



Mililani Baptist Church Messenger

PASTORS CORNER...

OCTOBER 2021

Aloha Church Family,

We have entered my favorite time of the year. Growing up in New England, I always looked forward to the autumn when there was a chill in the air, and the leaves began to change. It was indeed a time to see God's creative work in the world. While fall in Hawaii may look and feel different, it is no less beautiful. I am looking forward to another fall on this beautiful island.

The month of October is terrific for many other reasons in the life of the Church. Here at MBC this is when we hold our Fall Festival and begin our Fall outreach activities as we look to care for our community. For the Church, more broadly, this is the time of year we remember God correcting his Church's teaching through the Reformers. These men, through various actions, sought to glorify God and bring the authority of the Church away from depraved men and flawed tradition back to the perfect, inerrant word of God.

While we live in a strange time, we can learn from those who have come before us. We can look to Luther ministering through the plague, Calvin being chased from Geneva, Zwingli who was killed in a battle for his faith, or Cranmer who was martyred. October 31st is known as Reformation Day, marking the day in 1517 that Martin Luther nailed the 95 Thesis on the door of the Wittenberg Church. This action forever changed the Church and renewing the proper place of Scripture. When we celebrate the Reformation and how God moved, we can be encouraged and reminded that God can use us even in the bleakest circumstances. Throughout the history of the Church, God has done marvelous things through difficult times with ordinary people. I was recently asked if I thought there was going to be a revival in Hawaii. I truly believe if we serve him faithfully, God will use us and create a revival in unimaginable ways that we cannot imagine. Not because we follow a specific formula, but because we seek to worship Him with joyful hearts and serve him in humility. When Christ came, he taught his disciples of the abiding love "that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full" (John 15:11b). When we abide in Christ and share in his joy, our joy is unmatched.

In our struggles, we can be joyful in the Lord. In fact, believers are commanded to "rejoice in the Lord always" (Philippians 4:4 ESV). We look to the Scriptures and remember that Christ is our sacrificial lamb who has taken away the sins of the world. Despite our pain, it can be healed in Christ. We celebrate in all circumstances that we are saved in Christ. When we hold to our faith and trust in God, we will find true joy. Even in the dark time or the sad times, God is with us, and in that, we can find joy. Let each of us remember that "Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning" (Psalm 30:5b ESV). May each of us remember this tremendous promise we are given.

I look forward to seeing what God will do with His people in Mililani, on O'ahu, and throughout the islands this month, over the next year, and for years to come.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Kaleb A. Barrett

Aloha Church Family!

It's crazy to think that we have just three months left of 2021! Time sure does fly! As we near the end of the year, there are a few big events that will be taking place over the next few months. As each month gets closer, I will be giving out more details as to what our group will be doing.

For this month, October, we have two major events happening. The first is our annual 30 Hour Famine. This is a time where we will go without food for 30 hours from Friday the 15th to Saturday the 16th. This is so that we can get a glimpse of what it's like to be hungry. Hunger is a daily reality for many children all over the world. For this event we partner with World Vision in helping to raise funds for these hungry children. Our goal is to raise \$2,880 which is enough money to feed and care for six children for a year. In order to reach that goal, we need your help! Information on that will be at the end of this letter.

The second major event this month is our annual Fall Festival. This is held on October 31st and is a community event. We will be needing volunteers to make it all happen! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the church office.

I have mentioned this before, but if any of you are interested in youth ministry, please let me know! Right now our current need is a young male who is willing to attend events and Bible studies when they can, and to be a role model for our teens. Our young men in the group could use someone to relate to and build relationships with.

Thank you, church, for all of your continued love and support for our group. We are looking forward to seeing how God will use us in the coming months. Please be in prayer for all of us as we prepare for our upcoming tests and exams in school and for our health and safety with COVID still lingering.

In Christ,
Kassey Green
Youth Ministry Director



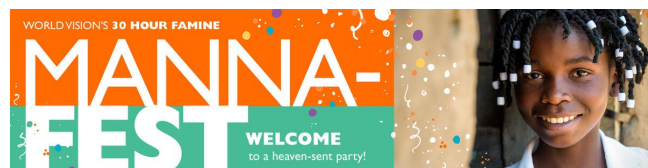
Upcoming Youth Events

30 Hour Famine:

Friday Oct. 15 (8:00am) to
Saturday Oct. 16 (2:00pm)

MBC Fall Festival:

Sunday Oct. 31
For more information please
contact the church office



HOW TO DONATE FOR 30 HOUR FAMINE!

There are three ways that you can donate:

- (1) You can write a check made out to World Vision and give them to Kassey
- (2) Visit our fundraising page at <https://30hourfamine.worldvision.org/team/808>

Under the "Roster" tab on the website you can find each teen's personal donation page if you feel led to donate to a specific teen.

- (3) You can text GIVE30HF to 44888 and donate that way

Mililani Baptist Preschool Update!

Happy October Everyone!

Thank you all for your prayers and support! We thank God that we were able to have a great start to the 2021-2022 school year! We are currently just a few students short of full capacity! We praise God for being able to have our classrooms full again. With these uncertain times, we want to assure our preschool and church families that our teachers and staff have been working hard to provide a safe school environment for our keiki and their families.



