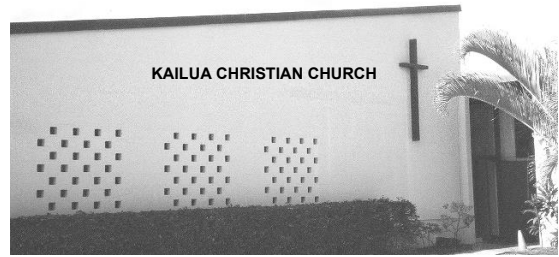


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MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

A lot of things are happening at KCC as we prepare to worship together again. The offices are being rehabilitated, new AC has been added, the bathrooms are being painted and upgraded, the parking lot has been restriped, the sidewalks have been power washed, the gate is being fixed, the flower beds are getting worked on, the yard is getting watered and maintained, the roof is going to get a new coating, the carpets have been shampooed, and the whole facility is getting cleaned and ready for our physical return to see each other and worship our God together in person.

Aaron Tanaka has been working hard to make our facility capable of broadcasting our worship via Zoom onto the big screen in the sanctuary and to the members and friends that want to continue to join us via Zoom even after we all get back together.

In addition to the Vallejo-Sandersons grieving the loss of Beverly, Pastor Dale's father passed away on Thursday, July 1, 2021. He had been hospitalized in Florida and Dale was able to go there for a short visit in June. Dale's stepmother, Annette is also hospitalized in Florida. Please pray for Dale and his family and all that are on their plates right now.

In the interim, we are continuing to have wonderful guest speakers to share the message for us and help us lead the worship service. Please continue to be patient and work cooperatively with each other as we all try to continue to do church as a team.

We are still tentatively planning to formally reopen Kailua Christian Church (KCC) for in-person worship and other activities on July 25, 2021. The Council and the KCC Covid 19 Coordinators are revising appropriate protocols for the formal reopening.

We have also decided to take the all-church vision and planning retreat off the calendar for now. It had been scheduled to proceed on July 10, 2021. It will be rescheduled to sometime after we formally reopen, perhaps during the month of August.

We have just started broadcasting our Zoom service on Sunday mornings from the sanctuary and the office at KCC and onto the big screen at the front of the church. Those of you who can participate in worship via Zoom, we encourage you to continue to do so until we formally re-open again on July 25th. Those of you who have not been able to join us via Zoom, you are now welcomed to come to the sanctuary on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. If you do come to the church to worship, here are a few things that we will ask of you upon arriving:

- Make sure you have your face coverings on upon entering the building and keep it on during and after the service.
- Enter through the main door to the sanctuary and stop at the check-in table.
- A church volunteer will provide you with a sign-in form at the entry door, so we have a record of attendees. Please fill it out and place it in the basket provided.
- An Offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary, and Offering plates will be at

the altar. Offering envelopes will be available at the table at the back of the sanctuary.

- You will be guided to chairs where seating will be 6 feet apart. Please follow social distancing seating and when you are up and greeting and visiting with each other before and after the service.
- Singing will be permitted but we are asking everyone to keep their facemask on while singing.
- If you develop a fever or begin to experience symptoms during worship, you should immediately return home.

We are continuing to encourage individuals or small groups to take on cleaning and watering and other projects around the church throughout the summer as a form of ministry and fellowship and service. If you are so inclined, contact Kammy or Susan Morita or Dennis Fong for appropriate work projects at the KCC facilities.

The 2021 `Aha Pae`aina was conducted remotely this year via Zoom from June 13-19, 2021. KCC was recognized as a 5 for 5 UCC church collecting offerings and donating to all five of the special UCC offerings throughout the year. Rev. Dale Vallejo -Sanderson was also specially recognized as our new pastor. The business meeting went very smoothly this year with no objections to the various matters of business that were discussed and presented on Saturday, June 19, 2021.

Aloha & Agape,
Paul Grable, KCC Moderator



HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!



Happy Fourth of July!

