



Mililani Baptist Church

Messenger

PASTORS CORNER...

JULY 2021

Aloha MBC 'Ohana,

As we move into July, it's hard not to think of the 4th of July celebrations we all have experienced over the years, as we show our appreciation and gratitude for the freedom we share as Americans. In talking about freedom, however, we have a golden opportunity to share the truth of greater freedom with others. At the same time, we respect the nation we call our temporary home until Christ returns and we are exiles and sojourners no longer. The freedom we have in Christ is superior to any other form of liberty, even that of freedom from human tyranny. The Apostle Paul tells us that though he is free from all, he made himself a servant to all, that he might win more of them. (1 Cor. 9:19). What is Paul saying regarding what the freedom he has in Christ affords him? He reminds us that true freedom in Christ enables us to become better servants for Christ and others. I believe that we live in the greatest nation on Earth, but in saying that, I do realize that we live in a society that has been fleeing the teachings of Scripture and, ultimately, the God we love. "In the final analysis," this society, this culture, this nation will not last. Christ will return, and He will set all things new, in a New Heaven and a New Earth. The only things that will be there that are currently here will be the Word of God and the souls of men. Ask yourself, "What am I doing with the former to reach the latter? How can we do a better job of serving others, through our freedom, with the Word of God?" As we celebrate our American freedom, let's thank God for the greater freedom we have in Christ and exercise that freedom in faithful obedience to the One who set us free.

Of course, I'd be remiss if I did not mention that Independence Day is not our only celebration in July. In fact, on the same day, July 4th, we will gather together for our regular time of worship, but this time with the added emphasis being placed on the goodness of God that we are able to celebrate 46 years of MBC ministry! What began as a Bible study in 1972 quickly blossomed into a new church on July 6th, 1975. As we set aside time to thank God for his blessings and provision over our short history as a church, I hope you are encouraged. We remember and honor our past as a means of preparing for the future and navigating the present. Our past is rich with blessings and success by the grace of God. Our present is sustained by the providence and sufficiency of God. Lord willing, and if Christ tarries, our future will be bright as we continue to make disciples, preach the Word, and glorify God with our lives. I am so thankful to be a part of what God is doing here at MBC, and although I've only been here for 2.5 of the 46 years, I can't wait to see what God will do moving forward. Happy birthday to both MBC and the USA. We have much to be thankful for as we begin a new month.

Firmly in His grip,
Dennis Andrews



Aloha church family!

June was a crazy month for us, but we got to see God work through it all! Thank you to everyone who helped with Vacation Bible School. The kids had a blast and we all did too! Those songs will definitely be stuck in our heads all summer.

The major thing that we have coming up this month is a service week. This is a week that we'll spend giving back and taking care of the church and our community. It's important that we mālama (take care) of each other, our community, and the island we live on. We will do something different almost every weekday from Monday July 12th to Friday the 16th. Stay tuned for more information regarding that, such as what we'll be doing each day!

Also, this is just a reminder that we are no longer using the app Remind to communicate and send out updates about our group. We are now fully on GroupMe! If you haven't done so already, please join the appropriate group chat; there is one for teens and one for parents / church members. Information on how to join will be below.

We hope you all are doing well and enjoying your summer!

In Christ,
Kassey
Youth Ministry Director

Upcoming Youth Events

Service Week:

Monday, July 12th– Friday, July 16th

Stay connected in order to find out what we'll be doing each day!

MBC Tribe Parents



GroupMe App

If you would like to receive text updates about upcoming youth events and Bible studies, please download the GroupMe app. After downloading the app and setting up your account, please scan one of the QR codes. One QR code is for the teens, and the other is for parents (the codes are labeled). Once scanned you'll automatically be added to the group!

MBC Tribe Youth



Mililani Baptist Preschool Update!

Aloha Church Family!

Summer is in full swing here at the preschool! We officially have 44 students enrolled and during the month of July we are learning about the ocean, water, and exploring some fun summer activities. Our summer session will end on Friday, July 16. The preschool will be closed to students from July 19-30, as staff use these two weeks to prepare for the upcoming school year. Our teachers will also be conducting home visits (through Zoom) during this time. Home visits are a great time for teachers to introduce themselves to families and get to know a little bit more about their students! The new school year will officially start on August 2, 2021! Please be in prayer for all our families that the preschool will serve this next school year. Pray for lasting relationships to be made, for our students to develop strong spiritual foundations, and for the ministry of the preschool to truly make an eternal impact on the lives of our students and families. We ask that you also keep our wonderful teachers in your prayers, too!



Mahalo!

MBP Office



**Ladies
Evening of
Prayer and
Worship**

**July 16th, 6pm-8pm
@Mililani Baptist
Church**

*94-293 Anania Drive,
Mililani*



<h2>Flower Calendar</h2> <p>Reminder: Lynette Suda</p>	
July 4th	Lord's Supper
July 11th	Kiyomi Kato IHO Bob's and Kibert's Birthday
July 18th	Micho Ogasawara IMO her Mother
July 25th	Jack and Iris Okimoto IHO Kristi's and Julie's Birthday

Children's Ministry

Aloha!

I am delighted to report that Vacation Bible School went well this year. We were able to meet our goal and raised a little over \$2,000 for Mililani missions! I am also ecstatic to announce that five children raised their hand and said they came to know Jesus during this week. I want to say a huge thank you to all the volunteers that made VBS possible! Thank you for all your hard work and dedication.

As we say goodbye to June and all the fun fellowship we look to July for more excitement! On July 24 we will be having a Back To School Bash! There will be games, prizes, booths and more. Keep an eye out for this day! There is still a need in the children's ministry for volunteers. If you would like to serve as a Sunday school teacher for the preschool age class or in children's church you can reach out to Julie Brennan at julie@mbaptist.org.

~Julie Brennan

Children's Ministry Director



VBS 2021



JULY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 27 6:30 am Deacons Prayer 8am Worship Service 9:30am Sunday School 11am Worship Service 6:15pm Evening Service	June 28	June 29 8:30am Japanese Prayer Meeting	June 30 8:30am Military Wives Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Bible Study 7:00pm Family Choir Practice 8:30pm Praise Team Practice	July 1 9am Ladies Bible Study 7pm Ladies Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study	2	3 8:30am Moms in Prayer 9:30am Ladies Fellowship
4 6:30 am Deacons Prayer 8am Worship Service (Lord's Supper) 9:30am Sunday School 11am Worship Service (Lord's Supper)	5 Independence Day-- Office Closed 7pm Deacons Meeting	6 8:30am Japanese Prayer Meeting	7 8:30am Military Wives Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Bible Study 7:00pm Family Choir Practice 8:30pm Praise Team Practice	8 9am Ladies Bible Study 7pm Ladies Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study	9	10 8:30am Moms in Prayer
11 6:30 am Deacons Prayer 8am Worship Service 9:30am Sunday School 11am Worship Service 5:15 pm Awanas 6:15pm Evening Service	12 6:30pm Equipping Committee Meeting 7pm Church Council	13 8:30am Japanese Prayer Meeting 2:00 pm Sunday School Meeting	14 8:30am Military Wives Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Bible Study 7:00pm Family Choir Practice 8:30pm Praise Team Practice	15 9am Ladies Bible Study 7pm Finance Committee Meeting 7pm Ladies Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study	16 6pm Ladies Evening of Worship and Prayer	17 8:30am Moms in Prayer
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