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From One Servant Leader to Another

In mid-July, I preached at a church on Oahu, where Mark, a 1972 Hawaii Baptist Academy (HBA) graduate, approached me after the service. He brought his 1964-65 yearbook and shared an incredible story. In 1965, the middle of that school year, his family moved from Japan to Hawaii, and he couldn't speak English. He was enrolled at Hawaii Baptist Academy and placed in my mom's (Mrs. Patricia Webb) fourth-grade class.

Mark shared how my mother's kindness changed his life: "She wasn't just a regular teacher—she stayed after school helping me with my English. She encouraged me and was kind to me." Through her investment, and other teachers and staff at HBA, Mark became a Christian. He told me, "Whenever I share my testimony, I talk about HBA teachers who impacted my life, and it all began with your mom."

Here's what makes this story even more remarkable: Mark married Marsha, also HBA class of 1972, who served as HBA's high school principal for 24 years. Their daughter Hannah now teaches elementary at HBA.

This story of Christ's work perfectly captures our theme of "Contending Together." When educators, pastors, and ministry leaders invest in others, we're planting seeds that bear fruit for generations. We have no idea the spiritual impact we make as children of God contending together for the gospel.

On behalf of all Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention churches, we celebrate how God uses faithful servants to rescue, transform, and give hope to the next generation.

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Church Health Conference

Brings Hope and Practical Wisdom

Over 40 Hawaii Pacific Baptist churches unite for biblical encouragement and practical tools for ministry.

The Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention's Church Health Conference on July 18-19 delivered exactly what discouraged church leaders needed to hear. With representatives from over 40 churches spanning Oahu, Kauai, Maui, the Big Island, Guam, and American Samoa, the conference proved that sometimes the most powerful ministry happens when leaders gather with open hearts and a shared dedication to biblical faithfulness.

Real Ministry, Real Stories

From the moment Practical Shepherding's Brian Croft and the Calvary Family of Churches' Mark Hallock took the stage, it was clear this wouldn't be just another conference full of theories and abstract ideas. Both speakers brought hard-earned wisdom from years in the trenches of local church ministry.

Croft's opening session addressed the hard realities of ministry—sharing statistics about pastoral longevity and church health that hit close to home for many in the room. But rather than dwelling on discouragement, he used his 17-year journey at Auburndale Baptist Church to show that staying power and patient love can change even the most challenging situations.

"Real ministry often begins when conflict arises, not when it ends," Croft told the participants in Olivet's worship center. Using Paul's example in 1 Corinthians 16, he challenged conventional wisdom: "Adversaries aren't necessarily a sign you're in the wrong place, but evidence that gospel work is happening."





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The Gift of Hope

Mark Hallock addressed the brutal realities of ministry while pointing toward unshakeable hope. His “Five Reasons for Hope” session differentiated between worldly hope (wishful thinking) and biblical hope (confident expectation based on God’s character).

“The Lord is with you and for you,” Hallock declared, leading the room in affirming this truth together. His message reminded leaders that God desires **faithfulness** over **bigness** and that He loves to show His strength through our weakness.

The second day focused on practical application. Hallock outlined five priorities for healthy churches: persistent prayer, text-driven (expository) preaching, intentional fellowship, leadership development, and equipping members to think like missionaries. Croft’s final session provided leadership teams with concrete tools for assessing church authority, leadership, and membership.

Team Impact and Lasting Change

One of the most encouraging parts of the conference was seeing entire leadership teams attend together. “Having our leaders present to hear the material was invaluable!” wrote one survey respondent. This team approach created immediate opportunities for churches to begin implementing what they learned.



Survey responses revealed the impact: “There was a message of HOPE and concrete ways to build church health,” wrote one participant. Another noted, “The most valuable lesson we brought home is the call to move from a ‘consumer mentality’ to a ‘servant commitment.’”

The authenticity of both speakers particularly resonated. “The vulnerability of the pastors, especially Brian Croft,” stood out to attendees, while others appreciated “the wedding of biblical wisdom with personal experience.”

