



Mililani Baptist Church Messenger

PASTORS CORNER...

FEBURARY 2021

Aloha Church O'hana,

Amazingly, it is already February. While we may still be impacted by the pandemic, it is a true blessing to be able to start bringing back more ministries. Even though we are living in difficult times, we can hold onto the fact that God is in control and has called each of us to the mission of his Kingdom. After renewing our understanding of the Church's Mission, we can come together to move forward, which is something powerful that we can unify behind. As the church, we are called to be one body, a beautiful picture of the love of the church.

This month, we celebrate love, but today we often focus completely on romantic love. But what about when we see love referred to in Scripture? What is it referring to? Most often, the idea of love in the New Testament is a fellowship love, one of the signs of unity within the church.

Believers have a special connection of love. This is a fantastic gift from God which is displayed within the Trinity. We know from several passages that God is love. Today this is something many are uncomfortable with outside their immediate family. What we all should remember is that we are a family as brothers and sisters in Christ. This love is a deep affection rooted in God himself, which is what binds us to God and Christ and each of us together. One way to understand this type of love is wanting better for someone else than we want for ourselves. It is a fantastic thing that we within the church have from God as a true gift that binds us together in a blessed way. Believers from all around are bound in love that is not experienced outside of the faith.

As we continue in our mission as the church and specifically as Mililani Baptist Church, let us show love to one another as Christ has done for us in salvation. Let us come together and stir one another up to love and good works to glorify God with a passion for Him and share the good news with a compassion for the lost. I look forward to continuing to move forward, attempting to accomplish our mission while we glorify God and show love to each other.

Mahalo and Aloha!

SDG,

Kaleb A. Barrett



Aloha church family!

We're already in our second month of 2021! Time sure does fly by. With school starting back up again last month (still mostly virtual), I think I can speak for not only myself, but the teens as well, that the struggle is real. School is always on our prayer request list! But we all know that God is with us through it all.

Just a reminder that we are still holding our in-person Wednesday night Bible study. It currently runs from 7pm to 8pm in the upstairs chapel room (the same room where the youth Sunday school is held). We are abiding by all the rules and restrictions put in place, so it's a safe space! We are all just so excited to be with each other in-person again. If you haven't joined us yet, please do!

As for this month, we will be starting to practice for our Easter season. Our group will be participating in one of the Easter services. There will be more details headed your way within the next week or so.

I'm also very excited to announce that we have our first event of the year coming up! It'll be on Presidents' Day which is Monday February 15. As of now, we'll be doing a hike. The hike and time is to be determined, so stay connected through our text chat or Instagram. This will be a family event, so bring everyone! This is also to help with following covid rules and restrictions (there will be little to no carpooling).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me!

In Christ,
Kassey Green
Youth Ministry Intern

Stay Connected!

Email: youth@mbaptist.org

Instagram: @mbc_tribe

Text: Download the Remind app (the logo is blue with a white cloud in the middle) and the class code is @mbctribe OR you can text @mbctribe to 81010 to receive updates, reminders, and information on upcoming events.

Upcoming Youth Events

Wednesday Night Bible Study
7pm to 8pm

Feb. 15th
President's Day Hike
(time and place to be determined)

Mililani Baptist Preschool Update!

Happy February Church Family!

The year 2021 is off to a great start! Last month we learned all about art, through colors, shapes and so much more. This month love is in the air! As the preschool transitions into the month of February, our school theme is going to be "About Others & Cultural Diversity" by focusing on the wonderful diversity that God created and will link with our Bible Theme of "Loving Others."



We praise God that we have been able to find a new lead teacher for the Honu Class!! Her name is Ms. Edelyn and we are so excited to welcome her into our MBP ohana!

We have also begun the process of enrolling students for the 2021-2022 school year as well as the 2021 summer session. If you know someone who is interested in adding their child to the waitlist, please contact the preschool office.

This month our keiki will learn the message "We love because He first loved us" 1 John 4:19, as we explore what it means to "Love Others." The Bible is so rich and full of God's love that we count it as a beautiful blessing to get to bring to life God's word for these precious little ones in our ministry. Thank you so much for being a part of that through your support and prayer. Please continue to pray for the staff, children, and families of MBP that wonderful relationships would be built and that God would be glorified!

Mahalo!



MBC PRAISE HULA TEAM

The Praise Hula Team will be starting practices again! We will be meeting on Sunday mornings starting on February 7th from 10:30 am to 11:00 am in Rm 204b and we will be dancing to "Mighty To Save." No experience necessary and everyone is welcome!

New Members!

Last month we welcomed Julie and Steven Brennan and Arseon and Dianil Rarangol as new members of MBC!

If you are interested in membership or want more information please contact the church office.

MBC Ladies Virtual Fellowship!

**Saturday, February 6th from
7:00pm-8:15pm**

In February our theme is **LOVE!** For **FUN** please wear your **red, pink**, etc as we celebrate Christ's incredible **LOVE** for us.

Please contact the church office for more info

Meeting ID: 231 128 5889

Passcode: love

New Sunday School Class!

The truths of the gospel should compel us to a contrite, compassionate, and courageous personal response to social issues in the culture. Using biblical foundations, practical illustrations, and personal exhortations, this study is a pointed yet winsome call for readers to faithfully follow Christ in countercultural ways. Beginning Sunday, Jan 31, in room 211, Tim and Cora DeMello will be teaching "Counter Culture," a study from David Platt. Its not too late to join! For more info please contact the church office.

THURSDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY!

It's not too late to join the Thursday Ladies Bible Study! Thursday morning at 9am and Thursday night at 7pm. The Thursday Night Ladies Bible Study begin a new study on Jan 14 via Zoom. "God of Creation" by Jen Wilkin is a 10 session study through Genesis 1 - 11; join in as we walk through the first 11 chapters searching these familiar passages for their larger meaning to the story of Scripture and in the life of every believer. Books will be available at the church office for \$10. For more information on the Thursday Night Bible Studies please contact Grace Pooler at gracepooler@gmail.com or (509) 868-7489.

Zoom Meeting ID: 472 849 8403 and Password: 316

Flower Calendar

Reminder: Sally Takemori

February 7	Tim & Cora DeMello in memory of Kiyo & Carlos Nievera and in honor of Alyssa's Birthday
February 14	Michi Ogasawara
February 21	Sally Takemori in memory of Lianne
February 28	Dean & Julie Kazama in honor of Mom Iris' Birthday

FEBRUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan. 31 8:00am Deacons Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 11am Worship Service 6:15pm Evening Service	1 7pm Deacons Meeting	2 8:30am Japanese Prayer Meeting	3 8:30am Military Wives Bible Study 7:00pm Youth Bible Study	4 9am Ladies Bible Study 7pm Praise Team Worship Practice 7pm Ladies Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study	5	6 8:30am Moms in Prayer 7:00pm MBC Ladies Virtual Fellowship
7 8:00am Deacons Prayer 8am Worship Service 9:30am Sunday School 11am Worship Service 6:15pm Evening Service	8 6:30pm Equipping Committee Meeting 7pm Church Council	9 8:30am Japanese Prayer Meeting 2:00 pm Sunday School Meeting	10 8:30am Military Wives Bible Study 7:00pm Youth Bible Study	11 9am Ladies Bible Study 7pm Praise Team Worship Practice 7pm Ladies Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study	12	13 8:30am Moms in Prayer
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