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Building the Kingdom

Small Steps At a Time

In the last edition, I shared that we envision **every Hawaii Pacific Baptist Church working together to be leaders in impacting God's Kingdom throughout the Pacific and Asia.** I am personally enthusiastic about and am committed to this vision along with your HPBC staff team.

As part of this vision, **together, we will build and sustain a stronger Kingdom network** of like-minded churches and ministry partners to facilitate God's Kingdom through Hawaii Pacific Baptists and together we will **target like-minded churches and organizations for partnering and reaching our region for Christ.**

Churches are asking for affiliation into the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention as dedicated partners, willing to commit to serving alongside in coordination with the other HPBC churches. As these churches join, we all should embrace and engage them, seeking to invest, and assist in their ministries as we serve together.

Furthermore, together, we will strive to **leverage the entire Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) network in positive Kingdom relationships.** This includes the International Mission and the North American Mission Boards, our six Southern Baptist Seminaries, the Ethics and Religious Liberties Commission, and the other 41 State Conventions. Within the network of the Southern Baptist Convention lies incredible relationships that are in place to empower the ministries of the local HPBC churches. Utilizing these resources will bring amazing results at little or no cost to our churches, providing much-needed resources to our churches that are often left untouched.

We must realize that God has designed for the **positioning of Hawaii Pacific Baptist churches to be engaged and influential in the areas God calls them.** We do not exist haphazardly, but strategically within God's plan for impacting the Pacific and Asia with the Gospel.

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We must take our role seriously to maximize our ministries and the remainder of the SBC network. We have much to offer in changing the face of SBC life across the globe. And, our time to serve is now!

Over the coming issues of the Pacific Connector, we will continue to share portions of this vision to encourage and motivate you to share in the task.

Continue to pray and search for ways to serve God in obedience together. 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 808-356-8329 or email us at info@hpbaptist.net.

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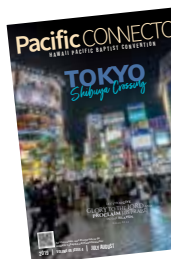
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Scramble Crossing at Night
Located in front of the Shibuya station's Hachikō exit the famous scramble crossing. Vehicles stop in all directions to allow pedestrians to engulf the entire intersection. Photo courtesy of IQRemix "Shibuya District at Night" — commons.wikimedia.org



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Pastors' Retreat

Relaxation, Worship, Teaching, & Networking

The second annual HPBC Pastors Retreat was held May 13-15, 2019 at your Pu'u Kahea Conference Center in Waiānae on Oahu. The retreat was designed just for pastors and included relaxation as well as singing, teaching, exchanging ideas, and discussion.

Alan Cagle led us in musical worship. Alan is a worship pastor in Mississippi. Craig Webb, an HPBC Assistant Executive Director, led and facilitated the retreat.

One of the unique elements of the retreat was the appearance of three amazing guest speakers via Zoom Video. Mark Dance, Director of LifeWay Pastors, was our first guest. He shared his personal ministry story and encouraged pastors in their relationship with God, their family, and their church. Daniel Im, Director of Church Multiplication at LifeWay, taught on disciple-making in the church and shared important concepts from his book, No

Silver Bullets: 5 Small Shifts to Transform Your Ministry. Robert Mullins, pastor at Crossroads Church in Alabama, talked about disciple-making from a personal standpoint.

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SEP 17 /// Tuesday
Valley Isle Fellowship
Wailuku, Maui

SEP 18 /// Wednesday
Kaumana Drive Baptist Church
Hilo, Hawaii Island

SEP 19 /// Thursday
Mililani Baptist Church
Mililani, Oahu

EVENINGS, 5-9 PM

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Echo: God's Heart
1 Thessalonians 1:8-9

2nd Annual Women's Retreat

**Pu'u Kahea
Conference Center, Oahu**

**OCT 18-19
2019**

The Inaugural HPBC Women's Retreat in 2018 drew 100 women, 49 of them from neighbor islands!, with 22 churches represented.

