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TO THE LORD
AND PROCLAIM HIS
PRAISE IN THE ISLANDS.

Isaiah 42:12

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the western-most point on the Island of Oahu

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SMALL STEPS AT A TIME

For each of you who receive the *Pacific Connector*, browse its content, and keep up with what's happening in the churches of the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention—I want to say, “Mahalo!”

You are a vital part of God's Kingdom-work across the Pacific as Southern Baptist churches partner together to maximize effectiveness as we pursue the Great Commission of Jesus Christ. Holding the truths of God's Word and pressing forward with the Gospel is your mission and we are thankful to be with you in the process.

At times, we can become weary of the work—the battle against the darkness of sin will never be easy—but God is always faithful to provide for us as we are faithful in pursuing His will. Remain faithful and persevere to the end, never losing sight of the goal.

As always, your HPBC staff team is ready to assist you in any way that we can to advance and support your ministry. If we can serve you, please call us at 808-946-9581 or email me at chris@hpbaptist.net. Mahalo

Mahalo,
Chris Martin

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WE OURSELVES
boast about you
AMONG GOD'S CHURCHES
—about your
PERSEVERANCE & FAITH
in all the
persecutions & afflictions
THAT YOU ARE
enduring.

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"I am Hawaii Pacific Missions" is the theme of this year's Sue Nishikawa Offering for Hawaii Pacific Missions. I hope and pray that you see yourself this way and that you and your church family know that you are a part of something bigger as we fulfill Christ's great commission together.



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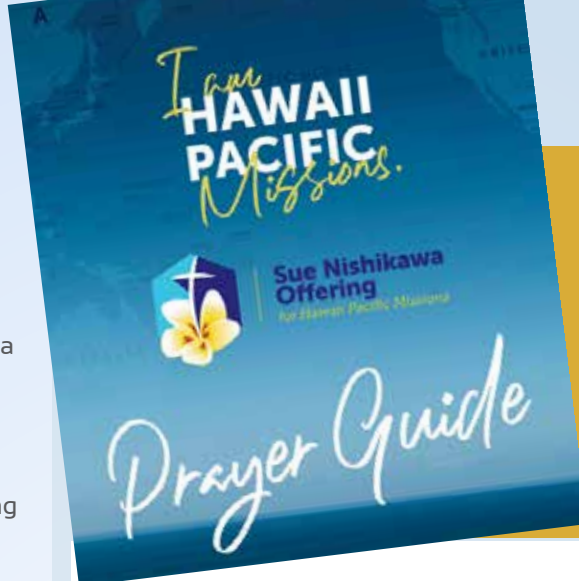
From the bustling city life of Bangkok, to the energy of Seoul, to the balmy breezes of Micronesia, through the friendly South Pacific Islands of American and Western Samoa, to the beautiful islands of Okinawa and mainland Japan, back through all the sunny shores of all the Hawaiian Islands, God is doing incredible things through your church and all of our churches as we cooperate together for the sake of reaching Hawaii and the Pacific for Christ.

From Bible distribution to evangelistic outreaches, from ministry to the homeless, to recovery programs, from college ministry to student camps, from disaster relief to pregnancy and counseling centers, and so much more ... you are advancing God's kingdom through your faithful prayers and support of the Sue Nishikawa Offering for Hawaii Pacific Missions. Thank you for your commitment to advancing the Gospel of Jesus Christ around Hawaii, the Pacific, and Asia together.

Please take the week of September 2-9, 2018 to pray daily for the work that God is doing. On the following pages you'll find a simple prayer guide along with more details on these ministries. You may download and print the prayer guide at hpbaptist.net/suenishikawa. You may also view the individual pages for each day of prayer. Four of these pages have story videos to help you.

And as you pray and as you give, consider how your church can request funds to enhance and strengthen your mission efforts. Any Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention church can request funds from this offering to strengthen and support the evangelistic and compassion ministries of your church. I want to thank Teresa McCain, Director of Hawaii Pacific Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), and the WMU team for their leadership and coordination in this effort. They look forward to hearing about your great ideas for reaching your community for Christ.

