

# **Pukalani Baptist Church**

*WITH CHRIST, INTO CRISIS!*

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

**Sunday, May 17, 2020**

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

Thank you PBC Fellowship for your many Words of Comfort and Encouragement during this time of shock and grief over the self inflicted death of my Nephew, Chad Kaneshiro. My Brother, Luke, along with the rest of our Family would also like to thank you. Your comforting care and your many Prayers have uplifted us greatly.

It seems like we are drawing closer to the time when we will be able to Worship & Fellowship together once again at PBC. But there will be many changes as we are cautious NOT to spread the virus as we join together once again. We do not know exactly when that will be but we will begin to prepare for that Joyful Day. More about that in our next Newsletter.

But there is something that has not changed, nor will it ever change. That is the Priority of Sharing JESUS with others. It has been neat that even when we are separated physically from our Friends and Family, we can still share electronically. I've had the privilege of sharing JESUS several times with friends. Remember that it is God's Responsibility to bring someone to Faith in Him. We are just supposed to Share with others what JESUS means to us (our Testimony) and how they can also enter a personal relationship with JESUS like us.

Let's keep Praying and Supporting each other during this time of Separation, yet be aware of opportunities to share a word of witness to those our Lord brings our way.

God Bless You,  
Pastor Paul

## Message from Laura Newell

Some of you know that I enjoy a good quote. I've been collecting quotations since I was in middle school, and that's a long time. Not all of these are from godly people, but a kernel of truth can still be found in their words. Do you recall what man in the Bible asked, "What is truth?"

No man is an island, entire of himself; every man is a piece of the continent. John Donne

Do not seek the wise men. Rather, seek what the wise men sought. Basho

No leader is exempt from criticism, and his humility will nowhere be seen so clearly than in the manner in which he accepts and reacts to it. Dr. Charles Swindoll

Vision is the art of seeing the invisible. Jonathan Swift

Everyone thinks about changing society, but no one thinks about changing himself. Tolstoy

There are more people who wish to be loved than there are willing to love. Chamfort

Whatever men do, men destroy. Augustine

Here is what frightens me: to see our reason for existence disappear; this is intolerable. Man cannot live without meaning." Camus

A little science estranges a man from God. A lot of science brings him back. Francis Bacon

The only mistake which is really a mistake is the one from which we learn nothing. T. Merton

It is dangerous to serve God, but it is more dangerous not to. Richard Wurmbrand

There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, "Thy will be done" and those to whom God says, "Thy will be done." C. S. Lewis

An attempt to trace the defects of society goes back to the defects of human nature. Golding

A man who is at war with himself will be at war with others. Hammerskjold

We see think we sees things as they are; rather, we see things as we are. Talmud

In the absence of truth, power is the only game in town. Neuhaus

It is good to have money to buy the things money can buy, but it's better not to lose things money cannot buy. Lehmer

Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing happened. Sir Winston Churchill

Of all the awkward people in your house or job, there is only one whom you can improve very much. C.S.Lewis

Life is a mission. Every other definition is false and leads all who accept it astray. Mazzini

Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first, the lesson afterwards. Vernon Law

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Who is more foolish: the child afraid of the dark or the man afraid of the light? Freehilla

He who gossips to you, gossips about you. Italian proverb

Success is simply the extension and use of an entire series of failures. B.C. Ogilvie

A person without a purpose is like a ship without a rudder. Thomas Carlisle

Education is a progressive discovery of our ignorance. Will Durant

Honor is fidelity to a system of fixed values and relations. Elizabeth Elliot

Show me the measure of a man's compassion, and I'll show you the measure of his usefulness. A. McClaren

It is better to fail in a cause that will ultimately succeed than to succeed in a cause that will ultimately fail. Peter Marshall

The opposite of love isn't hate. It's indifference. Frank Maier

The mind is its own place, and in itself can make a heaven of hell, a hell of heaven. John Milton

Perspective is all-important. How we view and react to circumstances is more important than the circumstances themselves. Dr. John MacArthur

Unless you forgive others you read your own death warrant when you repeat the Lord's prayer. Dr. Charles Spurgeon

Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eye off the goal. Henry Ford

