

# Mililani Baptist Church

## Messenger

PASTORS CORNER...

APRIL 2021

Aloha Church Family,

These past few months of reopening ministries have been a blessing to see more activity in the church and see the gospel move. This past weekend of having two different outreach events, a youth event and hosting a men's ministry fellowship, was a busy and God-honoring time. I look forward to continuing to open up and expanding our reach within the community.

Now, as we enter Holy Week, ending the Lenten season, there is much to celebrate. We remember why we gather together for each week, the gracious gift of our savior. It is essential to understand why we celebrate the days and weeks that we do.

The first part of Holy Week is Palm Sunday which we celebrated this past weekend. It is the time that we celebrate the Triumphant Entry of Christ into Jerusalem, declaring that he is the coming Messiah, the Savior of the world. It is the beginning of his triumph over sin and death. This event is a powerful statement of Christ's Kingship and humility as the humble King of love. He entered to lay down his life through the remainder of the holy week.

The second aspect of this week that we celebrate is Maundy Thursday. During this service, we remember the Last Supper that Christ shared with the disciples. In this meal, Christ instituted the New Covenant that we celebrate each time we take Communion together. The word "Maundy" comes from a Latin word meaning commandment, reminding us we partake in the holy meal together to celebrate the commandment we have been given in Christ. This is a time of meditation of the saving grace we have been given. It was a transformation from the Passover to the fulfillment in the Lord's Supper.

The third service often celebrated is Good Friday. This day can make us ask why it is good. It is a time we remember the arrest and eventual death of Christ. While it was the darkest day in the world's history, when the Messiah was hung on the cross, but the cup of wrath poured out on him for our benefit. It was a good day for humanity because it was the day the perfected sacrifice was slain to cover our sin and save us from the death which we are due. This is a powerful time of worship to remember the grace that was shown to us that Christ willingly gave up his spirit for our sake.

On Holy Saturday, there is a time that we remember Christ as he lay in his grave. Some vigil services are held to remember this time of mourning. Other churches, like ours, have outreaches to reach the lost with the truth that Christ came, lived a perfect life, was crucified, and raised again on the third day. This year we will be holding a drive-through Extravaganza to celebrate this truth bringing it to our community.

The final service of the holy week is Resurrection Sunday. We remember each part of this week; we meditate on Christ going from being celebrated at the Triumphant Entry through his death and burial. We reflect on Resurrection Sunday that Christ did not stay there. We celebrate together that Christ died, but he did not stay there. He rose and later ascended to be seated at the father's right hand, where he is still now.

The Holy Week season is a powerful time of remembering what Christ has done and we worship him for just that. As we continue through this Holy Week, let us come together to celebrate these services. Once we move through this week, let us hold onto that truth and continue to carry it to our lost community that they may join us in these celebrations next year.

Soli Deo Gloria,  
Pastor Kaleb Barrett

# TRIBE

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Aloha church family!

This past month we've studied the book of John on Wednesday nights. As we went through Jesus' story according to John, we learned that Jesus had an important purpose here on earth. He willingly came here to die for our sins. He knew that our sinful nature had separated us from God. As we enter this Easter season, we need to remember that when Jesus took our sins on the cross and died for us, He not only went through the physical pain, but also the pain of being separated from the Father because of the sin He took on. What's great about this story is that Jesus didn't stay dead. He rose again and has created a way for us to have a relationship with the Father and be able to spend eternity with Him in heaven.

As things are beginning to open up and restrictions are being lifted, we are planning more events. During spring break we went to iTrampoline and had a blast! Be on the lookout for future events as we begin to approach summer break!

We currently meet on Sunday mornings for Sunday school from 9:30 to 10:30am and on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:00pm. If you haven't already joined us, why not?! We'd love to have you come and hang out and learn more about His word with us!

We hope you all continue to stay safe and hopeful for a brighter future.

In Christ,  
Kassey  
Youth Ministry Director

## Stay Connected!

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

**Instagram:** @mbc\_tribe

**Text:** Download the Remind app and the class code is @mbctribe OR you can text @mbctribe to 81010 to receive updates, reminders, and information on upcoming events.



**iTrampoline Youth Event!**

# Mililani Baptist Preschool Update!

Aloha Church Family!

Spring is officially here! March was a great month here at Mililani Baptist Preschool and we have a lot of things coming up in the month of April.

