



# Mililani Baptist Church

## Messenger

PASTORS CORNER...

MARCH 2021

Aloha MBC 'Ohana,

Believe it or not, we are already into March! It's unbelievable how quickly time flies, but then again, maybe that should serve as a reminder of how important it is to make the most of it. With so much going on around us, it can be easy to be distracted and allow our focus to shift. Paul speaks to this in Ephesians 5, when he says, "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil." The context of what Paul is talking about for much of chapter 5 emphasizes holy living. Here, while describing wisdom and holiness in conversations, sexual purity, godly partnerships, and more, he tells us to watch our walk and make the best use of our time. What does he mean here? Well, first, the phrase "making the best use" can also be translated as "redeeming or purchasing." How do we use coupons at the store? We cash them in for a purpose, typically to save money. Well, to purchase or redeem the time, in the sense Paul is talking about means to cash in on the opportunities we have, not to save additional time, but rather to do good in an evil age. We need to find ways to take advantage of the opportunities we have been given so that the light will expose the darkness and its effects around us, as Paul talks about earlier in the chapter. So what does this look like in our daily lives? Well, for one, it requires us to walk with wisdom and discernment. It means being on the lookout for any and every opportunity to do good in the current evil age we live in now. No one can deny that we see the darkness around us. No one can deny that the days are evil. With that being said, however, no Christian can deny that God has a plan to work and eventually restore His creation to perfection. Because of that truth, we ought to look for opportunities to share that good news with others by always reminding them of the goodness of God.

Allow me to share a quick story. On President's Day, we went out on a hike with the youth group. As we set out, a sweet family joined the group. Along the way, one of their daughters was a little nervous about some of the spots. It was so encouraging to hear her father's kind words of support as she became more nervous as the hike went on. At one point, in particular, she slipped right in front of me. Without missing a beat, her dad caught her hand and held her up so she didn't fall, and before she even caught her footing again, he began to redeem the time that he had. He said, "You see! This is what God will do for us. He will catch us and not let us fall. This is why we trust in Him because He is able to keep us from stumbling!" Wow! What an awesome word that both calmed his daughter's fears but seized a perfect opportunity to teach truth. That brief story is just one small example of how we can use God's word in everyday situations, knowing that this age is falling quickly away from the truth.

So as another month comes and goes, let us not become slaves to our calendars, merely marking the days as they fly past us. Instead, let's redeem these days and use them consciously and triumphantly to teach others around us the greatest truth that there is: We have a God who will draw us closer to Himself and rescue us from our sins and their effects. One day He will send His son to return, and at that point, there won't be time left to redeem, for the judgment will come, and His decisions are final.

I look forward to seeing how God will help each of us make the best use of the time with which He has blessed us. I love each of you and am thankful for you all, our MBC 'ohana! Be blessed.

In Christ,

Dennis Andrews

# TRIBE

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Aloha church family!

February was an exciting month for us! Along with our Wednesday night Bible study time, we've been practicing for the Easter Cantata and we got to hold our first event of the year. Thank you to everyone who came and hiked the Aiea Loop Trail with us on Presidents' Day! If you missed this hike, don't worry! We will have more hikes and other activities throughout the year.

As for the Easter Cantata, like I mentioned, we have begun practicing our part! If you're still interested in being a part of that, practices are held every Wednesday night from 6:30 to 7:00pm and is followed by our regularly scheduled Bible study time (7:00 to 8:00pm). The Easter Cantata will be on Sunday March 28 during the evening service.

Since we're in March, spring break is now upon us. Be on the lookout for announcements about events for that week!

The best ways to stay connected with us is through our Instagram page (@mbc\_tribe) and our group text. If you would like to be added to any of those, please let me know! The weekly Sunday bulletin is also a great place to check!

If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me!

In Christ,  
Kassey Green  
Youth Ministry Intern

## **Upcoming Youth Events**

Wednesday Night Bible Study  
7pm to 8pm

Easter Cantata Practice  
Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:00pm

Easter Cantata  
Sunday, March 28th at 6:15pm



## **Stay Connected!**

**Email:** [youth@mbaptist.org](mailto: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.

# Mililani Baptist Preschool Update!

Aloha Church Family!

