

A background image of vibrant orange and yellow marigold flowers with green foliage.

# Mililani Baptist Church Messenger

PASTORS CORNER...

SEPTEMBER 2021

Aloha MBC O'hana,

As we have moved into a new month, it seems like we have been bombarded with difficult news. COVID cases are on the rise, the collapse of Afghanistan, the earthquake in Haiti, the destruction left behind by Hurricane Ida, and more all weighs heavily on our mind. Many are hurting, struggling, and confused, trying to understand what's going on in our world. In Job 5:11, Eliphaz reminds Job that "[God] sets on high those who are lowly, and those who mourn are lifted to safety." Now, we know something that neither Job nor Eliphaz did at that moment: God chose Job as His servant for that season of suffering. That being said, Eliphaz was still right that God cares for those who struggle and suffer. Whether you are the direct cause of your suffering or not, God is always near to the brokenhearted, and we would do well to remain close to Him. How can one remain close to God, especially in these trying times, though?

While there are many places we can turn to answer the previous question, following the guidance of Psalm 119:9-16 is wise. The psalmist asks, "How can a young man keep his way pure?" The question and answer are similar to the discussion with Solomon's "son" in Proverbs 2 and when David speaks to the "children" in Psalm 34. We ought to return to our childlike faith when determining how to grow and honor God with our lives. Whether we're young or old, struggling or not, we must seek after God with our whole hearts. We need to remain close to Him in our walk, treasuring His word in our heart, storing it there that we might remember it in our difficult moments and heed it rather than breaking its commands. Therefore, we need God to teach us His statutes; and thankfully, He has promised to do just that through His Spirit. We then need to declare His rules, delight in his statements and decrees, meditate on His principles, and not forget His word.

The pain you may be facing is real, and unfortunately, it does not go away as quickly as when one turns the page in a calendar. The presence of a new month will bring new challenges while old ones may remain. Our response ought to be to seek after God amid our struggle, for when you find Him, you will find a kind and compassionate Father waiting to comfort your weary soul. God is good, and His plans are perfect. They are also, most often, above our heads and hard to discern. We need to go to Him, study His word, find comfort in His people, and trust His guidance. At MBC, we are here for you, and we want to come alongside you and lift your burden. If you are struggling, please don't struggle alone. Reach out and let us know. We are here to pray with you, to listen to your story, and to lift you as brothers and sisters in Christ. On behalf of the staff and the church leaders, I want to tell you that you are loved and prayed for at MBC. I trust that God will draw you close, and I encourage you to hasten His drawing by seeking after Him diligently. May God bless you as you do.

In Christ,

Dennis Andrews



Aloha church family!

As we've been seeing an increase in COVID-19 case numbers, I just wanted to take a moment to urge everyone to stay safe. This virus is attacking anyone and everyone. Please pray for all those who have been affected so far and for those of us who have returned to in-person learning at school.

On a lighter note, two big things will be happening for our group this month! The first is that we will be starting a new curriculum on Wednesday nights; the AWANA curriculum! This will be starting on Wednesday the 8th. The second major thing is that this month we will begin fundraising for the 30 hour famine which will take place in October. Be on the lookout for more information and details about how to donate in your Sunday bulletins!

In a nutshell, we'll be participating in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. This is a time where we, as a group, will go without food for 30 hours to get a glimpse of what children in other countries have to go through every day. And this is done in an effort to raise money for those children so that they can get the proper nutrition that they need. If you'd like to read more about their organization, please check out [30HourFamine.org](https://30HourFamine.org).

If you ever have any questions or comments about anything, please don't hesitate to contact me at [kassey@mbaptist.org](mailto:kassey@mbaptist.org)

Have a blessed September!

In Christ,  
Kassey Green  
Youth Ministry Director

## **Upcoming Youth Events**

### **30 Hour Famine:**

Friday Oct. 15th - Saturday Oct. 16  
Stay tuned to find out the exact times!

### **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!

Whew! We've had a fantastic first month of school and our students have been making some great strides in our transition into daily life at school. It is such a joy to see how much they have learned and grown, even in one month! They are beginning to follow routines, rules, and become comfortable with their teachers, learning new songs, and adjusting to their classroom and classmates!



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

This is the time of the year when we would normally welcome the Covenant Prayers, which is a special group that provides the children with their first "field trip" experience on campus. However this year, due to COVID-19 we had to cancel the Covenant Prayers, we do hope to welcome them back next year. As the children continue to develop and grow, our school theme is going to focus on our small gross motor skills through "All About Me" and learning how "God Made Families" through our Bible time in class this month.

For the month of September, the theme is "Showers of Love" with an emphasis on grandparents. We know that grandparents play such a vital role in the lives of children. However, we regret to inform everybody that our annual Grandparent's Tea program on Friday, September 17, will be cancelled as well. Our children are hard at work preparing crafts and gifts for their grandparents to show all of their love and appreciation for all that they do.

We are also working on our "Open House", which this year will also look different. We are preparing a video that will be sent out to our preschool families, showing the classroom and all of the activities that their children do throughout the school day. Since gathering in a large group is still prohibited due to the pandemic, parents and families are no longer allowed in the classrooms to help limit the amount of people inside and the potential spread of COVID-19. That is the reason why this is a great chance for our parents to see what goes on in our classrooms.

If you are a church member and would like your child to be a part of this ministry as a student at MBP, our community wide call-in day for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year will be Wednesday, September 8th at 8:00am. Please don't be discouraged if the phone lines are busy, keep calling and speak to someone to place your child on the waitlist, as voice messages and walk-ins will not be accepted that day. All the information that is needed to place your child on the waitlist is the child's name, date of birth, parent's name, parent's email and phone number. To be placed on the waitlist children will need to be 3 years old by July 31, 2022 and fully potty trained. If you would like more information please contact the preschool office at 808-625-7499

Thank you for your prayers and for supporting our ministry! Thank you church family for all that you do!