“And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” – John 8:32

DEACON'S MESSAGE

Good and Faithful Servants



Here are some quotes from our church members in regards to why they value Kailua Christian Church (KCC):

- “We are a warm and loving church family supporting and caring for each other as we walk together in God’s love.”
- “I value the care we have for each other and cherish the fond memories I have enjoyed with my church over my many, many, years here.”
- “I value being able to bring people to God through our fellowship, worship, and church events.”

Jesus speaks to the seriousness of **acedia** (a lack of care) in the Parable of the Talents.

You know the story, right? A master divvies out talents to three servants: to the first, five; to the second, two; to the third, one. The first two do something with their talents, trading them and acquiring more. The one-talent guy, however, does nothing. He buries his talent and pulls up a chair until his master’s return.

When the master finally returns from his extended trip, he asks the three to pony up. The five-talent guy presents his master with five more. The two-talent guy presents his master with two more. The master praises both as “good and faithful servants.”

When **acedia** is full-grown, we no longer want ourselves or the world to change.

Indifference convinces us that change isn’t possible. Left unchecked, it grows into a deep-rooted cynicism, the kind that gives the same response to personal transformation and societal injustice: “What for?”

Many church members remain uninvolved because (a) they have not understood they must be involved; (b) they assume they’re not needed

because others are serving; (c) they don't know how to get involved.

Indifference keeps us small and locked in self-preservation mode. It forces us to settle for less than what we were created to be. It numbs our hearts and our capacity to feel. It's the little voice in us that says, "what's the use?" in the face of the difficulties in our lives and work or anything else that involves commitment, perseverance, pain, and failure (which is almost everything that gives life meaning).

No believer should be able to read the bible (God's word) and remain unwilling to serve God through a church.

Church membership is not a biblical command but rather a way to help manage today's local churches. Used well, church membership can offer many benefits for individuals and local churches to assist in spiritual growth. Church members should evaluate their life experiences, desires, skills, passions, and think of ways of how they can serve their church and God.

Romans 12:5 teaches, "we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another." In other words, every believer in Christ is a member of the universal church. In addition, each believer is to be involved with a local community of believers to build up one another in the faith (Hebrews 10:25).

In the near future the Deacons will work with Pastor Dale to organize a new membership class for those who want to become members of KCC. If any of you are interested in becoming a new member of KCC let Winchell or Lily Lee, Myra Yamada, or myself (Vernon Pang) know. You can also contact Kammy Grable at the Church (808-261-0125) to give us Deacons a heads up.

Take Care & God Bless,

Vernon Pang



SPECIAL NOTE:

**HAPPY 100TH
BIRTHDAY
TO JITSUICHI TAMASHIRO**



PRAYERS & PRAISES



Please keep in your prayers
 ~ Lily Lee and family on the loss of her sister.
 ~ Warren & Lynne Nakano
 ~ Dean's Friend, Tony Lee
 ~ Myra's sister, Sylvia Shiraishi
 ~ Dennis Jinnohara's mom
 ~ Emily's best friend, Hawley Manwarring
 ~ Sharon Nishihira & Steve Hammond
 ~ Sheila's friend, Jody
 ~ Pastor Guy K. from God Squad Church
 ~ Larry & Sandra Siu
 ~ Bret Black ~ Bret's mother-in-law, Rose
 ~ Dennis & Maureen Nakashima
 ~ Diane & John Mendenhall
 ~ Pastor Dale Vallejo-Sanderson & Family
 ~ John Sakamoto's Family
 ~ Pono Ouye
 ~ Dot Suzuki, Jiggs Tamashiro, Hazel Chow, Lowell & Myrtle Terada, Walter Yeda, Alice Esaki, Brian Nakashima, Harry Imai, Hazel Masuda, Carl Nemoto, Jean Kanazawa, Ada Kaneoka, Natsuko Matsushima, Hideko Mumaw, Akito & Annie Sagawa, and Ruth Lum and families dealing with high risk factors along with our entire church family dealing with this challenging time.
 ~ Zoom Worship Team
 ~ Family, neighbors, and friends caring for each other as the need arises.
 ~ For Frankie's friend, Pebbles who has cancer
 ~ The safe reopening of churches, businesses, and educational institutions.
 ~ For our president and govt. officials
 ~ For positive distribution of the vaccine.
 ~ Please keep Len Poleshaj and family in your prayers as they mourn the passing of his mom, Tatiana. Tatiana visited KCC often when she came to Hawaii. Our sincere condolences to the entire family.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Aaron Tanaka
Devryn Mon
Jiggs Tamashiro
Justin Lau
June Tom
Dennis Fong
Patti Myers
Larry Siu
Kale Peters
Jenai Umetsu
Aliana Ramos
Karen Miyahira

