

# Pukalani Baptist Church

WITH CHRIST, INTO CRISIS!

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

**Sunday, July 12, 2020**

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

I would like to thank those who have shared your Salvation Testimonies of how you came to Accept **JESUS** as your Personal Lord and Savior, in our PBC Newsletter. You have blessed many and especially encouraged others to consider accepting Jesus personally themselves. People may identify with your testimony and think that if you could accept Jesus, then they could also. But most important of all, you have Obeyed the Command of Jesus to "**19 GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL THE NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, 20 TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THAT I COMMANDED YOU; AND LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, EVEN TO THE END OF THE AGE.**" Matthew 28:19-20 (NASV)

A major way we do this is to share our Testimony of how Jesus came into our lives when we trusted in Him and what a difference He has made. It was exciting and fulfilling for me to be able to share with 3 people this week about Jesus. I shared my testimony with them as a part of this.

If you would share the Gift of how you came to trust Jesus as your Personal Savior and Lord with the rest of us, please text/call me at 870-4060 or email me at [pkaneshiro@mpd.net](mailto:pkaneshiro@mpd.net)

You would be blessing our Fellowship at PBC and Obeying our Lord Jesus' Command to Share HIM with all the world. His Peace and Joy is given to those who follow His Commands. His Command to Share with others is for all who are Christians, who have trusted in Jesus. We leave the results in His hands and just obey.

In His Love,  
Pastor Paul

## **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 7/12/20).

Sermons may take about a week to be posted to [www.pukalanibaptist.com](http://www.pukalanibaptist.com). Thank you for your patience as we continue to provide this ministry to the church.

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

### **Message from Laura Newell**

Women's Tuesday morning Bible class will begin a new series on July 14, 9-10:30. We will be using Jerry Bridges "Trusting God" (subtitled "Even When Life Hurts"). This will be my third time to go through the biblical principles presented, and I can hardly wait to start it all over again. One of the reasons it's so good is because the book is packed full of God's Word.

I'd like to share some excerpts, some of my personal favorites, to encourage women of all ages to join with us for prayer and Bible study this coming Tuesday morning. All are most welcome.

"If we want to live less stressful lives, we must learn to live with a single agenda, God's agenda. We tend to live under two agendas, ours and God's, and the tension between them sets up stress."

"If you stop to think about it, you will realize that most godly character traits can only be developed through adversity. The kind of love that gives freely of itself at great cost to itself can only be learned when we are confronted with situations that call forth sacrificial love. The fruit of the Spirit that is called joy cannot be learned in the midst of circumstances that produce mere 'natural' happiness."

"If we are to experience peace in our souls in times of adversity, we must come to the place where we truly believe that God's ways are simply beyond us and stop asking Him why or even trying to determine it ourselves."

"God is completely sovereign. God is infinite in wisdom. God is perfect in love."

"Prayer is the most tangible expression of trust in God."

Please let me know if you have any questions, Laura (572-6890)

## 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 8:30 AM. Logging on before 8:30 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, July 25, 2020
1	Jason, Thomas, Jim	Saturday, August 8, 2020
2	Shane, Duane, Kaipō	Saturday, August 22, 2020

## David Nakagawa's Testimony



I accepted Jesus Christ as my savior during my 2nd year of college. I made some friends who were different from the other college students. They didn't go out to party all weekend. They were always kind and friendly. This made me very curious, why did they drive me to question my direction of life? I was only interested in filling up my life with earthly wealth. But I could never

be satisfied with any amount.

I knew my new friends went to church, so I just invited myself to their Sunday services. I found the words of the pastor's message spoke out God's truths that opened my eyes. God's living words made a lot of sense to me.

That summer, when I went home. In the quiet of my room, I asked Jesus to come into my life, confess my sins and accept Jesus forgiveness.

Jesus changed my goals in life. No longer focus on wealth, but what Jesus wanted me to do. Soften my heart to service and care about other people.

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18 Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. These verses are my goals in my life, to know and do what God's will is for me.

