



Mililani Baptist Church Messenger

PASTORS CORNER...

DECEMBER 2021

Aloha Church,

It is incredible to me that it is already December. Yet, this is one of my favorite times of the year. After being thankful, moving to a time to remember what we have in Christ is a fantastic gift. In fact, this is the greatest gift we have been given and one that we can share endlessly. There is no better gift we can share with our loved ones than the gospel.

We are now in the Advent season of the church. Sometimes we lose the meaning of this time and tend to oversimplify what we celebrate. As we look toward Christmas, we remember Israel as they longed for the Messiah this time of year. There was nothing that could be better than the arrival of the Messiah. They largely believed he would be the conquering king, but we know he came as the suffering son, born of the lowly virgin Mary.

The Advent we celebrate is not only about remembering the arrival of Jesus, born in Bethlehem. It is also a reminder of what we long for today. As Israel longed for their Messiah, we wait for Christ to return. During this time, we are reminded of the blessings we have received in Christ's earthly ministry. Still, now we ought to also be looking for and longing for the completion of God's promises.

The life of the believer is a life of longing. We are to be satisfied in what we have in Christ, but that does not mean allowing ourselves to be complacent. We are content in Christ, but we long for the return of Christ at the same time. In Revelation 22:20, we read, "He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!" In this Christ, himself promises that he is coming soon. To this, we should respond as John, crying a unified amen and a longing call for Christ our Lord to return.

Through the Advent and Christmas seasons, we will sing many beloved songs. Some look back to Jesus being born. Others will look forward to Christ's glorious return. May we take these to heart, worshiping the risen Christ longing for him to return to be with our Lord forever, amen.

As we have concerts, parties, and special services during this season, may we remember why we celebrate as we do. I so look forward to celebrating this joyous season with all of you. Looking back to Jesus's birth as we look forward to his blessed return.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Kaleb A. Barrett

TRIBE

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Upcoming Youth Events

Christmas Cantata:
Sunday, December 12
at 6:30PM



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Aloha church family!

Can you believe that the year is almost over? It's crazy how fast time flies. As we enter the Christmas season, let us not forget the true reason for this season. Our Savior was born! And He would later give up His own life for our sins. What a truly amazing gift.

On Sunday December 12 at 6:30pm we will be having our annual Christmas Cantata. Our group has a part in it and we would love you all to be there. If your teen is interested in participating, please let me know as soon as possible and I can get them involved!

We are continuing in our AWANA curriculum on Wednesday nights and I love the conversations we have been having. We have been able to take what we have learned in AWANA and on Sunday mornings and apply it to our everyday lives. We regularly have discussions about current events and things happening in our schools, and we see what the gospel says about those things.

We pray that everyone has a safe and enjoyable Christmas season and we are so excited to see what this new year will bring. God is on the move and He has big plans for each and every one of us.

From all of us to you, Mele Kalikimaka me ka Hau'oli Makahiki Hou (Merry Christmas and Happy New Year).

In Christ,
Kassey Green
Youth Ministry Director



Mililani Baptist Preschool Update!



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

Happy Holidays Everyone!

Tis the season and MBP is where it's at! We started the holidays by celebrating Thanksgiving with our Brown Bag Luncheon and it was an amazing success! Even though this year it looked a little different we were still able to celebrate together as a class. Thank you to all of our preschool families who brought snacks and treats to help us celebrate!

As the holidays draw near it is a perfect time for us to reflect upon the last year and all that God has done and how He has blessed us. We are very grateful for the opportunity to be a part of MBC's ministry to the community through our preschool program. We praise God for our students, families, and staff who all make up our ohana. Thank you for supporting this ministry and we wish you a very Merry Christmas!

Due to coronavirus, we had to cancel our annual Christmas Program, but that won't stop us from celebrating our Lord and Savior - Jesus Christ! This year we will be putting together a video that will be sent home to our families. Our keiki have been practicing their songs for a while and are excited to show their families what they have been working on!

Unfortunately this year we will not be able to have our annual Snow Day. However, we will be having a Christmas Gift Exchange! It will be on December 10th. Santa will be delivering presents to all of our keiki and taking pictures with him!

Our preschool will be closed from Dec. 20th - Jan. 3rd for winter break and to celebrate Christmas with our families, but we will be back in session during the new year on January 4th! Our staff will also be celebrating together with a staff Christmas party on December 17th.

If there is anybody who is interested in working part-time that will serve as a Teacher's Aide and will help in preparing lunches and afternoon snacks as well as helping teachers clean and sanitize toys, let the preschool office know as soon as possible.



Children's Ministry



Hey Y'all!

I am so happy to report that we had a large turnout for our Family Movie Night! A total of 73 people came out in November and spent time with their families. Now we look forward to Parent's Night Out on December 3rd. Parent's bring your kiddos to the church from 5:30p to 8:30p and take time to relax or do some Christmas shopping!

Lastly, it is with a very heavy heart that it is time for me to say goodbye. God is sending my husband and me to New York for our next adventure. I am so appreciative of the time I have spent here and the opportunities to serve God and the community here in Mililani. This church will always be in my heart and I pray that Mililani Baptist would continue to grow closer to God and as a church.

I love you all and I'm beyond grateful for everything Mililani Baptist has done for Steven and me!

Love, Julie Brennan

Julie@mbaptist.org

Former Children's Ministry Director



AWANA Clubs December Calendar!

December 5th:

Star Night



December 12th:

Sheep Night



December 19:

Jesus Birthday Party



December 26th:

NO CLUB



Nursery Ministry

Yadi Magallanes

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Thanks to you, 105 Children will be smiling this Christmas when they receive your shoebox and hear the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Keep praying for the recipient of the shoebox you packed.

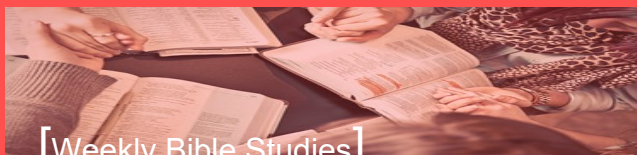
Feeding The Homeless

If you are looking to help those in need this holiday season, please join us in spreading some Christmas cheer to the homeless by serving a hot meal on Saturday, December 25 at 9:30am. It's an easy way to help those in need by sharing the love of Christ.

Chili donations are also being accepted. Donations can be dropped off throughout the month at the church office by December 22nd.

If you have any questions please contact the church office.

Mahalo!



[Weekly Bible Studies]

Youth

Wednesdays at 7 pm
Room 201

Ladies

Thursdays at 9am
Room 217

Thursdays at 6:30pm
Room 217

MEN'S THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays at 6:30pm | Room 209

Flower Calendar

December 5th

Roy & Michi Ogasawara IHO Theo's Birthday

December 12th

Melinda Green & Family IHO Marian Sato

December 19th

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December 26th

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30pm Youth Bible Study 7:00pm Family Choir Practice 8:30pm Praise Team Practice	2 9am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	3 6pm Parent's Night Out	4 8:30am Moms in Prayer
5 6:30 am Deacons Prayer Lord's Supper (Evening) 8am Worship Service 9:30am Sunday School 11am Worship Service 4:30pm AWANA 6:15pm Evening Service	6 6pm Prayer Meeting 7pm Deacons	7	8 6:30pm Youth Bible Study 7:00pm Family Choir Practice 8:30pm Praise Team Practice	9 9am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	10	11 8:30am Moms in Prayer
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