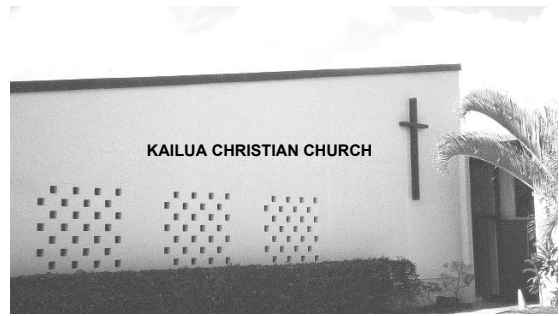


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FROM OUR MODERATOR

Submission and Autonomy

The word “submission” has a bad reputation in modern American society. On the other hand, the word “autonomy” is currently regarded very highly. They are in some ways opposites, and it appears to me that many of the largest current societal problems, including problems in the Christian Church, may stem from the idea that submission is bad, and autonomy is good. On Father’s Day, Pastor James Kwong delivered a sermon to KCC from Matthew 8: 5-13 on The Faith of the Centurion wherein he discussed Biblical Fatherhood, and these words. The Bible calls us specifically to submit to one another and to the Holy Spirit. Autonomy, however, as Pastor James pointed out, is not a good thing for us to strive for. Submission means: the action or fact of accepting or yielding to the will or authority of another person. Autonomy means self governance or: a person's ability to act on his or her own values and interests. Our society appears to have these biblical principles and values exactly backwards. We are encouraged not to submit to each other and that we should determine and act upon our own values and interests for our own benefit. We are told that the government, our employers, our schools, our family, and our churches are not reliable authorities over us, and we should question them and not submit to them blindly. We are to decide what is good or bad and either support it if we agree or protest against it if we disagree. It dawned on me recently that these biblical concepts that our society has rejected over the past few decades may be a reason why we are having so many societal problems today. An entire generation has grown up thinking that there is no

absolute truth, and that most authority is to be questioned. Their own values and interests are the primary thing that is important. Even the Christian Church in America has been interpreting the Bible and Christianity in accordance with our own particular and values and interests and political persuasions rather than trying to understand the truth and interpret what God is telling us through the Bible. It is hard enough to discern objective truth without having our views of the truth affected by our own perceived values and interests. The exercise of autonomy in the church may be the primary cause of the current division of the Christian church in America. There is a huge split in the American church that is getting wider. Both sides believe they are promoting good Christian values and concepts, but each side is promoting their own particular set of values and interests over others to achieve their perceived goals. Jesus did not tell us to attempt to exercise power over each other. He told us to submit to each other and love each other. The values that the Bible promotes are the fruits of the spirit which are: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control. These virtues are not controversial and do not involve the potential for conflict. I think that this is because they do not involve autonomy or the exercise of power over others. They place the worth and value of God and others ahead of ourselves.

Love, Aloha and Agape, Paul Grable, Moderator



DEACONS CORNER**Kailua Christian Church
Benevolence Fund**

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2

It had been raining for days and the water rose so high a man was forced to climb onto the roof of his house. He had great faith in God and prayed for the Lord to save him. A boy in a rowboat passed by and called to the man to get in. The man declined, saying the Lord will save him. So, the boy left. Soon after, a speedboat arrived and the boat captain called to the man to get in. The man declined, saying the Lord will save him. So, the speedboat left. Then a helicopter arrived. The pilot offered to carry the man to safety. The man declined, saying the Lord will save him. So, the helicopter left. It continued to rain and eventually the man drowned. When he arrived in Heaven the man approached God and asked God why did he not save him. God responded, "I sent you a rowboat, a speedboat and a helicopter. What more did you expect?"

You've probably heard this joke before. It's been around for ages, probably because there is some truth to it. People sometimes do not recognize God's answers to their prayers or God's blessings for what it is.

We know that God's blessings can be very dramatic, such as manna dropping from the sky or miraculous healings. But more often they come in the form of less dramatic events. Often referred to as a happy coincidence or good luck, people fail to recognize it for what it really is – God's blessing.

The Benevolence Fund can be God's blessing. It can be someone's rowboat, speedboat, or helicopter. It is God's (less dramatic) answer to prayer for someone who desperately needs funds to pay rent, medical bills, utilities, or other needs. A blessing. This year God blessed 3 households through the Benevolence Fund – two with rental assistance and a third with a utility payment. Pastor Kenneth L. Samuel wrote in the UCC Daily Devotional on 6/15/23, "God doesn't just send blessings to us; God sends blessings through

us. When you contribute to the Benevolence Fund you allow Kailua Christian Church to be the instrument that God uses to care for and bless his people.