100% of your gifts to the Sue Nishikawa Offering for Hawaii Pacific Missions are used to help ministries here in the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention.



Download a copy of HPBC's Prayer Guide by scanning this QR Code.



Sue Nishikawa Offering
for Hawaii Pacific Missions

2018 Prayer Guide

SUNDAY

"I am Hawaii Pacific Missions"

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19 CSB

- Ask God to stir your heart for the lost.
- Ask Him to give you creative ways to reach your community for Christ.

MONDAY

Ed & Luz Perez

Tamuning, Guam, Micronesia

Your gifts have helped to establish an outreach to the community through Celebrate Recovery (a Christ-centered 12-step program).

- Pray for persons caught in addictions to be set free by Christ.
- Pray for Celebrate Recovery leaders to have courage and strength to persevere.

TUESDAY

Chris Morales

Nu'uano Baptist, Oahu, Hawaii

Your gifts have helped to support new outreach to high school students (Friday nights) and young adults (Wednesday nights).

- Pray for Chris as he disciples Christian students and young adults.
- Pray for Chris and their team as they reach out to students and young adults.

WEDNESDAY

Ikaika & Stacey Higa

Hamama Community Church, Kaneohe, Hawaii

Your gifts have helped to support an outreach to students through Hawaiian culture workshops.

- Pray for Ikaika and Stacey as they serve the community through their work and church.
- Ask God to provide spiritually, physically, and financially.

THURSDAY

Zeke & Layne Tomaselli

Ohana Church, Hilo, Hawaii

Your gifts have helped to support a spring break "Create" event. This outreach included training students for leading worship.

- Pray for these young worship leaders to grow in their faith.
- Pray for their families to come to Christ through their witness.

FRIDAY

Jeff & Debi Buchholz

Cornerstone Christian Fellowship, Kona, Hawaii

Your gifts supported a new ministry to community children called TeamKid.

- Pray that children and families will be drawn to Christ.
- Pray for the church family as they meet spiritual and physical needs in the community.

SATURDAY

Arjay Gruspe & John Allison

Baptist Collegiate Ministries, University of Hawaii, Manoa Campus

Your gifts supported college student retreats and outreaches throughout the year.

- Pray for churches to develop a heart for the college campuses near them.
- Pray for BCM leaders as they equip, disciple, and lead.

Learn more about these ministries at

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Week of Prayer DAY 1 — *I Am Hawaii Pacific Missions*



- Pray and ask God to stir your heart for the lost.
- Pray and ask God to give you creative ways to reach your community for Christ.
- Pray for courage from God to reach out to a lost and hurting world.

"For just as the body is one and has many parts, and all the parts of that body, though many, are one body — so also is Christ." 1 Corinthians 12:12 CSB

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"
Matthew 28:19 CSB

Week of Prayer DAY 2 — *Celebrate Recovery in Tamuning Christian Fellowship in Guam*



If you view the day 2 video at hpbaptist.net/suenishikawa, you'll learn how God has used Celebrate Recovery at Waianae Baptist Church to change lives. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered, 12-step recovery program designed to help people overcome their hurts, pains, and addictions. Celebrate Recovery also develops leaders for ministry through its teachings, lessons, and Step studies.



Celebrate Recovery is also being offered in Guam and at two different churches on Hawaii Island. Your gifts have helped to establish this as an outreach to the community.

Our prayer for day 2 is being focused on Tamuning Christian Fellowship in Guam and their new Celebrate Recovery program.

When Ed Perez, pastor of Tamuning Christian Fellowship in Guam, and his wife, Luz, attended a Celebrate Recovery seminar in the Philippines, they saw firsthand the difference it was making there. They knew this was what they needed in their own community where many struggle with addictions and hurts. Since returning from the Philippines, nine leaders have been trained to run the program at Tamuning Christian Fellowship.

With the help of funds from the Sue Nishikawa Offering, they were able to launch their Celebrate Recovery program in March 2018. Pastor Ed says, "We are here to work where God is working and transform lives for His kingdom."

- Pray for Pastor Ed and his wife, Luz as they promote this Christ-centered recovery program in the community.
- Pray for the men and women who are seeking forgiveness of their sins, confessing those sins, and receiving the help of the Holy Spirit and of the family of God to deliver them from their hurt, pain, or addiction.

