

Pukalani Baptist Church

WITH CHRIST, INTO CRISIS!

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

Sunday, May 31, 2020

Pastor's Pen by Pastor Paul Kaneshiro

It will be sooo good seeing all of you at PBC! Although we will not be able to shake hands and hug, we'll still be able to see each other and greet each other with **Words of Encouragement**.

Romans 15:4-6 = **4** For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the **encouragement of the Scriptures** we might have hope. **5** Now may the **God who gives perseverance and encouragement** grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus, **6 so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

These verses Remind us that our "**God who gives perseverance & encouragement**" is the One we Worship whether we are together or not. We can Always Worship our Heavenly Father wherever we are & whenever we choose.

We rejoice whenever we can gather "**so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God & Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**". That will be our purpose this Sunday, May 31st. To Glorify our God with one voice.

Our Worship Time will be different, but our "Lord Jesus Christ is the Same yesterday, today and forever". Hebrews 13:8

God Bless Each of You,
Pastor Paul

(For those who will be at home, our Service will be recorded and placed on our Web page in the afternoon. Pukalanibaptist.com)

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. Choose the Sermon of the Day (i.e. for today's sermon, click on the 5/31/20).

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A Conversation Overheard by Laura Newell

"How was your weekend?"

"It was fine. I got caught up on laundry, gardening, and I got to worship the Lord, too."

"That's good. I'm glad you came to jail today. I had a hard weekend."

"What happened?"

"Some of the girls got into a big argument about whether we should go to the Jehovah Witness class. Can you tell me the difference between their Bible and yours?"

"Well, the Witness bible claims to say some things God's Word doesn't say."

"Like what?"

"Check out John 1:1, that's the Gospel of John. The New World Translation of Holy Scriptures says, 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god.' But God's Word doesn't use the term 'a god.' It's God Himself. In other words, they don't believe that Jesus Christ is God in flesh, Emmanuel. That's who we celebrate at Christmas, right? And if Jesus is just Michael the archangel reincarnated, as Witnesses claim, He is not the Lamb of God who's worthy to take away my sin."

"But don't all Christians disagree about certain points?"

"It's true there are passages in Scripture that get translated differently. For example, 38% of 'American evangelicals' think they can earn heaven by their good works; in fact, many people believe that."

"Isn't that true?"

"Read Ephesians 2:8-9 with me: 'For by grace you have been saved through faith and that (faith) is not from yourself; it is the gift of God, not of works, so no one should boast.' What is God saying?"

"That faith is a gift from God?"

"Right. Think about the difference between a gift and a reward."

"That's a big difference!"

"Yeah, the difference between the truth and a lie."

"Hmm... What else do they say?"

"Well, look at John 1:3: 'All things were made by Him (Jesus), and without Him nothing was made that was made.' In other words, Christ created the world and everything in it. Genesis 1 tells us that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit were all together at the miracle of creation. Strangely enough, 68%

of 'American evangelicals' believe that Jesus is the first and greatest creature created by God which is what the Witnesses say. If John 1:3 is true, how could Jesus be created? In fact, He's eternal; otherwise, Christ wouldn't be God in the flesh."

"Ok, I think I'm following you. Any other differences?"

"Yes, but let's talk about just one more. Jehovah Witnesses, along with 52% of so-called Evangelicals, believe that while everyone sins, most people are good by nature."

"Well, I think that's true. Isn't it?"

"Do 'filthy rags' ring a bell? No? Look at Isaiah 64:6-7. What do you think?"

"Oh, oh. Don't you think that's kinda harsh?"

"Notice the prophet says we're all unclean? That means no one is fit to be in God's presence. My best isn't good enough for God because it's not perfect and He is perfect. That's my good stuff, not my bad stuff. In fact, Isaiah repeats it three times for people like me who are slow: God is holy, holy, holy, and since we've all sinned, we are unholy in His sight.

"I never thought about God's holiness."

