



*a WORD from*  
**PASTOR BRYAN**

Dear Ohana,

Our church is special and unique in more ways than I can count! I have never seen a church give back to the kingdom 25% of all revenue! And, I am inspired to see families, individuals, and friends of the church consistently give generously and faithfully. This past December we asked to raise funds for our Special Christmas Offering for organizations such as: Global Hope Network ([www.globalhopenetwork.org](http://www.globalhopenetwork.org)), our Kaimuki Christian Church Caring Fund (that helps our members with a “hand-up” not a handout), The Salvation’s Army “Pathway of Hope” (assisting men and women in transitioning from the streets to productive lives), and for Amor Ministries (to fund a full-time Mexican national to oversee parts of the ministry; [www.Amor.org](http://www.Amor.org)).

After all was said and done, we raised \$43,752 for our Christmas Offering! Because of our church’s generosity, we are touching more lives than we can even imagine! I am proud to be part of our church and proud to be called your Lead Pastor!

These organizations are so grateful, and the generosity of our church reaches far beyond Hawaii. In fact, the founders of Amor ministries, a worldwide influential Christian organization building God’s kingdom, will be here in May. Gayla, one of the co-founders, and I will be team teaching, inspiring all ages to “take Jesus message seriously.” And she will share stories how Amor ministries connects with Generation Z, Millennials, Generation X, and Baby Boomers because of taking Jesus’ message seriously.

As I think about how generous our church is, I cannot help but think about worship. In fact giving is an act of worship. A few years ago, I asked one of my scholar colleagues about the definition of worship. Here’s what Dr. Matson shared, “Worship is our grateful response of praise and obedience to what God has done for us in Christ.” When we give with a joyful heart, we are responding to the love and grace of Jesus—which is worship. What an appropriate response it is.

This weekend, I am excited to continue our sermon series, “Learning to be Spiritual,” sharing about worship, what it looks like, what it is, and how we can cultivate a life of worship.

Looking forward to seeing you this Weekend (Friday, 7pm. Sundays 8:30, 10:30am).

God Bless, Pastor Bryan

## UP TO BAT MEMBERSHIP CLASS

**PART ONE**      Wednesday, Feb 6  
**PART TWO**      Wednesday, Feb 13  
6:30 pm—8:00 pm, Laulima MPR

Join Pastor Bryan and Pastor Danny and discover what it means to be a follower of Jesus, learn about our vision and how to become part of the KCC Ohana.

To register, jot "UTB" on your Next Steps card or email [lfnell@kaimukichristian.org](mailto:lfnell@kaimukichristian.org), or call the office at 735-1771. Childcare available upon request.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST



**FAITH, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP**  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2**  
**7:30 AM - KCC FELLOWSHIP HALL**  
**\$7.00 PER PERSON**



## IF:GATHERING 2019

JOIN US FEBRUARY 8+9

In 2019, we invite you to link arms with thousands of other women for IF:Gathering 2019, a simulcast hosted here at KCC, as we reclaim the priority of discipleship and discover what it looks like to lean on God's wisdom instead of our own...

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Friday, Feb 8, 5:30-9:00 pm and  
Saturday, Feb 9, 8:30 am- 5:00 pm

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Current Series

## Learning to be Spiritual

5 Godly practices that will change our lives

January 4, 6—Prayer

January 11, 13—Fasting

January 18, 20—Study

January 25, 27—Solitude

**February 1, 3—Worship**

February 8, 10—Putting it all Practice

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[www.KaimukiChristian.org](http://www.KaimukiChristian.org)



## Steps into worship

"Worship is our response to the overtures of love from the heart of the Father."

-Foster

**1. Practice the Presence of God Daily**

-Learn to pray without ceasing (1 Thess 5:17)

**2. Cultivate Holy Dependence**

-Holy dependency means we are utterly dependent on God for anything significant to happen

**3. Absorb distractions with gratitude**

-If there are distractions, learn to conquer them so they do not take you away from worship. If children are being noisy, bless them.

**4. Learn to offer a Sacrifice of Worship**

-We will not always feel like worshipping, but remember who we are worshipping—and what He has done for us.

*Celebration of Discipline by Richard Foster*

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