Week of Prayer DAY 3 — *Student & Young Adult Ministries at Nu'uano Baptist Church*



Your gifts have helped to support a new outreach to high school students (Friday nights) and young adults (Wednesday nights).



"Praise God for the rich provision for His people through the Sue Nishikawa Offering!" exclaimed Chris Morales, Pastor to Young Families, Young Adults, and Youth at Nu'uano Baptist Church. The

church has a weekly ministry to both young adults and youth during the week. According to Chris, Nu'uano Baptist Church is trying to embody an Acts 2:42 gathering "with a deep and simple devotion to the Word through Bible study, prayer, fellowship and the breaking of bread."

The Young Adults meet on Wednesday nights for a meal, followed by a verse-by-verse Bible study with praise and worship followed by a time for fellowship. The youth have a similar schedule on Friday nights. Both groups have grown from just a few participants in the beginning to 20-25 meeting consistently in both groups.

When asked what impact the funds from the Sue Nishikawa Offering have made in their ministry, Chris replied, "The GREATEST increase I believe is in the growth of LOVE for one another in these gatherings."

Funds from the Sue Nishikawa Offering are used to help purchase the food and other supplies necessary for their weekly gatherings. Providing the funds has opened up doors for discipleship, evangelism, and fellowship meal times. These gifts have made it possible for young men and women to exercise various gifts from waiting on tables to running events and games. Many of young people today rarely ever sit and eat and talk over a home cooked family style meal anymore. Thus, the weekly gatherings at Nu'uano Baptist Church have become a powerful time of breaking bread. It is so vital to prepare and soften the hearts of these high school students and young adults before getting into the Word.

- Pray for high school students and young adults to find deep security and satisfaction in Christ.
- Pray that the Word of God will be planted deep into these high school students and young adults so that when they are older, they are set on the solid foundation of the Word of God.
- Pray for salvation for these high school students and young adults and their families as many of them have experienced resistance and persecution from their families.

Week of Prayer DAY 4 — *Hamama Community Church, Ikaika and Stacey Higa*

Your gifts have helped to support outreach to students through Hawaiian culture workshops.

Hamama Community Church members are followers of Jesus and Hawaiian in practice. As church planter Ikaika Higa and his wife Stacey reach out the community, the Sue Nishikawa Offering for Hawaii Pacific Missions has helped them offer Hawaiian cultural workshops. People come to these workshops each month to learn about Kalo culture and hear about Hamama's mission and purpose in the community. They have a thriving youth ministry that ministers to over 50 youth from the community. The Sue Nishikawa Offering for Hawaii Pacific Missions has helped provide supplies for their weekly youth nights.

Because there are many families who need financial help in the community they serve, the Sue Nishikawa Offering funds have made it possible for Hamama Community Church to provide turkeys for families during the holidays, Christmas goodies, and school supplies—all in the name of Jesus.



- Pray for Ikaika and Stacey as they serve the community through their work and church.
- Ask God to provide spiritually, physically, and financially.
- Pray for whole households to come to know Jesus together.
- Pray for more hands to join in the work.

Week of Prayer DAY 5 – *Ohana Church “Create” Event, Zeke and Layne Tomaselli*

Your gifts have helped to support a spring break “Create” event. This outreach included training students for leading worship.



Ohana Church on the Big Island in Hilo used the funds they received from the Sue Nishikawa Offering to tap into the creative side of the youth on their island. “Create” was the weeklong event they produced to do just that during spring break 2018.

The theme for the camp was based on Genesis 1:1, “In the beginning, God CREATED the heavens and the earth.” 35 youth and 15



adult leaders from 3 local churches experienced student-led worship arts expressions throughout the week. Each day, from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm, students would rehearse 10 different worship songs vocally and with musical instruments. On the last evening, they held a concert

for over 125 people. Many responded to the Gospel. “What a beautiful experience it was to see the next generation lead our Hilo community in worship,” exclaimed Zeke Tomaselli, pastor of Ohana Church. One student shared his testimony and sang “I Can Only Imagine.” His parents were in the crowd and were blessed by his performance.