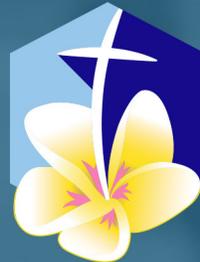
For our Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention, this conference represented something beautiful: churches from vastly different backgrounds united around biblical principles for healthy ministry. As churches return to their respective islands and communities, they carry a renewed vision for faithful ministry, practical tools for addressing challenges, and the encouragement that comes from knowing they’re not alone in the struggle.

One survey response captured it perfectly: “Confirmation we are headed in the right direction.” That’s the kind of hope our churches took home—not wishful thinking, but confident expectation that God is at work, especially through leaders willing to love their people well over the long haul.

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Sue Nishikawa 2025 Prayer Guide

Day 1 - Sunday, September 7

Hawaii Pacific Baptists Contending Together

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Philippians 1:27 calls us to live as “citizens of heaven” who are “standing firm in one spirit, in one accord, contending together for the faith of the gospel.” As Hawaii Pacific Baptists, we contend together across islands and nations to advance God’s Kingdom. Through unified prayer and generous giving, we accomplish far more together than any single church could achieve alone.

Day 5 - Thursday, September 11

Planting Churches in Military Communities

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Craig and Maggie Coppenbarger bring two decades of military and ministry experience to planting Valor Church at Pearl Harbor/Hickam. They understand the unique challenges military families face and are creating a church designed to meet their specific spiritual needs.

Day 2 - Monday, September 8

Churches Finding New Life

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Malama Christian Fellowship in Nanakuli was nearly closed five years ago. Today, under the leadership of Pastor Eddie and Faleiva Hunt, it’s a thriving congregation serving its community. Their transformation shows what happens when we contend together to help struggling churches find new life.

Day 6 - Friday, September 12

Helping Our Churches Get Healthier

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Healthy churches don’t happen by accident. HPBC provides training and resources to help church leaders assess their congregation’s health and return to God’s vision. When churches get healthier, they become more effective in evangelism, discipleship, and community service.

Day 3 - Tuesday, September 9

Strengthening Pastors and Wives

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Pastoral ministry presents unique challenges, especially in our island and Pacific contexts. When we contend together to strengthen pastors and their wives through care initiatives, education, and retreats, we invest in the health of our entire church family and strengthen Gospel work across our region.

Day 7 - Saturday, September 13

Training and Equipping Church Leaders

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Strong churches need well-trained leaders. Sue Nishikawa Offering scholarships help remove barriers to theological education for pastors and church leaders. We’re also exploring bringing a seminary campus to Hawaii to serve the Pacific region.

Day 4 - Wednesday, September 10

Collegiate and International Student Ministries

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University of Hawaii campuses bring together students from across Hawaii, the Pacific, and Asia. Our Baptist Collegiate Ministries create spaces where diverse students encounter Christ and grow as disciples. These future leaders will influence churches and communities worldwide.

Day 8 - Sunday, September 14

A Focus on Global Missions

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The Great Commission calls us to take the Gospel to all nations. HPBC and our Woman’s Missionary Union promote global missions involvement through education, prayer, and generous giving that supports missionaries worldwide from our unique Pacific position.



Church Planters Care Event Brings Encouragement and Connection

By Diana Ventura

On July 18, 2025, the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention partnered with Send Network to host the Church Planters Care Event—a special gathering designed to encourage and strengthen church planters, their spouses, and families during their church planting journey. It was a meaningful time to connect, share, and be reminded that no one plants alone. The event's goal: *to consistently care for and walk alongside our planters as they reach their communities and trust the Lord to build His Church.*

Over the past year, the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention has seen encouraging growth in church planting efforts. Shane Critser, Send Network Church Planting Regional Director, has played a crucial role throughout the entire planting process, guiding and supporting planters at every stage. At this event, he helped lead the Planter Care Lab, where church planters gathered to share their vision, ministry strategies, and insights into leading their families well during this critical season.

