

Pukalani Baptist Church

WITH CHRIST, INTO CRISIS!

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

Friday, September 4, 2020

Pastor's Pen by Pastor Paul Kaneshiro

When I was in High School, there was a guy that I played sports with. But I didn't like him because he made fun of me & ridiculed me. He tried to point out that he was right and I was wrong always. I didn't like how he treated other people either. He seemed to feel superior to me and others then treated us like it. We were rivals and disagreed on almost every subject especially in sports.

But when we got into a game it didn't matter that I didn't like him, because we were teammates. We were playing for the same team, Playing for the same goal = to win for our School.

You see, I knew that we didn't stand a chance of winning if we played selfishly and not cooperatively. He and I both knew that and agreed on this goal. We needed to work together so that the more important goal could be achieved.

We Christians often work against each other, because we don't like each other or disagree on some issue. One of us may be upset with how the other treated you. Or vice versa. Let's realize what is Truly Important. That People hear about JESUS and Trust Him for their Salvation. And that we Disciple Christians to know and obey His Commands. Let's not let Satan win by deceiving us and getting us at odds with each other.

The Apostle Paul says in Philippians 2:2-3, "2 make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. 3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves;"

Looking forward to seeing my Brothers & Sisters in JESUS on Sunday as we worship Him. Continue in His Protection & Love. We miss those who cannot make it because of Health Concerns. But we can all be united in Praying for Each Other everyday in His Love.

In Jesus' Love,
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 8/30/20).

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.

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

Simple Pleasures by Laura Newell

It was a no-brainer: snowflakes or English grammar? It was also Halloween, or All Saints Day to some, and we were on the fifth floor of the Main Building. I'm not sure who noticed it first, me or my students, but silent snow had begun to fall and it was mesmerizing.

I couldn't help myself. "Look, it's snowing!" We quickly gathered around the windows in our classroom and watched the parade of snow. Our class monitor said with a gleam in his eyes, "Let's go onto the roof. We can see more up there!" No one needed to be coaxed to follow him out of our class, down the hallway, and up through a trapdoor in the ceiling.

"Wow!" We could see in every direction as our brown world turned white, as our dirty world was made clean. The edge of the Gobi Desert isn't known for its color, but watching the snowfall turn everything clean and white was a real pleasure for all of us.

We looked at one another, a smile on each face and light in every eye and I thought, "How lovely to share this with my first- year English majors." They were as thrilled as I was and we could see it on one another's faces, although we eventually headed back to class to continue lessons.

Fast forward half a year, and spring was upon us. The same students were busy studying in the same classroom. Dorm rooms were too crowded to study in because each one housed four bunk beds and one wash basin. Imagine eight college kids crammed into one tiny room with nowhere to study; I'd learned that was the reason they all congregated in the same classroom for studies and classes.

I lived in the teachers' building, and I was enjoying warmer temps after a long, cold winter. It always seemed strange to me that our indoor radiators were turned on October 15 whether you needed it or not and turned off April 15 whether you needed it or not. I was relieved to be out of my snowsuit and boots.

A sudden thought came to me one day: go to market and buy a big watermelon to share with your students. What a great idea! I located the huge butcher knife from the kitchen, grabbed my shopping bag and off to market I went. I found the largest watermelon I could and then headed for the Main Building.

I walked up five flights of stairs, an interesting challenge all its own, and entered class, noticing students with their heads bent over desks, oblivious to everyone around them. I greeted them with a happy "Ni hao" and pulled out my butcher knife. "Who needs a break from studying?" Eyes went to the watermelon and smiles replaced concentration. "Will you cut the watermelon?" I asked the class monitor. "I think we all could use a break."

He readily agreed and students gathered around us, accepting large, juicy slices of sweet goodness. What a joy to see their happy faces with whom I had previously enjoyed our first winter snowfall.

