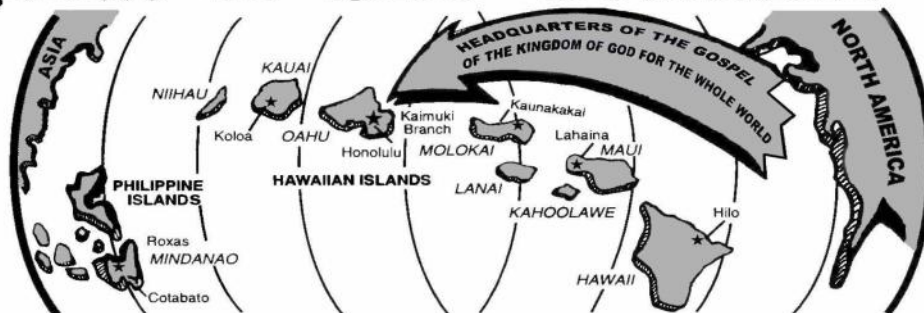


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Maui Branch Church Celebration

Seventy-two Years of Good News

By Sis. Misty Griffiths

The Saints of God on Maui and Oahu rejoiced on this beautiful Sunday morning, November 9, 2025, as they celebrated 72 years of preaching the Gospel of Good News at the Maui Branch Church located at 1211 Front St., Lahaina, Maui. Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr. opened the service with “The Lord’s Prayer.” The congregation lifted their voices in the opening hymn, “Preach the Four-Square Gospel.”

The tiny but mighty Maui Choir opened with “Boundless Love.” This was followed by Bro. Lee Taylor’s heartfelt and upbeat trumpet solo, “Mansions Over the Hilltop.”

There was not a dry eye in the House of the Lord as Sisters Dee Higashi and Misty Griffiths sang a beautiful vocal duet in harmony of “Wonderful, Merciful Savior.” The congregation joined in singing “Are You Washed in the Blood,” and the choir concluded the song service with the triumphant “Because He Lives.”

Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr. shared the rich history of the Maui Branch Church, recalling his earliest memories at age three when his father, the Late Chief Pastor



L-R back: Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr. and Bro. Lee Taylor. L-R front: Sis. Dee Higashi, Sis. Misty Griffiths, and Sis. Mamo Pagay.

William M. Han, Sr. ministered there. He honored former Maui Pastors—the Late Pastor Albert Fujishiro, the Late Pastor Joseph Taylor, and Retired Pastor Kenneth Alverio. The Maui Saints continue steadfast in prayer that the Lord Jesus will raise up a new Pastor for the Maui Branch Church soon!

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the

Lord.” Colossians 3:16.

The most important portion of the service was the preaching of the *Word of God*. Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr. delivered a powerful message commemorating 72 years of the Good News—a reminder that the Word of Christ dwells richly within us all. *“Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” Acts 2:38*

Following the message, the congregation reverently partook of The Lord’s Supper, which was followed by Divine Healing. The Holy Spirit truly filled the House of God on this beautiful Sunday morning! The service closed with the uplifting hymn, “When We All Get to Heaven.”



The versatile and talented Bro. Lee Taylor graced everyone with an inspiring and moving rendition of, “Mansions Over the Hilltop,” on his trumpet. Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr., accompanied him on the piano.



Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr. accompanied Sis. Dee Higashi and Sis. Misty Griffiths to a beautiful and inspiring rendition of, “Wonderful, Merciful Savior.”



Gospel Message

The Perfect Gift

By Associate Pastor Melvin Honda



Gifts represent a symbol of our love, commitment and care for others. The *Bible* points out in *John 3:16*, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." This is the greatest gift that God gave to all mankind, His son, Jesus Christ. Only through Jesus Christ can we all receive the gift of eternal life. Giving is an attribute of Jesus Christ. Only through Him can we receive the gift of life, the gift of love, the gift of joy, peace and happiness, and most important of all, the gift of salvation.