This year, guest speaker **STEPHANIE MORALES-BEAULIEU**, a wife and mom of 3, will share stories that will inspire you to see everyday life through the lens of truth.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS will be led by a mission team from Illinois Women's Ministry.

Stephanie Morales-Beaulieu is a lover of God's Word and shares that passion anywhere God opens a door. She and her husband, Mike, serve at Pathway Church and make their home in Airdrie, Alberta.



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6TH GRADE**

**C.H.A.M.P.S.
Sports Camp**
JULY 15-19, 2019
PALOLO DISTRICT PARK

**FAITH IN
ACTION
COUNSELING**



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Conference**
OCTOBER 2019
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Conference**
FEBRUARY 14-15, 2020
PRINCE WAIKIKI

More information and registration is available at waterhouselecture.org.

AROUND Micronesia *and the* South Pacific



Pastor Saufoi and Sapaïma Tavete of Happy Valley Baptist and Pastor Joeli and Tupe Sovea of Tafuna Baptist and their children.

■ New Pastor Commissioned at Happy Valley in Samoa

Pastor Saufoi Tavete was commissioned as the new pastor of Happy Valley Baptist Church and his wife, Sapaïma, was named headmaster at Samoa Baptist Academy at the beginning of June. Former pastor, Elise Tafao, said "this is a new day for the ministry."



Samoa Pastors and wives and church leaders at the commissioning service.

■ Guam Christian Life Fellowship Moves into New Worship Venue

On Sunday evening, June 2, Guam Christian Life Fellowship (GCLF) under the leadership of Pastor Pancho Madrid, moved to the University of Guam CLASS Lecture Hall for their worship services. Pray for GCLF and its leadership as they continue to reach their community for Christ. Also be in prayer for their Family Retreat at the end of July. Dr. Craig Webb from our HPBC team, along with his wife Barbara, will assist in the retreat.



New Worship Venue at
Guam University Lecture Hall



GCLF Worship Team

Around *the* Hawaiian Islands

Do you have news you would like to share? Email us at info@hpbaptist.net or like us and post it on facebook.com/hawaiibaptist.

Pastor Makito Watanabe, Olivet Japanese Department Pastor, with Athryn and his family.

Baptisms at Olivet Baptist Church Picnic

A wonderful celebration of the baptism of Athryn Pagaoa at the annual Olivet Baptist Church picnic. Athryn was baptized at Bellow's in Waimanalo on Memorial Day.



Members of Olivet Baptist head to the ocean for baptism

Baptisms at Pokai Bay

On May 25, 2019, over 100 people journeyed to Pokai Bay to witness four people from The Gathering get baptized.

"We normally do baptism on the North Shore or Magic Island," said James Shiroma, pastor of The Gathering. "But we had a guy from Waianae getting baptized and thought it would be great to have it there. The afternoon was an awesome way to support those who were baptized, and then to have a gospel-centered celebration."

Shiroma said this was a great opportunity for people from The Gathering to capture a heart for Waianae. He hopes The Gathering would one day start a church there.

Shiroma's father, Stanley, pastored Waianae Baptist Church for 22 years. All baptisms at Waianae Baptist, back then, took place at Pokai Bay — this was the first time James Shiroma baptized someone at Pokai Bay.

"It was emotional for me," Shiroma said. "Having a good number from our church make the journey to Waianae, and baptizing where my dad did all his baptisms in Waianae, meant a lot."

Following baptism, The Gathering had a potluck and fellowship. "Everyone seemed to have enjoyed their time in Waianae," Shiroma said. "We will definitely do baptism there again soon."