Aliana Ramos
Karen Miyahira
Malia Hagmann
Jane Tengan
Madeline St. John
Bruce Lee
Harry Imai
Daniel Fong

**NA ANELA I KA HANA A KE AKUA
(Angels in the Works for God)**

Na Anela i ka hana a ke Akua (Angels in the Works for God)

Continue your health and wellness journey from the comfort of your home! Enjoy July classes from both, St. Francis Healthcare System and American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)/Windward Community College (WCC).

St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii's Caregiver Education and Wellness Series.

Sign up for individual classes via <https://mail-chi.mp/stfrancishawaii/july-2021-revised-calendar>. Click on the registration button for each class. Once enrolled in a class, you will be sent a reminder the week of class and future monthly schedules from Maylynn Wong (808-547-8138; mwong@stfrancishawaii.org).

Jul 06-29: Tue & Thu; 9-10 am; Seated Tai Chi – Moving for Better Balance (Level II):

Jul 07 & 21: 11 am -12 pm; Positive Synergy for Mind and Movement

Jul 10-31: Sat; 8-9 am; Livestream Zumba Gold Classes

Jul 12- 26: Mon; 8-9 am; Big Moves! Monday

Jul 12: 5-7 pm; Healthy Brain Aging, Dementia and Conquering Depression

Jul 19: 1:30-3:30 pm; Make It Happen Mondays (in-person) w/Myra Shindo (paper crafting); Senior Community Center at the St. Francis Kupuna Village in Liliha

Jul 21: 5-7 pm; Hawaii's Long-Term Care Options

Jul 28: 5-6:30 pm; Financial Planning Following 2020 COVID Disruption

Jul 29: 5-7 pm; Improve Your Health Through High-Quality Restorative Sleep

AARP/WCC's Fast, Healthy and Ono Cooking Series.

Sign up for Chef Daniel Swift's July Celebrate Summer! Zoom cooking classes from WCC's Uala Leaf Café via

<https://aarp.cvent.com/HIcooking>.

Jul 01: 5-5:45 pm; Rocking/ Ribs and Dry Rubs

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Alan & Gail Yoneshige
Dan & April Jessee

**CONGRATULATIONS TO**

Dr. Ryon and Mrs. Jenai (Umetsu) Nakasone on the birth of their twin daughters, Paige and Riley born on Wed. June 23. We celebrate with delighted grandparents Alan and Linda Umetsu on the wonderful additions to the family.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO**

Jolie Woodward, who graduated from Kailua High School, 2021. We share the joy with grandparents, Jane and Daniel Masuno on this wonderful accomplishment. Our prayers and best wishes to Jolie for a blessed future.



Jul 08: 5-5:45 pm; Summer Salads
 Jul 15: 5-5:45pm; Summer Vegetables
 Jul 22: 5-5:45 pm; Delicious Dips
 Jul 29: 5-5:45 pm; Greek Chicken & Couscous

Please save these two dates for Sep's and Nov's Na Anela bi-monthly support group meetings at KCC:

Sep 26: 0930 meeting, followed by 10-11 am presentation by Ms. Joanne Hayashi, Breast Cancer Hawaii. Joanne will provide info on their mission, latest program, CARE Closet and clinical cancer trials in Hawaii.