It was wonderful and we praise God that we were able to celebrate Grandparents Tea! Even though we were not able to have a celebration like we have had in the past, all of our keiki were able to take home a handmade gift for their grandparents to show their appreciation for all that they do. Thank You Grandparents!

On September 24th, our preschool was closed for the annual HBEEA Conference. This is a great opportunity for our teachers to learn new skills to better minister to our preschool keiki.

There is still time to add your child to the 2022-2023 school year waitlist! 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.

This is an exciting time to be in the Preschool ministry and we are so glad to be the hands and feet of Jesus to these children and their families. It is such a blessing to watch these little ones grow, and our ministry would not be possible without the love and support of our church family, so thank you very much! Please continue to pray for wonderful relationships to be built among the staff, families, and students, and for more staff to join our team in his ministry.

Thank you for all of your prayers and support for our staff, keiki, and our ministry!

Mahalo!



Children's Ministry

Hey Y'all It's Fall!

Time sure does fly when you're having fun in the Sun! October brings a lot of fun with it! From Fall carnival to Pumpkin Spice and all things nice and sweet. October 31st is Fall carnival and Trunk-or-Treating.

Keep an eye out this month for Upcoming events for the Children's Ministry! We are monitoring the Covid-19 restrictions and actively trying to plan events accordingly. With lot's of prayer and God's allowing, we hope to have a family movie night in November. We are also planning another Parent's Night Out on December 3rd to give you guys a chance to shop for Christmas, or just have a nice date night. We will keep y'all updated as restrictions change.

I still ask everyone to continue praying over the Children's Ministry. We are still looking for volunteers for both Sunday School and Children's Church. If you have any questions or would like to know more about volunteering in Children's Ministry please feel free to email me at julie@mbaptist.org.

Happy Fall!

Julie Brennan

julie@mbaptist.org

AWANA Clubs October Calendar!

October 3rd: Sailor Night! Come dressed as a sailor

October 10th: Explorer Night! Come to Awana dressed as an explorer

October 17th: Missions Night - We will have a guest speaker for a large group presentation. Receive points if you bring or make cards to let the missionary know you'll be praying for them.

October 24th: Color Night! Come dressed in your favorite color

October 31st: No Clubs! (Halloween Weekend)
Stay safe!

Awana Store!

Seeking for lightly used or new toys, games, gifts that the children can purchase with their Awana Bucks. Our Awana Store is open twice a year.

Our first Awana store will be open right before Christmas time, where some Awana Children and Teens purchase gifts not only for themselves but for their parents and siblings. If you need more information or have questions, please contact Shereen at Neerehs769@hawaii.rr.com.



Sunday School Outreach Training!

The Sunday School will be sharing the Gospel with the Mililani Community beginning Tuesday, October 5th. In preparation for this one month outreach campaign, a training session to equip participants is scheduled for Saturday morning, October 2nd, from 9 to 11 am at MBC in Room 209. The training will be on: Witnessing methods such as the "Roman Road", ABC's of Salvation, and "F-A-I-T-H"; team orientation; and responding to basic questions about Jesus Christ, the Bible, and/or faith. For more info please contact the church office!

MBC Finance Committee Update

The Finance Committee has started the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Planning Process. If anyone wants to provide suggestions please let the Finance Committee know by emailing their suggestions to Mark Chandler at macmbc@hotmail.com or to Judy at judy@mbaptist.org or by calling the church office and speaking to Judy.

MBC 2021 Fall Festival!

Aloha Church Family!

Our Fall Festival is coming up fast! Although there are restrictions and regulations to consider, we want to get a jump on the planning. As you know, October 31 is a huge holiday - Reformation Day! Of course, there is another reason children and families get excited that day, though, and as we begin planning for this year, some changes are being made to what we can offer and how we can do it. We are beginning to look for coordinators and volunteers for this major, church-wide event. Stay tuned for more information, and make sure to contact the church office or Corrina Farrar if you have any questions.

Mahalo!

Flower Calendar

Reminder: Julie Kazama

October 3rd	June Ocreto IHO her Grandchildren
October 10th	The Underwood's
October 17th	Roy & Michi Ogasawara IHO Cindy's & Lynn's Birthdays
October 24th	Mao Coulbourne
October 31st	Julie Kazama IHO Dean's Birthday & their Anniversary

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sept. 26 6:30 am Deacons Prayer 8am Worship Service 9:30am Sunday School 11am Worship Service 4:30pm AWANA 6:15pm Evening Service	Sept. 27	Sept. 28 8:30am Japanese Prayer Meeting	Sept. 29 6:30pm Youth Bible Study 7:00pm Family Choir Practice 8:30pm Praise Team Practice	Sept. 30 9am Ladies Bible Study 7pm Ladies Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study	Oct. 1	2 8:30am Moms in Prayer
3 6:30 am Deacons Prayer 8am Worship Service 9:30am Sunday School 11am Worship Service 4:30pm AWANA 6:15pm Evening Service (Lord's Supper)	4 7pm Deacons Meeting	5 8:30am Japanese Prayer Meeting	6 6:30pm Youth Bible Study 7:00pm Family Choir Practice 8:30pm Praise Team Practice	7 9am Ladies Bible Study 7pm Ladies Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study	8	9 8:30am Moms in Prayer
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