

## Tuesday Newsletter – December 1, 2020

Have you ever felt that you lost control and there was nothing you could do to regain it? That was exactly the strange feeling I had as I was returning to the Island this week. I was so excited to be back and be with my Church Family once again. As I was returning from my mother-in-laws home-going, I had planned everything to the last detail and my expectation was that my plan would work without any hitch or flaw. Or so I thought!

I knew I had to get a Covid-19 test 72 hours or less, before I boarded the Flight back to Hawaii or I would face the 14-day quarantine. No problem, I had this covered. Wednesday morning, I went to the approved site to receive the test promising a 24-36-hour result. I would fly out late Friday, be at the church Saturday for a workday, prayer meeting, and worship rehearsal. Sunday morning would find me together with my Church Family, singing and sharing the word of God. A great and perfect plan, until things, “out of my control” began to happen.

My Covid-19 test did not arrive until Sunday afternoon. Even though it was negative, because it didn't arrive in time I had no choice but to enter the 14-day quarantine. I had lost control, my perfect plan was not working, and I have to admit I was getting very frustrated. I kept saying to myself, “I choose joy”, although, (In my heart), I'm not sure I was being honest at the time. I suppose it's good to acknowledge I am human, complete with faults and failures. Sometimes I too need to ask forgiveness for my bad attitude.

The message on Sunday morning really convicted me to “Serve the Lord with Joy and Gladness and Enter into his gates with Thanksgiving. Then the pastor said, “How about, “instead of thinking about being thankful during Thanksgiving, we just develop a lifestyle of “Thanks Living”. This means every day of the year we are thankful. I'm not really sure I like it when the pastor is only speaking to me... Oh I forgot, I am the Pastor. Well I still don't like it. I'm going to have to have a talk with him.

While I'm not crazy about this quarantine, I am so blessed and thankful. The Lord is so good, and although things don't always go my way, I'm going to keep praising the Lord for all he has done, including going to the cross so that I might receive his Love, Grace and Mercy. Halleluiah!

He is a good, good Father even when I've lost control or I'm not getting my way.

### **1 Peter 4:12-13**

***Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though something strange were happening to you; 13 but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that at the revelation of His glory you may also rejoice and be overjoyed.***

### **WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS:**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**We will vote for our Board of Directors on Sunday. If you will not be in Church on Sunday December 5th, please contact Davalynn or Shanna (808) 333-9263 for an absentee ballot. The nominations are closed and the following nominees will be on the ballot for the 3 seats open on the board:**

**Virgie Eames**  
**Bradley Raymond**  
**April Qina**  
**John Foley**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- Pray for our Country and our Constitutional Rights to be upheld.
- Please pray for the health and vitality of Shanna's high-risk pregnancy, that their baby girl be born entirely healthy and full term.
- Please pray for Kent, Virgie's son and that his brain and emotional state, recover fully.
- Please pray for Virgie's ongoing transfusions and her health.
- Please pray for Pastor Mel's cousin who is suffering with cancer.
- Please pray for overall health of our own church & prosperity as we endeavor to spread the gospel.
- Please continue to pray for Becky Reh.
- Please pray for guidance for our missions & this time of travel uncertainty.
- Please pray for Curtis William's mission to Cuba.

**ANSWERED PRAYERS:**

- Bonnie, Denise's mother has gone home to see her Father.

**THINGS TO WATCH FOR THIS WEEK:**

Monday, 5:00-6:00 pm, Auntie Virgie & Uncle Dennis' Weekly Zoom Bible Study on the Book of Mark. Contact Virgie or Shanna to be added to the list of participants.

Tuesday: weekly Announcement Letter

Wednesday: 9:00 am, Elders Meeting

-5:00 Band of Brothers Men's Bible Study

Thursday: Foodbank on Thursday 12/17

-Weekly Zoom Bible Study at 6:00 pm with Diane Bundrant. Please contact Diane Bundrant at (206) 331-0701 to receive her weekly text invite or with any questions. This study is open to all so please invite any new participants from anywhere in the Country, who are interested in joining! We are enjoying the Armor of God series at this time. May God bless and keep you all!

Friday: 6pm Youth Meeting

Saturday:-9:00 am, Prayer Meeting

-10:30 am Worship Practice

Sunday: Live and Video stream Service 10:00