All these gifts are priceless because we cannot earn or buy them. It is freely given to all those who believe, trust, and obey Him. Obedience to God actually frees us to enjoy life as God intended us to live. The right thing to do is the smart thing to do. Jesus Christ commands us to be spiritually born again through the act of the baptism in Jesus Christ (*John 3:5*; *Acts 2:38*; and *Acts 4:12*). This spiritual rebirth is also experienced by the receiving of the Holy Spirit, which is evidenced by speaking in the unknown tongue (*Acts 2:1-4*). Without this spiritual rebirth one cannot be saved. There will be no pathway to heaven and eternal life.

The true meaning and glory of Christmas is how perfectly Jesus Christ entered this world in a manger in Bethlehem (*Luke 2:11-12*). The name Bethlehem means "The House of Bread." Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life (*John 6:35*). We can satisfy our spiritual and physical hunger by having a close relationship with Jesus Christ. The birth of Jesus Christ was perfect. His timing was perfect (*Galatians 4:4*). His name was perfect (*Matthew 1:21*). His hope and promises to His people are perfect.

When we belong to Jesus Christ He gives generously and abundantly throughout our lifetime. His gifts go beyond our needs (*II Corinthians 9:8*). He gives faithfully. He opens the "Windows of Heaven" and blesses us with fullness. He gives us individually according to our abilities and character (*I Corinthians 12:11*). Since God gives to us generously, what kind of gifts can we give to God? Jesus wants our heart. In other words, He wants our undivided devotion toward Him (*Deuteronomy 6:5*). He wants to have a humble spirit, a heart of repentance; to have obedience, to have commitment and to worship HIM in truth and honesty. We must give Jesus Christ our

best. These are some of the gifts we can give back to Jesus Christ for all that He has done for us.

Without the birth of Jesus Christ there would be no Christmas. There would be no salvation, no hope for the future and no eternal life. Through the grace of God, He offers us the gift of salvation and eternal life for free (*Ephesians 2:8-10*). In this world, this Christmas season will come and go, never to be thought of or celebrated till the next year. For a child of God the Christmas season never ends. Jesus Christ is with us always and blesses us throughout the year. God promises to provide for us when we give back to Him. Always remember, salvation is our most precious and greatest gift of all. It is totally free because Jesus Christ paid the price for it in full. *Ephesians 2:8* reminds us, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:"

Souls Saved



Albrech R. Bracero
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Audrey Samantha P. Bracero
11-19-2025
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Monthly Update of Souls Saved

There were two souls who accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, and was baptized in Jesus' Name according to *Acts 2:38*, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."



Editorial

“Christmas Presence”

By Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr.



Christmas is here. People all over the world celebrate Christmas by busily decorating their Christmas tree, shopping, eating, drinking and making merry. Parents find themselves telling their children about Santa Claus. We all know, and the children find out sooner or later, that Santa Claus is a lie.

As for Christmas trees, the Lord said to learn not the way of the heathen (*Jeremiah 10:1-5*). The Apostle Paul tells us, they who indulge in heresies, drunkenness, revelries and such like, shall not inherit the Kingdom of God (*Galatians 5:19-21*).

Since Christmas is the season of giving and receiving, it can become extremely commercialized. It is the most profitable time of the year for various businesses and department stores. Many of us will spend countless hours making shopping lists and buying gifts for loved ones and friends. Millions untold will spend Christmas Eve running to the stores in panic to buy last-minute gifts.

I'm not knocking the buying, making or the giving of gifts but sometimes all those gifts for our children, friends and loved ones can bear such a financial burden, more so in these tough economic times. The Wise Men presented costly gifts fit for the baby Jesus, the King of glory: gold, frankincense and myrrh (*Matthew 2:11*). The gifts we purchase or craft today need not be costly, but we, too, could offer a costly gift: a gift that doesn't need wrapping, doesn't need to be assembled, is one size fits all, will not need exchanging, and, though the value of this gift is priceless, will not cost you a dime. The gift I'm referring to is God's gift to all mankind, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, for the purpose of the salvation of one's soul. *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life”* (*John 3:16*).