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  
[Julie@mbaptist.org](mailto:Julie@mbaptist.org)

## Children's and Nursery Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers for the children's ministry and for the nursery! If you are interested in serving in these ministries please contact the corresponding ministry heads.

### Nursery Ministry

Yadi Magallanes  
[Yadira@MBaptist.org](mailto:Yadira@MBaptist.org)

### Children's Ministry

Julie Brennan  
[Julie@MBaptist.org](mailto:Julie@MBaptist.org)

## Parent's Night Out!

Join us on Friday, September 3rd from 6 to 8:30pm for our Parent's Night Out! Movies, crafts, pizza and more! Kids can come have fun and learn more about Jesus. While you parents can go have much needed alone time together or that highly sought, but seldom seen, nap time!

For any questions you can contact Julie Brennan at [julie@mbaptist.org](mailto:julie@mbaptist.org)



# CHURCH WORK DAY

On August 14th the Men of Fil-Am and Mililani Baptist Church held a Breakfast /Work Day with the goals of caring for the physical building we both share and to build a strong working relationship to share Jesus on Oahu and around the world. During the breakfast Bob Kato lead the praise time with his Ukulele and Pastor Bong from Fil-Am brought a strong motivational talk. Ray Gwin from property and space led the work portion. More projects are planned to beautify God's House.

Brother John Dionisio  
Baptist Men



*Flower Calendar*  
Reminder: Lynette Suda

September 5th	Lord's Supper
September 12th	Melanie Arakawa
September 19th	Lynette Suda in memory of Yoshi
September 26th	Ray Gwin in memory of Deanna

# SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Aug 29 <b>6:30 am</b> Deacons Prayer <b>8am</b> Worship Service <b>9:30am</b> Sunday School <b>11am</b> Worship Service <b>6:15pm</b> Evening Service	Aug 30	Aug 31 <b>8:30am</b> Japanese Prayer Meeting	Sept 1 <b>8:30am</b> Military Wives Bible Study <b>6:30pm</b> Youth Bible Study <b>7:00pm</b> Family Choir Practice <b>8:30pm</b> Praise Team Practice	2 <b>9am</b> Ladies Bible Study <b>7pm</b> Ladies Bible Study <b>7pm</b> Men's Bible Study	3 <b>6pm</b> Parents Night Out	4 <b>8:30am</b> Moms in Prayer
5 <b>6:30 am</b> Deacons Prayer <b>8am</b> Worship Service (Lord's Supper) <b>9:30am</b> Sunday School <b>11am</b> Worship Service (Lord's Supper)	6 <b>Labor Day -Office Closed</b> <b>7pm</b> Deacons Meeting	7 <b>8:30am</b> Japanese Prayer Meeting	8 <b>8:30am</b> Military Wives Bible Study <b>6:30pm</b> Youth Bible Study <b>7:00pm</b> Family Choir Practice <b>8:30pm</b> Praise Team Practice	9 <b>9am</b> Ladies Bible Study <b>7pm</b> Ladies Bible Study <b>7pm</b> Men's Bible Study	10	11 <b>8 am</b> CPR Training <b>8:30am</b> Moms in Prayer
12 <b>6:30 am</b> Deacons Prayer <b>8am</b> Worship Service <b>9:30am</b> Sunday School <b>11am</b> Worship Service <b>4:30pm</b> AWANA <b>6:15pm</b> Evening Service	13 <b>6:30pm</b> Equipping Committee Meeting <b>7pm</b> Church Council	14 <b>8:30am</b> Japanese Prayer Meeting <b>2:00 pm</b> Sunday School Meeting	15 <b>8:30am</b> Military Wives Bible Study <b>6:30pm</b> Youth Bible Study <b>7:00pm</b> Family Choir Practice <b>8:30pm</b> Praise Team Practice	16 <b>9am</b> Ladies Bible Study <b>7pm</b> Ladies Bible Study <b>7pm</b> Men's Bible Study	17	18 <b>8:30am</b> Moms in Prayer
19 <b>6:30 am</b> Deacons Prayer <b>8am</b> Worship Service <b>9:30am</b> Sunday School <b>11am</b> Worship Service <b>4:30pm</b> AWANA <b>6:15pm</b> Evening Service	20	21 <b>8:30am</b> Japanese Prayer Meeting	22 <b>8:30am</b> Military Wives Bible Study <b>6:30pm</b> Youth Bible Study <b>7:00pm</b> Family Choir Practice <b>8:30pm</b> Praise Team Practice	23 <b>9am</b> Ladies Bible Study <b>1pm</b> Missions Committee Meeting <b>6pm</b> Finance Committee Meeting <b>7pm</b> Ladies Bible Study <b>7pm</b> Men's Bible Study	24	25 <b>8:30am</b> Moms in Prayer
26 <b>6:30 am</b> Deacons Prayer <b>8am</b> Worship Service <b>9:30am</b> Sunday School <b>11am</b> Worship Service <b>4:30pm</b> AWANA <b>6:15pm</b> Evening Service	27	28 <b>8:30am</b> Japanese Prayer Meeting	29 <b>8:30am</b> Military Wives Bible Study <b>6:30pm</b> Youth Bible Study <b>7:00pm</b> Family Choir Practice <b>8:30pm</b> Praise Team Practice	30 <b>9am</b> Ladies Bible Study <b>7pm</b> Ladies Bible Study <b>7pm</b> Men's Bible Study	Oct. 1	Oct. 2 <b>8:30am</b> Moms in Prayer



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