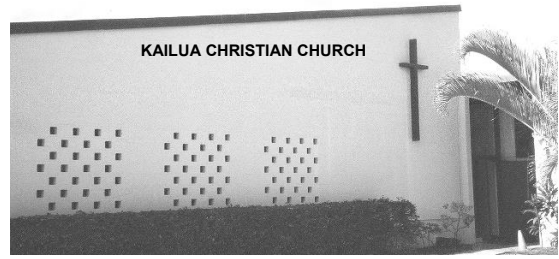


# Waves of Faith

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## *Being Content. Being Happy!*

*“For I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret ....of having plenty and of being in need.”* Philippians 4: 11b - 12, N.R.S.V.

Not many people will tell you that they are content. This passage from Apostle Paul was written while he was in prison. As August begins to wind down, the State of Hawaii is in the process of slowly being shut down again. With all these restrictions, it feels like we're being held hostage in our own homes. Are St. Paul's words relevant to any of us? Could we say the same thing about when we have so little as well as when we are blessed with so much?

The other night while watching television, I was enticed to consider the 2021 Audi as the driver took the steering wheel and accelerated. The song by Frank Sinatra, *“Strangers in the Night”* played in the background ending with *“something in my heart, told me I must have you.”*

Today, I clicked on the email from Eastern Mountain Sports from our family visit to their New York store after our daughter had graduated from Creighton. I wished I had the \$255 Karrimore Men's Hog Crag Low Hiking Shoes selling now for \$99 when I visited Austria in 1970 and I hiked the mountains near Schloss Mittersill (castle or chateau). Instead, I wore the inexpensive hiking boots I bought at a Honolulu Wigwam Store, a discount chain based in Seattle.

If you're like me, this never ends. There always seems to be something newer and better than what we have. In the midst of writing this article, I found myself reading *“A Collection of Sermons”* by the Rev. Takie Okumura that was given to me when I preached a sermon during the summer of 1980 at Makiki Christian Church. The movie, *“Fame”* was playing and I remember the lyrics... *“I'm going to live forever, I'm going to learn how to fly... Baby remember my name.”* The founding pastor of this church writes while attending Doshisha Theological Seminary and spending the weekends at Kusatsu Church of Kosu (Japan). He was asked to visit a family by the deacon of the church leading a wretched life and to comfort them.

*“The house stood by itself on the side of a rice paddy at the outskirts of town. Its walls were caved in, its eaves canted and its whole appearance was that of a tumbledown hovel. The woman who gladly greeted me with a baby on her back was a housewife of about forty. Poverty was written all over her. Inexperienced and a callow youth that I was as a missionary, I pitied her but was at a loss as to what I should say to comfort her. Instead, it was she who spoke words of encouragement to me and counseled me. She herself had come from a samurai family in Yodo and her husband had risen as high as a bank director. However, his business failed and he was reduced to today's utter poverty. He was then working as a coal stage hand for the Kansai Railway while she took in laundry and sewing to eke out a bare living for the family of eight, sheltering themselves in a weatherbeaten shack and subsisting on rice gruel. But the family entrusted everything to God and lived a life filled with thankfulness. They were happier than they*

*had been in Yodo when there were many anxieties and hardships.”*

*After this first visit, I continued to call upon the family often and saw with my own eyes **the happiness that comes from a life that leans on God, a great lesson in faith for me. In rain or shine, there was no difference in rejoicing; in short, “Rejoice in the Lord always.”***

I remember sharing with my late father, what was going on with my life. He would say, “Chris, as long as you’re happy.” And I would have to think about my state of mind and what I was feeling. It was very subjective. We, too, must ask ourselves, “**Are we happy?**”

With Much Aloha,  
Pastor Chris



### **MODERATOR’S NOTES**

***Everything is possible for him who believes.***  
**(Mark 9:23)**

Hello KCC Family and Friends! As always, I hope you and your loved ones are healthy, happy and safe. As I write this month’s newsletter article, it is the first day of the renewed 14 day stay-at-home order from the Governor and Mayor. It is unbelievable that covid-19 has started to surge in our state resulting in this order taking place again. This is a trying time for many. It is comforting to know that we can turn to the Lord and lift up all of our concerns to Him. We need to remember that He is always there for us and has not forgotten a single one of us.