The Gathering, Pokai-Bay, with James Shiroma and Matt Lincoln





Pacific Church Leadership Conference Friday-Saturday, October 11-12, 2019

Makakilo Baptist Church, Oahu

Registration is now open for our 2019 Pacific Church Leadership Conference. This year, the theme is "The Living Word" and we will be hearing from Alistair Begg and Tim Challies among others. Breakfast and lunch will be provided along with free books and resources. Register now at pacificchurchleadership.org

Dennis Andrews is new Associate Pastor of Family Ministries at Mililani

Pastor Dennis began serving Mililani Baptist in March 2019 and serves the families of their church through developing discipleship opportunities among children, teens, and adults. Dennis grew up in Pennsylvania before attending Word of Life Bible Institute in upstate New York, where he met his wife Rachel. Together they attended Liberty University, each receiving a degree in Religion. Dennis went on to graduate from Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary with a Master of Theological Studies, and a Master of Divinity. Dennis has 10 years of Pastoral experience at churches in West Virginia and Georgia. Together Dennis and Rachel have one son, Deklan. Send a word of welcome to Dennis at Dennis@mbaptist.org



Geno Takaki Recognition of 35 Years of Service

On May 26, 2019, First Baptist Church of Hale'iwa recognized Pastor Geno and Emiko Takaki with an Aloha Party after their morning service. Pastor Geno retired from full-time ministry after 35 years of service with First Baptist Church of Hale'iwa.



Central Baptist (Oahu) Opens New "Kokua Closet"

Central Baptist Church's Kokua Closet opened to the public in May! Kokua Closet (in partnership with Harvest Family Life Ministries Hawaii) is a community donation storehouse that provides basic necessities support for children & fostering families. Please contact CBC to make a donation or learn more. cbchi.org



AROUND East Asia

Songton Central/Seoul International Family Camp South Korea

Families today are under considerable pressure. There is internal pressure to excel in school, sports, and even church; along with increasing external pressure to affirm the worldviews and ideas that may not conform to the teaching of scripture. Most families look forward to summer as a break from the pressure and a time to rest.

It is with rest in mind that Songtan Central Baptist and Seoul International Baptist (along with other local English speaking congregations) will host their 4th Annual Family Camp (August 29-31). The goal is to refresh and encourage families as they enter the new school year. The schedule has been designed to offer significant family time along with Gospel-centered training for marriages and parenting.



Last year's camp

Please be in prayer for the families. Pray for healing to those who are broken in spirit, strength to families who are burdened, and joyful rest to all who attend.



Hunter and Kelsi Gray

New Member of Pastoral Team at Koza Baptist in Okinawa

Koza Baptist Church recently welcomed the newest member of their pastoral staff, Hunter Gray. Hunter is their new Missions and Connections Pastor. He and his wife Kelsi bring a wealth of missions experience. Hunter and Kelsi have both served as missionaries and church planters in Kosovo. Hunter has also served in Nishinomiya, Japan near Osaka as an ESL teacher. Hunter is originally from Tennessee and Kelsi is from Kentucky.

Pastor Emeritus, Dennis Folds, and staff team pray for new Tokyo Baptist Senior Pastor, Takeshi Yozawa with his wife, Miki

Pastoral Leadership Transition

Tokyo Baptist Church

Pastor Takeshi Yozawa (shown above with his wife, Miki) has been installed as the new Senior Pastor of Tokyo Baptist Church (TBC) effective June 1, 2019. Pastor Dennis and Judi Folds have transitioned back to the United States. Dennis serves now as Senior Pastor Emeritus of TBC where they ministered for more than twenty years out of their forty years of ministry in Japan. Tokyo Baptist is a part of Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention, the Asia Baptist Network, and is an international church with worshippers from more than 50 countries.

