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Building the Kingdom

Small Steps At a Time

As we turn the final corner in 2019 and move ahead into the coming year of 2020, our need for unity has never been greater. Our society is becoming more resilient to the message of the Gospel, our nation wrestles in political turmoil, and our world is expanding in its population at an incredible rate. But, our Sovereign Father is at work in us, through us, and all around us according to His design — we must be the Body of Christ that He has called us to be if we are to see His Kingdom's plan unfold in our days.

The theme of our 2019 HPBC Annual Meeting,

The Power of the Call: *We're Better Together*

reminded us that our time is now! In the age of individualism and self-accolades, the two values of a **humble unity and a committed involvement** is required of us to complete our task. Our Father is using our harmony to inspire, encourage, and motivate us to seek His glory in our every day as we fulfill His will.

Across our network of churches, God is flowing through our faithfulness to pursue Him and proclaim the Gospel

of Jesus Christ above everything else. Churches are partnering in creative ways to impact communities, associations are drawing together in fresh missional efforts, and our convention is joining forces with other Southern Baptist state conventions, seminaries, and missions boards better than ever before — that God may use us to share the power of Christ across every ethnicity, affinity group, or regional setting within our reach. These efforts of evangelism and missions are for the sole purpose of leading the lost to salvation in Christ alone.


Jesus' prayer in John 17 specifically defines that our unity is for the world to know Christ. As we continue to expand our efforts to team with other Christ-centered ministries and missions, the prayer of Christ on our behalf is a reality. We desire to see His prayer fulfilled in us:

May they all be one, as you,
Father, are in me and I am in
you. May they also be in us, so
that the world may believe you
sent me. I have given them the
glory you have given me, so
that they may be one as we are
one. I am in them and you are in
me, so that they may be made



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completely one, that the world may
know you have sent me and have loved
them as you have loved me. — John
17:21-23 (CSB)

Continue to pray and strive 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 808-946-9581 or email me at chris@hpbaptist.net.

Mahalo.

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HAWAII PACIFIC BAPTISTS CHALLENGED TO *Embrace Vision*

“ NOW IS OUR TIME — AND WE DO THIS BETTER TOGETHER ”

Messengers to the 2019 Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention (HPBC) annual meeting welcomed into their fellowship five congregations from Oahu, Hawaii Island, Guam, and Japan.

The Hawaii Baptist Convention includes over 150 churches from 11.9 million square miles to combine efforts for the cause of Christ. Centered on unity and the power of the Gospel call, messengers were encouraged to work together.

Gathering around the theme "The Power of the Call: We're Better Together," 168 messengers representing 50 churches and 93 guests met Nov. 7-8 at Olivet Baptist Church in Honolulu. Over 150 cooperating congregations in addition

to the churches in Hawaii include churches in Guam, Saipan, American, and Western Samoa, South Korea, Japan, Thailand, and the Philippines.

Messengers re-elected Steve Irvin, senior pastor of Pali View Baptist Church, Kaneohe, Hawaii, as president; Sterling Lee, senior pastor of First Baptist Church Pearl City, Pearl City, Hawaii, as first vice president; and Alan Krober, senior pastor of Mililani Baptist Church, Mililani, Hawaii as second vice president. They also elected Grace Poei, a member of University Avenue Baptist Church in Honolulu as recording secretary.

Messengers also approved an HPBC 2020 budget of \$1,853,500 which marks a 22 percent decrease from the current year. The change is attributable

Officers for the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention are (from left): Chris Martin, executive director/treasurer; Steve Irvin, president; Sterling Lee, first vice president; Alan Krober, second vice president; and Grace Poei, recording secretary.



The 2019 HPBC Annual Meeting was held at Olivet Baptist in Honolulu. Pictured is the California Baptist University Praise Team leading worship.

The Power of The Call: *We're Better Together*

largely to an anticipated decrease in the North American Mission Board (NAMB) support and restructuring of the budget to reflect HPBC directed ministries.