Like some of you, I have been working from home since mid-March. It has been quite a change for me in the sense that I do not see my co-workers on a daily basis. I do have contact with them via phone, emails, instant messaging and online meetings. However, there are some days where I do not use my voice to speak to anyone other than my family members when they

are at home. My new home office (i.e., a fold out table with my laptop and extra monitor) is on the second floor and faces the street at the front of our house. I have a window view of the mountain on the other side of our valley. I had no windows in my real office at work. Why am I sharing this with you, you may ask? This time has provided me the opportunity to see the beauty that God has provided for us each work day. I see beautiful green trees in the mountains and I see and hear all kinds of birds. Sometimes the birds seem happy and other times they seem like they are arguing loudly. I can hear the wind blowing past my house gently as well as loudly at times. I also enjoy seeing rain when it falls gently as well as when there are storms. I am able to visit with our two dogs when I take breaks too. This unusual time of working from home has provided me the opportunity to open my eyes, ears, and nose to appreciate what is always there for us. The beauty of our world that God created for each of us to enjoy. Until I am allowed to go back to my work office, I will count my blessings that I am able to enjoy God’s gifts and presence in my life while working at home. Thank you to all who have continued to send in their pledges and offerings during this pandemic time. People have either mailed checks to the church office or paid through Paypal which is conveniently found on our KCC website. These funds assist us with paying for our operating costs as well as saving for our future.

I continue to be hopeful that pastors will feel called to apply for our open full-time pastor position. In the meantime, I am so thankful that Pastor Chris continues as our interim-pastor. He has been a calming presence at KCC since he arrived. His adaptability to providing zoom services has been terrific. Thank you, Pastor Chris, for sharing your gifts that Our Heavenly Father has blessed you with.

Thank you to the worship team – Aaron Tanaka, Gail Yoneshige & Pastor Chris for continuing to provide us with great zoom worship services each Sunday morning. Thank you to all who have been able to participate. I want to also send a shout out to thank Robert Maeshiro for taking

time after worship to share his covid-19 experience. It was very informative. I am so glad that you are healthy again and that your family has been spared from catching the virus.

For all of our members out there, please take time to pray and see if you feel called to serve in a leadership position for 2021. A nominating committee will be looking for people willing to serve in the coming year. If you are interested in any position, please call the office or let any of your church leaders know of your interest. We would be more than happy to speak with you.

Your KCC leaders will continue to monitor the situation of when to re-open KCC for in-person worship. It is safe to say that we will be continuing with our zoom services through September and potentially many more months. We miss you all, but your safety is of utmost importance to us. Stay healthy and connect with us via zoom, if you can, or pick up the phone and call your fellow KCC members and friends, even if it is just to say a quick "Hi!"

In closing, please continue to be safe and know that Our Father in Heaven has plans for each of us. Take time to think of all the blessings in and around your life and thank Him. Please also be comforted in knowing that the Lord welcomes you to share your joys as well as any heartache or anxiety you may have.

Love in Christ!

Dean



## DEACONS MESSAGE

### **Lost**

The pandemic 'stay home' policy has afforded me to watch too much television. A TV series I binged on was a show filmed in Hawaii called 'Lost'.

The dictionary defines 'Lost' as 1) unable to find one's way, 2) denoting something that has been

taken away or cannot be recovered, 3) (of a game or contest) in which a defeat has been sustained. Many of us are feeling lost during this 'new normal' we now live in, myself included.

### **I once was lost...**

I lost myself. It was not that I got lost while walking through the woods or driving around in a strange city. No, I lost myself. I lost who I was as a person, my goals, my dreams, my values, my beliefs. There were times when I felt like I was beside myself, looking into my brain, and saying, "Who is this person? I don't recognize him. He has no connection with the past. No plans for the future. How can this be me?"

I feel like I've lost my energy, purpose, and direction. I know that all I do is for God's glory, and I know my joy is supposed to be rooted in Christ and not in my circumstances.

### **But now I'm found...**

Don't be paralyzed by regret. Confess your failures to the Lord. A careful study of the Bible reveals that most of the great figures of Scripture experienced failure at one time or another, yet those failures did not keep them from being effective servants for God. There is a fundamental principle here. Sometimes God must engineer failure to us before He can bring about growth and wisdom within us.

Ask others for forgiveness. It can be enormously helpful to go to a person and say, "When I look back, I realize that much of I have done to you was done in anger. Would you please forgive me?"

If needed, take positive steps to reconcile relationships. Ask God if there is something you need to give back to someone, or something you did that you need to undo to restore the relationship.

Let your enlightenment and positive attitude be followed by a grand rebirth of joy. Ask yourself what new opportunities to serve God and to love others are in your life right now.



**Proverbs 3:5-6**

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.”