Do not use a hatchet to remove the fly from your friend's forehead. Chinese proverb

Faithfulness, not success. Mother Teresa

You can get all A's and still flunk life. Percy Walker

Service can never become slavery to those who love. J. L. Masse

God reserves the right to use people who disagree with me. Robert Cook

I shall never believe God plays dice with the world. Dr. Albert Einstein

Nobody will ever win the battle of the sexes. There's just too much fraternizing with the enemy. Dr. Henry Kissinger

I'm not denying that women are foolish: God Almighty made them to match the men. George Elliot

God never gives us discernment in order to criticize, but that we intercede. Oswald Chambers

Giving thanks is not a matter of feeling thankful; it's a matter of obedience. Joni Earekson Tada

When you know God loves you, you won't be desperate for the love of others. Max Lucado

He who smiles rather than rages is always stronger. Japanese proverb

The man who has not suffered - what does he know anyway? Abraham Herschel

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There are two kinds of people: those who do the work and those who take credit for it. Try to be in the second group. There is less competition there. Indira Gandhi

If you want milk and honey on your bread, you must be willing to go into the land of giants. Billy Sunday

Although the world is full of suffering, the world is full of overcoming it. Helen Keller

Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest. Mark Twain

Anyone who doesn't believe in miracles isn't a realist. David Ben-Gurion

Every blade of grass, every insect, ant and golden bee, all marvelously know their path; though they have not intelligence they bear witness to the mystery of God. Dostoyevsky

A little faith will bring your soul to heaven, but a lot of faith will bring heaven to your soul. D. L. Moody

Everyone says that forgiveness is a wonderful idea, until he has something to forgive. C.S. Lewis

Good works are seldom offensive to the modern world; it is a belief in truth that is troublesome. David Wells

Be just as concerned about your attitudes, which people don't see, as your actions, which are seen by all. Dr. Alistair Begg

The Holy Spirit gives us the power to forego our rights. Oswald Chambers

The trouble is that relying on God has to begin all over again, every day. C.S. Lewis

Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow; it empties today of its strength. Corrie ten Boom

While I'd love to fix people, I can't. If I think I can, I'm setting myself up for anxiety. Max Lucado

You love as much as you're willing to be inconvenienced. Ann Voskamp

The kingdom of God, as I see it, is grace and glory. Grace now. Glory later. Dr. John MacArthur

Middle age is when they keep asking you to do more and more, and you're not yet decrepit enough to turn them down. T.S. Eliot

Jesus Christ is able to untangle all the snarls in my soul, to banish my complexes, and to transform my fixed habits, no matter what. Corrie ten Boom

Until people genuinely repent, they will never change. Dr. J. Korstra

Jesus Christ did not come into this world to make bad people good; He came to make dead people live. Dr. Ravi Zacharias

I wish I knew how to make fortune cookies. I'd choose a favorite quote, put them into the cookies, and donate them to Wei Wei's or Panda Express. Lunch, anyone?

## **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:
2	Shane, Duane, Kaipo	Saturday, May 30, 2020
3	Glenn, Gary, Rick	Saturday, June 13, 2020
1	Jason, Thomas, Jim	Saturday, June 27, 2020

### Today's Scripture

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. <sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:8-9 (New International Version) NIV

### Prayer Chain

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

### Testimony by June Yamamoto

As my husband and I were raising our 4 young children, we were not Christian. We were normal in the ways of the world, but ignorant of the ways of Christ.

We started our children off at Pukalani Baptist Preschool. As school parents we received a monthly church newsletter. And like the weekly newsletter that we are receiving during this Corona pandemic, page 1 featured the "Pastor's Pen." In 1992, Pastor Paul wrote about his trip to Washington DC along with his son Jon, where they attended Bill Gothard's "Basic Life Principles" Conference. The title "Basic Life Principles" sparked my interest, especially because in that same article, Pastor Paul mentioned that he plans to take each of his other 4 children, as they become age appropriate, to this conference. I pondered, "If the Pastor's children need to attend such a workshop, imagine how much more, we as lay people, need something like this?" I filed away the newsletter for future reference.