Thank you to all of our staff that came out to help us with our annual Beautification Day. We were able to thoroughly clean our lanai activities, and give the preschool classrooms a great spring cleaning! We also had a very successful book fair. Thank you to all of our preschool families who generously donated books to our classrooms and thank you to everyone who supported our school and purchased books. We also got to celebrate "Read Across American Day" with special guest Cat In The Hat, who read a few books to our keiki!



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

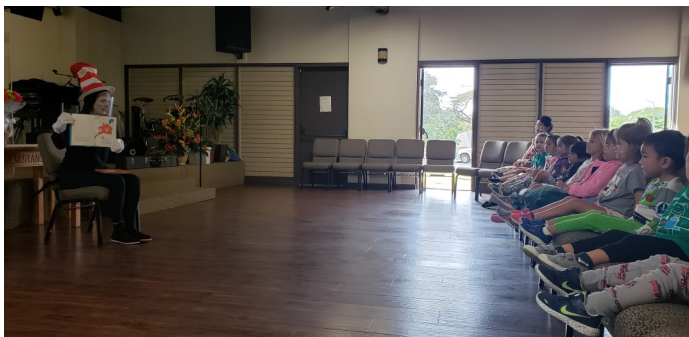
We also had a very successful beautification Day here at our school! This year, due to COVID-19 restrictions, we were not able to invite families from the church and the preschool to help clean, sanitize, and "beautify" our school. However our teachers were hard at work cleaning and sanitizing our school.

During April we are learning about the Lifecycle of the Butterfly! We have already received donations of caterpillars from some of our preschool families. However we will need help feeding them, if you are willing and able to donate leaves to our school we would appreciate it very much! To drop off donations please contact the preschool office. We are also getting ready to have Parent Teacher Conferences in April. This is a great way for our teachers to connect with families and to get a better understanding of our keiki. For any questions regarding parent teacher conferences please contact the preschool office.

We are still 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! Please continue to pray for the staff, children, and families of MBP that wonderful relationships would be built and that God would be glorified!

God Bless!

MBP Office





## Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Church Goal!

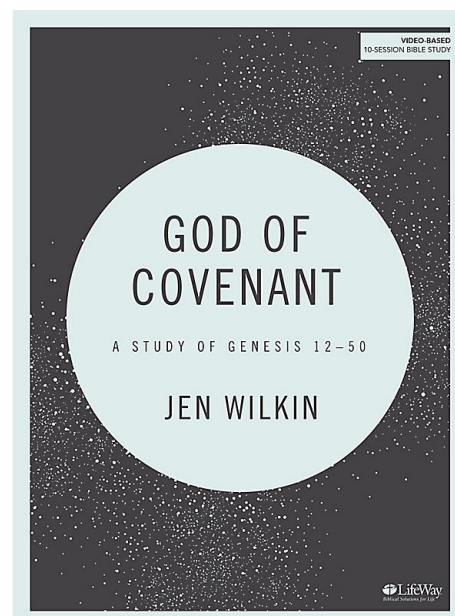
This year our goal is to raise **\$5,000** for the Annie Armstrong Easter offering. One hundred percent of gifts given to AAEO are used to support Southern Baptist missionaries serving across the United States and Canada.

As of March 27th we have collected a total of **\$1816**.

Thank you to everyone who gave money for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering!

## Ladies Thursday Night Bible Study

The Ladies Bible Study will be starting a new study called “God of the Covenant” on Thursday April 8th at 7pm. “God of Covenant” is a 10 week study of Genesis 12-50. If you are interested in participating in this study please contact Grace Pooler at (509) 868-7489 for more info. Zoom ID: 472 849 8403 Password: 316



## SUNDAY SCHOOL OUT REACH

Thank you for everyone who participated in our Sunday School Outreach Campaign! We have been going out into the community every Friday through April. We are meeting in Room 209 from 6-7:30 pm. If you are interested in participating please contact the Joe Uson.

## Find us on...

**Narratives of Grace podcast:**  
Anchor - Google Podcast -  
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**Website:** mbaptist.org  
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**YouTube:** Mililani Baptist Church

## Flower Calendar

Reminder: Melinda & Kassey Green

April 4	Flower Committee
April 11	Jack & Iris Okimoto IHO their Anniversary
April 18	Ron & Barbara Okada IMO Edward & Ellen Lau
April 25	Roy & Michi Ogasawara IHO Tate's Birthday

## awana clubs!

It's not too late to join AWANAS 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. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the church office.