Anticipated receipts include \$1,250,000 in Cooperative Program (CP) receipts from churches, \$245,000 from NAMB, \$65,000 from LifeWay Christian Resources and \$100,000 from gifts to the Sue Nishikawa Offering for Hawaii Pacific Missions. The convention will continue to forward 20 percent of CP receipts to Southern Baptist Convention missions and ministries and retain 80 percent for funding Hawaii Pacific missions and ministries. The budget does not include any shared ministry expenses. Hawaii Pacific churches' giving through CP increased from 2017-2018 and is currently on pace in 2019 to exceed gifts in 2018.

For the 2018 calendar year, Hawaii Pacific churches exceeded giving goals for CP, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for international Missions, world hunger relief, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions and the Sue Nishikawa Offering for Hawaii Pacific Missions.

Chris Martin, HPBC Executive Director/ Treasurer, spoke on the vision for the future of HPBC in a message based on 2 Corinthians 5:16-21. "We must rise in the power of the call to follow Christ — to be led by the Holy Spirit and instructed by the perfect Word of God for the glory of the Father. Now is our time — and we do this better together," Martin

reminded messengers. "The HPBC covers an area of 11.9 million square miles, so working together among churches, with various gifts and skills, is crucial to reach the lost for Christ."

Martin encouraged messengers to be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit and to be aware of where God is working in the larger area surrounding Hawaii seeking to obediently follow God's leadership. In sharing the new vision for Hawaii

Pacific Baptists, Martin said, "We see every Hawaii Pacific Baptist Church working together to be leaders in impacting God's Kingdom throughout the Pacific and Asia."

Martin challenged Hawaii Pacific Baptists to continue to work together with the support of the SBC network of state conventions, seminaries, and entities.

Steve Irvin, HPBC president and senior pastor of Pali View Baptist in Oahu, preached a message on the second part of the annual meeting theme, "We're Better Together" from Acts 16. As part of his message, he challenged messengers by reminding them that "while we often talk about my call, my church, my plan, my vision, it's not about us. If we are answering God's call, it's all about Him."

Paul Chitwood, IMB president, spoke on Revelation 22:20-21, focusing on "The Urgency of the Mission."

"The day of the Lord's coming is going to be a great celebration. A day we've looked forward to and longed for. But what if the church looks at that day and says, 'God, you don't mean today, do you?' What does that say about where the love of the church rests? Have we fallen in love with created things rather than the Creator?" Chitwood said.

Chitwood challenged messengers to embrace and worship the soon-coming Christ and work together to share the good news of Jesus with all the world.

Worship leadership and special music were provided by the California Baptist University worship team.

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Churches
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Guests

The 2020 HPBC Annual Meeting will be held on Nov. 5-6 in Kona on Hawaii Island at the Kona Courtyard Marriott.

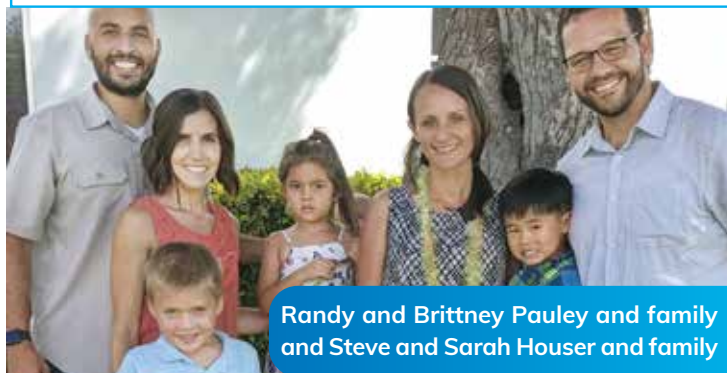
Around *the* Hawaiian Islands

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Korea's Steve & Sarah Houser Speak at Kahului Baptist

On Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019, Steve and Sarah Houser of Songtan Central Baptist Church in South Korea traveled to Maui after attending the HPBC Annual Meeting in Oahu. They joined Kahului Baptist for their 1-day conference to help equip parents to disciple their keiki. According to Pastor Randy Pauley, "The Housers were amazing!"



Randy and Brittney Pauley and family and Steve and Sarah Houser and family

Beaucond 2019 Distinguished Alumni at Wayland Baptist Univ.