With this in mind, I encourage you to give generously to the Benevolence Fund special offering this month.

Mahalo,
Debbie Fong, Deacon

PRAYERS & PRAISES**Please keep in your prayers**

- ~ Healing for Jean Miyaji at Plaza
- ~ Warren and Lynne Nakano
- ~ Florence Miyashiro ~ Sharon Mon
- ~ Dot Suzuki ~ Wilma Chung
- ~ John Sakamoto, son-in-law, Tony Sarabia and Coreen and Cheryl (John's daughters)
- ~ Myrtle & Lowell Terada continued health
- ~ Henry Tom, and son-in-laws, **James**/Claire Steele and **Rick**/Val Aquino ~ Kira Chong
- ~ Sharon Nishihira ~ Steve Hammann
- ~ Sharon's friend, Erin ~ Larry & Sandra Siu
- ~ Harrison Lum ~ Damien Wong
- ~ Dennis Nakashima ~ Macadangdang Ohana
- ~ Jiggs Tamashiro, Stella Wakamatsu, Nani Oda, Nancy Arakaki, Walter Yeda, Brian Nakashima, Harry Imai, Hazel Masuda, Carl Nemoto, Jean Kanazawa, and all our families dealing with high-risk health factors.
- ~ Prayers For our Worship Team & Musicians
- ~ Pray for healing for Chaplain Clive Cowell.
- ~ Pastor Irene and her family in this transitioning time. Also traveling mercies.
- ~ Sincere Sympathy to Vernon Pang and family on the loss of his mom. Service were held 6/27.
- ~ Maureen Wakuzawa's mom
- ~ Darrell Young's family for peace and comfort
- ~ Bill Cunningham in National Senior's race.
- ~ Ed & Noelani Jai who are returning to Hawaii after 22 years away at seminary and church planting, also Ed's job at Queen's hospital.
- ~ Praises for Marriage of Sarah Weible recently
- ~ Praises to Malia Galindo (daughter of Pastor Darren Galindo) as she is ordained and is an Assoc. Pastor at Church of the Crossroads.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sarah Weible
Aaron Tanaka
Jiggs Tamashiro
Justin Lau
Dennis Fong
Patti Myers
Larry Siu
Kale Peters
Alianna Ramos
Karen Miyahara



Jane Tengan
Maddy St. John
Harry Imai
Daniel Fong
Susan White
Lori Joy Watanabe
Rebecca Weible



As we prepare for a new phase at KCC, with our new settled pastor starting next month, we are reflecting on all the worship experiences that we have had over the past eight years. From the summer of 2015 until now we have experienced a wide variety of worship styles and teachings from a very diverse group of guest speakers. It is a safe bet that most churches have not had these same opportunities, and for that we should be grateful.

We want to thank our multiple interim pastors, including Pastor Dale Vallejo Sanderson (who did not intend to be an interim) and our worship chair people and our worship leaders who performed diligently and have served in capacities that they may not have contemplated when they first stepped up to serve. We know who you all are as we have seen you week after week taking care of the many duties and tasks that are involved in preparing for and conducting our worship services.

We should also recognize that in the middle of this time without a pastor, we experienced a worldwide pandemic that required us to basically shut our doors for almost two years and figure out how to do worship remotely, which most of us had never experienced before. We had to figure out how to do music without in-person musicians along with all of the other audiovisual issues and

tasks. Then, when we were getting better at that, we had to figure out how to move from on-line worship via Zoom only to in-person worship combined with Zoom worship services and how to do that with musicians. This was all done with almost all volunteer servants and without anyone serving as our clear leader. It is somewhat amazing that we were able to work together so well to do worship without anyone being clearly in charge of the process.

We want to thank Kammy who has stepped up to fill in every gap so that nothing fell through the cracks. She has been coordinating the worship team through her contacts with guest speakers and her preparation of the worship resources each week.

We want to recognize and thank our Deacons for their coordination of the prayer requests and preparation and service of the elements for communion.

We also want to thank Aaron Tanaka and Reggie Yamada who are currently providing their IT expertise and have been hosting Zoom portion of our worship. Barney Pilla has been our faithful sound system and lighting operator. Alan Yoneshige and Dennis Fong have been our camera operators. The ushers and greeters have been led by Jennie Lee and Pat Chinn, and Jennie has recently stepped up to coordinate the refreshment and fellowship time. Thank you also to all the invocation prayer leaders, scripture readers, and offering prayer leaders and other volunteers.