## Drive-Thru Easter Extravaganza

Join us on April 3rd from 9 am to  
11:30 am for our annual Easter  
Extravaganza!

This is a free drive thru and covid-19  
friendly event with plenty of candy!



## Holy Week Schedule

*Maundy Thursday Service*  
*April 1st at 6:15 pm*

*Good Friday Service*  
*April 2nd at 6:15 pm*

*Drive-Thru*  
*Easter Extravaganza*  
*April 3rd from 9 to 11:30 am*

*Resurrection Sunday*  
*April 4th at 8am and 11 am*

# APRIL 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mar. 28 <b>8:00am</b> Deacons Prayer <b>8am</b> Worship Service <b>9:30am</b> Sunday School <b>11am</b> Worship Service <b>5:15 pm</b> Awanas <b>6:15pm</b> Evening Service	Mar. 29 <b>7pm</b> Deacons Meeting	Mar. 30 <b>8:30am</b> Japanese Prayer Meeting	Mar. 31 <b>8:30am</b> Military Wives Bible Study <b>7:00pm</b> Youth Bible Study	Apr. 1 <b>9am</b> Ladies Bible Study <b>6:15 pm</b> Maundy Thursday Service	2 <b>6:15 pm</b> Good Friday Service	3 <b>9:30 am</b> Drive Thru Easter Extravaganza
4 <b>Happy Easter Sunday</b> <b>8:00am</b> Deacons Prayer <b>8am</b> Worship Service <b>9:30am</b> Sunday School <b>11am</b> Worship Service	5 <b>7pm</b> Deacons Meeting	6 <b>8:30am</b> Japanese Prayer Meeting <b>2:00 pm</b> Sunday School Meeting	7 <b>8:30am</b> Military Wives Bible Study <b>7:00pm</b> Youth Bible Study	8 <b>9am</b> Ladies Bible Study <b>7pm</b> Praise Team Worship Practice <b>7pm</b> Ladies Bible Study <b>7pm</b> Men's Bible Study	9	10 <b>8:30am</b> Moms in Prayer
11 <b>8:00am</b> Deacons Prayer <b>8am</b> Worship Service <b>9:30am</b> Sunday School <b>11am</b> Worship Service <b>5:15 pm</b> Awanas <b>6:15pm</b> Evening Service	12 <b>6:30pm</b> Equipping Committee Meeting <b>7pm</b> Church Council	13 <b>8:30am</b> Japanese Prayer Meeting	14 <b>8:30am</b> Military Wives Bible Study <b>7:00pm</b> Youth Bible Study	15 <b>9am</b> Ladies Bible Study <b>7pm</b> Praise Team Worship Practice <b>7pm</b> Finance Committee Meeting <b>7pm</b> Ladies Bible Study <b>7pm</b> Men's Bible Study	16	17 <b>8:30am</b> Moms in Prayer <b>9:30 am</b> New Members Class
18 <b>8:00am</b> Deacons Prayer <b>8am</b> Worship Service <b>9:30am</b> Sunday School <b>11am</b> Worship Service <b>5:15 pm</b> Awanas <b>6:15pm</b> Evening Service	19	20 <b>8:30am</b> Japanese Prayer Meeting	21 <b>8:30am</b> Military Wives Bible Study <b>7:00pm</b> Youth Bible Study	22 <b>9am</b> Ladies Bible Study <b>1pm</b> Missions Committee Meeting <b>7pm</b> Praise Team Worship Practice <b>7pm</b> Ladies Bible Study <b>7pm</b> Men's Bible Study	23	24 <b>8:30am</b> Moms in Prayer
25 <b>8:00am</b> Deacons Prayer <b>8am</b> Worship Service <b>9:30am</b> Sunday School <b>11am</b> Worship Service <b>5:15 pm</b> Awanas <b>6:15pm</b> Evening Service	26	27 <b>8:30am</b> Japanese Prayer Meeting	28 <b>8:30am</b> Military Wives Bible Study <b>7:00pm</b> Youth Bible Study	29 <b>9am</b> Ladies Bible Study <b>7pm</b> Praise Team Worship Practice <b>7pm</b> Ladies Bible Study <b>7pm</b> Men's Bible Study	30	May 1 <b>8:30am</b> Moms in Prayer



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