

A scenic photograph of a sunset over the ocean, with the sun low on the horizon and its light reflecting on the water. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and blue.

Mililani Baptist Church Messenger

PASTORS CORNER...

AUGUST 2021

Aloha Church,

Incredibly, it is already August and time to get ready for a new school year. Over this summer, there have been so many great things happening. As we have been able to bring back events and celebrate more fully together, we have seen God at work in His kingdom. This past week we were able to hold our *Back to School Bash*, where we served a physical need for our community while sharing the gospel with them. It was a wonderful time having great conversations with many who are open in our community. As we continue to serve God's kingdom within the Church through worship and discipleship or outside through outreach, it is essential to remember that all of these opportunities we have to serve come as a gift from God.

Each week as we come together to worship corporately and learn more about God's word in Sunday School, we can be encouraged that we do not experience this world's trials alone. We come together to share our joys and our troubles. We celebrate and mourn together, remembering that we are one body together who are brought together through God's love.

When we come together to worship each week, we can help each other. In Hebrews, we read, "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near" (Hebrews 10:24-25 ESV). Here we see that we as believers must not neglect to gather to worship each week. We are created to be in community with other believers. When we come together, we can encourage one another in the faith. When someone is struggling, we can come beside them and help build them up.

Similarly, we can stir one another up to good works. These can be things in our daily lives or service within the Church. You may not see how your skills can fit in the Church, but your brother or sister in Christ may see your perfect fit and encourage you into this service. As one theologian has put it, this passage tells us to care for someone else more than yourself, knowing that someone will return that to you. When we come together as a loving community, we will be able to do our best for the Kingdom, glorifying God our serve. These forms of service may be serving in a ministry, on a committee, teaching Sunday School, or leading a Bible study. If you are not sure where you can serve, ask, and your fellow believers will help you see where you may be able to serve best.

Each week let us encourage one another. Together we can do great things for the kingdom. Let us not neglect to join together to worship. Instead, as we gather each week, let us stir one another up to do good works, not so that we look good, but rather continually pointing to God's glory and mercy. As we begin a new school year, may we help one another building each other up, serving God's kingdom, remembering that we are many parts of one body with Christ as our head.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Kaleb A. Barrett



Aloha church family!

Summer break is coming to a close and we're all headed back to school this month (myself included). We've had a great summer of growth and service. On Wednesday nights in July we covered what it means to have solid roots in our faith, which is perfect for when we go back to school. As we come out of our comfort zones and share the gospel with our friends who may not know Him, pray that God will speak through us.

Last month we also had a week where we focused on service and fellowship. We reorganized our youth room, passed out flyers to the community for our Back to School Bash, picked up trash at a local park, and played frisbee with the youth and interns at Connections Church. It was a great time for us to meet and spend time together outside of the church building.

Sometime this month we'll be going roller-skating. The date and time for that will be determined soon! Stay connected through GroupMe and Instagram to find out when.

We pray that everyone continues to stay safe and healthy during this season.

In Christ,
Kassey Green
Youth Ministry Director

Upcoming Youth Events

Roller-Staking:

Time and Date will be announced later!
Stay tuned for updates!



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!

We are so excited to start a new school year! We wrapped up our summer session on July 16th, while the kids had a break these past two weeks have been a flurry of activity as the staff has worked non-stop preparing for the upcoming year. In the past two weeks our staff has developed new lessons, created inviting environments to welcome our keiki back, and conducted Zoom “home” visits to each child and their family. It is our goal that these “home” visits not only help the children transition well to preschool, but also help our staff begin to learn about students’ background, environment, and culture in an effort to enhance their learning experiences.



While we know the first week of school may not be the easiest for some students, we are praying for smooth transitions! We are so excited to see them learn, develop, and grow by leaps and bounds. This time in a child’s development is so pivotal and our amazing staff will strive to provide the best education possible to the children entrusted to them.

Our first day of school will be on Monday, August 2nd and we can hardly wait to see our little friends and meet so many new families that will be joining us at MBP! This is a wonderful ministry to the families in our community and we invite more of our church members to come out and welcome these individuals to the church.

