

Youth Camp

Our 2018 Youth Camp started off a bit rocky; however, God had His hand on the situation from the beginning. From the get-go, there was a delay in gaining access to the campsite, but this was a blessing in disguise as we did avoid being caught in a downpour. In spite of the slow start, Pastor Stan commended the chaperones for their Christian conduct in a stressful and challenging situation. He also noted that this was a positive message to our youth on how to turn a seemingly negative situation into a positive one.

Praise God for our military sponsors, Tena Ponder Thacker and Gordon Thacker (Gordon sacrificed his sleep to be with us), and chaperones Phyllis Nakasone, Joel Duldulao, and Daniel Miyamoto. Pastor Stan and Sarah Ponder also made guest appearances, which added to the festivities. Every year we are able to effectively streamline our planning as was evidenced this year with Joel borrowing a trailer to haul more equipment.

Fourteen youths (mainly intermediate age) had a blast playing games, eating, swimming, eating, sleeping, and eating. They also had three devotion times, two praise times, and numerous KP duty opportunities. In addition to the fun and games, the youths were responsible for setting up camp in the dark, packing up, and policing the grounds, and through it all, teamwork prevailed!

We have already received suggestions on how to explore new and different possibilities for a successful 2019.

In His Service, Darren Nako



Missions Corner

HAL & KAREN JENSEN (serving with the Navigators) moved back to Hawaii in 2013 and are ministering here in Hawaii. They will both be teaching at Pearl Harbor Chapel again this fall and are asking the Lord to bring people into their lives to be disciples. On September 6th, they flew to Colorado Springs to attend two conferences with the Navigators. Please pray for them as they have lost a loved one and for the physical needs of their daughter, Kristina.

HELEN MATARA is no longer in Papua New Guinea where she worked for many years with the Kaulong Tribe in the jungle. Her work of translating the Bible into the Kaulong language and teaching the natives to read the Word has been completed. She has returned to her home country of Kenya and hopes to join the New Tribes Mission Africa team.

JOEL DASALLA (CRU) recently was in his birthplace of Davao City, Philippines, and taught the Campus Crusade for Christ ministry staff and student leaders, and preached in the Baptist Church where he attended as a university student. He then taught the leaders of the Young Professional Retreat Conference in Davao City. His travels took him also to Thailand to teach there.

ERIC & SUE TAKAMOTO (Asian Access/SIM) and their children traveled (August 9 – 20) from Ishinomaki, Japan, to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, to minister with a local pastor there doing church planting and working with street children and women who are being rescued from human trafficking. Eric and Sue wanted their children to be exposed to ministry in a developing country. They then continued on to an island in South Korea where Sue was asked to teach leadership to a group of business leaders.

RON & CISSY BOYER are in partnership with ZOE INTERNATIONAL rescuing and caring for orphans and children who are victims of or at risk of human trafficking. They also teach them skills for finding jobs and earning a living. Pray for Ron and Cissy as Ron is currently in Hawaii undergoing treatment for prostate cancer.

All of our missionaries covet your prayers and support as they go out into the world in obedience to the Lord's calling. They have so willingly given up the security and comfort of home, left family and friends to go to a place where everything is strange—the people, the culture and customs, the food, the language, the environment, and the climate. They have to raise their own financial support, and yet they say, "Here I am, Lord, send me."

Thank you for enabling our missionaries to fulfill the Great Commission through your faithful and generous support through prayer and financial giving to our Missions Fund.

Roberta Nagano

Summer Enrichment Program 2018 "Can-Do Kids Club"

This year's program entitled, "Light Force," ran four Wednesdays in June from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A total of 25 children were registered with an average of 20 kids per week. Over 20 adult volunteers assisted with various tasks, i.e., food, recreation, attendance/name tags, photography, assembly coordinator, team leader/assistants.

The theme, "Walking in the Light," focused on helping the children walk in the love and security God provides through His Son and the Holy Spirit as they navigate their way in a society that has lost its moral compass. News of mass shootings, stranger danger, practicing campus shut downs and off campus evacuations as well as a constant bombardment of news on homelessness and natural disasters has become a regular part of their lives. The intent of the program was to help the kids walk in the light God provides in spite of the pervading darkness of sin and to hopefully share this light with others.

Snacks were served each morning and activities relating to the theme were provided for those arriving early. The morning and closing assemblies were led by Pastor Stan who provided a brief message of the day's theme and songs. Thereafter, the children had recreational exercise and craft time. After closing assembly, the kids were served lunch and given free books to take home.

Each child earned a maximum of four pogs daily and on the final day exchanged them for items in the Gift Store. Besides their craft creations, a "gift" (pendant, snap on wrist band, book marker and flashlight) with a Bible verse inscribed was distributed on each Wednesday. T-shirts were also distributed for the kids to wear on the Sunday of their performance.

Thank you to all who assisted in making this year's program a success.

Joyce Tanji

Church Cleanup

Who says church cleanup has to be dull, boring, a drag? Certainly not me. When we are together cleaning The Lord's house, the mood is light-hearted, the company is delightful, and clean gets done. And that's just how it was on April 28th when many pitched in to make the load lighter. We scrubbed, we degreased, we laughed, and shared lunch.