Kahu Zeke declared, “Mahalo nui to the Sue Nishikawa Mission Funds and its goal to spread the Gospel throughout the islands.”

- Pray for these young worship leaders to grow in their faith.
- Pray for their families to come to Christ through their witness.

Week of Prayer DAY 6 – *Cornerstone Christian Fellowship, TeamKid Ministry*

Your gifts supported a new ministry to the Kailua-Kona community children called TeamKid.



While developing relationships with the children in the government housing projects close to their church, Jeff Buchholz, Pastor of Cornerstone Christian Fellowship in Kailua-Kona, felt the need to provide a weeknight ministry for the children. Using the Sue Nishikawa Offering funds they received, they began a TeamKid program on Wednesday nights. On a typical Wednesday



night 40 to 50 children come to their TeamKid program. Not only do they meet the children’s spiritual needs, they meet their physical needs too. Many of the children come to the club hungry. The church family feeds the children and provides them with slippers, t-shirts, and shorts when needed.

Through your gifts to the Sue Nishikawa Offering for Hawaii Pacific Missions, Cornerstone Christian Fellowship has had the opportunity to meet the physical and spiritual needs of many children. During this past year, 16 children have given their lives to Christ. Living so close to the church allows the leaders the opportunity to disciple the children.

The TeamKid program is a weekly program that goes through the Bible with the children. They began with the Biblical creation story and are now sharing the Biblical story of Ruth. Cornerstone Christian Fellowship uses TeamKid each week to share with the children how to live for Jesus and obey Him in their walk. Several of the children are now attending the church services on Sunday.

- Pray that more children will choose to attend TeamKid.
- Pray that the children and their families will be drawn to Christ.

- Pray that the church may be able to meet both spiritual and physical needs of the community around them.

And as you pray and as you give, consider how your church can meet the spiritual and physical needs of children in your community. If you are starting a new ministry to reach people for Christ, you could request funds to enhance and strengthen your mission efforts.

Any Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention church can request funds from this offering to strengthen and support the evangelistic and compassion ministries of your church.

Week of Prayer DAY 7 – *Baptist Collegiate Ministries at University of Hawaii Manoa Campus*



Your gifts supported college student retreats and outreaches throughout the year.



When the body of Christ comes together, incredible things happen, God is glorified, and the world notices. This has been the case for Baptist Collegiate Ministries (BCM) and the generous support received from the Sue Nishikawa State Mission Offering. In 2017-18, BCM received support from the State Mission Offering on a number of occasions and it has had incredible impact on the next generation of believers and leaders. They received support to assist students who went to Collegiate Week, the Gathering (an annual college retreat), and projects throughout the school year.

Collegiate Week is the annual Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) national gathering of collegiate ministries’ leaders and students for a time of training, networking, and challenge to prepare the minds and hearts to reach campuses for Christ. Hawaii sent a group of 20 from Oahu and Hawaii Island with the support of the Sue Nishikawa Offering for Hawaii Pacific Missions. Students were excited to return with a stronger vision and were better equipped to reach their campuses for Christ.

theGathering is the annual HPBC retreat for college students and leaders. This year they met at our HPBC conference center, Pu’u Kahea. 80 students and leaders from BCM and HPBC churches attended. The Sue Nishikawa Offering helped neighbor island students attend. It also enabled us to bring Gus Hernandez Jr. from Long Hollow Baptist Church to train the group in disciple-making. Students left the conference equipped to start new discipleship groups on their campuses through their campus ministries. One student even came to Christ during this retreat!

The Sue Nishikawa Offering for Hawaii Pacific Missions has also assisted BCM in various outreach events. The funds assisting in securing necessary ministry equipment and supplies, as well as providing resources to make your campus ministries more effective at reaching students for Christ and impacting college campuses for God’s glory.

Through your gifts to the Sue Nishikawa Offering for Hawaii Pacific Missions, we have been able to see more students exposed to the gospel, grow in leadership, and move off the campus and into our local churches.

