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Lahaina Baptist Church



# Spotlight

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Aloha,

As I write this, we are preparing for our annual Labor Day Picnic at Lana'i, but this year, for 2009, we will relocate to Lahaina. The costs are becoming more difficult each year, but it is a joy to see so many squeeze their dollars to gather together and fellowship with the other churches in the Maui County Baptist Association. We understand the financial difficulties and even if you were unable to travel to Lana'i, we encourage you to find the time to spend with your church ohana any time that you can! May God bless our times of fellowship!

The month of August brought many blessings. The continued growth of our church is now coming from within! Congratulations to Brandon and Jody on the birth of a beautiful daughter, Jaylee! We pray for God to guide you as you raise this precious gift from God for His glory. We also look forward to a few other babies that are on the way—more on those little joys as they arrive!

Lahaina Baptist Church is continuing to see many new faces in the local crowd that is coming to the church to see what God has for them. Keep your eyes and ears open for new people each week and continue to share a friendly word or helpful hand toward them. God is using us to show His love and concern that He may speak to them and share His great plan for their lives. Allow yourselves to be that willing one for Him by extending your hand and sharing your time on Sunday mornings with our visitors.

Have a stupendous September for Jesus! Continue to pray for God to guide us in His mighty plans for LBC!

Until next month,

Aloha in Christ,

Pastor Chris

When you have accomplished something that has made you proud, did you praise God for the success, or did you give all of the glory to yourself, and forget to praise Him? At times like this, you need to praise God and not get caught up in ourselves. Without our Majestic God, nothing would be possible; not even your success in the things you do.

All too often we pass through life and accomplish great things, but don't praise God for it. We read in Psalm 8, This means we should praise God's majestic name, and all glory and honor is to be given to Him. Even if we pass or fail at something in life, we should praise God out of love for Him. We should praise God for everything, not just our successful accomplishments.

So, the next time you are successful, praise God. Even when you aren't successful, praise Him. Don't look past all of your blessings, because they come from our Majestic Lord. When you praise God, you will grow closer and closer to Him. This is what the Lord and you both want.

Praise Him, for He is the reason for your success!

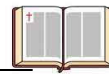
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## September 6—13, 2009

### Week of Prayer for the Sue Nishikawa Offering for Hawaii Pacific Missions

"**Boldly Proclaim His Praise**" is the theme for the 2009 Hawaii Pacific Mission Emphasis. As God has gifted us with abundant life and resources, we must boldly proclaim His praise in all that we do in the Islands. Starting with prayers to our almighty Heavenly Father, let us see how we can join His plans for our lives, our churches, association and convention.

**Istuko "Sue" Nishikawa** pioneered Southern Baptist faith and values in the territory and State of Hawaii in the latter half of the 20th century. Sue grew up in the small agricultural town of Wahiawa with her 8 siblings. After graduating from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Sue Nishikawa went on to organize the Women's Missionary Union in Hawaii. Her other accomplishments include editing the state paper. She officially retired in 1980, although her involvement in Hawaii Baptist Activities continued. In that time, she became an icon of missions and ministry in Hawaii. In 1981, the state's annual missions offering were named after her. Each year, the "Sue Nishikawa Offering" raises funds to support Pacific ministry. Every September, Southern Baptist Churches across Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa and Okinawa voluntarily collect donations. The funds support activities across the Asia-Pacific region. Sue Nishikawa died in October 2004.



#### September Birthdays:

1. Irene Hopkins  
Jenna Kekumu  
Josta Santos
3. Eva Crouthamel
6. Rochelle Knight
10. Tom Barca
11. Freddie Gaastra
13. Anna Sprinkle  
Joshua Gaastra
16. Cornelio Ancheta
17. Patrina VanBramer
23. Nancy Clark
28. Randal Milanio  
Asi Fatongia
29. John Hopkins

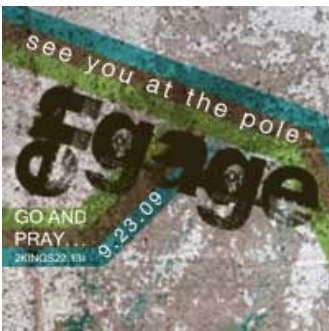
#### September Anniversaries:

13. Larry & Eva Crouthamel
21. Bob & Josta Santos

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*Bible Study*  
for all who thirst for more

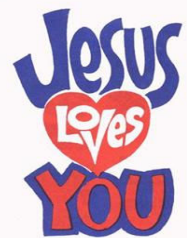


*See You at the Pole™* is a student-initiated, student organized, and student-led event. That means this is all about students meeting at their school flagpole to pray—for their school, friends teachers, government, and their nation. *See You at the Pole™* is not a demonstration, political rally, nor a stand for or against anything.

*See You at the Pole™* is scheduled annually on the **fourth** Wednesday in September, which is September 23 in 2009. The suggested starting time is 7 a.m. If that doesn't work for your school, choose a time that will work for your school, but let everyone at your school know!

Join us on Wednesday nights for Dinner, Praise & Worship and Solid Teaching from God's Word!!

Childcare is available.



Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

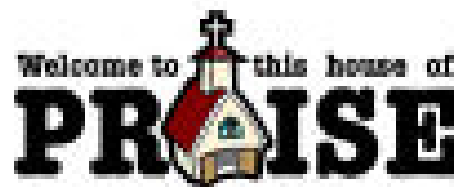


What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?  
What if we flipped through it several times a day?  
What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?  
What if we used it to receive messages from the text?  
What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?  
What if we gave it to the kids as gifts?  
What if we used it when we traveled?  
What if we used it in case of emergency?

This is something to make you go....hmm...where is my Bible?  
Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill, and no dropped calls!

Makes you stop and think, where are my priorities?

If you love to praise the Lord with your voice, instrument, hula, or signing, or if God has placed it on your heart to be part of the video / internet ministry, please see Bob Santos



*"Every shoe box offers an opportunity to share the Good News of the Savior with a hurting child."*  
Franklin Graham, President, Samaritan's Purse

### Get The Word Out!!!

November will be here before you know it. Lahaina Baptist Church is the official collection site for Operation Christmas Child for all of Maui County (this includes Lana'i & Moloka'i). The collection dates are November 16-22.

Operation Christmas child, the unique missions project of Samaritan's Purse, has touched the lives of more than 60 million hurting children since 1993 by distributing gift-filled shoe boxes and sharing the good News of Jesus Christ in crisis areas of the world. Yet there are millions more hurting children still waiting to hear that God loves them—and it all starts with you!

*"I can't be a missionary on the foreign field, but I can be a missionary by helping to send gift boxes that bring the gospel to hurting children around the world."*

### Know Jesus

There is a big difference between knowing about someone and knowing someone personally. When we hear or read information about someone, we learn about the person. It's only when we spend time together with a person, will we begin to get to know him or her. The more time we spend with a person, the more we truly get to know that person. It's the same with knowing Jesus.

We can know Jesus in a deep personal way. We can learn who He is by spending time in His word, reading and meditating on it, and talking to Him in prayer. As we study His life, relationships, choices, and methods, we understand who He is, why He came, and how He wants us to live. Join us every Sunday at 9 a.m. as we get to know Jesus better.

Scripture for September:

#### Mark 8:34 (New International Version)

*Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."*

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*Where we passionately proclaim the truth of  
Christ with aloha*

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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

THE BACK PEW - *JEFF LARSON*



We often choose to **Wallow** in  
**our pitful MUCK** of a  
**life** rather than rest in the victories  
we could have in Christ. **Mt. 6:25**