Nov 20: 0930 meeting, followed by 10-1130 am presentation by Queen's Health Center Senior Pharmacist, Mrs. Miki Morita, on Medications for Seniors. Detailed information will be provided for each presentation in the Sep and Nov KCC newsletters.

Please contact me at yamadamyra@hawaii.rr.com or call (808) 348-2297 if you have questions. Please stay safe, be healthy and invest your time and energy in any one of these free classes.

Mahalo and God Bless!
 Myra



SPECIAL MISSION OFFERING

Mahalo to all who graciously has been supporting our special offering ministries. As many of us are not able to personally help physically, we humbly ask your support financially so these ministries can still be uplifted and fulfilled to God's purposes. Thank you for your generous support of the UCC Special Offerings we have already collected along with the Building Fund that we will receive in July. Your gifts are sincerely appreciated to glorify God and his purposes in ongoing ministry.

“NAME THAT AUTHOR”



Here are the answers to May's quotations for *Name That Author*, plus two new quotations for June. For those who cannot wait a month for the author's name, contact Steff at 218-3324 or at bonsaocats1@gmail.com. If members wish to submit a quotation, submit to Steff who will relay it to Kammy by the 20th of each month.

June Authors

Answers to June's quotations:

#1—Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness (L) to the skies. (M) Your righteousness (N) is like the highest mountains, (O) your justice like the great deep. (P) You, Lord, preserve both people and animals. (Q) 7 How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!

Psalms 36:5-7 NIV

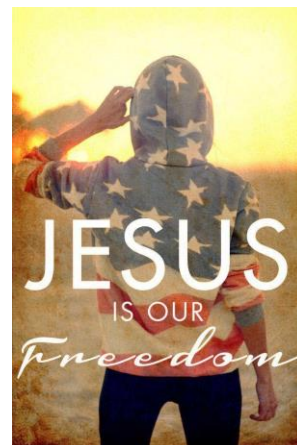
#2— Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal.

Isaiah 26:4 NIV

July's Quotations contributed by Florence M.

#1 – “I sought the Lord, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears.”

#2 – “The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in Him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand.”



MISSIONS UPDATES

The BIH Board of Directors learned in February that Dr. Randy Furushima would be resigning his position as Executive Director at the end of his 3rd year of service with us, and as you have just learned, that third year ended on June 30, a few days ago. In July 2018, Randy came to work at BIH following lots of prayer, and in a short while, our prayers will follow him as he continues His excellent work for the Lord. It gives us comfort knowing that Randy will continue as an adjunct faculty member for BIH teaching Bible classes as often as he is able.

In moving forward and securing our future with the Executive Director position is the good news that our current and longtime Faculty Administrator, Rodney Wong, will step up and fill the position as the next Executive Director for the Bible Institute. He officially began work as ED for BIH on July 1st, and will continue to serve in his current position as well. We are determined to not overwork Rodney though, and will be adding staff to support him to ensure that does not happen. Rodney was our first choice to succeed Randy as our Executive Director, so his acceptance of the position has been a blessing and confirmation of God's amazing grace. As a Board, we are looking forward to Rodney's leadership in the work of BIH, where his happy energy and love of the Lord have already been making an impact on the Christian community in Oahu for a number of years. You will hear more about Rodney in the next BIH Newsletter. God bless and stay tuned.

We join our friends at BIH in celebrating Pastor James Kwong receiving his Doctor of Ministry Degree at the School of Theology at Biola University on May 7, 2021. We had the privilege of having Pastor James here as a guest speaker in the past and would hope to do so again. Congratulations and best wishes go out to him. We know that God will use him in mighty ways to his glory.



Register for the Summer Quarter classes happening July 12 through September 2, 2021. There are some great online classes offered this quarter:

The Great Events of the Bible: The Life of Jesus
Mr. Gary Lau, facilitator (Mondays for 8 weeks).

The Holy Spirit, the Christian Life, and the End of the World
Dr. Matt Sanders, facilitator (Mondays for 8 weeks).