Vernon Pang (KCC Deacon)

**PRAYERS & PRAISES**

Please continue to keep in your prayers

- ~ Robert Maeshiro and Family
- ~ Elaine Kamibayashi (June Tom's Mother)
- ~ Coreen & Tony Sarabia
- ~ Joan Sakaba
- ~ Sharon Nishihira and Steve Hammond
- ~ Lily Lee
- ~ Larry & Sandra Siu
- ~ Diane & John Mendenhall
- ~ Beverly & Pastor Dale Vallejo-Sanderson
- ~ Howard Pang, Ellen Chew, Lowell & Myrtle Terada, Walter Yeda, Alice Esaki, Sue & Brian Nakashima, Mitsi Higashida, Harry Imai, Hazel Masuda, Carl Nemoto, Jean Kanazawa, Ada Kaneoka, Natsuko Matsushima, Hideko Mumaw, Akito & Annie Sagawa, and Ruth Lum's family.
- ~ Hazel Chow as she finds a new care residence more able to help with her medical needs.
- ~ Pastor Chris Eng and our Pastoral Search Team
- ~ All essential care providers – Professional and family, neighbors and friends who care for each other as the needs arise.
- ~ All businesses and restaurants on shutdown and all their workers who are unemployed during the pandemic.
- ~ All schools that are open, and their staff, and kids, and their families.

**Sincere Condolences** to Dennis Fong and family on the loss of Dennis's brother David.

Our **deepest sympathies** also go out to Irene Kano and family on the loss of her father in August, after just losing her half-sister, in July.

We covet your prayers to the family of Mrs. Evelyn Ball who passed away the day after her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday. She was dearly loved by her neighbors and will be missed.

Please pray for the family of Sharon N. on the loss of her sister-in-law who recently passed away.

Please keep Pastor Jonathan Salle in your prayers as he was hospitalized with the Covid virus. We also send our sincerest sympathies to his family on the loss of his son, TS Salle who recently passed away after collapsing from high blood pressure.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

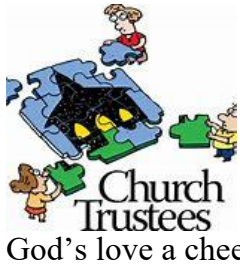
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Gary Nham  
Katelyn Wakuzawa  
Saeko Yoshida  
Deidre Harrison  
Logan Myers  
Jean Sakata  
Natsuko Matsushima

Stella Wakamatsu  
David Yoneshige  
Robert Maeshiro  
Robert Minamoto  
Irene & Cary Kano  
Mitsi Higashida  
Sandra Arashiro  
Grace Myers  
Sam St. John  
Lance Ling

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Rev. David and Kirsten Baumgart Turner  
Reggie & Myra Yamada  
Dennis & Debbie Fong  
Stan & Akiko Nakamura  
Barney & Diane Lee Pilla





Greetings from your Trustees!

“God loves a cheerful giver. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion for God’s love a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:7

We are so grateful for all of you for faithfully sending in your tithes and offerings. Although church remains closed, our bills never ceases. “I told God I was grateful for you. I’m sure He already knew it, but I wanted to tell Him anyway. And I wanted to tell you.” Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NKJV Good news is that September is Give Aloha with Foodland. We encourage you to participate and list KCC as your choice. We are aware that some of you may not be shopping at this time and if so, we would be glad to help you. We miss seeing all of you on Zoom. Please take care of yourselves, and know we are thinking of you often. With blessings, Your Trustees



### USING YOUR GOD GIVEN GIFTS

*We all have an equal measure of “life potential”—our time, talents, and treasure. Luke 19:13*

At Christ’s judgement seat, what will matter is what we did to make a difference for the kingdom with the time, talents, and treasure entrusted into our care.

We invite you to consider how you will invest in the building of God’s church at the family of KCC.

Opportunities of Service you can respond to:

We are looking for plant lovers who would show some TLC to our potted plants that are used for Worship time each Sunday morning. With the loss of our dear friends Mino and Kay, our gardening skills has been limited and we lack the attention needed to keep these beautiful plants looking

healthy and beautiful to enhance our worship services. If you are willing to take care of one or more of our 8 plants at your home while we are waiting for things to get back to a “new normal”, and we can do in-person services again, PLEASE contact the church office. We can make arrangements for you to come and get the plant(s) or if really needed, it can be delivered to your home. (Plants are in need of repotting, fertilizing, and watering.) Mahalo for your consideration.



As good stewards let us invest in our church and its mission to further the advancement of God’s kingdom.

SPECIAL THANKS for blessings and the response to needs:



Mahalo to Harvey and Corvy Lee for the generous donation of food items to share with those having challenging times. We invite you to call the office @ 261-0125 if there is something maybe you could use to help you through this time.

Mahalo to Keith Schultz for donating his time to fix a leaking broken pipe in the kitchen and saving us from plumbing repair expenses.

Mahalo to Sharon Mon for coming to help tidy up the nursery/refreshment rooms for when we were thinking of reopening.

Mahalo to Jennie Lee for helping to gather some cleaning supplies and safety resources for our Covid 19 Team.

Mahalo to all of you serving God’s people in many unseen ways but making an eternal difference in advancing his kingdom.