The cleanup day for July was canceled. And that cancellation means a little extra spritz and wipe on the next cleanup scheduled for September 29th, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Carpet cleaning is scheduled for early September and we will tackle the tile floors again before the holidays. If you have experience harnessing a buffer, please let me know! I am working on substituting less toxic cleaning solutions for the store-bought ones. So if you have suggestions or recipes for effective homemade solutions, please share.

Looking forward to seeing you with a sponge in your hand next cleanup day!

Blessings, Tena Ponder Thacker



One More Thing... We would like to thank Joyce Tanji for her years of serving on the editorial staff of the Koinonia. Joyce played an integral part in the success of this publication. ***Mahalo Joyce!***



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Prayer Requests

Eric Yokote (Joyce Tanji's brother) and their family on the unexpected passing of his wife, Grace. Please pray for God's comfort and guidance as they navigate the path ahead.

Jimmy Yamada, Brian Yamada's father; praise God for a successful heart valve procedure!

Winifred Yamada, Brian Yamada's mother; praise God for ongoing recovery and continued improvement.

Frank Barro – Pray for God's gracious support from recent heart attack and cardiac arrest, cancer, periodic infections.

Betty Adams – Praise God for Betty adjusting to her living situation. Continue to lift her up.

Stan and Jean Seki - God's strength as Stan struggles with Lewy Body dementia. Pray that Stan will be able to sleep well.

Merle Moribe – God's Presence despite her dementia. Pray for her husband George as he cares for her.

Renee Koyama – Continue prayer for the right combination of medications for arthritic pain and cancer.

Katherine Nagamine – Pray for Katherine to gain physical strength.

Nona Nagamine – Pray for God's strength and stamina as she cares for her mom.

Rei Seki – Rev. Seki's wife; praise God for healing of hip; pray for effective treatment for cancer.

Mary Suefuji – In care home because of a stroke in the Spring. Praise for increased strength and mobility.

Government leaders - God's guidance to deal with a host of state, national, and international issues.

Hiring Young Adults and Youth staff to cover this need at WOCC.

WOCC Building improvements – to facilitate Christ's mission through, 1) classroom space, 2) campus beautification, and 3) building addition.

John and Pen Letaw serving in Karuizawa, Japan.

New Church Organizational Structure – Pray for Elder selection and election.

*"Come and see the works of God,
Who is awesome in His deeds...
Psalm 66:5*

Worship Services:

Japanese Ministry
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

English Worship
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM

Sunday School:

Adult Bible Classes
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

Children's Ministry:

Breakfast Program
8:45 AM - 9:15 AM

Children's Church
9:15 AM - 10:30 AM

Children's Activities
Program (CAP):
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, September 23
Aloha Reception

Small Groups with
Pat Zukeran

October 4, 11, 18, 25
November. 1, 15, 29

Thanksgiving Luncheon
Sunday, November 18



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Pastor's Corner

"kairos and chronos"

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 3:1a

Multiple times each year I sit down and talk with a handful of people about one of the most important topics in life ... time. When a loved one passes away, I read Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, and try to assist the family in perceiving and embracing seasons that are changing.

In the Greek language, kairos & chronos are two distinct concepts. These concepts are equally distinct for us, but unfortunately, in English one word, "time," is used for both concepts. This blurs the distinction. While kairos refers to things like moments, opportunities, or "the time is right," chronos refers to things that happen according to clocks and calendars.

Anyone reading the New Testament will see that Jesus had a very strong sense of time, but his chronos time was submitted to kairos time. Jesus knew when his time drew near (John 7:6, 13:1). Even His incarnation happened "in the fullness of time" (Galatians 4:4). Jesus operated so much out of kairos, that he often upset the religious leaders for healing on the Sabbath. For Jesus, it was time to heal, but to the religious leaders, it was the seventh day of the week.

Most people will make "drop-everything" adjustments to chronos types of activities for the sake of kairos. For example, when Hurricane Lane threatened Hawaii, "time to prepare" overruled almost everything! Now, kairos is not only for big events. Think about this ... do you go to the bathroom because it's 10:28 AM, or because it's time to go?! ☺

We run into trouble when we are unable to make the distinction between kairos and chronos time, and it can be big! Some get stuck in past seasons, unable to embrace the new thing God has in store for them. Some are so excessively tied to the clock that the virtue of punctuality becomes an altar upon which relationships are sacrificed. Most of us have difficulty seeing new things God is doing because we are glued to the clocks and calendars of life.

Take the Quiz – is it kairos or chronos? Circle one ... or both!

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| * Buy a new car (kairos / chronos) | * Get married (kairos / chronos) |
| * Attending Worship Service (kairos / chronos) | * Worship the Lord (kairos / chronos) |
| * Move dad to a care home (kairos / chronos) | * Give to the poor (kairos / chronos) |
| * Invite a friend to church. (kairos / chronos) | * Change cat litter (kairos / chronos) |
| * Hawaii Little League winning the World Championship (kairos / chronos) | |

If you are a follower of Jesus Christ, discerning kairos from chronos can help you perceive the new seasons God has for you! If you are not a follower of Jesus Christ, this is an opportunity to choose Him. Like all opportunities, the kairos opportunity to choose Him will close one day. Why wait? Ask Jesus to be your savior, and experience the transforming love of God today!

Pastor Stan