Rev. Charles Beaucond was named the Distinguished Alumni Award winner for the Wayland Baptist University Oahu Campus for 2019. Beaucond is the pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church Pearl Harbor. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army, having retired in 1997 with 20 years of service. He is a native of Colorado but has lived in Honolulu for 18 years. Learn more about Wayland at wbu.edu/campuses/hawaii.



Rev. Charles Beaucond, left, receives his Distinguished Alumni Award from Hawaii campus executive director Dr. Dan Jacobson at the recent commencement ceremony.

Mike and Rebecca Procter Serve Haleiwa in Transition

Pastor Mike Procter, former Alaska Baptist Convention Executive Director, is serving as Transitional Pastor at FBC Haleiwa on the North Shore of Oahu.



Kauai House Church Network

Kauai House Church Network Constituted as a Church on Sunday, October 13, 2019. Their constitution service was held at Elele Baptist.

Kauai House Church Network
Pastor Stephen Ventura



Josh Wyant to Serve Lahaina as Associate Pastor/Elder

On Sunday, December 8, 2019, Josh Wyant was affirmed as a new Associate Pastor and Elder to Lahaina Baptist, Maui. Jay Wright is Lead Pastor.



Lanai Baptist Church Celebrates 70 Years of Ministry on the Island of Lanai

Senior Pastor, Tim Belcher, shared that God used Olivet Baptist (Oahu) and Kaunakakai Baptist (Molokai) to help establish our fellowship. It started in a small house on Frazier Ave. where people came from Oahu, Molokai, and the mainland to help start a bible study. At the anniversary celebration in November, the church family honored Genji Miyamoto, who joined the church in 1951. The church presented him with a framed print of their anniversary logo which church members had signed.





Waiehu Community Church Joins Maui County Baptists

At the Maui County Baptist Association's Annual Meeting in October, messengers voted for Waiehu Community Church to be part of their association! Congratulations to Pastors Rocky Komatsu and Jay Haynes and families. Waiehu Community Church is a church plant supported by the North American Mission Board and your gifts through the Cooperative Program.

New Officers of the Hawaii Pacific Korean Baptist Association

The new officers of the Hawaii Pacific Korean Baptist Association came by to meet with Executive Director/Treasurer, Chris Martin, and to treat the HPBC staff team with lunch!



From left to right: Pastor Do Young (Oliver) Lee of Antioch Baptist Church of Hawaii, Pastor Hyunsoo (Calvin) Kim of Agape Mission Baptist Church, Pastor Hawnsoo Jang (New Central Community Church) and Chris Martin, HPBC Executive Director/Treasurer.



Deanna Aoki, Long-time Hawaii Pacific Baptist Servant Passes

Deanna Aoki passed away on October 31, 2019. Her memorial service will be held at Olivet Baptist on Saturday, January 11, 2020, at 10 a.m. Deanna served as WMU State President and WMU Executive Director for HPBC. Missions were at the very core of her being over decades of working with Girls in Action (GAs) and Acteens in her local church, with women on mission trips, training, educating, and starting the Christian Women's Job Corp on Oahu.

Hamama Community Church Holds Work Day; 5 Churches Involved

Ikaika Higa, Pastor at Hamama, said over 40 people showed to serve from their sponsoring church, University Avenue, as well as Pawa'a Community Church, Aina Haina Baptist, their own church, and another church in the community.

Part of the vision of Hamama is to be a cultural learning area, as well as to use the land to grow food that can feed the church family and their community. Volunteers made mounds, stretched tarp, and then mulched to prepare the Mala (Hawaiian for cultivated field) for planting. They planted 3 rows of Kalo (Taro). Another group cut down Hau trees with chainsaws to prepare the hillside for tarp so that later they can plant more trees. A third group cut back invasive grass/weeds on the large slope. Many people participated in planting 11 new citrus/fruit trees on the slope.

