

Pukalani Baptist Church

WITH CHRIST, INTO CRISIS!

“...He Hath Said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.”

Hebrews 13:5b

Sunday, August 2, 2020

Pastor's Pen by Pastor Paul Kaneshiro

Praise Our Gracious Lord!!! He turned Hurricane Douglas away from Maui and the State of Hawaii. It was a "Razor Thin Miracle", As I've heard it described, where the Hurricane just barely brushed Hawaii. HE revealed His Love for each of us who have trusted in HIM! We need to remember this, to take us through times when HE doesn't seem to be there.

During the last 5 months we have had some tough times. We have all experienced Losses. Losses of Life, such as Serious Illnesses, Loss of Jobs, Income, Social Isolation and even Deaths. These have revealed to us how Fragile and Uncertain life is. But, We have also seen and experienced **HIS MIRACLES**.

Most Importantly, are the people who are interested in hearing about Jesus, especially during these hard times. It has amazed me that in difficulties that I've been called to assist in over the last week, at least 6 shared with me about their Faith in Jesus or asked me about Jesus! He can surely be Exalted in the worst of situations.

Remember, **JESUS** is with us especially in Critical Incidents of our lives. 1 Peter 1:6-9 (NASV) "6 In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, 7 so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 8 and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, 9 obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls."

Focus on the "outcome" that JESUS gives to us.

Pastor Paul

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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 8/2/20).

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Message from Laura Newell

Recently I received praise and prayer requests from our friends in China, the ones we partner with each summer. It is rainy season there and heavy rains have brought dangerous flooding and landslides. This does not affect city dwellers nearly as much as those in the countryside because the infrastructure in cities is much better than in towns and villages.

Current downpours and flashfloods have done heavy damage in 22 villages where up to 10,000 people have been evacuated; three people have been killed. Because of these conditions, we have been asked to pray for those especially in SW China where rain and flashfloods are expected to continue.

In addition, the director who many of us have met (she spoke a few years ago at our women's seminar), has requested prayer for her upcoming travels. Her travel dates are July 26-August 5, so she leaves next week to spend time ministering to college kids, for whom she has a special place in her heart. Years ago she came to Christ while she was a university student. Please intercede with us for traveling mercies, safety, and much fruit that remains for His glory. In addition, she will spend a few days with her family in which she is the only believer.

I saved her praise for last: the local government approached her some weeks ago with a special request to assist them. Because of Covid, there are quite a few elders in the area who have no one to help them, whether it's getting food, a ride to the doctor, or just having someone to talk to, especially in this rainy season.

It didn't take long for a plan to be put into place to train elders in the local fellowships. Many signed up to reach out to aid their peers, most of them strangers. They have been called to be Christ's hands and feet in their communities. What a privilege! I believe they are doing those "good works God planned for them beforehand."

In Chinese culture one is obligated to help family and friends but not strangers. Indeed not! But with our example of the Good Samaritan, Chinese Christians are putting their faith into action and learning that God's revelation of His thoughts are higher than their cultural traditions.

It is really unheard of for the government to ask churches for help, especially when the national government is putting church leaders and pastors into prison. This is a breakthrough, so let's rejoice with those who are rejoicing and weep with those who are weeping in the Middle Kingdom where God's Spirit is alive and well. Many thanks for your prayer support for our brothers and sisters there.

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.

PBC's Yard Ministry

Team:	Members of the Team:	Week of:
1	Jason, Thomas, Jim	Saturday, August 8, 2020
2	Shane, Duane, Kaipo	Saturday, August 22, 2020
3	Glenn, Gary, Rick	Saturday, September 5, 2020

Aaron Monoogan's Testimony

I grew up in the church and in a Christian family. I was surrounded by God from the very beginning. I was blessed to have my parents take me to church every Sunday and to vacation bible school in the summers. I also have an Uncle who has been such an inspiration for me for the Gospel growing up. I knew who God was and I knew the truth in the Bible and I was passionate about the truth but I just never had a true relationship with Him. I put God in a box for when I needed him while I lived for the world's pleasures.