Shane emphasized the importance of spiritual health for planters and their families, reminding everyone that planting healthy, multiplying churches starts with healthy leaders at home. The lab focused on key "fire statements"—powerful truths that challenge and equip planters to be intentional about their spiritual growth, marriage, and leadership.

Also in attendance was Mark Hallock, the keynote speaker from the HPBC Church Health Conference, who

took part in discussions and supported the church planting efforts.

While the men participated in the Care Lab hosted at First Baptist Church

Pearl City, their children were welcomed to join them for the day where they attended a special children's program. Meanwhile, the ladies enjoyed a special luncheon hosted by Diana Ventura and Barbara Webb—a warm and welcoming space where they could share stories, connect deeply, and enjoy time together over a delicious meal. The luncheon was more than just a time of fellowship; it was also a meaningful way to show appreciation for the important role that planter spouses play in the church-planting journey. Each woman left feeling encouraged, uplifted, and with a gift card as a small token of gratitude for their support of their husbands and families in ministry.

As a convention, we are committed to praying for and walking alongside our church planters. God is doing a great work in and through these men and women. May they continue to sense His presence, receive strength for the journey, and remain faithful to the mission of multiplying disciples and churches throughout our region.



First Baptist Church of Pearl City Calls New Associate Pastor

By Robert Miller

On July 15, First Baptist Church of Pearl City welcomed Daniel Grewatz to their staff as Associate Pastor of Discipleship and Youth. In this role, Daniel will oversee discipleship initiatives for all ages while also serving as youth pastor. His goal is to lead, train, and build strong relationships with both youth and youth leaders. Daniel and his wife, Belle, are newlyweds. He grew up as a missionary kid in Mexico, and Belle is originally from the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Together, they are eager to learn Hawaiian culture and connect with the FBC Pearl City family.



Waiakea Uka Bible Church Installs Ezekiel Tomaselli

By Robert Miller

On July 13, 2025, Waiakea Uka Bible Church in Hilo installed Ezekiel “Zeke” Tomaselli as their new pastor. Pastor Tomaselli returns to Hilo from Shelbyville, Tennessee, where he served as youth pastor and completed his Master of Divinity degree at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Tomaselli is the former pastor of Ohana Church in Hilo. He also served churches in Tennessee and Nevada before serving at Ohana Church. Along with pastoring, Tomaselli develops youth through coaching. Currently, he is one of the coaches of the Hilo High football team. Zeke is married to Layne, and together they have five boys.



Pictured (left to right): Craig and Barbara Webb, Zeke and Layne Tomaselli.

Pukalani Baptist Church Installation Service

By Craig Webb

On March 10, 2025, Pukalani Baptist Church on Maui installed Jeremy Kaneshiro as their new pastor. Paul Kaneshiro (June), the retiring pastor who served Pukalani Baptist Church for 38 years, brought a challenge to the church. Steve Kaneshiro (Clarice), Jeremy's father and a retired Maui pastor, gave a heartfelt challenge to his son. HPBC Executive Director Craig Webb brought greetings on behalf of Hawaii Pacific Baptists. Wes Higuchi, moderator of the Maui County Baptist Association, brought greetings from MCBA.



(left to right): Craig Webb, Jeremy and Amy Kaneshiro with their children Ava and Grayson, and retiring pastor Paul Kaneshiro with his wife, June.

something to
Celebrate

Baptist Collegiate Ministries, Pawa‘a, and Hāmama Partner to Serve the Navajo in Flagstaff, Arizona

By Noah Denney



Photo: Laine Pegelow, Campus Missionary for Christian Challenge at NAU

This summer, members of Pawa‘a Community Church, Hāmama Community Church, and Baptist Collegiate Ministries O‘ahu traveled to Northern Arizona to partner with Northern Arizona University Christian Challenge in supporting the work taking place on the Navajo Reservation by Southern Baptists.