During March of 1993, Pastor again writes on that topic, this time announcing that Bill Gothard is bringing his conference to Honolulu in June of that year. To make a long story short, my son Ross, my daughter Jaclyn and I attended. The week long conference was held Monday through Friday, 7p to 10p, and on Saturday, all day. From the first time that I was in the audience until the last, I sat on edge of my seat, not wanting to miss any part of what was being said. It was as though Bill Gothard was speaking directly to me.

Then one night, Mr. Gothard asked the audience to bow their heads and listen for a question: "Imagine that you were traveling by bus, and God's team sat on the right side of the bus and the other team sat on the left. By a show of hands, how many of you would sit on the right? For those who raised their hands, repeat this prayer with me. . .And if you prayed that prayer, tell your Pastor or tell the person that you came with." Even before that question was asked, I already knew that I wanted this God and His Word. But when Bill Gothard asked the question, I was too prideful to raise my hand. Prayer was foreign to me. That evening, I prayed with Mr. Gothard out of curiosity, but was too embarrassed to admit that I did. "After all," I irritatingly thought, "what's the big deal, who really cares what I want or think?" And I hoped that they would soon get on with the meeting!

In the weeks following that life changing conference, Pastor Paul held a 6 month long Bible study. 7 topics were covered, one of which was, "Asking for Forgiveness". God immediately convicted me of the 3 people whom I most needed to ask for forgiveness: my Husband, my Mom, and a coworker. There were others, but these 3 were at the top of my list. As much as I hesitated to submit to His will regarding this, if God's Word was true, then I could accomplish this through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13) and I could rely on God to turn evil into good (Gen. 50:20). I prayed for His direction and timing as to how and when to ask these individuals for forgiveness.

At the proper time, the Lord provided the right circumstances, one at a time, for me to ask for forgiveness. And being faithful to His Word, in God's timing, He blessed each of our relationships in a manner that was exceedingly, abundantly above all that I could ask for or imagine. By 1999, both my Husband and my Mom had accepted Christ. All glory to Him!

Having seen God make those relationships beautiful in His time, back in the decade of the 1990's, has given me great confidence in the Lord and has caused me to realize that not only do I need Him during the storms of life, but in all the days of my life. Since then, I relied on Him and His Word to direct my path through most situations, some successfully, and some unsuccessfully. The later is not due to God's error because His Ways are indisputable. By far, the one most difficult situation to navigate was the passing of my husband in 2017. Because of my grief, it was easy to feel cheated by God or to be angry at Him and those thoughts did cross my mind. But I challenged myself not to go there, because of the Biblical truths which I had been experiencing since the days of the Bill Gothard Conference, and because of the Godly mentors at PBC who speak His Word in all sincerity and love. I have chosen to lean on Him for comfort and peace. And He has given me His beauty for ashes.

In closing, I would like to leave you with a Scripture from Col. 2:2-3 (TLB, NKJV): "This is what I have asked of God for you: that you will be encouraged and your hearts will be knit together by strong ties of love, and that you will have the rich experience of knowing Christ. . .in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

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

Prayer Request from Pastor Paul for Lynn Becker: Lynn Becker asks for Prayer for HANS. He's back in the Hospital as of about 11:30am today. Please be in prayer for him & Lynn.

Update from Pastor Paul for Lynn Becker: Lynn Becker called with update on HANS. He is still in the Hospital. Please continue to pray for him. They both are grateful for the Prayers of PBC.

Byron Shimabukuro: Dear PBC brothers and sisters, My cousin Jean was admitted to the ICU on 5/7/2020 w/a heart and liver virus. She is not doing too well. She is saved. Please pray for the touch of our LORD to be upon her and her family. Jean is about 50yrs old. Thank You all Byron <><

Prayer Request from Peggy Kuia for Lynn Becker: Hans will be going into surgery tomorrow for the blockage in his intestines. Please lift him up as there are complications involved.

Prayer Request from Pastor Paul for John Yamamoto: Please Pray for Betty Yamamoto as she has a Scan today to check on her cancer. It will be at 12:30 p.m.

John Yamamoto: Just got off the phone with the Doctor. Scan shows no new signs of cancer spreading. Praise the Lord!!! Thank you for all the prayers.. Our God is an awesome God!!!