

# Pukalani Baptist Church

WITH CHRIST, INTO CRISIS!

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

**Sunday, April 26, 2020**

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

Stuart Hamblen was a popular singer, songwriter, actor, and radio personality from the 1930s through the 1950s. He invited Billy Graham on his radio show in 1949, when they had the famous Los Angeles Crusade that lasted for 8 weeks! Stuart attended that Crusade and later "surrendered his life to Christ" in a private conversation with Billy Graham.

One day a friend commented to Stuart about his changed lifestyle. Stuart said that "it was no secret what God had done for him" and that he could do it for his friend too. Stuart Hamblen took his friend's advice and wrote the song "It Is No Secret What God Can Do". His friend's name was JOHN WAYNE.

Amazing what a CHANGED LIFE can do to impact our friends (and family). What do those who know us see in our lives???

Here's the words of "It is No Secret What God Can Do"

The chimes of time ring out the news  
Another day is through  
Someone slipped and fell  
Was that someone you?

You may have longed for added strength  
Your courage to renew  
Do not be disheartened  
For I have news for you

It is no secret what God can do  
What He's done for others, He'll do for you  
With arms wide open, He'll pardon you  
It is no secret what God can do

There is no night for in His light  
You never walk alone  
Always feel at home  
Wherever you may go

There is no power can conquer you  
While God is on your side  
Take Him at His promise  
Don't run away and hide

It is no secret what God can do

## **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 4/26/20).

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## **The Power of a Bible Believing Church**

**By Deacon Glenn Kamiya**

God's hand of providence has always been on my life. I started attending PBC at a very young age. My family's background religion is Buddhism. However, my parents allowed my siblings and I to attend PBC on a weekly basis. At a very young age, I was exposed to God's Word through PBC's Sunday School Ministry. Faithful teachers like Dave and Amy Murray, Dennis and Pauline Shiroma, and others taught me the bible. I can remember the heroes of the Old Testament, the stories of Jesus, the miracles that He did and His resurrection from the dead.

At the age of fifteen, I saw a need for a Savior. I personally invited Jesus to be Lord of my life and made a commitment to follow Him. God used PBC's youth ministry to build my new faith. Faithful youth workers like Peggy and Gordon Kuia - yes Peggy was once young in her 20's and 30's serving the Lord, and Dan Tomita helped build my foundation in Christ. These were crucial years of my life when young people make tough decisions (good and bad).

During my college years, I was heavily involved with Campus Crusade for Christ. Leading small group bible studies and sharing my faith with unbelieving college students continued to grow my faith in Christ. Serving as a summer missionary in Thailand gave me a global view of God's love for all people and nations of the world.

After my college days were over, I returned home and returned to my home church. PBC has been a place where God has given me many opportunities to continue in my journey of faith and to use my simple gifts and talents for His glory. Sunday School, Bible studies, Men's Fellowship, music and mission trips to foreign countries are just some of the activities that have encouraged me in Christ. I have been truly blessed by God's work at PBC. Philippians 1:6, "Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

## **Today's Scripture**

Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God beside? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one."

Isaiah 44:8 (New International Version) NIV

## **Rest of the Story**

### **By Laura Newell**

Horatio Spafford, author of the well-known and loved hymn "It Is Well With My Soul," lived an eventful life. Born in 1828 in Troy, NY, he became an attorney, businessman, and elder in Fullerton Avenue Presbyterian Church. He also served as director of finances in that fellowship.

In 1861 he moved to Chicago and married Anna Larson of Norway, with whom he had four daughters. The Great Chicago Fire occurred Oct. 8, 1871 - 300 people died, 1,000 homeless - and destroyed much of Spafford's material wealth.

During the economic panic of 1873 he suffered even more loss and became concerned for his wife's health. In November he sent Anna and their four daughters to England, planning to join them shortly. Three weeks into their ocean voyage, a collision with another ship caused theirs to sink with 226 of the 308 passengers drowning in the space of 12 minutes. Spafford's four girls were among those lost; however, Anna was miraculously rescued.

