difficult for several of us to use the Zoom program on the Internet. Thank you Susanna, my Daughter, who set us up and taught me how to use it. Grateful to my Son, Andrew, who also assisted in fine tuning it from Minnesota. June and Joanna also helped to get us going by contacting and assisting some of you. Teamwork! That's what it takes to communicate together for this one time of Worship & Sharing together.

We shared with each other "What we are Grateful to our Lord Jesus during this time of the Coronavirus." I appreciate all of you who shared. Continue to contact each other in whatever way you can and share about what our Lord Jesus is doing in your life during this time. Also, be in prayer for each other.

I certainly miss seeing all of you when we gathered for Bible Study & Worship. I deeply miss seeing and holding my Grandkids. It feels strange to remain "sheltered" in my home when so many are facing doubts & fears in their work to take care of those affected by this new virus. Its hard to remain behind when I'm used to being "where the action is".

This has revealed to me that I do not like change and Its hard to feel "useless". Often I feel like I'm making so many mistakes & I want to kick myself. Do you ever feel that way? Well, God is always in control and HE chooses those HE wants to so that all Glory goes to HIM.

1 Corinthians 1:26-29

26 For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; **27** but **God has chosen** the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and **God has chosen** the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, **28** and the base things of the world and the despised **God has chosen**, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, **29 SO THAT NO MAN MAY BOAST BEFORE GOD.**

Thank you, Lord Jesus, that you are in Control. Because I know that we are not! Remind us to keep Trusting You and not ourselves.

God Bless,
Pastor Paul

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Happy Easter!

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Message from Laura Newell

Some of you remember Pastor Jack Teeple. He spoke at PBC the Sunday before a team of us left for Beijing; if my memory serves me, it was 2012 and Jack was a key member of our outreach that year in China as we disciplined law students in the country's capital.

Here's a bit of history so you'll get to know Jack better because he's worth knowing. I first met him in the late 1970's when he was a teacher at the Christian academy in Paia. After a few years of teaching here, Jack went back East and began to pastor, was married, and he and Patty had three sons.

Fast forward to 2005 when he found himself in the Cleveland Clinic, awaiting surgery for colon cancer. Prior to that, Jack made a serious study of the believer's identity in Christ and the riches we have in Him, but little did he know that study would give him strength to make it through his bout with cancer.

At one point during those dark days, Jack prayed for the Lord to take him, but God didn't answer that prayer. Instead the Spirit reminded him of the riches in Christ he still owned: A, all my sins are forgiven; B, I've been bought with the blood of Christ; C, I am complete in Him; D, I've been delivered from the domain of darkness; E, I have eternal life; F, I have a faithful Father; G, I've been given the gift of grace...

By the time Jack had recalled the last few heavenly gifts, he'd practically forgotten his heartaches and woes. He then determined that, by God's grace, he would share the riches in Christ that every single follower of Christ has in their possession. So, a book and workbook were published and translated into several languages and those truths have been taught literally around the world.

In fact, we use them at the prison here on Maui, in our women's Bible classes, and have done so in China and Zambia. I praise God from whom all blessings flow that He chose to give life to Jack many years ago and I'm reminded of Ravi Zacharias' words: "Jesus Christ did not come into the world to make bad men good; He came to make dead men live."

Today's Scripture

⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you."

Matthew 28:5-7 (English Standard Version) ESV

Testimonies



Jim Wellsand's Testimony – How I came to know Jesus & my life with Him.

I was born in 1948 and was raised in a loving family in Valparaiso IN. I did not go to church growing up. After high school I went to Valparaiso University to study engineering. I met Lynn after my sophomore year during a summer job at US Steel. We dated and eventually married shortly before I graduated. We got married in the Catholic Church and I went to church a few times to please her, but was not interested in spiritual things.

I spent four years in the Navy after college and our daughter Lisa was born. Lynn got saved during that time. Afterwards, I began working as an engineer for the Department of the Army. I saw such a change in Lynn that I was willing to go to church with her. We began to attend Beach Street Baptist Church in Texarkana AR. On Resurrection Sunday, 1975, I became convicted about Jesus' resurrection and the empty tomb, and that His death was payment for my sins. I knew I was a sinner but had thought that if there was a God, my good works would do me well. That day I received Christ. Little did I know then how drastically my life would change.