40 Days of God's Kingdom, Dr. Rick Stinton
(Tuesdays for 6 weeks)

Hermeneutics: How to Study the Bible
Dr. James Kwong, facilitator (Thurs. for 6 weeks)

Adoption: Living as Sons and Daughters
Pastor Todd Capen, facilitator (Thurs., 8 weeks)

A Special one day seminar will also be offered, "For Women Only" on Sat. August 28, 2021.

Please go to the BIH website for detailed information on each class.

Bible Institute of Hawaii's Mission is to partner with churches to provide Christ-centered, life-changing biblical teaching.

Their Vision: Communities and individuals loving, learning, and leading in response to Christ.

More Missions News

Please continue to pray for Institute for Human Services and Family Promise Hawaii as they continue to tackle the challenges of Homelessness in Hawaii. We encourage you to support these two great ministries who are working hard to resolve some of problems our community and neighbors are dealing with. Although social distancing is still a concern, we would encourage you to make a donation to these programs which can help change someone's life.

We encourage you to read more about the great work they are doing and maybe even how you can help by going online.

TRUSTEES NOTES

Many are helping get our facilities ready for the re-opening. Cornerstone Air Conditioning has started work on replacing our obsolete air conditioning system! Dean and Aaron pressure washed our sidewalks. Curtis, Lia, Susan, and Jennie started cleaning the kitchen. Parking stall stripes have been repainted. The women's lavatory stalls have been repainted. Barney started work to rejuvenate the men's bathroom. But there is still much to do! Contact Kammy if you are looking for ways to help. Hope to see you all soon!

Please contact Kammy in the church office to check on other simpler activities that can be done by willing volunteers at their more convenient times. Gardening, watering, trimming plants, decorating bulletin boards, dusting, decorating, cleaning, and wiping down areas, just to name a few projects. Connect with a small team and make it a fun day of fellowship while doing something helpful. Let us make KCC ready to welcome people back again! Mahalo.

Building Fund

From whom much is given, much is required. Some of us are blessed with more which makes it possible to give more. This month, we invite you to participate in the Building Fund offering. Some of you have given in the form of time and service which have certainly helped in our fresh start when we reopen later this month. Thank you for honoring God by generously giving your time!

Our air-conditioning has been installed at the cost of approximately \$23,000. Upon surveying our property, we found that there is still so much to do. New screens need to be purchased for the bathrooms so the mice and birds won't come in. (Special thanks to Keith Schultz for donating the two screens that resolved the immediate need that we encountered.) Ceiling fans in the kitchen need to be replaced. The bookkeeper's office air conditioner also needs replacing, as it broke on Thursday 6/24. Front gate needs to be repaired. This is just some of the work that needs to be done so we can keep KCC safe and inviting.

With this in mind, we thank you for your faithfulness in giving a part of your earnings to church. We all honor God in our own way.

Praise the Lord!
The Trustees



PRAISE GOD FOR THESE WONDERFUL SPEAKERS -WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED

We have been fortunate to have the Rev. Chris Eng, Rev. Yumiko Nakagawa, and Constance (Connie) Mitchell all share at the pulpit this past month. We are the better for this to have happened. Please keep them in your prayers that they will continue to wonderful work God is giving them to do. A big MAHALO to each one.



Pastor Chris Eng



Connie Mitchell



Yumiko Nakagawa

Unsung Heroes – Serving God at KCC



Pictures Left to Right – Barney Pilla, Dennis Fong, Aaron Tanaka, Dennis Fong,

Special thanks to Florence Miyashiro and Jennie Lee for helping around the facilities.

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A big
MAHALO to
our dear
friend, Patty
Poleshaj who
graciously
cared for all of
our sanctuary
potted plants
for more than
a year during
the pandemic.

Patti's love
for God is re-
flected in her
servant's heart

to KCC and the TLC she provided for the plants and
KCC throughout the many years.

SPECIAL THANKS TO

KEITH SHULTZ

**for offering to help replace the
needed window screens in the
ladies and men's restrooms.**

