

### PASTORS CORNER... KALEB BARRETT

### AUGUST2022

### Aloha Church,

I am not sure how it is already August. It seems unbelievable to me. As we enter a new month and new school year, it is a good reminder of what potential comes in a new school year. It is a new year to learn and a new year to teach. Every year as students return to schools and classrooms, I am reminded that one of our roles as the church is to teach his truth to our kids and to all who seek to understand more about Him.

The church is called by God to disciple one another. We see this charge in the Old and New Testaments in different places. In fact, a large part of the great commission is to "make disciples of all nations," (Matthew 28:19a ESV). As the church, we are to focus on teaching our children and all who are called into our walls. When someone comes to faith, that's not the end of our role in the commission, but the beginning. Whether they grew up in the church or were later called into our walls, we are to make them disciples and teach them the truth of God.

I can remember when I was in college, the excitement I had each year to return to Trinity. Not only was I excited to see friends and be back in Deerfield, but it was also an opportunity to continue to learn. What I didn't understand at the time was that it was not just my coursework that I was learning from. Each Professor I had, each Pastor I was under, and many other students were pouring into me the truth of the gospel. It was through their willingness and desire to disciple me that I saw the Holiness of God and became a believer.

In Deuteronomy 6:4-7, we read, "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise" (ESV). As we start this new school year, let us keep this charge in mind. Israel was told to teach the truth of God to the children. Let us disciple one another in the Lord to serve Him well.

#### Soli Deo Gloria,

Kaleb A. Barrett



Aloha church family!

It's back to school time! Summer break feels like it passed by so quickly. Please be in prayer for all the children and teens that will be going back to school, along with our recent graduates who are headed to college. Study hard everyone!

Sunday August 7 will be promotion Sunday! All children who are entering the 6th grade will be eligible to move up to the youth group!

Also, I would like to remind everyone that the time for the youth Wednesday night Bible study has changed! It will now be from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.

Lastly, some different news than what I'm used to writing about. Unfortunately, this will be the last messenger article that I write. I will be stepping down from the Youth Ministry Director position effective August 31. As some of you may know, I got a job working with children and teens with autism. I feel that God has led me to this place to show His love to them and to care for them as He would. Mahalo, church family, for blessing me with the opportunity to be on staff here at MBC for four and a half years!

Mahalo Ke Akua (Thanks be to God), Kassey

# Children's Ministry!

Promotion Sunday will be on August 7th!

Promotion Sunday is the day the our keiki move up into their new Sunday School class that corresponds with there grade level.

Contact the church office if you have any questions!

## Mililani Baptist Preschool

Aloha Church Family!

We are so excited to start a new school year! We wrapped up our summer session on July 15th, 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 1st and we can hardly wait to see our little friends and met 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



Contact the preschool office at (808) 625-7499 if you are interested in volunteering in the preschool! Thank you!

Thursday

Night

Ladies

Bible

Study

	Flower Calendar
	Reminder: Iris Okimoto
Aug 7th	Dean & Julie Kazama iho Nathan's Birthday
Aug 14th	Iris Okimoto iho Jack's Birthday
Aug 21st	Melinda Green & Family imo Kala 8 Marian Sato's Anniversary
Aug 28th	Joe & Gerry Uson

## Lord's Supper Announcement

In place of the wafers in the prepackaged communion cups, Gluten Free Crackers are available on the counter in the back of the sanctuary.

"I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD, WHO BROUGHT YOU OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT" EXODUS 20:2

Every Book of the Bible tells us what is true about God. In Exodus, we see Him as our strong Deliverer who sets us free from sin and death to worship Him in obedience. Through this 10-session study of Exodus 19-40, Jen Wilkin revisits the familiar scenes of the giving of the Ten Commandments, the idolatrous worship of the golden calf, and the intricate details of the tabernacle. With fresh perspective, we learn to trace the promise of Christ throughout and to ask what these stories teach God's children today about how to live as those set free" Taken from God of Freedom, A Study of Exodus 19-40.

Join us on Thursday nights beginning in mid August at 630pm in room 215. A few books are still available here at church. You may also purchase online through Lifeway or Amazon.

Contact Melanie Arakawa if you have any questions!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Aug 1 7pm Deacons Meeting	2 7:00pm Family Choir Practice	3 6:00pm Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting 6:00pm Youth Bible Study 8:30pm Praise Team Practice	4 9am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	5	6 8:30am Moms in Prayer
7 6:30 am Deacons Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 11am Worship Service (Lord's Supper)	8 6pm Prayer Meeting 7pm Church Council Meeting	<b>9</b> <b>2pm</b> Sunday School Meeting <b>7:00pm</b> Family Choir Practice	10 6:00pm Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting 6:00pm Youth Bible Study 8:30pm Praise Team Practice	11 9am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	12	13 8:30am Moms in Prayer 9:30am Ladies Fellowship
14 6:30 am Deacons Prayer 8am Worship Service 9:30am Sunday School 11am Worship Service 2pm Baptism 6:15pm Business Meeting	15 6pm Prayer Meeting	16 7:00pm Family Choir Practice	17 6:00pm Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting 6:00pm Youth Bible Study 8:30pm Praise Team Practice	18 9am Ladies Bible Study 6pm Finance Committee Meeting 6:30pm Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	19	20 8:30am Moms in Prayer
21 6:30 am Deacons Prayer 8am Worship Service 9:30am Sunday School 11am Worship Service	22 6pm Prayer Meeting	23 7:00pm Family Choir Practice	24 6:00pm Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting 6:00pm Youth Bible Study 8:30pm Praise Team Practice	25 9am Ladies Bible Study 1pm Missions Committee Meeting 6:30pm Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	26	27 8:30am Moms in Prayer 9:30am Feeding the Homeless
28 6:30 am Deacons Prayer 8am Worship Service 9:30am Sunday School 11am Worship Service	29 6pm Prayer Meeting	<b>30</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Family Choir Practice	31 6:00pm Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting 6:00pm Youth Bible Study 8:30pm Praise Team Practice	Sept 1 9am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	Sept 3	Sept 4 8:30am Moms in Prayer



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