Covering more than 1,500 miles to serve in different areas

of the reservation, the team’s primary assignment was assisting a church plant in Page, Arizona, by clearing land for its future building—removing trees, cacti, and debris to prepare the site. Pastor Ikaika Higa also led a meaningful cultural exchange with Navajo churches, sharing worship, hula, and the Hawaiian tradition of giving lei to pastors and congregants.

BCM O‘ahu, Pawa‘a, and FBC Pearl City Serve Japan Together

By Alyssia Fernandez Ruiz

In Japan, ministry often means meeting people in ways that draw them closer to community. Because of the honor/shame culture, many Japanese people long for belonging more than they long to know Christ. Understanding this, the mission team focused on creating opportunities for connection and fellowship. From June 10 to 22, they engaged in college campus outreach, hosted five-minute English conversations, and organized several Hawai‘i-themed parties—all designed to help the Japanese experience a loving and joyful community. Their goal was simple: to make people feel seen and loved by those around them.



Nepal Mission Trip

In May, Pastor Stephen Ventura, of Kauai House Church Network, fulfilled a calling that had been on his heart for years: traveling to Nepal. During this trip, the team trekked into the mountains to visit remote villages, and share the hope of Jesus with those seeking truth.



University Ave Baptist Church Alaska Mission Trip Update

From July 4–12, a team of 14 from University Avenue Baptist Church traveled to Anchorage, Alaska, to serve in a variety of ways. From sharing the Gospel through park ministry and prayer, to hosting a luau, the team was able to come alongside partner ministries and churches to further God’s Kingdom together in Alaska.



Over 100 Youth Impacted at O'ahu Baptist Network Youth Camp

By Hannah Denney

From July 21 - 25, O'ahu Baptist Network (OBN) hosted a Youth Camp at Pu'u Kahea Conference Center. Over 100 students from 16 churches gathered to dive deep into God's Word through breakout discussions led by a dozen leaders from O'ahu churches and the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention (HPBC).

This large-scale event was made possible through collaboration. Multiple churches joined forces with a team of interns from Baptist Collegiate Ministries, O'ahu, to serve throughout the week. Churches such as Olivet Baptist, Aloha Nani, Mililani Fil Am Baptist, Malama Christian Fellowship, and University Avenue Baptist also generously provided meals each day.



Over 60 Volunteers Trained Through Hawaii Pacific Baptist Disaster Relief

By Hannah Denney

On July 29, Hawaii Pacific Baptists received a stark reminder of the importance of preparedness when a tsunami warning posed a real threat to the Islands. As we also mark the two-year anniversary of the Maui Fires, our disaster relief directors continue to equip and train churches to respond swiftly when natural disasters strike.

This year, Disaster Relief has held two trainings:

45 volunteers attended Olivet Baptist (29 new, 6 renewing), and 18 attended Waialae Baptist (13 new, 5 renewing). Across the state, Disaster relief is planning more trainings.

Credentials must be renewed every three years and many volunteers need to update theirs. If you or your church want to participate in or are willing to host a training, contact John and Gay Williams at disasterrelief@hpbaptist.net or 808-356-8343



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Valley Isle Fellowship, Maui
WONDER JUNCTION: Marvel at Jesus, Live for His Glory
 July 14-18



Waipahu Community Christian Church, Oahu
MAGNIFIED: Discovering the Bigness of God
 July 28 - August 1



Connections Church, Oahu (with Life Community Church, North Carolina)
MAKE WAVES: What You Do Today Can Change the World Around You
 July 14-18 and 20

Himeji Baptist Church, Japan
WONDER JUNCTION: Marvel at Jesus, Live for His Glory
 July 30 - August 2



Kalihi Baptist Church, Oahu
YeeHaw: Celebrating God's Greatest Gift
 July 11-12

Nuuanu Baptist Church, Oahu
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: God Always Wins!
 July 14-18

