

# Pukalani Baptist Church

WITH CHRIST, INTO CRISIS!

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

**Thursday, August 27, 2020**

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

This Sunday, August 30, 2020 is “**MISSION DIGNITY**” Sunday. It is an essential Ministry that our Denomination (Southern Baptist Convention) has supported for many years. It is a program designed to provide additional financial support for our retired Southern Baptist Pastors & Wives who have insufficient funds to survive. They have given their entire lives pastoring smaller churches and have not been able to care for their retirement needs.

Here is a portion of the 2020 Annual Report of the **GUIDESTONE FINANCIAL RESOURCES** of the Southern Baptist Convention.

*At the very heart of GuideStone is the relief ministry Mission:Dignity®. In 2019, **Mission:Dignity** had its best fund-raising year to date, raising some \$9.7 million for relief efforts for retired pastors and, in most cases, their widows. Thanks to an endowment set up many years ago that covers administrative costs, 100 percent of gifts to Mission:Dignity go to help these good and godly servants. Almost **1,700 individuals** in desperate financial need are able to receive benefits from GuideStone's Mission:Dignity ministry.*

*When GuideStone was founded 102 years ago, its visionary first leader, **William Lunsford**, promised the messengers (delegates from Individual Churches like PBC) of the Southern Baptist Convention that this ministry would be there to serve them (the Pastors). “Give yourself wholeheartedly to the work. We'll stand back of you,” he said. “If you fall in the work, we'll care for you; if you die, we will not allow your family to suffer. If you grow old in the work, we'll comfort you in your declining years.”*

*Through a century of change, expansion and growth, GuideStone has chosen to remain true to its founding and provide relief for Southern Baptist ministers and denominational employees. Since 2014, the neediest Mission:Dignity recipients saw their monthly grant amount grow to \$450 for individuals and \$600 for couples. Qualified recipients receiving the largest payouts must have at least 25 years of salaried Southern Baptist ministerial service and must meet guidelines for income and assets. Eligible recipients with at least 10 years of full-time, salaried Southern Baptist service can receive \$225 per month if single, and couples can receive \$300.*

I personally remember several Pastors in my Childhood and Youth. But I especially remember Pastor Bratton, who was my Pastor while I was in college in Arkansas. He was a Godly Man who was warm and loving to this college kid from Hawaii. Under his ministry God called me to dedicate

my life to the Ministry. His counsel and encouragement really started me on the pathway that I'm on today.

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 8/23/20).

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

### **Agape by Laura Newell**

I was sitting at the big desk in my bedroom early one morning, praying for a class that afternoon. Usually I asked God to fill me to overflowing with the fruit of His Spirit, starting with love. As I prayed, this thought came very clearly: "You don't love these students; in fact, you don't even like them."

Ouch, the truth hurt. The students in this class were the most unlovable of all my classes. I thought about why I felt that way. Well, there were 26 girls and 4 boys. I felt sorry for the guys because they were outnumbered and there just seemed to be too much estrogen under one roof. The girls were kind of snooty about getting better grades and generally disrespecting the guys.

Reining in my thoughts to continue praying, I agreed with God that I didn't especially care for the class. OK, I didn't love them. Then I remembered that I came all the way from Maui to represent Jesus Christ, and I didn't even like these students! I admitted the truth and asked my Father to forgive me, then asked Him to give me His love for them.

Nothing happened overnight, but slowly but surely there was some change. My students didn't change, but God began to pour some of His patience and kindness into my heart for them. I could feel the change and I even began to look forward to preparing for that class.

Years later I got a phone call from another city. It was one of the students from that class who said, "Congratulations!" I hesitated and asked what was up with that. Here's what I heard:

"I miss you and want to tell you that we just had a baby boy, and we want you to give him an English name. Will you do that?" I smiled and remembered that class and readily agreed to name him.

After we hung up, I began to thank God that whatever I lack, He has. His agape love is perfect and that's what I need. He is willing and able to pour out His love into my hearts for others. Even now, years later, I find myself praying a similar prayer, asking for His love to flow to me and through me so I can represent Him well. How precious is God's love!

## 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, September 5, 2020
1	Jason, Thomas, Jim	Saturday, September 19, 2020
2	Shane, Duane, Kaipo	Saturday, October 3, 2020

## Announcements for Thursday, August 27, 2020

Mission Dignity: Please go to this link to watch videos & learn more about this organization. <https://www.missiondignity.org/Promotions/MissionDignity-Sunday>

## Today's Scripture

<sup>5</sup> Then I said: "LORD, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments,

Nehemiah 1:5 (New International Version) NIV

## Prayer Requests & Praises for the Week

8/19/20: Kathy Bauer: My niece was not able to be fitted with glasses today as there is still too much swelling and inflammation. Thank you for your prayers and I ask that you would continue to uplift her. She is in her 6 week of being off work. She needs one more negative COVID test before they can do cataract surgery on her other eye.

8/19/20: Julia Apolo: Please pray for me. I will be having a biopsy scheduled for 7:40am tomorrow on my left Thyroid as I'm told I have Multi nodular Goiter. I'm praying all goes well with the

procedure and no cancer. My right thyroid has hyperthyroidism. I see a specialist on Friday for treatment. I'm not sure how serious or not that is, but this will be determined at my visit. I feel good physically but am nervous and maybe a little scared at what if BUT PRAYING all goes well and I'll be ok and it is nothing really serious. Thank u all for Loving on me and my family always. Thanks again

8/20/20: Julia Apolo: The procedure went well. Now, I wait for the results in about a week. Please continue to pray for a negative outcome. Thank u, God bless.

8/23/20: Here is a prayer request from Gary Fitt for Joe Juan: Please uplift Joe Juan's daughter in prayer. She has cancer. Thank you for praying!

8/26/20: Update from Debbie Gonsalves: Dustin just left Dr. No nerve damage. Thank you Jesus! Also, his great grandpa is still in hospital, but doing much better. Thank you all for praying.