Faithful Professionals Class in September PYEONGTAEK, S. KOREA

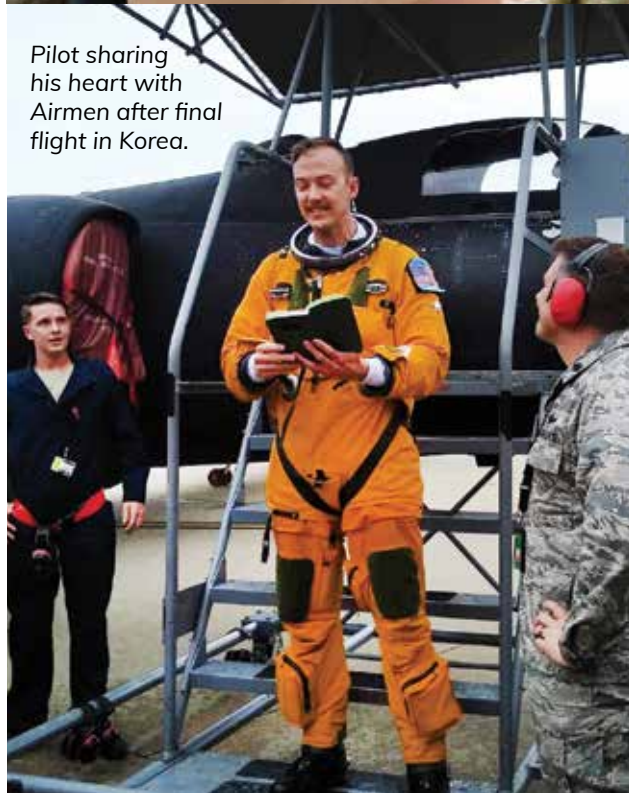
Songtan Central Baptist Church has an exciting new ministry project scheduled to begin this fall that will help bridge the gap between faith and the workplace. The Faithful Professionals class will seek to answer questions such as,

- How does my faith in Jesus relate to my work?
- How can I represent Christ in the daily grind? and
- How can I share my faith with co-workers?

Every Christian is confronted with these questions and must consider what faithfulness to God looks like at work. How we go about our business and treat others in the workplace will offer our co-workers and employers glimpses of the one we truly serve. When we think about being faithful to God in our work, finding the intersection between the truth that we believe and what we do for a living becomes vitally important.



Sarah Houser highlighting God design in birth education classes in Seoul. Part of the Faithful Professionals Ministry.



Pilot sharing his heart with Airmen after final flight in Korea.



IBC Manila: New to HPBC But Not New to Missions

International Baptist Church (IBC) of Manila is one of the newest churches to affiliate with the Hawaii Pacific Baptist family. We asked Roderick Jacinto, Missions Pastor, to share some of what is happening with their missions and outreach this spring.

IBC Manila Medical Missions Trip with East Texas Baptist Nursing Students

At the end of May 2019, a team travelled to do ministry with with the Tagbanua tribal group in Lamane Quezon and with the Palaweño tribal group in Maasin Quezon Palawan. This mission trip included members of IBC Manila and nursing students on mission from East Texas Baptist University. The team included 15 Americans, 4 Filipinos, and 1 person from Scotland. Part of the ministry was the team teaching about wound care and doing medical missions with the people.





THE POWER of PRAYER

The Class of 2025 at the Pioneer Inn in 2017. This picture, along with a video, was sent to the Guerreras who were at Cedar Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles. Photo courtesy of Karen Iseri.

by Christina Yasutomi

For the last 10 years, Hawaii Baptist Academy's fourth graders have traveled to Maui to learn about Hawaiian history and culture. Over time, special relationships have developed between some of the vendors and the students. One such vendor is Mark Guerrero, the catering manager at the historic Pioneer Inn in Lahaina. Each year, the students enjoy a delicious breakfast at the hotel. In 2017, while preparing for their upcoming trip, Mark shared with fourth grade teachers, Karen Iseri and Jeri Rawlings, that his wife, Annette, needed surgery for a life-threatening illness. The teachers immediately prayed for Annette. They also took the opportunity to teach their students about the power of prayer. Every morning and at the end of the school day, the students would pray and ask God to heal Aunt Annette.

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“It's important to teach children to pray because they will know that they can pray to God for their concerns and also thank God for their triumphs. We really wanted God to heal Aunt Annette and we know that God listens to prayers of children,” said Karen Iseri. In addition to their prayers, the students mailed “Get Well” wishes and pictures to the Guerreras.