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Waikoloa Baptist Church, Big Island
 True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World
 June 23-26



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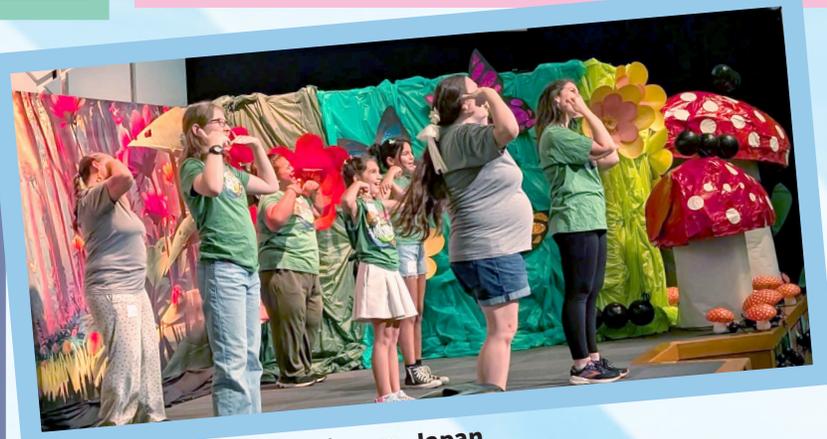
University Ave Baptist Church, Oahu
 Family Night Camp
 July 15-19



Cornerstone Christian Fellowship Church, Big Island
 MAGNIFIED: Discovering the Bigness of God
 July 14-17



Eleele Baptist Church, Kauai
 WONDER JUNCTION: Marvel at
 Jesus, Live for His Glory
 July 7-11



Koza Baptist Church, Okinawa, Japan
 MAGNIFIED: Discovering the Bigness of God
 July 28 - August 1

Two Years After the Maui Fires

How follow-up care extended far beyond initial relief.

On August 8, 2025, we marked the second anniversary of the devastating Maui fires that displaced thousands. Fewer than 50 homes have been rebuilt from nearly 2,000 destroyed. Amid this ongoing struggle, tragedy became the backdrop for a remarkable ministry of hope and healing.

Building on the foundation laid by Hawaii Pacific Baptist Disaster Relief in the months following the fires, the Maui Fire Caring Ministry, led by Pete and Donna Beal, contacted 748 fire survivors over 14 months. This systematic follow-up shared the Gospel, distributed Bibles, offered practical help, and fostered lasting relationships.

In the immediate aftermath, Southern Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers, under the leadership of John and Gay Williams, mobilized emotional and spiritual care through trained chaplains, coordinated housing for first responders, and managed volunteers at a Kihei facility. The “ash-out” process—where volunteers sifted through ashes to help homeowners retrieve belongings—began in September 2023. By December 22, over 400 volunteers from 21 states had served more than 500 families, providing critical relief and Gospel witness.

A Gap That Needed Filling

As initial relief efforts wound down, John and Gay Williams recognized a need to continue care: over 650 fire survivors had been served, and a deeper follow-up was needed to uphold those relationships. “In the disaster relief world, we normally hand over names to local churches for follow-up,” Gay explained. “But we didn’t want to give up the relationships that had been built.”

Pete and Donna Beal, who had returned to Maui years earlier, felt God calling them to lead a follow-up ministry that would faithfully contact each survivor.

Beyond the Honeymoon Phase

They launched the Maui Fire Caring Ministry during what disaster experts call the “disillusionment phase”—when community support fades and survivors face housing anxi-

eties. Together with 15 trained volunteers from Southern Baptist churches across Maui, they implemented a method combining systematic phone calls with in-person visits for those in need. Their opening question, “Where were you when the fire happened?” invited survivors to share their stories, often leading to healing. One woman tearfully shared, “This was the first time anyone had asked about that day,” noting the cathartic power of being heard.