Over the next five years, we were faithful in several churches. God called me to be a deacon in two of those. He called me to full-time ministry and I left engineering for Bible school in Honolulu. We ended up in San Jose, CA and I had the opportunity to plant a church in 1982. It was an amazing beginning and I ended up pastoring in San Jose for five years and then in Oroville for twenty years. We raised three children during that time. In 2007 we moved back to Indiana and I pastored there in my hometown for five years before retiring and relocating here to Maui. Our daughter & son-in-law live here. God has blessed us with a full life of ministry and a family who love and follow Jesus. We thank Him daily for His many blessings and goodness to us. We love our church family at PBC and are thankful to be back here. My favorite verse is 1Corinthians 10:31, and my soul food is Proverbs 3:5-6.



Lynn Wellsand's Testimony – How I came to know Jesus & my life with Him.

I was born in 1949 and was raised in a loving family in northern Indiana near Chicago. I attended Catholic school from 3rd through 7th grade. I wanted to be a nun and marry Jesus. I changed my mind and married Jim in 1970. Although he did not go to church, I went to the Catholic Church whenever I could. He became an officer in the Navy and we lived in NYC at Ft. Totten.

A neighbor lady invited me to a Bible study at the chapel. I was inquisitive but said no. She was persistent and so I finally went. She offered me a Bible so I could know what God really wanted from me. I read it and read it. (I was an avid reader.) I realized that the Word of God said things that did not match up with my Catholic upbringing, so I decided to trust it and asked Jesus to be my Savior. This was in the fall of 1973. I know it was real because my life began to change. I started attending the Protestant services at the fort. I began to pray for Jim and our daughter Lisa, to become Christians. I also began to witness to our friends at the fort whenever we got together. I eventually lost them because they did not want to hear about Jesus.

A year and a half later Jim got saved. We were baptized and joined Beech Street Baptist Church in Texarkana AR, while Jim was now working at Red River Army Depot as a civilian.

Jesus saved me, changed my life and I am eternally grateful. It was the beginning of a brand-new life in Christ that continues to this day. He answered my prayers for my family and allowed me to be a pastor's wife for many years. We are still walking with Him and our three children know Him and walk with Him.

Prayer Requests & Praises for the Week

Helen Fukagawa: Here is an update from my friend, Jean, who sends her heartfelt thanks and deepest gratitude to the PBC fellowship for praying for her brother, Emory, who is slowly recovering from Shingles. It is still painful but he is able to eat now; his dr prescribed medication for him.

Shawn Racoma: My friend Willy has recovered from Covid19. Thank you all for your prayers

Glenda Chong: Please let the church know that Jelina is recovering from Pneumonia and doing so much better. Thank you so much for your prayers! We miss and love you all. Take care

Prayer Requests Praises Continued

Carmelynn Tan: My friend Milton is bored, but improving so please continue to pray for his recovery. It is 6 months now since his release from a 3 month stay in ICU. Praise God for the miracle! Also, please pray for mankind to take heed. Through this Covid-19 pandemic, God is begging us to humble ourselves, pray, turn from our ways, and to seek Him! Thank you Pukalani Baptist Church for your prayers. In Christ, Carmelynn Tan

John Yamamoto: Just an update for Betty. She will be doing a follow-up MRI on her Brain today (Thursday) at 1345 to see if the cancer has not spread to her brain. Also, I begin mandatory 12 hour shifts starting tomorrow, I know God will be watching over her while I am working. Also I will be checking on her throughout my work day utilizing face time. Thanks for the prayers..

Jim & Lynn Wellsand: Lynn has a neurology appoint on Monday to consult about her memory impairment that has been ongoing the last two months. Please pray that we can find out what is causing it and that she may be restored. We are trusting in the Lord through this. His will be done. Thank you in advance for your prayers.

Laura Newell: Early this morning (Thursday) I received a sad message from Susan Chalkais, co-founder of Seeds of Hope; we've worked with them in Myanmar and Zambia. One of the teenagers from Grace Academy, Gloria, died this morning.

She has suffered for years with a disease that slowly robbed her body of eyesight and would eventually take her life. In addition to this condition, Gloria had malaria and recently suffered from dehydration. Even with treatment at a nearby clinic, however, Gloria died. It was a sudden blow to everyone at Grace.

She has a twin brother named Blessing and Susan asked us to pray for him as well as all the children and youth at the academy as well as workers and house moms. Gloria was dearly loved by all. Thank you for praying, Laura

PBC's Yard Ministry

Team:	Members of the Team:	Week of:
2	Shane, Duane, Kaipo	Saturday, April 18, 2020
3	Glenn, Gary, Rick	Saturday, May 2, 2020
1	Jason, Thomas, Jim	Saturday, May 16, 2020

Prayer Chain

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