University Avenue Senior Pastor Chris Irvin, and 2 of his daughters



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Cross Church Yokosuka Launches Services

On Sunday, December 15, 2019, Cross Church, a church plant of Yokohama International Baptist, started worship services in Yokosuka, Japan. Ben Howard is the senior pastor at Yokohama Baptist and Chris Thomas and Hiroya Abe are the pastors at Cross Church. Learn more at ccyokosuka.org or facebook.com/ccyokosuka.

Worship location
for Cross Church



Pastor Chris Thomas
and his wife Sai



Pastors Chris Thomas
and Hiroya Abe



Seoul International Baptist

Congratulations to Seoul International Baptist Church (SIBC) as they call James Lynch as their new pastor as Pastor Dan Armistead retires. SIBC voted unanimously to merge with Way Church who has been meeting on the SIBC campus. Chris Martin, our Executive Director/Treasurer was at the retirement celebration this Sunday to represent all Hawaii Pacific Baptists.

James Lynch, new Pastor
at SIBC, and his family



SIBC Retiring Pastor

SIBC Retiring Pastor Dan Armistead and HPBC Executive Director/Treasurer, Chris Martin



Around Asia

ABN Pastors and Families Meet Fellowship in Honolulu

Some of the members of the Asia Baptist Network (ABN) met for a fellowship breakfast before the HPBC Annual Meeting in Honolulu. This included leaders from Koza, Okinawa; Himeji Baptist, Himeji, Japan; Calvary Baptist, Bangkok, Thailand; International Baptist, Manila, Philippines; and Songtan Central, Pyeongtaek, South Korea.



International Baptist Church of Manila Celebrates 60 Years

On Sunday, November 24, 2019, the International Baptist Church of Manila celebrated 60 years of ministry. The theme of the celebration was "Steadfast" as they gave glory to God for his steadfast love and faithfulness to their church. David Crim is Senior Pastor.



HAWAII PACIFIC CHURCHES

On Mission.

On Mission in Yangon and Gangaw



Pastor Sterling Lee and a team from FBC Pearl City serve in Myanmar — a team from First Baptist Pearl City traveled to Yangon and Gangaw on a mission trip that included a visit to Lautu Baptist Church and an orphanage that FBC Pearl City sponsors.

(left) The Myanmar Team dressed to share with FBC Pearl City about their October mission trip to Yangon and Gangaw

Maui Team Serves in Zambia, Africa



Paula Higuchi, Director of Biblical Counseling Center of Maui, a member at Kahului Baptist along with fellow team members from Pukalani Baptist traveled to Ndola, Zambia on September 10-30, 2019 in order to partner with Seeds of Hope Children's Ministry. The team led a boys and girls camp and partnered with local churches to share the gospel and show the Jesus film. In addition, Paula had the opportunity to do one on one counseling with four of the young ladies from the orphanage.

(4th from left) Paula Higuchi, Director of Biblical Counseling Center of Maui

Harvest Fest Waipahu 2019



Waipahu Community Christian, Village Park Baptist, Mililani Fil-Am, Word of Truth, Hawaii Christian Baptist held a community event in November. 67 volunteers served, 186 guests attended, 16 gospel presentations were made, and 9 accepted Christ!

On Mission in Malawi, Africa



Jay Parks, New Life Kona, trains pastors in Malawi, Africa — in November, the pastor of New Life Church Kona, Jay Parks, traveled to Malawi, Africa to train new pastors. New Life Church Kona is a Church Plant that just officially became a Hawaii Pacific Baptist Church in November at the Annual Meeting.

IBC Manila Missions Work in India



The youth department of Lotha Baptist Church in Nagaland, India is taking part in Disciple Making Journey (DMJ) Training. DMJ serves as the primary discipleship strategy of International Baptist Church (IBC) Manila in training disciples to become disciple-makers.



Mining God's Word Workshop with the younger leaders from Kohima Ao Baptist Church in Nagaland India. Leaders were trained in a simple way of how to know, grow, delight, and apply God's Word in their lives and with the persons they are discipling.

IBC Manila Responds to Earthquake and Typhoon in the Philippines



The International Baptist Church (IBC) Manila, according to Missions Pastor, Roderick Jacinto, has responded to urgent need from an earthquake in Davao del Sur and a typhoon in Albay.

