

Pukalani Baptist Church

WITH CHRIST, INTO CRISIS!

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

Friday, September 11, 2020

Pastor's Pen by Pastor Paul Kaneshiro

As I spend time with my Heavenly Father this morning, I began to thank HIM for all HIS Blessings upon my life. Then HE caused me to focus was upon our Staff at PBC, Laura Newell and Niki Gibo. Then HE began to remind me of all they do for our Fellowship, me, my Family, and for HIM.

Laura has been ministering to our Ladies and leading our Mission Trips since 1996. That's 24 years!!! She has helped so many to grow in our Lord Jesus Christ as she has Discipled many, including all my Daughters.

She has led Bible Studies at the Prison for many years and still does. During these Bible Studies she has also taught others in our Fellowship to do the same. Many of our Ladies have been in a variety of Bible Studies that Laura has led at PBC or in other's homes. Ms. Newell has ministered personally to so many from PBC and other Churches in crisis situations. It is such a Blessing to have her available to assist others in a crisis situation.

There is so much more that she has done for my family and me. Thank you, Jesus, for sending Laura to PBC!

How I praise God for Niki Gibo! She has been with us since August of 2016. What a blessing she has been to PBC and to me especially. Most of what Niki does in her Ministry at PBC is "behind the scene" so most of you don't know what she does. Let me share with you my viewpoint of Niki's Administrative w of being responsible for the Financial Record keeping, keeping track of the incoming & outgoing communications, and bringing order to the Administrative work of the Church.

Additionally, Niki has been a key part of the Childrens Ministry Team by volunteering to teach in Sunday School, Childrens Church, Awanas and VBS. She has also played a vital role in the Harvest Party along with almost every other Events in our Fellowship. You will always see her preparing, cleaning, and organizing before an Event. Then you will see her cleaning and putting things back in order in the right storage place. Often she recruits our People to help in these endeavors.

I describe her as the "HUB OF THE WHEEL" as she Connects the various parts of our Church with all of us. We all depend on her to communicate with the rest of the Church our Prayer Requests so we can gain the Prayer Support of our Fellowship during times of need. By the way, she does this at whatever day and time that someone needs Prayer Support. This is difficult and inconvenient to drop what you're doing to email our entire Fellowship when someone calls, texts, or emails a prayer request. This is one of the most valuable Ministries within our Fellowship because we know how Crucial Prayer really is.

But most of all, at least for me, I can totally Trust both of them in the confidentiality of our Ministry at Pukalani Baptist Church because of their personal relationship with JESUS, and their Calling by HIM to serve HIM at PBC. I am deeply honored to serve PBC alongside with Laura and Niki. Please express your Appreciation to them and pray for us.

Mahalo,
Pastor Paul

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 9/6/20).

Sermons may take about a week to be posted to www.pukalanibaptist.com. Thank you for your patience as we continue to provide this ministry to the church.

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Friday Night Special By Laura Newell

Before I lived in China, I never realized how much I took for granted. During my first few years I had no hot water in which to bathe, so I took lots of sponge baths. Needless to say, I felt like I was camping out for months at a time. You know that grungy feeling where you'd give an arm or a leg just to feel clean again. That feeling was mine.

In all that time I never thought to pray about getting hot water. It was just a fact of life for me and a way of life for most Chinese. In fact, in the ancient Chinese world, I've read that the two times a man took a bath was on the day of his wedding and the day of his burial. Yikes!

A colleague of mine who taught on the south side of our city met me for lunch one day; she was also an American teacher and during our training days we learned that we actually had some friends in common. During our meal Barbara asked, "Are you still without hot water?" I nodded and she said words sweet to my ears.

"Do you want to come over and take a hot bath at my apartment?"

"Seriously?" I responded. "When is a good time for you?"

We agreed on late Friday afternoon, right after her last class of the day. I could hardly contain my excitement, looking forward to a hot bath with great anticipation. At the appointed time, I got onto my Flying Pigeon and pedaled my bike across town to the Ag College where Barb taught.

Drinking tea and talking story, we caught up with each other's week and shared the international news she'd heard by the grapevine. After our shared supper, she explained the complexity of my coming bath. First, Barb would put on her white cotton gloves and go outside to gather soft coal from a pile on her campus, then load it into her coal burning stove. Water would be heated, then piped, boiling hot through the kitchen wall into the bathroom.

The tricky part was not getting the water too hot. You see, she had no control over the water temperature. "OK, I'm ready. Let's do it." An hour later my body looked like a boiled shrimp and felt like a roasted turkey, but I didn't care one bit because I was clean from the tip of my ears to the toes on my feet.

I've never forgotten Barb's kindness to me, especially since she invited me every Friday afternoon until I finally got hot water in my own bathroom in the form of a box from Japan that heated the water and usually came out hot. Sometimes, however, it just smoked and scared me half to death. I heard reports that someone in our city got serious burns from his shower box, but I not only survived but thrived in God's providence. He supplied my need even before I asked. How great is our God!

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, September 19, 2020
2	Shane, Duane, Kaipō	Saturday, October 3, 2020
3	Glenn, Gary, Rick	Saturday, October 17, 2020

Announcements for Friday, September 11, 2020

Sue Nishikawa Offering Week is from September 6 to September 13. Please go to this link for more information on this ministry: <https://www.hpbaptist.net/suenishikawa>

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

²⁵ Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up.

Proverbs 12:25 (New International Version) NIV

Prayer Requests & Praises for the Week

9/7/20: Prayer Request from Iris Ginoza: Please pray for Alton as he is having issues with his stomach again. He has been tested for Covid-19 3 times and all was negative. I have cataract surgery on Thursday. They will be doing my right eye. Then on 10/1 I have the second surgery on the other eye. Please pray for the doctor and staff.

9/7/20: Prayer Update from Joanna Kaneshiro: Thank you for praying for my college roommate Brooke's dad. My dad shared in church yesterday that he was close to passing. Last night he graduated from this life to be with Jesus. I was messaging with Brooke today and she was praising the Lord for His divine timing of allowing her and her family to be with her dad at the end. (They're missionaries in Honduras.) Their whole family had a time of worship with the Lord together with her dad and got to spend the day together. He was surrounded by all his children and grandchildren yesterday. She also shared that they are experiencing God's peace that passes all understanding and they are grateful for our prayers.

9/7/20: Update from Laura Newell: Ellen Yamane's mom passed several days ago. The family appreciates our concern and prayers. Thank you for interceding for Mrs. Yamane.

9/9/20: Prayer Request from Byron Shimabukuro: Please pray for my daughter and the family. They are on a 1 warning to evacuate because of the fires in Oregon. Thank you, Byron <><

9/9/20: Good News from Jahnna Burns: Baby boy Kaikua Burns was born via c-section on 9/9/2020, 7.7lbs 20in.

9/10/20: Update from Iris Ginoza: My surgery went well. Thank you for your prayers.

9/10/20: Prayer Request from Lovena Love: Please pray for Lyric. She's back to College in Odessa, Texas. During practice Lyric injured herself. A player rammed into her going for the volleyball. Her knee is in pain. Her trainer doesn't think it's anything serious. Pray for healing, for her to be pain free. Also uplift her shoulder also. Thank you, Love's

9/11/20: Prayer Request from Iris Ginoza: Please pray for my grandnephew. He is at the hospital right now. They aren't sure what is going on. He is 16 years old.