### **Pukalani Baptist Church**

WITH CHRIST, INTO CRISIS!

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

Saturday, September 19, 2020

## Pastor's Pen by Pastor Paul Kaneshiro

"AMERICA IS IN TROUBLE. OUR COMMUNITIES ARE HURTING, OUR PEOPLE ARE DIVIDED, AND THERE'S FEAR AND UNCERTAINTY ALL AROUND US. LET'S JOIN TOGETHER AND DO THE MOST IMPORTANT THING: PRAY!"

#### - FRANKLIN GRAHAM

Franklin Graham is calling on Christians to pray for our Nation. For us to unite together in prayer for the healing of America. So on Saturday, September 26, 2020, he is calling on Christians to join him in Washington, D.C. for a PRAYER MARCH

Here's how Rev. Graham describes what this is: "The Washington Prayer March 2020 event is a dedicated prayer march that is focused solely on asking God to heal our land. It is not a protest or political event, and we are asking participants to not bring signs in support of any candidate or party."

"At each stop, we will pray silently using the focus and prompts for each location. There will be no microphones or audio amplification for the march. After a set period of time, we will move on to the next stop."

It will start at 12noon (EDT), which is 6am Hawaii time, next Saturday, September 26, 2020. Let's join many thousands of Christians from throughout America that will be asking our Loving Heavenly Father to Divinely Intervene and Heal our Nation. Pray from wherever you are, for we surely do need **HIS INTERVENTION**!!!

More information can be found at <a href="https://prayermarch2020.com/about/">https://prayermarch2020.com/about/</a> This website will also have a live webcast of this Prayer Movement.

Let us Pray Together for our Nation, 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 9/13/20).

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

For assistance, please email the church office at <a href="mailto:pbcmaui@hawaii.rr.com">pbcmaui@hawaii.rr.com</a> or call (808) 572-7968

# Some Itchy By Laura Newell

Before moving to China, I had never lived in a cold climate. Imagine my surprise at the arid winters of Inner Mongolia when a really cold day could be minus 20 or 30 degrees including the wind chill factor. You knew it was a cold one when you stepped outdoors and your nostril hairs immediately froze. I remember going to bed at night with layers of clothing topped by my ski jacket. Poor insulation definitely contributed to indoor shivers.

My first year of English majors were a true delight to me. It was their first time to ever meet a foreigner, much less talk with one, and it got even more interesting when they had one for a teacher. Our classes were much different than those taught by their Chinese professors because we encouraged them to ask questions and participate in class rather than sit and take notes for two hours with a cigarette break in between. Many of these students were the only kids from their village to ever attend college and they were eager to learn English from a native speaker.

One of the young men came from a typically small village and after going home on holiday, he told his mother about his foreign teacher who looked cold all the time. Well, she got busy and knitted a pure wool set of long underwear maybe two inches thick. Maybe three.

Her son returned to campus along with his dear mom, so he phoned to see if they could come visit me. I readily agreed and they came to my apartment with a good-sized bag. With twinkling eyes, he introduced me to his mother and she nodded and smiled; I did the same and he served as my translator. I always enjoyed telling parents, with their son or daughter as interpreter, what a good student their child was and how I enjoyed them in my classes.

He pulled open the bag they brought and said, "Look inside, teacher!" I did and saw my brand new long undies. Thanking them profusely, I decided not to try them on just yet, so we chatted about the weather and I served hot tea. After some time, they needed to leave, so I thanked them both again for their thoughtfulness and kindness and waved them off at the door.

I went into my bedroom and tried on this one- of- a- kind gift. Wow! Some itchy! It was more prickly than a prickly pear! I could hardly bear to keep them on for more than a few minutes. Whew, I wondered how I'd manage to wear them during a two- hour class. With clothing over the pure wool, I felt as wide as I was tall. Fortunately, my student never asked to see if I had on the long johns from his mom, but they weren't wasted because I was able to recycle them to a poor family in a nearby village.

Years later, I still recall that long underwear with great fondness, marveling at the care and concern my students and their families showed me. That young man now works at the airport and when I'm

in his stomping grounds, we're delighted when we run into each other. One summer he was able to locate a lost suitcase from Beijing and that was a huge help to me; on that occasion he was an answer to our prayers. What a joy to have been a small part of his world!