The earthquake occurred in Davao del Sur. IBC Manila teams and partners responded to the need in three locations. In Barangay Altavista, 80% of the homes were damaged. Teams served families in an evacuation center.



Typhoon Tisoy came through the coastal areas of Legaspi City Albay province on December 2. Pastor Roderick traveled with an IBC Manila team to the area to assist with project proposals for calamity victims affected by the typhoon. The government declared the province of Albay under a state of calamity.

Funds have been dispatched to IBC Manila from Hawaii Pacific Baptist Disaster Relief funds to assist in the relief.

To find ways to support this work, e-mail Mike Martin, HPBC Director of Finance, at mike@hpbaptist.net.



1. A church building in Barangay Emman destroyed by an earthquake
2. Destruction from Typhoon Tisoy in Albay province
3. Families who received assistance after Typhoon Tisoy

2019 Women's Retreat at Pu'u Kahea

122 WOMEN FROM 19 CHURCHES



Women at the retreat gather at Waianae Baptist for worship time.

Hawaii Pacific Baptist Wives in Ministry

3 RETREATS ON 2 ISLANDS IN 2019

Final Wives in Ministry Retreat of 2019 at Pu'u Kahea



Welcome DIANA VENTURA New Director of Women's Ministry

Diana is a Pastor's wife and homeschooling mother living out her ministry calling on Kauai. Born in Guatemala and raised in California, the Lord called Diana and her family to Hawaii in 2010.

Their family served at Waikiki Baptist for 5-and-a-half years. Diana worked in the Admissions office at Hawaii Baptist Academy before her family moved to Kauai as church planters.

Prior to a ministry calling on her life and family, Diana worked in the hi-tech industry in the San Francisco Bay Area in marketing and human resources. Diana has experienced God's calling on her life and desires to share her story as a way to encourage and challenge. Her desire is to walk alongside and disciple

women so that they too can experience the goodness of God.

HPBC Women's Ministry oversees:

- Women's Ministry including an annual **WOMEN'S RETREAT** uniting Hawaii Pacific Baptist women for a time of spiritual renewal and fellowship. The next one is October 16-17, 2020 at Pu'u Kahea.
- "Wives in Ministry" to encourage and support women whose families are in vocational ministry.
- **WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION** (WMU) with a focus on missions training and awareness.

If you would like to send a message of encouragement and welcome to Diana e-mail her at diana@hpbaptist.net.





ATTRACTS PASTORS, MISSION TRIP LEADERS, AND MISSION TRIP MEMBERS

On Wednesday, November 6, 2019, HPBC Missions College One Day featured missions training by International Mission Board (IMB) personnel for pastors, mission trip leaders, and mission team members. 60 persons from Oahu, Hawaii Island, Kauai, Okinawa, mainland Japan, Thailand, and the Philippines attended this year's event that was held at University Avenue Baptist Church where Chris Irving is Senior Pastor.



Steve shares about the work in East Asia.

Our speakers included Steve, Donn and Teresa, Scott and Julie, and Wally who serve in East Asia leadership.

Pastors learned what it would look like to be a "sending church." They learned how churches have partnered with IMB missionaries and HPBC to coordinate short terms missions and how churches can regularly promote the connection between the local church and what's happening on the field.

Mission Team Leaders attended 3 sessions where they were equipped to lead all aspects of a short-term mission trip. They received practical, clear, interactive, and informative training to help them know the next steps they need to take to make the idea of a mission trip a reality.

Mission Team Members were equipped with the knowledge they need for their next mission trip with personal and spiritual preparation for missions. They learned the qualities and qualifications of a great mission team member, the basics of



Scott and Julie speak to the larger group at lunch.

what they might encounter overseas, and what they need to know about the cultures of some of the countries they may serve in (with a focus on East Asia).

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



Some of the participants in the Pastors Track



On the morning of the HPBC Annual Meeting, 18 pastors, church staff, and spouses attended the annual HPBC New Worker's Orientation.

NEW PASTORS RECOGNIZED AT 2019 Annual Meeting

Senior Pastors who began their ministry in 2019 were recognized at the HPBC Annual Meeting.