- Pray that students will embrace the Collegiate Week’s move from Glorieta, New Mexico to Falls Creek, Oklahoma and pray that they continue to be interested in this vital conference for equipping and connection.
- Pray for new campuses to establish ministry points.
- Pray for churches to catch a heart for the campuses near them and desire to partner with Baptist Campus Ministries (BCM) to reach unreached students.
- Pray for Hilo BCM regarding the lease renewal of their building site, or new possibilities for ministry sites if the lease is not renewed by the state.
- Pray as BCM meets the needs of the students who desire to grow in the areas of equipping, discipleship, and leadership.

Any Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention church can request funds from this offering to strengthen and support the evangelistic and compassion ministries of your church.

Leadership Training

HPBC LEADERSHIP TRAINING EVENTS—SEPTEMBER 16-22, 2018

Why? To equip pastors, church staff, and church leaders in the areas of sharing the gospel, strategic planning, developing teams, and basic leadership training.

How? Bringing hand-picked seasoned practitioners in these areas to provide practical training on multiple Hawaiian Islands.

Guest Leaders



Terry Dorsett

Executive Director,
New England Baptists



Nathan Lorick

Executive Director,
Colorado Baptists



Kenneth Priest

Director of Convention Strategies,
Southern Baptists of Texas
Convention

Where? Hilo, Central Oahu, and East Oahu

LOCATION #1

Kaumana Drive Baptist in Hilo on Big Island

Sunday, Sep. 16 - 5:30 - 8:45 p.m.

Sessions 1 and 2

Monday, Sep. 17 - 6:00 - 8:45 p.m.

Sessions 3 and 4

LOCATION #2

Mililani Baptist in Central Oahu

Tuesday, September 18 - 5:30 - 8:45 p.m.

Sessions 1 and 2

Wednesday, September 19 - 6:00 - 8:45 p.m. *Sessions 3 and 4*

LOCATION #3

Waialae Baptist in East Oahu

Friday, September 21 - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Session 1

Saturday, September 22 - 8:30 – noon

Sessions 2, 3, and 4

For more information or to register, scan this QR code or go online to hpbaptist.net/hpbcleadershiptraining



HPBC Women's Retreat OCT 19-20, 2018

Pu'u Kahea Conference Center
Waianae

Begins at 3 p.m., Friday, Oct. 19

Concludes at 9 p.m., Saturday, Oct.

Cost: \$60 (includes accommodations,
dinner Friday, and three meals Saturday)

Join women of all ages and walks of life to worship, fellowship, and learn to grow in God's Word. Guest speakers are Chris Adams and Kathy Morales. Breakout sessions will be led by some of our very own HPBC women!

Our goal is to be challenged to let God fill us with His Living Water and that His Living Water would overflow into our circles of influence—our families, friends, neighbors, acquaintances, and people we meet by divine appointment.

Your Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention is sponsoring this event. It is funded by your church's gifts to the Cooperative Program. **Visit HPBAPTIST.NET to register or call the convention office at 808-946-9581.**



Chris Adams



Kathy Morales

Hawaii Churches SEND MULTIPLE TEAMS TO JAPAN

By Craig Webb

Team 1 — THE GATHERING

The Gathering's mission trip to Japan July 9-21 reaffirmed the church's commitment to mobilize its people to assist Japanese churches, pastors and missionaries in spreading the Gospel.

"We love our growing partnership with those serving Jesus on the frontlines," said James Shiroma, lead pastor of The Gathering. "We definitely sense a calling to Japan. Last year was the first year we sent a mission team to Japan. After this year's trip, we are looking to send more people every year and multiply the number of teams."

While in Japan, The Gathering's 14-member mission team did community outreaches, participated in worship, assisted with homeless ministry, prayer walked, taught English, rapped, and danced hula. The team also led a two-day retreat for pastors, missionaries, and their families.

"Churches from Hawaii should prayerfully consider sending teams to Japan," Shiroma said. "The need for more people to boldly share the Gospel and encourage pastors and missionaries in Japan is great."