My lowest point was after a breakup in college. I thought was my life was secure up to that point, then all of a sudden I felt like my entire world was falling apart, all of my insecurities and doubts started to weigh heavily on me to the point where I felt like I was going to break. The insecurities of not being good enough for someone else, the doubt of my future of trying to obtain success in the world. I felt that I was incapable of accomplishing anything and that I would be nothing.

While I was at the lowest point in my life, the only way I could look was up toward God. God was gracious and brought mentors in my life on Maui and Oahu that were a light to me. I truly then surrendered my life to Jesus and began a real relationship in him. I truly began to know him in my heart and sincerity that I am saved. "For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved" Romans 10:10

Since Knowing Him, God he has given me fulfillment and purpose in my life. He brought me to this verse in Romans 8:28 "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been according to his purpose." In life I will go through hills and valleys but God will use everything that I go through for his purpose to let his light shine through me through surrendering to him daily. It is His love and graciousness that brought me back to him.

Today's Scripture

⁴ The angel said to those who were standing before him, "Take off his filthy clothes." Then he said to Joshua, "See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put fine garments on you."

Zechariah 3:4 (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 pbcmaui@hawaii.rr.com

Prayer Requests & Praises for the Week

7/21/20: Please pray for Laurie's mom. Laurie Hirata: My mom was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer on Friday. We will know more on Wednesday when we go to the surgeon.

7/21/20: Prayer Requests & Updates from Lovena Love: Thank you everyone for your continued prayers. Please pray for my sister & her husband. They are trying to have a baby & having a doctor help them to through this process. Praying for God's will to happen. Rose is doing better, respectful. My Dad "Peter" is continuing on his healing journey. His right leg is in need of prayers for healing over his veins and leg. Thank you Aloha & Love Love Ohana

7/22/20: Helen Fukagawa: My brother Wayne has 2 rather big kidney stones, one in each of his kidneys. Dianne took him to the ER 2 nights ago because he was in so much pain. Dr said one of the stones is moving, but moving very slowly. They're unable to do anything for that stone. Dr gave him OxyContin (?sp) for the pain and discharged him. They will do some kind of procedure on the other stone but not until September due to a backlog of other surgeries. Would appreciate your prayers for Wayne, as he is also experiencing vertigo, too.

7/23/20: Update from Laura Newell: This week's teleconference went well with Garret and three of Ruby's therapists. They agreed that she's making good progress and is ready for the next phase of treatment. The plan is for her to be moved to Rehab of the Pacific the first of next week, weather allowing; they are currently working for Garret to be able to accompany Ruby and stay there during treatment. Please pray w/ us on that, will you? Many thanks, Laura

7/25/20: Update from Helen Fukagawa: PTL! PTL! My brother Wayne passed the kidney stone this morning and he's back to his old self again! He's so grateful for all your faithful prayers for

him. His doctor was able to move up the procedure to remove the other kidney stone from September to August 6th. Prayerfully, the stone will not decide to start moving before then!!

7/30/20: Prayer Update from Laura Newell: Garret and Ruby are getting ready to fly right now and will arrive just in time to start a new regimen of rehab on Oahu. Visitation is from 12-5 daily, but only one person can go in at a time, so Garret and Jarret will take turns with Ruby. She asked me to pass on her appreciation: "Please tell everyone who is praying for me 'Thank you.' Let's continue to uplift Ruby and family in prayer.

7/31/20: Update & Request from Kathy Bauer: Please continue to pray for my brother, Robert. He has COVID 19 and today has been admitted to the hospital. His daughter, Malinda, is still positive for COVID 19 and is experiencing a severe case of conjunctivitis in her eyes. We are PTL as his granddaughter has recovered completely from the disease. Thank you for your prayers! Kathy

7/31/20: Please be in prayer for Vicki & her family. Vicki Gilbert: There is another fire in Haliimaile. Two streets up have been evacuated. We are packed but I won't leave yet until they say we have to go.

7/31/20: Vicki Gilbert: Thanks again for the prayers. Please let everyone know we are doing well and thanks for praying. God is good ALL THE TIME!!