"Most folks know that God is love, but they've forgotten He's holy. Since no one is perfect, we all need Jesus, the perfect Son of God, the perfect Son of Man. I once had a Witness tell me, 'Laura, do you know where we get our converts? From churches like yours.'"

"That's crazy, isn't it? Well, I've sure got a lot of learn, but I want to know God better."

"Me, too!"

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.

PBC's Yard Ministry

Team:	Members of the Team:	Week of:
3	Glenn, Gary, Rick	Saturday, June 13, 2020
1	Jason, Thomas, Jim	Saturday, June 27, 2020
2	Shane, Duane, Kaipo	Saturday, July 11, 2020

Today's Scripture

⁷ “But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him.

⁸ They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.”

Jeremiah 17:7-8 (New International Version) NIV

Helen Fukagawa's Testimony

I grew up in a plantation camp in Pukalani called Corn Mill Camp. It was located where the Pukalani Fire Station is currently situated. There were about 30 families living in this camp, all of whom were employed by the Maui Pineapple Company. So there were a lot of children growing up in this camp. My family comprised of my dad, mom (both of whom were Buddhist), and 6 children (4 boys, 2 girls). My sister and I were the only ones who attended church. Right in the middle of the camp was a clubhouse which was used for activities such as Boy Scouts meetings, camp gatherings, Christmas events and other various meetings; and, at the age of 6 or 7, this is where I first attended Vacation Bible School led by missionary Alda Grayson of Pukalani Baptist Mission. The pastor at this mission at that time was James Sanbei. Thus began my “going to church journey” at Pukalani Baptist Mission which was later commissioned into Pukalani Baptist Church.

Growing up into my teenage years, I began attending church functions with other girls starting with Sunbeams, Gas, YWA, VBS, and various youth activities. I can still remember missionary Bertie Lee Kendrick and Amy Murray leading us in Sunbeams, Gas, and YWA. As I entered high school, I remember PBC hosting revival services. They would invite various guests from Oahu or the mainland to speak at these services. At that time PBC had a nice group of youth, both boys and girls, attending church; and that could have been one of the reasons why I attended those services – to check out the guys who would be there (hee! Hee!). It was at these revival services that my heart would start thumping away when the invitation was open for those who wanted to accept Jesus as their Savior. I actually dreaded those times because I knew that the Lord was speaking to me but I just could not find the courage to step out and walk down the aisle, until one night Katherine Sanbei, our pastor's wife, took my sister and I aside before the service began and talked to us about making a decision to accept Jesus into our hearts. My sister wasn't ready to take that step but I said yes, I would like to. Mrs. Sanbei even arranged to have me sit up in the very front pew with her oldest daughter next to me to keep me calm and encouraged.

After high school and beyond, I started going to church more often participating in various activities and ministries until going to church became very important to me. I would tell my family who visited often from California why I couldn't go to the beach with them because I wanted to attend Sunday School and worship service. Sometimes I know it didn't sit well with them. As I close, I just want to acknowledge my parents and say thank you to them for standing by me; they never discouraged me, scolded me or even objected to my attending PBC throughout all these years.

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

Prayer Requests for the Week

Please be in prayer for Pastor Paul & his family. Pastor Paul: My Uncle Shige passed away today. He played a huge part in my teen & college life. Thank you

Byron Shimabukuro: I need to ask for prayers for my cousin's wife Allison. She has pancreatic cancer and will start chemotherapy tomorrow. She and her family are saved. Pray for the family too. They are a very close knit family. Thank you all, Byron <><

Update from Pastor Paul for Lynn Becker: HANS is slowly gathering strength. When he is strong enough, he will be going to Hale Makua for further rehabilitation before going home. He & Lynn appreciates your continued prayers.

Byron Shimabukuro: Thank you all for praying for my cousin, Jean, who is fighting for her heart problems. I talked to her sister and she said that Jean is suffering so much, she wants to give up the fight. Let us pray for pain reduction in her whole body especially her back. Thank you all, Byron <><