The Gathering's Japan Mission Team: Lisa Tamura-Tanoue, Trevor Tamura, Jaycie Tamura, Kyle Kimura, Keith Pang, Jazzy Pang, Iris Imamura, Alyssa Staley, Zeke Tomaselli, Randy Katayama, Faith Shiroma, Sadie Shiroma, Julie Shiroma, James Shiroma

Team 3 — HPBC PASTORS

Chris and Wendy Martin led a vision/working mission trip to Fukuoka, Japan. Also on the trip were Pastor Nelson Chapman (Central Baptist), Pastor Con Wilson (International Baptist Fellowship), and John Allison (Baptist Collegiate Ministries). They served alongside International Mission Board Japan team leader, Donn Broeker, and several members of Donn's team in Japan. The team also had the opportunity to visit with HPBC churches in Tokyo and Yokohama.

Pastor Nelson Chapman said of the trip, "I thank God for the opportunity to partner with HPBC pastors and our International Mission Board missionaries during July's vision/mission trip to Japan. Our plans were shifted because of historic flooding in the country, yet we experienced God's sovereignty and provision. While Japan has historically been challenging to evangelize, we were

Team 2 — WAIALAE BAPTIST

A team from Wai'ālae Baptist Church ministered in Tokyo in July evangelizing, leading worship, helping with a homeless ministry, teaching, and holding a Hawaiian culture day as an outreach for a church plant.



The Waialae Baptist Mission Team: Pastor Matt Sanders, Cheryl Sanders, Sean Hirano, Calvin Lee, and Keiko Sanders



greatly encouraged to see Christ's gracious hand at work in the lives of our Japanese brethren through local churches. This trip gave me a burden for the people of Japan along with an urgency to bring them the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I encourage my fellow HPBC pastors and church leaders to ask God how we can join Him in His local and global work of proclaiming the glorious Gospel of Christ."

If you have news you would like to share, please email us at info@hpbaptist.net, or like us and post it at: facebook.com/hawaiiibaptist

HPBC Staff Team Welcomes Brian Smart

Join us in welcoming Brian Smart to the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention staff team. Brian began serving as HPBC Assistant Executive Director on June 30, 2018. Brian's focus will be on advancing the mission of the local church through evangelism, outreach, missions, and church planting.

Brian was born in Hendersonville, Tennessee with his triplet siblings Brandon and Brooke. He gave his life to the Lord in middle school and was discipled by the late David Landrith at Long Hollow Baptist Church in Hendersonville, Tennessee. Brian has served at churches in Tennessee, Samoa, and Hawaii. He has also worked as a Church Planting Catalyst for the North American Mission Board before joining the staff team at the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention.

Brian earned a bachelor's degree from Western Kentucky and a master of divinity from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is currently pursuing a PhD degree at Southwestern Theological Seminary.

Brian is married to Daisy and they have an Alaskan Husky named Rutabaga. They will continue to live in Kona on the Big Island of Hawaii. To send Brian encouragement or congratulations, e-mail him at brian@hpbaptist.net



Webb is Transitional Pastor at Waikalooa

Henry and Patti Webb are serving at Waikalooa Baptist Church on Hawaii Island (The Big Island). The Webb's are not new to the Islands. They served on Oahu in Baptist Campus Ministry (1964-1968) and as Pastor of Kalihi Baptist (1968-1977).

As "Transitional Pastor," Henry is taking the church through an 8-stage process to prepare the church for the future God has with the next pastor. Henry Webb, Ernest Mosley, Roy Edgemon, and Bill Hogue developed this process in 2000 and 2001 at LifeWay.

The stages of transition are as follows:

- View the Church's history through the eyes of Christ
- Assess the Church's current reality
- Affirm Biblical principles for church growth
- Focus on Kingdom results
- Establish Church practice
- Refocus the Church around Mission
- Find a Pastor to lead in fulfilling God's future for the Church
- Help the Pastor get a good start in the Church and community

They are serving on a unique schedule where they were at the church for seven weeks in June and July and will return at the end of September for up to ten additional months. Their home is in Nashville where Henry retired after serving 28 years at LifeWay.



Henry Webb leading the first meeting of the Transitional Focus Team. Also in the photo are Waikalooa's Student Pastor, Trent Thompson, and Worship Pastor, Ken Lara.