Being such a tangible part of this body of believers at the church through the preschool ministry is a wonderful blessing, and we value everyone that takes part in it. Thank you to all of our hard working teachers who do so much for our students.

Thank you church family for all your support and prayers as we look ahead into an exciting school year!

Love, MBP Office



Children's Ministry

Aloha!

We have had an exciting month! Thank you so much for all the volunteers that helped in our first ever Back to School Bash. We had a great outcome with passing out around 70 bags of school supplies and being able to share the gospel with our community. It would not have been possible without all of the volunteers, so thank you!

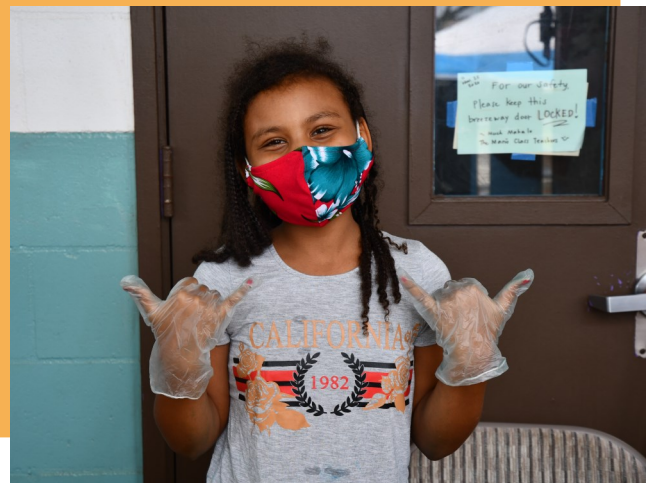
We have so much to be thankful for and more yet to come. We are in a season of strengthening our children's ministry. We need volunteers to teach Sunday school for our preschool group and volunteers for our children's church. This is an opportunity to serve our Lord and strengthen the faith of our future generations. If you have any questions about roles within the children's ministry or would like to volunteer please feel free to contact any of the pastors or me.

Proverbs 22:6 "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."

Julie Brennan

Children's Ministry Director

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Ladies Thursday Night Bible Study

Starting in August we will be starting a new study! Please join in a study of Psalm 107. We will be meeting at the church beginning August 19 @ 7pm (Room 217). For 7 weeks, we will learn to face each season of life with courage and trust in Jesus, discover how tests in our journeys of faith reveal the true conditions of our hearts. "Steadfast Love" by Lauren Chandler will show there is no fear for the one who fears the Lord. Please order your book now and be a part of this fellowship of beautiful sisters in Christ.

Flower Calendar

Reminder: Lynette Suda

August 1st	Dean & Julie Kazama IHO Nathan's Birthday
August 8nd	Joe and Jerry Uson
August 15th	Iris Okimoto IHO Jack's Birthday
August 22nd	Melinda Green & Family IMO Kala & Marian Sato's Anniversary
August 29th	Kaleb & Naomi Barrett IHO Wedding Anniversary

CHURCH WORK DAY

The MBC Men's ministry is hosting a church workday on August 14, 2021. We will begin with a breakfast fellowship at 7:30am, and then the work begins around 8:30am. Feel free to come when ever you can and stay for as long as you would like! We need help with pressure washing and general cleanup, touching up parking and caution lines, and repainting the AWANA square. We will be joining with men from the Mililani Fil-Am Baptist Church. We want to invite people of all ages to join us in this time of fellowship and caring for the building that we are so blessed to have! Please contact John Dionisio for more information.

Back To School Bash 2021



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Aug 1 6:30 am Deacons Prayer 8am Worship Service 9:30am Sunday School 11am Worship Service 6:15pm Evening Service (Lord's Supper)	2 7pm Deacons Meeting	3 8:30am Japanese Prayer Meeting	4 8:30am Military Wives Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Bible Study 7:00pm Family Choir Practice 8:30pm Praise Team Practice	5 9am Ladies Bible Study 7pm Ladies Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study	6	7 8:30am Moms in Prayer 9:30am Ladies Fellowship
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