



a **WORD** from  
**PASTOR RON**

Dear Family & Friends,

Some weeks ago, I'd asked Pastor Bryan to share in a rotation of articles as we approach the arrival of the Sands family in late October. I've wanted you to hear from his heart as he prepares to step into the role of Lead Pastor of Kaimuki Christian Church.

In the years leading up to this transition, it has always been *our plan* to leave the Island for a year with the coming of a new Pastor, giving that person time to establish himself with no confusion as to who is the Pastor. As often happens, *our plans are often not His plans* or, as Isaiah puts it, "*As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts*" (Isaiah 55:9).

Proverbs says, "*The mind of man plans his way, but it is the Lord who directs his steps.*" (Proverbs 16:9)

With my diagnosis last December, it became apparent the Lord had different plans. By necessity, we may have to stay closer to home following our return from the mainland. The possibility of this has been greatly enhanced by the graciousness of Pastor Bryan and Caz. From our first meetings with them, they expressed the desire for us to be around. We've discussed this in Elder's Meetings and have concluded it can work as long as we all clearly understand Bryan's role and mine. Bryan will serve as Lead Pastor. I, like you, will be a sheep in the flock, praying for and supporting his leadership.

For these past 25 years, I've served as "*Senior Pastor*", following Harold Gallagher's 32 years as "*Senior Pastor*." In recent years, the term "*Lead Pastor*" has come more and more into use in our churches, reflecting the team approach to leadership we've attempted to follow. **Bryan will therefore serve with the title, "Lead Pastor" instead of "Senior Pastor."**

My last sermon as Senior Pastor was on July 27 & 29. It was a bit confusing as some thought I retired that weekend. My preaching has been very limited this past year, as I've just not had the energy to prepare and preach. I have, however, continued to work with various ministries and to facilitate ministry through my laptop/emails. Working part-time and utilizing vacation/sick leave, **I will be fully retired as Senior Pastor at the time of the Sands' arrival.**

We all, Elders, Staff, Leaders and sheep, serve under our Chief Shepherd Jesus Christ and we can trust Him to lead us to green pastures, beside quiet waters and *even* through the valley of the shadow of death.

Grace to you, *Pastor Ron*

Update: Pastor Ron & Dee

I had the CAT & PET Scans Tuesday in Seattle, and we met with the doctor on Wednesday. It wasn't the news we'd hoped for, as the clinical trial did not prove effective. The cancer has continued to spread. We know the Lord could still step in with a miracle, for which we pray. Either way, we need to make the most of the time I have remaining.

We flew to Nebraska on Thursday to spend some time with family. Rocky came with us to Seattle to support us, and he kindly flew to Nebraska with us. (He and Anadara have given us so much sacrificial support since their arrival December 7<sup>th</sup>, a few days after my diagnosis.) My Dad's 91st birthday was this past Wednesday. We'll see him, Lance and his family, our siblings and their families. We left the return date open-ended, so that we won't be under time pressures by a scheduled flight.

We rest in the Lord. Now is the time to put into practice the belief we've held and proclaimed through the decades, to hold onto the great and wonderful promises of our Savior. "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me shall live even if He dies!" (John 11:25) He will bring us all through this.

We so appreciate your love, your support and your prayers.

- Pastor Ron & Dee



### REMINDER!

**Blood Drive**  
Sunday, Oct. 7th  
( 7 am—12 pm )

The Blood Mobile will be here in Kaimuki,  
parked right on Koko Head Ave.



The Arnold Family

**The Harvest Celebration**  
A Halloween Alternative

**In the WILD**

**Saturday**  
**October 27**  
**4:00-7:00pm**

A Night of Fun, Games,  
Candy, Face-painting, Animals  
Food and Inflatables for  
the Entire Ohana!

**ADMISSION:**  
One Bag of Candy Per Family & One  
Canned Food Item for Salvation  
Army's Pathway to Hope

**COSTUMES:**  
Costumes are encouraged, but  
please no scary or ghoulish  
themes.



FPM is a unique nonprofit partnership of ministries dedicated to providing our members with a path to sound biblical stewardship through their estate plans. Our presentations provide clear and accurate information that cuts through the misinformation and helps members avoid unnecessary and costly mistakes in securing their loved one's future.

KCC will be holding a Trust & Wills seminar (with no-out-of-pocket costs) on **Sunday, Oct. 14 at 8:30am & 10:30am.**

Pre-registration by Monday, Oct. 8th is required.

Sign up on line at [www.kaimukichristian.org](http://www.kaimukichristian.org) or jot "FPM" and time you are attending on your Next Steps card.

## Harvest Candy & Crew Needed

We can do more together!

Will you consider donating candy? Just bring it with you to church any time in October. How about joining our crew? We need help to hand out candy, lead in games, hang out with animals and all sorts of other fun! Volunteer at [kaimukichristian.org/events](http://kaimukichristian.org/events)

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

T & O Year to Date (Fiscal Year)	\$392,344.
T & O Budget Year to Date (Fiscal Year)	\$ 445, 244.