Dong Tam Baptist Church Celebrates 30th Anniversary

Sunday, August 5, 2018, was a special day for Dong Tam Baptist Church as it celebrated its 30th Anniversary. The church held a special worship service followed by a celebratory luncheon. Congratulations to Pastor Trong Bui and his wife, Muoi Nguyen, and the entire congregation for 30 years of ministry. Mike Martin, HPBC Director of Church Finance, represented the convention at the celebration.



Oahu Baptist Network Youth Camp

Steve Dixon from Australia was the guest speaker at this year's camp held at your Pu'u Kahea Conference Center. Pastor Jeff Mullis of Olivet Baptist was the camp director. So many great pastors/student ministers from great churches along with a strong contingent of Baptist Campus Ministry team members provided key leadership. This includes Pastor Daniel Capinpin, Pastor Rob Uyeda, Pastor Chris Morales, Malachi McSherry, Pastor Brent Young, Andrew Shi'ira, and many others.



Collegiate Week 2018—Falls Creek, Oklahoma

At Collegiate Week, students and leaders from across the country gather to experience deep teaching and worship with the best in collegiate ministry. Focused small group sessions offer in-depth Bible study, and a variety of recreation and fellowship options help form friendships that extend far beyond the week. Students will leave refreshed and focused for the semester ahead, ready to impact their campuses for Christ. The team from Hawaii includes 3 leaders, 2 interns, and 11 students from Oahu and Big Island.



KOKUA Scholarship Available



Applications are being accepted for the KOKUA Scholarship, an endowed gift established to provide post high school

scholarship assistance to the offspring of full-time ministers within the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention.

The endowment was started in the memory of J. Russell Duffer and his wife Rhoda Alice Duffer. Rev. Duffer received his Biblical training from Ouachita Baptist College (now University) and was called to ministry in Arkansas, Tennessee and Texas. The Duffers emphasized education to their children, including their son, Dr. Bob Duffer, and that commitment inspired the endowment. With initial and ongoing funding by Bob and June Duffer, the endowment has also grown through the generosity of other Hawaii Pacific Baptists.

To receive information and an application, please contact the Hawaii Baptist Foundation. You may call Arnold Goto at 650-444-1000, or email agoto@hawaiibaptistfoundation.com. Applications are being received through September 30, 2018, and the recipient(s) will be announced at the HBPC Annual Meeting.



Biblical Counseling Center of Maui

The Biblical Counseling Center of Maui celebrated two years of ministry with friends and supporters with a banquet. The banquet celebrated the ministry, shared what God has been doing, expressed appreciation to those who support the ministry, and raised funds for continuing ministry.

The Center is led by Paula Higuchi. It is based at Kahului Baptist Church, but they also provide counseling services in partnership with other churches around the island of Maui. Jay Wright, Lead Pastor at Lahaina Baptist Church said, "We are thankful to God for the complimentary ministry partnership with BCCM and Paula Higuchi. Together, we are able to better serve our Church and community with the hope and healing of Jesus Christ." Craig Webb, HPBC Assistant Executive Director, represented the convention at this event. Learn more at bccmaui.com



Baptist Convention Leaders Visit Micronesia

Chris Martin, our HPBC Executive Director and Brandon Pickett, Associate Executive Director of the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia (SBCV) Convention travelled to Guam in July to visit with pastors and church leaders in Micronesia.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) Reaches Kids and Families for Christ



- 1 First Southern Baptist of Pearl Harbor, June 4 - 8
- 2-3 Cornerstone Christian Fellowship in Kailua-Kona on Hawaii Island, July 9-13
- 4 Pawa'a Community Church held Summer Jam on Wednesday evenings this summer
- 5 Koza Baptist Church in Okinawa, Pastor John Reimer is on the ladder
- 6 Song Tan Central, Pyeongtaek-si, Gyeonggi-do, South Korea, July 30-Aug 3
- 7 Cornerstone, Mililani Mauka on Oahu



2018 CALENDAR



January

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Call to Prayer Month

- 1 New Year's Day
- 7-14 January Bible Study
- 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 21 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