**Moments to Remember**

(Pictures and articles were provided by Pastor Chris)



**Bbile Study Class**



**Pastor Chris in Tai Chi Class**



**Installation of our Leaders Dec. 1999**



**Singing You Are the Vine at the end of Worship**



**NA ANELA I KA HANA A KE AKUA Support Group**

Aloha Friends,

Hope all of you are remaining positive/vigilant/healthy, by wearing of masks, sanitizing and practicing social distancing!

It has been a challenging 5 months – staying at home, homeschooling/facilitating your child’s online education, and minimizing trips for essentials. Thankfully, we are able to worship via Zoom, thanks to Christian Ed Chair, Aaron Tanaka’s technical ability. We are also thankful for Pastor Chris Eng and his inspiring messages and the worship team who have led our Sunday sermons (total of 16 as of Aug 30). Thank you also to Dean, Paul, Gail, Kammy, Dorothy (Dot), Debbie, June/Scott, and Susan M.

We will probably have to miss another bi-weekly wellness and support group meeting/presentation, given state and city restrictions. Updates on the stay-at-home and 6 ft social distancing) will determine if we need to again postpone the May’s meeting/presentation.

Sep 26, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday: Mrs. Miki Morita, Supervisory Pharmacist at Queen’s Medical Center. Miki, married to Dr. Wendell Morita, is a mother of two wonderful children, Tyler and Kiryn. Thanks to Susan (mother-in-law) for her recommendation – we will have the opportunity to learn from a veteran pharmacist.

Pharmacy topics to be covered:  
Medical adherence: When to take your medications, how to take medications and medication access.  
Concerns/Issues: Use of over-the-counter medications, herbal products and dietary supplements.  
Immunizations: Which ones are recommended and when should they be administered?

Please listen for the updates to Covid-19 restrictions. If KCC opens, the Sep 26 presentation will be a go!  
Pls keep each other in prayers for safety and good health!  
Mahalo and God Bless you and family!  
Myra



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Aloha!  
Give Aloha program at Foodland begins Tuesday, September 1. They know that now, more than ever, Hawaii non-profit organizations need support.  
Foodland announced that this year, donations can also be made when you place an online grocery order for curbside pickup or delivery at <https://shop.foodland.com/>.

They’ll also be accepting My Reward certificates as a \$5 donation towards the Give Aloha Fund which adds to the \$300,000 matching gift benefiting all organizations. For the month’s event. We humbly ask for your support once again this year to further KCC’s ministry to honor God.

**“NAME THAT AUTHOR”**

Aloha Family and Friends of KCC,



Below is the answer to August’s quotation *In Name That Author*, plus two new quotations for September. For those who can't wait a month for the author's name, contact Steff at 218-3324 or at [bonsaicats-1@gmail.com](mailto:bonsaicats-1@gmail.com). If members wish to submit a quotation, submit it to Steff who will relay it to Kammy by the 20th of each month.

**July answers: #1–Will Rogers # 2– C S Lewis**

August quotes:

#1– For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (KJV)

#2– The best and **most beautiful** things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart.



**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Holy Communion** We will share the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, September 7 during the Zoom Worship Service.

Please join us as we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. After the morning message, Pastor Chris will share the Words of Institution. The Bread and the Cup of grape juice or wine will be blessed. (We will leave it up to you to provide the elements that you will use during this time.)

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**KCC Office** is open on a limited basis during the Pandemic. Please call the office before you visit to be sure that we are open and can assist you with whatever your needs are. Call 261-0125. Mahalo!

Please call the office if you would like to obtain a copy of the Upper Room or Daily Bread devotional for this month. The Upper Room devotional for Sept., Oct., and Nov. is now available for pick up.

## SHARING YOUR ALOHA

**STAY AT HOME  
PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING  
AND GOOD HYGIENE  
WEAR YOUR MASK  
AND DON'T FORGET TO BE IN PRAYER**

### BIBLE INSTITUTE OF HAWAII

#### Fall Zoom Online Classes

September 14 – December 9, 2020

Cost: Flat rate of \$20-\$40 per household  
with multiple devices

#### Great News shared by BIH

#### Hawai'i Pidgin Bible – Da Good An Spesho Book

Has now been completed and will be available soon. It will include both the Old and New Testament. *Da Jesus Book* has been enjoyed for twenty years and now we can enjoy the entire Bible in Pidgin. A big mahalo to retired Cornell University linguistics professor Joseph Grimes who worked on it with 27 pidgin speakers for years, including Pastor Earl Morihara who was given the key oversight role for the completion of this extraordinary endeavor.

#### 100 Hours of Service

Invitation from IHS

We'd like to encourage anyone who may have participated in the 100 Hours of Service effort to send a little article sharing how you may have been a blessing. We will share it in our October newsletter. Please submit (pictures also welcomed) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

***Aha Pae Aina goes virtual this year.  
Event will happen Oct. 4 through Oct. 10.  
Register by Mid-Sept. through UCC.***