When the time came for the students to visit Mark, he was not at the hotel; rather, he was at Cedar Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles where Annette was recovering from surgery. The students made a short video at the hotel to encourage her. They also shared that they were praying for her twice a day. Their timing couldn't have been better. Annette had just finished her second surgery



Annette Guerrero (on screen) speaks to the Class of 2025 via FaceTime on May 3.

where doctors had removed six feet of her intestines. Her recovery was complicated, and she was mentally worn down. While lying in her bed, Mark played the video of the students singing to her.

“I just cried. It just gave me so much hope. I had a huge smile and tears running down my face. It was very touching to know that these children,

who didn't even know me, were praying for me. Seeing them and hearing their song, lifted my spirit, and I knew I was going to be OK,” said Annette via a phone interview.

Fast forward two years. A new fourth grade class is visiting Maui. They're staying at the Royal Lahaina Resort where Annette is a manager. Like any good manager, Annette welcomes the group with a brief orientation. After the group is dismissed, she reviews her notes. The name of the group is Hawaii Baptist Academy. Following a quick phone call to her husband, she confirms that this is the school that prayed for her while she was in the hospital. A joyous meeting follows between Annette, the fourth grade teachers, and the students.

“Our eyes filled with tears as we realized what God had done. We agreed that it was a divine appointment to meet her here, that day,” said Jeri Rawlings, fourth grade teacher.

On May 3rd, Annette met the students who prayed for her via FaceTime and personally thanked them for their prayers. The students, who are now sixth graders, greeted her with enthusiastic waves and smiles from their classroom. They asked questions about her dog, Toby, and got a video tour of her home.

Annette says she's been transformed physically, emotionally, and in her relationship with God.



Free Will Service

Your Hawaii Baptist Foundation offers a Free Will service that is now available online by visiting the Foundation's website: hawaiibaptistfoundation.com and clicking on the "Begin Your Free Will" button. As soon as you print your document and sign it in front of two adult witnesses who are of sound mind and not named in the will, your will is legally valid.

If you have a large or complicated estate, completing this process may help to speed up the time with an attorney by having your wishes already written out. The Hawaii Baptist Foundation can also help you find a qualified attorney to assist you in your estate planning process.

Applications Being Accepted for the KOKUA Scholarship



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. 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 at (808) 973-1111 or info@hawaiibaptistfoundation.com. Applications are being received through September 30, 2019 and the recipient(s) will be announced at the HBPC Annual Meeting in November.



The Hawaii Baptist Foundation is here to serve Christian stewards, by making available trust services and planned giving opportunities. Please feel free to contact us if we can be of service to you.

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THE VALUE OF Seminary

Four young men from **The Gathering** will leverage this season of their lives to prepare for vocational ministry by attending seminary. "I'm excited for these guys," said James Shiroma, lead pastor of The Gathering. "They have great futures."

Shiroma highly encourages those sensing God's call into ministry to attend seminary on the mainland. Four men from The Gathering will attend seminary on the mainland this fall, and one will work toward a Master's in Divinity at Wayland Baptist in Kapolei.

"Seminary will challenge students theologically, academically and in ministry," Shiroma said. "Seminary on the mainland will provide environments where students are stretched, poured into, build relationships, and make lifetime connections."



John Kaneshiro, worship leader at The Gathering, will attend Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina this August. Kaneshiro's wife, Erica, and their two young children will join him.

"Pastor James encouraged my wife and I to pray about Southeastern," Kaneshiro said. "After seeking wise counsel, much research, and much prayer we knew Southeastern was going to offer us the best equipping for church ministry back in Hawaii. We were drawn by the high-level of academia, the strong focus on the Great Commission, and the testimonies of many SEBTS graduates."

Kaneshiro has extensive ministry experience in churches, Baptist Collegiate Ministries, and Hawaii Baptist Academy. Kaneshiro, whose extended family has strong gospel influence in Hawaii, senses God's call to return to Hawaii to pastor, plant a church or revitalize a church.

"My time at The Gathering has prepared me in countless ways for seminary and future ministry," Kaneshiro said. "God led me to this church to teach me more about His Word. I am thankful for these past five years at The Gathering where God has given me a hunger for reading Scripture purposefully. Secondly, God has given me a deep burden for the lost. I am thankful that our church's focus is explicitly Gospel-centered and purposed towards equipping believers to living out the great commission."