#### **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 <a href="mailto:gnfit

### **PBC's Yard Ministry**

Team:	Members of the Team:	Week of:
2	Shane, Duane, Kaipo	Saturday, October 3, 2020
3	Glenn, Gary, Rick	Saturday, October 17, 2020
1	Jason, Thomas, Jim	Saturday, October 31, 2020

#### **Announcements for Saturday, September 19, 2020**

Sue Nishikawa Offering. 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**

<sup>8</sup> "Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God's love for them. <sup>9</sup> But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, 'Salvation comes from the LORD.' "

Jonah 2:8-9 (New International Version) NIV

#### **Prayer Requests & Praises for the Week**

9/12/20: Prayer Request from Julia Apolo: Please pray for healing for Jada. She's been in and out of ER 3 nights in a row now returning home yesterday morning. The Dr told her she has a Kidney infection and gave her IV antibiotics, antibiotic medication and sent her home. The problem is that she hasn't been able to hold it down for the past days and yesterday afternoon she woke up with her whole face swollen. She went to Kaiser yesterday evening where they gave her more antibiotics

- and told her to return at 8 this morning where they'll do more lab work with the possibility of her being admitted into the hospital. Asking for prayers that all will be well. Thank u
- 9/12/20: Prayer Update from Iris Ginoza: Doreen's grandson will be released today. Please pray for continued healing while he's at home. Thank you all for your prayers and love.
- 9/13/20: Prayer Update from David Nakagawa (Sent on September 12): Just got off the phone with my daughter in LA. She talked to her neighbor's son today. He told her that Sam past away today. Please keep Sam's family in prayer during this time of mourning.
- 9/13/20: Prayer Request from Byron Shimabukuro: I am having cataract surgery on Thursday, 9/17/20 11:45 a.m. Please pray for peace during & after surgery. Thank you, Byron
- 9/13/20: Prayer Request from June Yamamoto: Louella Rita, a former attendee of Pukalani Baptist, has asked the church for prayers. Her husband Calvin, passed away on Aug 18, 2020. She is having difficulty coping, has lost weight, has not been able to hold down food, and is on anxiety meds. Please pray for her as she leans on our Lord Jesus Christ and adjusts to life without her Husband and also without her Mother, whom she lost on May 7. Mom was looking forward to going home to Jesus. Thank you for your prayers. In Christ, June Yamamoto
- 9/14/20: Prayer Request from Byron Shimabukuro: My cousin, Jean, who died a couple months ago of heart failure, yesterday her husband killed himself and thus leaving two young children. Jean has two brothers and a sister who are taking care of them. Please pray for my cousins. They have endured so much these past few months.
- 9/16/20: Update from Pastor Paul: Thank you PBC for praying for Naomi & her Family. The Hurricane missed them & they are fine. Thank you all for praying
- 9/17/20: Update from Jim Wellsand: Lynn is now homebound in a hospital bed as of 9/14. The myotonic muscular dystrophy is taking its toll, body and mind. We are getting excellent in-home care from Islands Hospice. All our needs are being met. Please pray that we glorify our Heavenly Father each day that Lynn and I have together. She has lived a full life (Psalm 90:10) and we are thankful for each day here. End of Life Here and walking through the Valley of the Shadow of Death is not easy, yet we look forward to Promotion Day. John 11:25-26 & Proverbs 3:5-6 are for us. We love you.
- 9/17/20: Updates from Byron Shimabukuro: Thanks for all the prayers. I think at the present time, they (my cousins) are not sure what they are going to do. Also, thank you all for your prayers for my cataract surgery. I just got out. My cataract surgery went okay. Aloha Byron <><
- 9/17/20: Helen Fukagawa: Our family would appreciate your prayers for our mom, Mrs. Shimizu, who's been under Hospice Care as of last Friday. She's 102 yr old and has had a number of falls since last year. Since being diagnosed with dysphagia in April, she's been eating less and less, losing weight, sleeping a lot more and barely walking anymore. We thank all of you for taking time to pray for our mom and us as we go thru this time of transition. But we're happy and joyful that mom accepted Jesus as her Savior 3 years ago.
- 9/18/20: Prayer Request from Iris Ginoza: Hi all, I'm flying this morning to Oahu for a PET scan. Please pray for safe travels. I will be returning this evening. Thank you all for praying.
- 9/19/20: Iris Ginoza: I'm home now and in quarantine. I'm so grateful for all your prayer support. Please also be in prayer for my friend. She texted me last night that her mom passed

away yesterday. Please pray for her comfort and peace. Thank you all for being such a wonderful support for my family and I.

9/19/20: Prayer Request from Cindy Urbach: Please be praying for Cindy Urbach and her family. Her mom, Betty, is in her final hours here on this earth.