The class monitor turned to me after he'd passed out the last piece of watermelon, with more than a hint of surprise. "Teacher, I never knew that you're just like us." I smiled, thinking of all the propaganda my students had been subjected to. It felt good to see them realize that all of us as human beings appreciate many of the same enjoyments in life. So small, but a tiny breakthrough that laid groundwork for lifelong relationships. "Father, thank you for simple pleasures."

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:
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 Friday, September 4, 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>

Jayne Hottenstein's Testimony

Some years ago, I experienced a stroke. That was a first in more ways than one: the first time I'd been in an ambulance and the first time I'd ever been in hospital. Many things change in this life, but I'm so grateful that God does not change. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

One of my first memories there at Maui Memorial after I had regained consciousness was seeing three men standing around the foot of my bed. There was my husband, my son, and my pastor. Imagine my surprise!

The Lord taught me so much during that experience: the need to draw closer to Him, the power of prayer, His divine sovereignty, and my need to surrender to His will each and every day of my life. A couple days later my husband Gary told me, "It's Sunday and your church has come to you!" Each person smiled and came closer, and I thought how wonderful to have my own family see how loving and important my Christian family is to me. My heart was in awe over that and our sweet time of fellowship there in my hospital room.

Gary and I were driving home from the hospital and I told him, "That verse just came back to me again!" "What verse?" he asked. "Philippians 4:11," I said. "...I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content." He looked over at me and I could tell God gave that to me for him to hear.

The stroke wiped out the many Bible verses I had hidden in my heart during the past years, every-one except Philippians 4:11. That was the one most essential to me during my hospital stay. The Holy Spirit reminded me that in whatever situation He brings to me, I am to be content. Why? Because He was with me during this ordeal, providing all my needs and He was in me, assuring me of His presence. Hallelujah!

Today's Scripture

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:15-17 (New International Version) NIV

Prayer Requests & Praises for the Week

8/27/20: John Yamamoto: Please pray for Betty, she is going to be taking a CT scan at 1400hrs. Praying for a good scan, showing cancer has been removed from her body completely. Praise God...or at least gotten smaller or has not changed. Praise the precious name of Jesus!!! Thank You!!!

8/27/20: Prayer Request from Julia Apolo: Julia Apolo asked us to be in prayer for a friend who is battling cancer. She had emergency surgery last week. Thank you

8/28/20: Update from John Yamamoto on Betty: Just received a call from the doctor. Great news, results shows no change from last CT scan. Cancer did not spread. Praise the Lord. Thank You for the prayers...

8/29/20: Prayer Request from Julia Apolo: Please pray for my mom. Her body is retaining water so the hospital has moved her to another wing where they will be able to medicate her intravenously to speed up the process to eliminate fluids. She's been diagnosed with congestive heart failure for a while now therefore retaining water could be life threatening. She will be there over the weekend or until fluids are removed. Asking for continued prayers. Thank u all.

8/31/20: Prayer Request from Luke Javier: Pops isn't doing well at all. The heart bypasses seemingly failed. They plan to fly him to Queens on Oahu today or tomorrow to see if anything can be done there to improve his condition. He's intubated, partly conscious. Not looking good. Just letting the church know. Please pray for Paul Javier.

8/31/20: David Nakagawa: My daughter's neighbor has Covid 19. He has been in the hospital for 3 weeks. Also on a ventilator. Please be in prayer for healing and wisdom for the health providers. Thank you, David Nakagawa

9/1/20: Update from Julia Apolo on her & Cyrilla: Good Morning, update on me and my mom. Yesterday evening mom was released back to her room. In 2 days she's lost 9 lbs of fluids. Thank goodness. She's doing much better and is negative for Covid and the flu. For myself my test came back negative. Thank u Jesus no cancer. I will need to be on medication to maintain my thyroid levels and have it monitored. Thank u all for the continued Prayers.

9/3/20: Update from Laura Newell for Linda Javier: Paul Javier is at home with the Lord Jesus now. Linda thanks us for praying. Let's continue to pray for the family.