A special thanks also to Gail Yoneshige who prepared and recorded almost all of our worship songs for use during the online only worship services and then stepped up to lead the worship music by selecting our music for in-person worship services and playing the piano too. She has been serving as our Worship Chairperson for 2023. She and Alan will be ending their time of leadership and service and fellowship at KCC, and we are going to miss them both very much.

If you are interested in serving on the Worship Team or becoming the Worship Chair, contact Paul Grable (Moderator and Acting Worship

Chair) directly or through the church office. We will find a place for you to serve on this team.



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

LEARNING IS LIFELONG!

July 22, 2023 in KCC's sanctuary, 10-11:30 am

Please join us in meeting and learning from local author, **Annette Kam**, whose book, **Wait – Don't Die Yet!** is based on her caregiving experience for both, her father-in-law and mother in law. "It is a complete guide to all things no one really wants to think about (but everyone needs to know!) before, during and after a loved one's passing." Invite your relatives and friends. This event will be made available on Zoom (same KCC worship log on).

Sign-Up: Contact Kammy (808-261-0125) or Myra (808-348-2297); indicate in-person or Zoom

Windward Community College: Chef Dan Swift is instructing the last non-credit Summer Baking Camps II (Yeast Breads and Cakes). Cost is \$210 per person/session (2 days, 8 am – 1 pm); Open to youth ages 13+ with parental consent; limited seating. Location: WCC, Hale Akoakoa Cafeteria.

Dates: Camp II: July 18 and 19

Register by going to website: <https://windwardcce.org/cooking>

St. Francis Healthcare System's Caregiver Education and Wellness Series continue to provide excellent caregiving and health/wellness classes for the community.

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

If this is your first time signing up for classes, please contact me (Myra). I will send you the May email from Melissa Caballes which has the actual registration bar to register. Contact Melissa Caballes if you have questions or are having

difficulty enrolling; 808-547-8138;
mcaballes@stfrancishawaii.org.

Individual Classes:

July 07: Fri, 9:30 – 10:30 am; Rooted in Wellness: Nani Ke Kalo (Ho'okua'aina)

July 13: Thu, 10 – 11 am; New! Exploring Senior Care Options

July 17: Mon, 10 – 11:30 am; New! Hospice Care in Hawaii

July 18: Tue, 5 – 6 pm; New! Concussion and Head Injury

July 27: Thu, 1 – 2 pm; Resolving Conflict Without Blame

July 29: Sat, 9 – 11 am; Mobility Training (in-person)

Weekly Session Classes:

July 01 - 29: Sat, 8-9 am; Zumba Gold by Francis (in-person)

July 03 - 31: Mon, 8-9 am; Big Moves! Monday (focus is on people with Parkinson's)

July 03 - 31: Mon, Wed and Fri, 5:15 – 6:30 pm; Zumba by Frances (in-person)

July 05 - 26: Wed, 8 – 9 am; Empower You! (focus is on people with Parkinson's)

July 06 - 27: Thu, 9 – 10 am; Tripudio Movement System with Ellie

July 07 - 28: Tue and Fri, 12-12:30 pm; Boxing Fundamentals (no class on 7/4)

July 11 - 25: Tue, 9 – 10 am; Body and Brain Yoga Tai Chi (no class on 7/4)

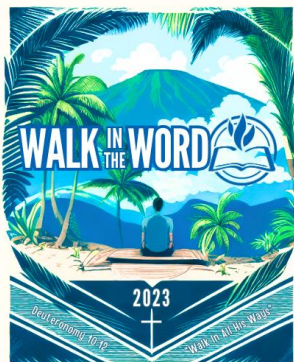
Note: *In-person sessions will be held at Senior Community Center at the Kupuna Village in Liliha.*

Contact me at [yamadamya@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:yamadamyra@hawaii.rr.com) or call (808) 348-2297 if you have questions. Please invest your time and energy in any one of these free and informative classes.

Mahalo, Stay Healthy and God Bless! Myra



BIBLE INSTITUTE OF HAWAII NEWS**“Growing in The Word”****No Registration or Fee Required****July 12, 19 & August 23, 30 (4 weeks)****Wednesdays, 7:15 – 8:30 pm****ALL INVITED on Zoom – FREE!****ZOOM Meeting Link****Meeting ID: 850 8617 3674 Passcode:****bihchapel****<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85086173674?pwd=azZsNlpxbzBJTTdZeVhtNFFlVUtPd09>**

BIH Walk in the Word: “Walk in All His**Ways” (Dt. 10:12)****REGISTRATION****ONLINE opening soon!****Date: Saturday, Sep-
tember 16, 2023****Time: 8:00-10:30 am****Location: Kalihi Union
Church Gym****Registration Fee: \$30 (In-
cludes a commemorative
T-shirt!)**

Come support this great ministry who has been a great support to us throughout the years.

