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Lahaina Baptist Church



# Spotlight

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Aloha kakou,

I pray that you had a wonderful Christmas holiday. For the LBC ohana, as we celebrated Christmas, I am thankful that Christ was exalted and proclaimed throughout all of our activities and events – He is truly the only reason that we could ever have to celebrate!

Mahalo to all of you who volunteered for the many ministry opportunities during the month of December. Whether it was through the choir events, the Resource Center Christmas, the class parties, or any of the other occasions, your willingness to serve and minister in Jesus' name was a true blessing to many others. Keep looking for the chances that God will continue to place in front of you in the days ahead.

Remember to pray for our Korean students that will be with us through the month of January. They are our guests from Sin Taebaek Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Ma. Through a partnership with Seoul International Baptist Church, we have been represented in an annual English camp by Rochelle Knight and Gail Takeuchi. Please show the students our aloha hospitality and make them feel welcome.

Over the month of January, in our Sunday message series, we will be studying the Great Commission found in Matthew 28. This will be joined together with our vision and mission focus for 2011 – let's use this time to prepare our hearts and lives for what God is planning to do through us in the year ahead. I am very excited about this coming year and how we will continue to move forward in the great plans that God has for us!

Mahalo from the depths of my heart for the opportunity to serve you as the pastor of Lahaina Baptist Church and may we all continue to grow in Him in the days ahead.

Until next month,  
In Christ,  
Pastor Chris

“Not Enough” vs. “Sufficient”

I read in the paper that the year 2010 has been a tough year. “Tough” does NOT have to equal “not enough.” It can also mean “sufficient.” It is all a matter of perspective.

LBC has experienced two “tough” years but our Lord has seen to it that we were “sufficient” in our resources. We saw members move to the mainland for economic reasons, but that gave others opportunities to step up and grow. Despite a declining checkbook balance, God has given us sufficient funds to do His work! Our leadership team has planned an even leaner budget for 2011. The team could have had a “not enough” perspective, but, instead, they chose to have a “sufficient” perspective.

In 2 Cor. 9:6-11, Paul instructs the church to view its resources like a farmer views sowing seed. Farmers know if they want a big harvest in the fall, they must sow seeds liberally in the spring. You can’t harvest what you haven’t planted! Many people find it hard to invest resources because their resources don’t seem to be enough, and they are afraid of running out! Paul urges us to see our resources as “sufficient” seed to be sown, as the fall harvest will always come. A “sufficient” point of view is demonstrated by moving forward with God’s vision: creating, not just maintaining, investing not just spending; being proactive and accepting risks, as well as seizing opportunities so that our “gifts” can be used for God’s agenda. A “sufficient” perspective seeks to multiply God’s resources, including people, money and facilities, in ways we may not have done in the past. A “sufficient” perspective means letting go and letting God!

Paul writes “Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness,” 2 Cor. 9:10.

Could Paul’s strong encouragement work in our personal lives as well as in the life of LBC? Check out 2Cor. 9:6-11 and see for yourself.

Don Sprinkle,  
LBC Treasurer

January Birthdays:

- 1. Paulo Van Bramer
- 10. Lei Hough
- 15. Brandon Waiohu
- 17. Tyra Kinnan
- 24. Page Van Bramer
- 25. Daniel Sprinkle
- 29. Ralph Bautista
- 31. Larry Crouthamel

January Anniversaries:

- 6. CJ & Fanny Ancheta

Please call the church office if we have missed your special day, so we can update our records.



January 26th  
will be Potluck this month.



The Lahaina Baptist Church Choir under the direction of Page VanBramer sharing Jesus in song.



Great fun at the Adult I and II Sunday School Christmas Party.



### The Roads Less Traveled

It is so easy to get caught up in the busyness of the holiday season. We end up exhausted and yearn for a quiet time of rest and hopefully, reflection.

January is a good time to reflect on who we are in Christ. It's also a good time to reflect on our actions and consider the roads of life we have been traveling on. Hopefully, our lives are a reflection of what Christ has done for and given us. In the event that our lives are not reflecting Christ the way He wants, there is always opportunity for us to grow in our walk with the Lord. We can be encouraged and helped when we study with others.

The January Bible study lessons address five lifestyle areas: community, humility, service, sacrifice, and meditation. Join us on Sundays at 9 as we study and learn how we can be a reflection of God's love in these areas and be the church God wants us to be.

Scripture for January:

**John 13:15 (New International Version, ©2010)**

I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

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LBC Schedule:  
8:00 am Morning Worship  
9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
10:15 a.m. Mid-Morning Worship

Wednesday Night Live!  
5:30 p.m. Dinner  
6:00 p.m. Praise & Worship  
6:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship  
6:30 p.m. Bible Study