Takeshi and Miki YOZAWA
Tokyo Baptist Church



Fola and Finau IOANE
Aina Haina Baptist Church,
Oahu



Chris and Sai THOMAS
Cross Church,
Yokosuka, Japan



Michael and Yuria KAWACHI, Mariposa
House Church, Tokyo



Sung Young and Mi Yi CHUNG
Korean Baptist of Pearl Harbor, Oahu



Jay and Melissa HAYNES
Waiehu Community Church,
Maui



Jeremy and Amy KANESHIRO
Palisades Baptist, Oahu



Bryan and Julie SUZUI
Faith Christian Church,
Oahu



Saufo'i and Sapaima TAVETE, Happy Valley
Baptist Church, Samoa



Hyunsoo (Calvin) and Bin KIM, Agape Mission Baptist,
Oahu



Toshikazu and Masako HARUTA, Himeji Baptist,
Himeji, Japan



Brian and Amanda FRABLE
Kona Baptist Church, Hawaii Island



Jim and Alecia WOODS
Waikoloa Baptist Church, Hawaii Island



Chris and Amber IRVING
University Avenue Baptist Church, Oahu



Rocky and Emily KOMATSU
Waiehu Community Church, Maui



Chris and Hisami EYRE
Koza Baptist Church, Okinawa

01 JANUARY**Call to Prayer Month**

- 1 New Year's Day
- 5-12 January Bible Study
- 19 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 25 **VBS Directors Training**

02 FEBRUARY

- 1-28 "True Love Waits" Emphasis
- 1 **HPBC Executive Board**
- 7-9 **The Gathering**
- 9 Racial Reconciliation Sunday
- 10-16 Focus on WMU
- 15 Children's Ministry Day
- 17 President's Day
- 29 **WMU Annual Meeting, Oahu**

03 MARCH

- 1-7 Youth Week
- 1-8 Week of Prayer for North American Missions & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 17 Church Planting Emphasis Sunday
- 21 **VBS Training**
- 26 Prince Kuhia Day
- 29 Substance Abuse Sunday

04 APRIL

- 10 Good Friday
- 12 Easter
- 12 Baptist Doctrine Study
- 19 SBC Seminaries Sunday
- 26 Cooperative Program Sunday

05 MAY

- 2 **HPBC Executive Board**
- 3 Senior Adult Sunday
- 7 National Day of Prayer
- 10-19 Christian Home Week
- 18-20 **Pastors' Retreat**
- 25 Memorial Day

06 JUNE

- 2-6 **Keiki Adventure Camp**
- 7 A Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church
- 9-10 SBC Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL
- 11 King Kamehameha Day
- 21 Baptist Men's Emphasis
- 28 Mission: Dignity Sunday
- 28 Citizenship & Religious Liberty Sunday

07 JULY

- 3 Independence Day (observed)
- 19 Send Relief Sunday

08 AUGUST

- 1 **HPBC Executive Board**
- 9 Student Evangelism Day
- 16-22 Worship Music Week
- 21 Statehood Day

09 SEPTEMBER

- 6 Single Adult Sunday
- 6-13 **Week of Prayer Hawaii Pacific Missions**
- Sue Nishikawa Offering**
- 7 Labor Day
- 13 Anti-Gambling Sunday
- 14-17 **HPBC Leadership Training Events**
- TBD **HBEEA Conference**

10 OCTOBER

- 1-31 Cooperative Program Emphasis
- 4 Personal Evangelism Commitment Day
- 11 Global Hunger Sunday
- 16-17 **Women's Retreat**
- 18-24 Week of Prayer for Baptist Associations

11 NOVEMBER

- 1 Orphans and Widows Sunday
- 4 **Missions College One Day**
- 5 **New Workers Orientation**
- 5-6 **HPBC Annual Meeting**
- 8 Disaster Relief Appreciation Day
- 11 Veterans' Day
- 14 **HPBC Executive Board**
- 26-27 Thanksgiving
- 29-12/6* Week of Prayer & Mission Study for International Missions & the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

12 DECEMBER

- 25 Christmas

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