## Today's Scripture

<sup>27</sup> Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel

Philippians 1:27 (New International Version) NIV

### Testimony by Alice Monoogan



My journey with God began when I was enrolled at the Pukalani Baptist Preschool. I started attending Sunday School regularly at around 5 years old. Although my parents were Buddhists, I was allowed to attend different activities such as Vacation Bible School, GA's (girl's missions club), and Children's Camp. Church was a happy place; the people there were kind and welcoming. I was learning a lot about God and the Bible, but I didn't know that I could have a personal relationship with God.

During the summer when I was about 12 or 13, my life changed at an evening church service for the youth. At the end of the message, the guest preacher urged all of us to invite Jesus to come into our lives. Although I had been attending church for many years, it was different that night. I was a little afraid of how intense the speaker was. To my surprise, my younger brother Alan walked forward to pray with the speaker. He looked happy. Something started happening in my heart. I realized there was an empty place in my life that I hadn't felt before, and I finally understood that only Jesus could fill that emptiness. It was almost a relief to walk towards the stage to pray to ask Jesus to forgive me of my sins, and to invite Him into my heart. I was overwhelmed with a deep peace and joy and excited that Jesus was now living in my heart.

I've been a Christian for about 50 years now but I still have much to learn in my walk with Him and building His character. Being a follower of Jesus is the best decision I've made. God has helped me in my marriage, parenting, career, retirement and caregiving. I'm grateful that God is always loving, faithful, and patient with me through my mistakes or not obeying Him. The trials I've been through have caused me to seek God more, and to deepen my relationship with Him.

God's Word has always been important, but over the years, they have become richer, more meaningful, and powerful to me. I'm working on letting His Word renew my mind. Pastor Paul has mentioned many times in his messages about choosing to dwell on God's Word and His truths, and not our feelings. Philippians 4: 4-7 helps me when I worry. "Rejoice in the Lord, again I will say rejoice. Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God. And

the peace of God which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your mind in Christ Jesus.”

## Prayer Chain

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

## Prayer Requests & Praises for the Week

7/5/20: Prayer Request from Jim Wellsand: Lynn is getting weaker and her memory is fading. She is now receiving care in their home. Their prayer is “to run well and finish strong. Promotion Day is on the horizon. God is on His Throne. To Him be the glory”.

7/6/20: Update from Byron Shimabukuro: Thank you all for your prayers. All went well on the flights and the check points. I need to survive the 14 days quarantine now. Aloha, Byron <><

7/7/20: Update from Laura Newell on Ruby: Mom is on a normal diet now and drinking regular liquids. She says she's doing well. We're able to talk with her twice daily, and she continues to do well with PT/OT. Mom is able to go to the restroom with assistance. She'll be discharged from the hospital tomorrow, Wed.! Mom will stay at Hale Makua for two weeks, then we'll try to get her into rehab in Honolulu. Mom has a really hard time texting, so please DO NOT TEXT her. Thanks so much for your continued prayers. Mom says she's praying for everyone.

7/8/20: Iris Ginoza: Please be in prayer for my sister's neighbor's family. He passed away this morning.

7/10/20: Gladys Saenz: Aloha Prayer Warriors! Please pray! On my way to the hospital as my BP is elevated. They will run tests and monitor me, but if they aren't able to get my BP down, Lil Boy Saenz may arrive today. I am just past 34 weeks. Please pray that all goes well and according to God's perfect plan. Hoping and praying that my BP is able to be managed and that he gets to stay in my belly a bit longer...God is always on time. ☺ Thanks for praying.

7/10/20: Update from Gladys Saenz: Thank you for your prayers! Just discharged from the hospital. My BP was able to be lowered. Doc upped my dose of my oral meds so please pray that it is able to stabilize my blood pressure and that all is well until our little boy is ready to enter this world. We appreciate all your prayers.

7/10/20: Update from Laura Newell: Good news: Ruby had her FIRST BATH since June 4th. You can imagine how good that felt. Pray w/ us that she can get a haircut ASAP; with that she'll feel almost human again. Her physical therapist, Lianne, said she'll start doing PT, OT, and speech therapy for an hour each daily, so let's pray for increased physical strength and stamina. Many thanks for continued prayer for Ruby.