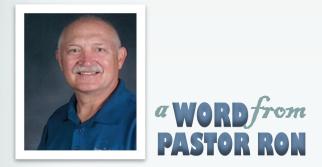


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Dear Family & Friends,

I've been writing articles to you in one form or another for the past 25 years. Over the years, I've attempted to encourage, challenge and involve you in what I've believed to be the Lord's vision for His church. It's been a joyful, if sometimes demanding, adventure. Overall, I believe we've grown together as disciples and disciple-makers and we've seen the Lord glorified through the growth of His church and school.

It is with joy and anticipation that I type my final article as Senior Pastor. I say this looking back on what He has done in our midst and looking forward contemplating what He *will* do with the coming of Pastor Bryan & Caz, our excellent leaders and volunteers. I don't know what direction **Pastor Bryan will take with articles, messages or other facets of ministry. That matters little.** What does matter is the Gospel and that it be communicated. The power is still in the Gospel, not in the means of communication. A wise, unknown sage once quipped, *"Methods are many, princples are few. Methods change often, Principles never do."* 

In coming months, Kaimuki Christian Church will flourish and grow as, together, we give precedence to the principle of the Gospel over the methods by which it is disseminated. (Just a note: methods become stagnant and *must* be changed regularly to ring with new appeal and to reach those who've *"heard it all before."*) If space allowed, I'd share some of the wide-ranging methods we've employed through the decades. Some worked; some didn't. But the Gospel never lost its power to save and transform lives.

It will be a joyful adventure as you write the next chapter of His story which is Kaimuki Christian Church. I know it will contain the principle of the Gospel, of incarnation, of redemption, of transformation and of...

... Grace to you, Pastor Ron

**Update:** Pastor Ron & Dee Your prayers gave us the strength of the Lord, so we were able to make the trip to Nebraska. It snowed last Sunday, and was a blizzard come time to drive to church! We've been able to use my Dad's home as a base and welcome so many family members and friends who have come to visit. In consultation with our doctors, and in light of my deteriorating condition, we've decided we need to come home at this time. We'll be flying this Saturday, grateful for such meaningful, intimate times with family and for the opportunity to connect with you once again.

- Pastor Ron & Dee

This year, our Thanksgiving Offering will go to:

- 1. The River of Life Mission: Every other month, we provide dinner & Jesus' love to the homeless and would also like to help the Mission add a new staff position.
- 2. Hareg House: help for women trapped in prostitution, with vocational training & Christian discipleship. These Houses have a 90% success rate.
- 3. Salvation Army: housing help for fire & flooding disaster victims on the Big Island, Maui and Kauai
- 3. Global Hope Network International: for the Iraqi, Syrian and Greek refugees desperately needing help. GHNI is reaching these Muslims with Jesus' love. Please pray about what the Lord would have you give and bring your offering on November 2 & 4, marking your envelope "Thanksgiving." You may also give online at www.kaimukichristian.org.



Animals, food and Inflatables for the Entire Chana!



PART ONE Wednesday, Nov. 7 PART TWO Wednesday, Nov. 14 6:30 pm—8:00 pm, Mele MPR

## **Discover KCS**

A special informational event for current and prospective KCS families

### KCS HIGH SCHOOL

Discover how our quality Christian high school curriculum, administered in a personalized setting, can prepareyour child for the rigors of adult life.

Meet our teachers and students.

 $\mathcal{L}$ earre how our college-preparatory program can develop your child into the engaged, inquisitive, and well-rounded student sought by universities nation-wide.

\*For more info or to RSVP, call 732-1781.

APPLY TODAY! Kaimukichristianschoo

#### Kaimuki Christian School 1117 Koko Head Avenue

KCS invites current families and the community for a unique opportunity to discover more about KCS' high school program.

October 30 • 5:30 pm Kaimuki Christian School Worship Center

Join us on Tuesday, October 30, at 5:30 pm in the Worship Center. High school teachers, administrators, and students will answer the question "Why KCS?" Come hear the history of KCS, learn the inspiration behind the foundation of the high school, and discover how "The 3 C's" (Curriculum, Community, and Christian Foundation) are

# candy Needed

All of us animals at "In The Wild" are in need of lots of candy...can you spare a bag or two?

Donations can be brought to the Upper or Lower Lanaj each weekend or to the church office. Mahalo!

### MEMBERSHIP CLASS, WITH PASTOR DANNY

Discover what it means to be a follower of Jesus, learn about our vision & how to become part of the KCC Ohana. To register, jot "UTB" on your Next Step Card, go to www.kaimukichristian.org, or call the office at 735-1771. Childcare available.



# Thank you from Roy & Joy

This weekend was unforgettable. Once again we are in your debt: the hugs, the lanai food (and special chocolate cake!), the gifts and prayers of the elders and pastors at the conclusion of each service, the cards and other gifts (including a couple more shirts—I'll be the best-dressed haole-Hawaiian in Europe—is the word "kama aina"?— or better yet, KCC's "hanai" pastor? I still haven't mastered this language.) Anyway, I'll look good, so long as you focus on the shirts and not the model. On Sunday I mentioned that you can follow our further adventures on www.lawsonsontheloose.net. In addition, if you'd like to review our impressions of Hawaii, you can read past posts starting with May 28, 2018. I'll be lecturing on a Rhine River cruise later this month. I can't ask you to join

us; it's sold out. But if you'd like to be with us in October 2019, I'll be lecturing on a Danube River cruise (10/19-27/19). Just let me know: <u>ellawsonsir@gmail.com</u>. You know you have our prayers. "The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another."