Anthony Hatchell began following Jesus in 2012 as a 20-year-old. Until that time, Hatchell was heavily involved in marijuana, drugs, and a sinful lifestyle.

"My lifestyle came out of what Hawaii expects from someone like me," Hatchell said. "Growing up, I only knew one person who lived the Christian life. I see a huge need for laborers and I want to do my part. God will use my past to show those like me what is possible through Jesus."

"God used The Gathering to humble me and give me a taste of ministry," Hatchell said. "I was challenged by my peers, their faith and their understanding of scripture."

Hatchell served in various ministries at The Gathering such as youth, college, young adult, preaching, worship, sound team, set up, take down teams and staff intern.

Hatchell began studying at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's Scarborough College in August 2015 and received his Bachelors in Biblical Studies this May. In August, Hatchell begins work toward a Master's in Divinity at Southwestern.

"Seminary is more than just the classroom education," Hatchell said. At Southwestern, Hatchell served youth, college and in church leadership. Hatchell has preached, been on mission trips, served various DiscipleNews, and helped with church planting in Vancouver, Canada. "There is a lot God has taught me about myself, my habits and my character that I didn't realize were hindrances in ministry."



Andrew Shiira became The Gathering's first worship leader in 2016 when the church started a new Honolulu campus called Citywide. "When Pastor James first approached me about planting a church in Honolulu, geared towards college students, I was both excited about the idea and confused that he would ask me," Shiira said. "I've been part of a few church plants before but never in the actual planting and visioning phase. So it was a brand new experience for me, and I'm not going to lie, it was hard."

Shiira's experience at Citywide taught him that ministry is hard, strategic planning is important, evaluations are necessary, and constantly seeking to be at the center of God's will is vital.

Last August, Shiira began pursuing his Master's in Divinity at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Shiira senses God's call toward collegiate, high school or pastoral ministry.

Shiira said seminary has helped shape him. Shiira is involved at a church and engages with ministry opportunities in the New Orleans area.

"You get out of seminary what you put in," Shiira said. "You can come to class do you work and pass or you can come to class, do your work and dive deeper, ask questions, seek mentorship and advice and fully immerse yourself where you are, and come out equipped."



Beau McGowan served with The Gathering's children's ministry, outreach to Waianae with Matt Lincoln, Bible Studies, and take down and clean up team. McGowan is working toward a Bachelor's in Christian Education at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary's Leavell College. He senses the call to youth ministry and maybe pastoring.

"I have been poured into by Pastor James with a focus on the Great Commission," McGowan said. "My desire to be involved in discipleship and children's ministry and youth ministry was cultivated by The Gathering. The Gathering is a 'City on the Hill' for Oahu, and is full of wonderful people transformed by Christ. It's because of their genuine hearts for the Gospel that I have been grown and am now in seminary."

Shiroma said it is The Gathering's vision to raise up and send out leaders who will plant churches, lead churches or lead in churches.

"Although it would be nice to keep everyone," Shiroma said. "It is best that we keep raising leaders who will be sent out to spread the gospel."

2019 HPBC Annual Meeting

Thursday and Friday

November 7-8

Olivet Baptist Church

1775 S Beretania St, Honolulu

[77th Annual]

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Convention Message:

Dr. Paul Chitwood

President, International Mission Board



The HPBC Annual meeting is not only our chance to affirm new member churches, approve the operating budget, and select new officers, it's family time. The annual meeting is for biblical fellowship, mutual encouragement, ministry celebration, and worship.



HPBC Missions College One Day features missions training by International Mission Board (IMB) personnel for pastors, mission trip leaders, and missions team members. **This year we will have 3 tracks of training:**

- 1. Pastor Track** — 3 sessions covering how to become a sending church, resources for missions, and updates from the mission field focused on IMB Asia.
- 2. Missions Team Leader Track** — 3 Sessions covering recruiting for, leading, and funding mission trips, planning and logistics, and safety and security.
- 3. Missions Team Member Track** — 3 Sessions covering personal and spiritual preparation for missions, what you need to know to go on an overseas mission trip, and cross-cultural evangelism.