“JUST SHOW UP” ON ZOOM**Join BIH for the Public Reading of Scripture!****Free – No registration required. Just Show Up!****July 11- Aug. 29, 2023 Tuesdays 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.****Rodney Wong and Jason Sumner co-facilitators.****SUMMER QUARTER 2023****SCHEDULE OF COURSES****July 9 – August 31 (6-8 wks)****Register online at www.biblehawaii.org for
more details and other seminars coming up!****Ask the church office about a scholarship oppor-
tunity for attend a BIH course for the first time.****We want to invest in your growing in the
knowledge of your faith in God through the Bible.****MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

We are excited about Pastor Irene and her family making the journey back home to Hawaii. We pray for their safety and fun time visiting family in Jordan before they get to Hawaii. In the mean time, we are seeking help in clearing out some space in areas that are situated with items long forgotten and needing removal. Anyone who has a truck and able to make a dump run would be welcomed to contact the church office to arrange a time to take a load. Call the office for more details. A BIG mahalo to all for your support! Others who have some free time would be welcome to help wipe down tables and shelves and windows at a time convenient for themselves if you can arrange a time schedule with the office. Its been a while since our last church work day. We definitely are overdue in that area. Please check with the church office if you can make time to be good steward of this church.

**HOPE FOR THE HOMELESS: WHAT
CHRISTIANS CAN DO.**

We can all think it is hopeless in dealing with the homeless in a state where we have the HIGHEST per capita rate for homeless in the nation. This webinar examines the situation and gives some practical tips of what you and your church can do to be part of the solution and not the apathy. Hear from some great speakers on the crisis and receive a great model of what we can do to solve it.

Hawaiian Island Ministries (HIM) have partnered up with River of Life Mission (ROLM) to provide ministry and important information about the state of homelessness in Hawaii. A webinar featuring Paul Gates, Executive Director, and Rann Watumull, Board President of ROLM was recently offered and is still avail. by request to the KCC office, and can be followed up on as well with a IN-PERSON follow-up event to this webinar, HOMELESS: An Effective Solution for Christians and their Churches which will be happening on August 19, 2023.

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO OUR GUEST PASTORS FOR JULY

July 2 – Rev. Ruth Peterson

July 09, 16, 23 – Rev. J.R. Cuevas

July 30 – Rev. Alpha Goto

“And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.” Jeremiah 3:15 (ESV)

We praise God for his ongoing blessing and care in supplying these awesome pastors. It is an honor having them with us!



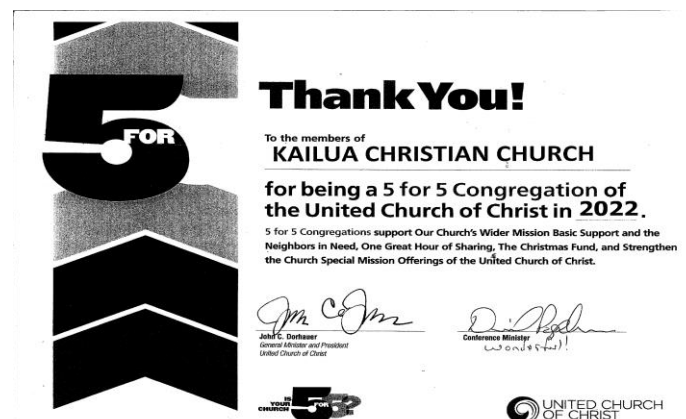
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Daniel and Ryan Tamashiro for their kind help by giving some TLC to KCC by fixing some loose panels, scraped/painted some peeling paint off the kitchen wall, removed a damaged cabinet, and sealed some leaks on the roof skylights. A big mahalo for continuing to bless KCC as Dan's father, Jigg's Tamashiro did when he helped build KCC, 66 years ago, along with our other dear charter members and friends.

Special thanks also to Gwendolyn and Darren Navarre who have blessed KCC ministries and outreach so generously for a number of years now. Gwenn is the daughter of charter members, Patrick and Shirley Yamashita.

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MAHALO KCC OHANA



KCC ohana, together, you have been a generous support to the ministry efforts of the wider United Church of Christ family. Thank you for your help!