Anna telegraphed Horatio with the tragic news: "Saved alone. What shall I do?" They were reunited and two years later they had a son, Horatio III, who died of scarlet fever at age 3. Within the next two years Bertha and Grace were born to them.

But Spafford's faith in God had begun to falter. He became a universalist, believing in Purgatory and eventually leaving the Presbyterian church after a scandal in which he falsely accused Rev. William C. Young of mishandling church finances. After Spafford was proven wrong, the congregation supported Pastor Young and Spafford left the church "white with anger," never to return.

He and a small following built a small chapel on his property, calling themselves "The Overcomers." He taught that hell does not exist, became obsessed with the date of Christ's second coming, and claimed to receive special messages from God.

Eventually, Spafford and his followers moved to Jerusalem, convinced they would be the only ones in the world who were truly prepared for Christ's return. Kate Uttinger, a member of this Jerusalem Colony, wrote that mothers were separated from their children and those who left were publicly shamed and excommunicated. In addition, Anna also claimed special revelation from God as she abolished marriage until she found an advantageous match for one of her daughters. In 1888 Horatio Spafford died of malaria in Jerusalem.

How are we as believers to interpret this cautionary tale? We must let Scripture instruct us as we go back to our foundation in God and His revelation in Holy Scripture.

"Being confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in us will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:6

"He who receives the seed on stony places, this is he who hears Word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the Word, immediately he stumbles." Matthew 13:20

"Study to show yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth." 2 Tim. 2:15

## **Prayer Requests & Praises for the Week**

Update from Lynn Becker: He's out of ICU & May be coming home tomorrow. He has an infection in his kidney that is being treated by antibiotics. Tested NEGATIVE for Covid-10. PTL ! He may need another procedure in Honolulu later. Please continue to pray for Hans

Update from Pastor Paul for Lynn Becker: Lynn Becker just called. She wants to thank everyone for praying for Hans. Please keep praying for him. He's going to be released from the Hospital today

Update from Pastor Paul for Lynn Becker: Lynn called again (Thursday). The Hospital will not be releasing Hans today. It's been nearly a week that he's been there. Please continue in prayer for him

Leanne Higa: "Thank you everyone for your prayers. My father George is now in Island Hospice and we are able to see him and visit with him. God has been so good to my Dad and all of our family. He is loved!"

Julia Apolo: I'm requesting prayer for Jada. She's at the ER. They think she may have a kidney infection, but not sure as their doing test. She's worried as the cluster of Covid is from there so she didn't want to go, but was sent by her Dr at Kaiser. Thank u.

Julia Apolo: Update for Jada. It turns out she has a terrible infection and is being treated with strong antibiotics. She got home very late last night. Thank goodness she's home and didn't need to be admitted. Please continue to pray for healing and thank u all for the continued prayers.

Glenn Kamiya (prayer request from his sister in law) - Please be in prayer for Wayne. He has a heart infection and was taken to Honolulu for emergency heart surgery. His wife Lianne also appreciates the prayers

Here is an update from Glenn Kamiya: Straub doctor called & in 1 1/2 hours knew what kind of bacteria he has. Doing open heart surgery tomorrow at 7:30 am but very critical since bacteria was festering for 2 weeks without treatment. Also Wayne isn't clotting well, anemic & infection is very close to his heart. Please pray for him tomorrow. Thanks!

Update from Glenn Kamiya (update from Wayne's wife, Lianne): Good news! Wayne is out of surgery & doctor is confident he removed all infection. He's stable now in ICU. Thank you everyone for your prayers & please continue to pray for a speedy recovery.

## **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 9:00 AM. Logging on before 9:00 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

Team:	Members of the Team:	Week of:
3	Glenn, Gary, Rick	Saturday, May 2, 2020
1	Jason, Thomas, Jim	Saturday, May 16, 2020
2	Shane, Duane, Kaipo	Saturday, May 30, 2020

## Prayer Chain

If you would like to be added to our prayer chain email list, please contact the church office at [pbcmahui@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:pbcmahui@hawaii.rr.com)