Gospel-Centered Impact

While providing practical assistance, the ministry’s primary purpose remained Gospel centered. Volunteers explained that the Bible wasn’t just a book, but God’s living Word. “Even when English wasn’t their first language,” Donna observed, “I could see God grabbing their hearts when Pete spoke.” Each family received a Bible in English, Spanish, or Tagalog, accompanied by prayer—very few declined.

Over 14 months, the ministry reached every person on the original list and additional survivors, totaling 748 contacts. Encouraging outcomes include continued church connections—one family attended the MCBA annual meeting to thank donors, and a single mother with a hearing-impaired autistic daughter began attending Kahului Baptist Church.

Gay Williams noted that this follow-up may be unprecedented: “I don’t know that anywhere else they followed up to contact every person that Disaster Relief ministered to.”

Standing Firm, Contending Together

On July 31, 2025, the Maui Fire Caring Ministry concluded its formal work, but its impact lives on through ongoing church connections, Gospel conversations, and tangible demonstrations of Christ’s love. This effort exemplifies what it means to be “standing firm in one spirit, in one accord, **contending together** for the faith of the Gospel” (Philippians 1:27).

Alongside Disaster Relief, Send Relief, HPBC, and the Maui County Baptist Association, this ministry has demonstrated how coordinated, trauma-informed, and spiritually grounded follow-up extends healing beyond the initial response.



PHOTO: HPBC

Leaders from the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention and Maui County Baptist Association gather with leaders and volunteers from the Maui Fire Caring Ministry at Kahului Baptist Church on August 4, 2025, as the ministry concluded their remarkable 14-month follow-up ministry.

Generous support from the Southern Baptist Convention—individuals, churches, and state conventions—has brought hope to Maui and equips us for future responses.

Two years after the fires, Lahaina's rebuilding continues to face challenges. The fire destroyed or damaged 2,207 structures across 2,170 acres, with reconstruction costs estimated at \$5.5 billion. Despite over \$3 billion in federal funding, fewer than 50 homes have been rebuilt. Approximately 90% of survivors remain displaced, with housing costs now 50–60% higher. A \$1.6-billion federal housing allocation offers new hope, but experts estimate a 5–10-year recovery timeline. These realities underscore the

importance of sustained spiritual and church engagement.

Read the full article and watch the video

Use the QR code to access the complete story online, including additional details, photos, and the full video about the Maui Fire Caring Ministry.

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Pu'u Kahea Conference Center Update: Steady Progress and Grateful Hearts

By Craig Webb

God's faithfulness continues to unfold at Pu'u Kahea! Two months ago, we shared how the Lord provided substantial donations for needed renovations. Today, I'm grateful to report a significant milestone: our first surplus in years!

As of June 30, PKCC has moved from deficit operations to generating a positive balance, representing genuine financial progress after years of challenging budgets. This encouraging turn demonstrates the solid momentum Corey and Sarah Perkins have built through increased bookings and excellent stewardship.

The ministry activity has been wonderful to witness. Since May, we've welcomed 10 groups, including Hawaii Kai Youth Camp, New Hope's camps, First Baptist Pearl City, the Oahu Baptist Network Youth Camp, and Inspire Church's middleand high school camps. It's encouraging watching both HPBC churches and outside ministries rediscover this special place for spiritual growth and fellowship.

Our volunteer couples continue to be such a blessing. The Fords from Alabama, Ellingtons from Tennessee, Chathams from Georgia, and Halls from North Carolina have invested

their time and skills in landscaping, maintenance, and hospitality during our busy summer season.

Kitchen re-certification (a significant hurdle) is bringing Hawaii Baptist Academy camps back this fall. Volunteer couples are scheduled through March 2026, and projected camp income continues to grow substantially for the year.

From an empty facility to a functioning ministry center moving toward sustainability, we're grateful for God's provision at every step. The real joy isn't just in the numbers; it's seeing lives touched as groups encounter Christ in this beautiful setting. Thank you for your continued partnership!



All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth." Matthew 28:18

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