Missions College One Day is co-sponsored by the International Mission Board and the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention and is supported by your church's gifts through the Cooperative Program. Thank you!



UPDATE from IMB's Scott & Julie BRADFORD

Scott and Julie are International Mission Board (IMB) Missionaries and part of IMB's East Asia Affinity Group. They are liaisons between IMB East Asia and the HPBC as part of our missions partnership agreement. The Bradfords were stationed in Honolulu for 5 months, January—May 2019, and made wonderful connections with many of our pastors and churches. They will return to Hawaii in November to connect with churches, do training during Missions College One Day (Nov. 6), and represent IMB at the HPBC Annual Meeting.

If your church would like to have a missionary share in your worship service, are in need of partnership information, or missions training, Scott and Julie, in partnership with our HPBC staff team, can help! You may contact them directly by e-mailing them at jmbradford102288@icloud.com.



(HPBC events are bolded)

JAN

*Call to Prayer
Month*

- 1 New Year's Day
- 6-13 January Bible Study
- 20 Sanctity of Human Life
Sunday
- 21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

FEB

*True Love Waits
Emphasis*

- 1-3 The Gathering
- 2 **HPBC Executive Board**
- 2 **WMU Annual Mtg, Oahu**
- 4 **WMU Annual Mtg, Hilo**
- 10 Racial Reconciliation
Sunday
- 11-17 Focus on WMU
- 16 Children's Ministry Day
- 18 President's Day

MAR

- 3-9 Youth Week
- 3-10 Week of Prayer for North
American Missions and
Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering
- 17 Church Planting Emphasis
Sunday
- 17 Substance Abuse Sunday
- 26 Prince Kuhio Day (observed)
- 30 **VBS Training**

APR

- 7 Cooperative Program
Sunday
- 14 Baptist Doctrine Study
- 19 Good Friday
- 21 Easter
- 22 SBC Seminaries Sunday

MAY

- 2 National Day of Prayer
- 4 **HPBC Executive Board**
- 5 Senior Adult Sunday
- 12-18 Christian Home Week
- 13-15 **HPBC Pastors Retreat, Pu'u Kahea**
- 20-27 Baptist Association
Emphasis
- 27 Memorial Day

JUNE

- 4-8 **Keiki Adventure Camp**
- 11-12 Southern Baptist
Convention, Birmingham, AL
- 11 King Kamehameha Day
- 16 Baptist Men's Emphasis
- 23 Mission: Dignity Sunday
- 30 Citizenship & Religious
Liberty Sunday

JULY

- 4 Independence Day
- 14 Send Relief Sunday

AUG

- 3 **HPBC Executive Board**
- 4 Social Issues Sunday
- 12 Student Evangelism Day
- 16 Statehood Day
- 18-24 Worship Music Week

SEP

- 1 Single Adult Sunday
- 1-8 **Week of Prayer Hawaii Pacific Missions, Sue Nishikawa Offering**
- 2 Labor Day
- 15 Anti-Gambling Sunday
- 17-19 **HPBC Leadership Training with Dr. Jeff Iorg and Dr. Adam Groza**
- TBA **HBECA Conference**

OCT

*Cooperative Program
Emphasis*

- 6 Personal Evangelism
Commitment Day
- 13 Global Hunger Sunday
- 20-26 Week of Prayer for Baptist
Associations

NOV

- 3 Orphans and Widows Sunday
- 6 **Missions College One Day**
- 7 **New Workers Orientation**
- 7-8 **HPBC Annual Meeting**
- 10 Disaster Relief Appreciation
Day
- 11 Veterans' Day
- 28-29 Thanksgiving

DEC

- 1-8 Week of Prayer & Mission
Study for International
Missions & the Lottie Moon
Christmas offering
- 24-25 Christmas