February

2

"True Love Waits" Emphasis

- 3 **WMU Annual Meeting @ Olivet BC**
- 10 **HPBC Executive Board**
- 11 Racial Reconciliation Sunday
- 12-18 Focus on WMU
- 17 Children's Ministry Day
- 19 President's Day
- 19 **Women's Tea**
- 23-25 **The Gathering**

March

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- 3 **Disaster Relief Training, Oahu**
- 4-11 Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 4-10 Youth Week
- 18 Church Planting Emphasis Sunday
- 18 Substance Abuse Sunday
- 22-24 **Missions Adventure Camp**
- 26 Prince Kuhio Day (observed)
- 30 Good Friday
- 31 **VBS Training**

April

4

- 1 Easter
- 5-7 **Wives in Ministry Retreat**
- 8 Cooperative Program Sunday
- 14 **Pinewood Derby & Mission Fair**
- 15 Baptist Doctrine Study
- 22 SBC Seminaries Sunday
- 27-28 **HBEEA Conference**

May

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- 6 Senior Adult Sunday
- 12 **HPBC Executive Board**
- 13-19 Christian Home Week
- 20-27 Baptist Association Emphasis
- 21-23 **Pastor's Retreat @ Pu'u Kahea**
- 27 Life Commitment Sunday
- 28 Memorial Day

June

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- 4-8 Keiki Camp
- 11 King Kamehameha Day
- 12-13 Southern Baptist Convention
- 17 Baptist Men's Emphasis
- 24 Mission: Dignity Sunday

July

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- 1 Citizenship & Religious Liberty Sunday
- 4 Independence Day
- 22 Loveloud Sunday

August

8

- 5 Social Issues Sunday
- 12 Student Evangelism Day
- 17 Statehood Day
- 19-25 Worship Music Week
- 25 **HPBC Executive Board**

September

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- 2 Discipleship Rally
- 2 Single Adult Sunday
- 3 Labor Day
- 2-9 **Week of Prayer Hawaii Pacific Missions / Sue Nishikawa Offering**
- 14-15 **Hawaii Baptist Early Edu. Assoc.**
- 16 Anti-Gambling Sunday
- 16-22 **HPBC Leadership Training Events**

October

10

Cooperative Program Emphasis Month

- 7 Personal Evangelism Commitment Day
- 14 Global Hunger Sunday
- 19-20 **Women's Retreat**

November

11

- 4 Disaster Relief Appreciation Day
- 6 General Election Day
- 7 **Missions College One Day**
- 8 **New Workers Orientation**
- 8-9 **HPBC Annual Meeting**
- 12 Veterans' Day
- 22-23 Thanksgiving

December

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- 2-9 Week of Prayer & Mission Study for International Missions & the Lottie Moon Christmas offering
- 24-25 Christmas



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What's Coming Up *for HPBC*

SEP
16-22

Leadership Training

September 16–22, 2018. Hilo, Central Oahu, and East Oahu

More information can be found on page 8. For details or to register, visit hpbaptist.net/hpbcleadershiptraining

OCT
19-20

HPBC Women's Retreat

October 19-20, 2018. Pu'u Kahea Conference Center, Waianae

More information can be found on page 8. For details or to register go online to hpbaptist.net or call the convention office at 808-946-9581.



NOV
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Missions College One Day

Features nine on-the-field International Mission Board (IMB) missionaries, currently serving in East Asia, who will take you through the process of researching and understanding your missions location. For more experienced leaders, they will help develop your in-depth strategies for taking your missions work to the next level. The day will culminate with a Missions Worship Celebration in the Olivet Baptist worship center. Register online at hpbaptist.net.

NOV
8-9

HPBC 76th Annual Meeting

Thursday-Friday, November 8-9, 2018, Olivet Baptist Church

The HPBC Annual meeting is not only our chance to affirm new member churches, approve the operating budget, and select new officers—it's our family time. It's also a time for biblical fellowship, mutual encouragement, ministry celebration, and worship. Registration begins at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday with a call to order at 6:00 p.m. Friday's schedule includes a 8:15 a.m. to noon morning session, a 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. afternoon business session, and an evening session called to order at 5:45 p.m.