March is upon us! In February MBP had a busy month as we celebrated the Chinese New Year and also held our annual Scholastic Book Fair from Feb. 23rd to Mar. 8th. However this year we weren't able to have a normal Book Fair, this year it is online. There is still time to support our school and purchase books. Please visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with online shopping: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/mililanibaptists>. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the preschool office. We also want to thank all of you that supported our school so far by purchasing books! We know that reading is important; especially with young learning children and we're excited to be continuing the celebration in March. We will start out the month with "Read Across America Day" on March 1. The Cat in the Hat will be visiting us for a reading at 8:15 AM and our students will also be doing various Dr. Seuss activities in their classrooms.



"I am wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14).

On Saturday, March 6th, from 8:00 am-12:00 pm is our annual Beautification Day. This year, due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are not able to invite families from the church and the preschool to help clean, sanitize, and "beautify" our school. However we are in need of nitrile gloves, if you are able to donate gloves or if you know where we are able to purchase gloves that would get greatly appreciated!

Due to COVID-19, we will not be able to go on our annual field trip to the Bishop Museum. We also will not be able to invite to Mililani Lion's Club Vision Screening to our school.

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 Virtual Ladies Fellowship

Join us on Saturday, March 6th at 7 pm

Please contact the church office for more info

**Meeting ID: 231 128 5889 Passcode: LOVE**

## Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Church Goal!

This year our goal is to raise \$5,000 for the Annie Armstrong Easter offering. One hundred percent of gifts given to AAEO are used to support Southern Baptist missionaries serving across the United States and Canada. Please contact a pastor for more information!

## awana clubs!

AWANA is returning! Join us on Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> for the return of AWANA at MBC. Clubs will run from 5:15 until 6:00 pm weekly, with drop-off and pick-up being done at their class rooms. Registrations are being taken online by [clicking here](#) (if you're reading on a computer or smartphone) or by coming into the office to pickup a paper copy to turn in. As the case numbers continue to drop, we are evaluating when we will be able to bring back the full schedule for weekly AWANA. Until we are able to do so, we will continue with an abbreviated schedule. We thank you for your patience and understanding. We look forward to seeing you here at AWANA!



## Flower Calendar

Reminder: Iris Okimoto

March 7	Lord's Supper
March 14	
March 21	Michi Ogasawara IHO Roy and Joshua's Birthday
March 28	Bob & Kiyomi Kato IHO Haru's Birthday



In light of recent CDC and DHS guidelines, we are able to return to a full service Nursery Ministry again! Our desire is to reopen fully in March and we are hard at work right now putting together policies and guidelines for our nursery volunteers.

The first step of reopening will be to offer a full nursery during the 11 am service, and soon after expand to include the Sunday school hour. If you would like to volunteer to help with the nursery ministry, please let us know by calling us in the office at (808) 623-2559 or emailing our director at [Yadira@mbaptist.org](mailto:Yadira@mbaptist.org). Stay tuned for more details as the MBC Keiki Hale makes its return!

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR THE NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD

Above we mentioned our goal for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. We want to be sure that we support missions and church plants in our backyard not only financially, but also in prayer. The first week of March, starting Sunday, February 28 through Saturday, March 06. This week let us dedicate ourselves each day to pray for missions throughout North America. Let us include the church plant, Connections that we support in Kapolei. We can also be praying for the chaplains that are endorsed through NAMB. This week and every week let us support the work of the gospel not only with important gifts, with words of encouragement, but also with our prayers.



The  
mission  
moves  
forward

# FEBRUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feb. 28 8:00am Deacons Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 11am Worship Service 6:15pm Evening Service	Mar. 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 8:00am MBP Beautification Day 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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21 8:00am Deacons Prayer 8am Worship Service 9:30am Sunday School 11am Worship Service 6:15pm Evening Service	22	23 8:30am Japanese Prayer Meeting	24 8:30am Military Wives Bible Study 7:00pm Youth Bible Study	25 9am Ladies Bible Study 1pm Missions Committee Meeting 7pm Praise Team Worship Practice 7pm Ladies Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study	26	27 8:30am Moms in Prayer
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