From the very beginning of time God's presence filled the earth. Before anything was, there was God. He made the heavens and the earth, the waters, animal life, plant life, the sun, moon and stars and then He made man. Adam and Eve enjoyed the presence of the Lord. They walked, talked and dined in the garden until they ate the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. God told them that the day they eat the fruit of that particular tree they would die (*Genesis 2:17*). Eating of the fruit resulted in sin which fell upon all of mankind; and, Adam and Eve *“...hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden”* (*Genesis 3:8*). As a re-

sult of the downfall of Adam and Eve, God gave a promise of a Redeemer or Saviour to come. In the most simplistic terms, God's promise stated that a woman would have a Son and the Son would destroy Satan (*Genesis 3:14-15*).

The birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ was a miracle indeed. Miracles are of God and are for people who believe in them. A Saviour is for the people who know that they need a Saviour. The good news of the Gospel, the gospel that Jesus saves, Jesus heals, Jesus baptizes with the Holy Ghost and with Fire and that Jesus is coming soon, is good news only to those who believe it.

Christmas has true meaning only to those who see Christ in it. Christmas is finding that under all the colorful lights, presents, cards, and melodious carols, the most valuable gift was offered to the world: a gift from God, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Christ gave us the true meaning of Christmas. He gave us His love, the hope of salvation and eternal life that we may be in His presence now and forever more.

The Shepherds came into the presence of God with adoration, for they had seen the baby Jesus, which is Christ the Lord, the mighty promised Saviour. The Shepherds returned to their fields glorifying and praising God for all they had seen and heard (*Luke 2:1-20*).

This Christmas season and everyday of our lives, let us *“...come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms”* (*Psalms 95:2*), thereby assuring a joyful Christmas presence.



Upcoming Events

Our Christmas Eve Service will be held on Wednesday, December 24th 2025, at our Mother Church in Kalihi, beginning at 7:00 p.m.



Our New Year's Eve Service will be held on Wednesday, December 31st, 2025, at our Mother Church in Kalihi, beginning at 7:00 p.m.



*The Kingdom of God Crusade Telecast
46th Anniversary will be on Sunday, January 4, 2026.*



Mother Church

Thanksgiving Service

By Trustee/Associate Pastor Edwin H. Sproat, Sr.

The Saints of God joyfully gathered on Wednesday, November 26, 2025, at 1361 Palolo Avenue, to celebrate the blessed Mother Church Thanksgiving Service at the Apostolic Faith, Kaimuki Branch, Church. The Lord Jesus Christ was present to receive the singing, clapping, praying, and Spiritual praises given to Him from the Band, Orchestra, Choir, Vocalist, Instrumentalist, and faithful Saints in the congregation who were blessed to be present at the service. Note: Head Pastor William M. and Sis. Roslyn L. Han, Jr., were on a well-deserved vacation on the mainland, and were present with us, in the Spirit.

The Church Band presented a prelude at 6:30 PM, under the direction of Sis. Kristie Han, which graced those present with the following renditions: "Count Your Blessings," "There Shall Be Showers Of Blessing," "Praise Ye The Lord," "What A Friend We Have In Jesus," "Thank You, Lord," and "One Step At A Time."

The service then opened as Associate Pastor Dean Carillo, Sr. and the Choir members marched in, to the familiar anthem entitled, "Onward Christian Soldiers." Associate Pastor Dean Carillo, then led the congregation in, "The Lord's Prayer," followed by the opening congregational anthem, "Come To The Feast." The Telecast Orchestra, under Associate Pastor Edwin Sproat, Sr.'s direction, presented their heart-stirring rendition, "Thank You, Lord," to a rousing acknowledgement by all. The Telecast Choir, under the direction of Sis. Emilia Han presented their first selection entitled, "We Come To Say Thank You," that served as a blessing to all present. Next the Flute Section of the Church Band offered their inspiring rendition of, "Have You Thanked Him?" The vocal quartet, Daughters of Judah, featuring Sis. Tiare Somers, Sis. Liana Falaniko, Sis. Punahale Kapuni, and Sis. Tehane Touli, drew everyone's attention to their wonderful presentation of, "Joyful Thanksgiving."



Surrounded by The Apostolic Faith Church (Jesus Coming Soon) Choir, is our faithful and dedicated Associate Pastor Dean Carillo, Sr. Bro. Dean had the honor of preaching God's Word at our Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 26, 2025, at our Kaimuki Branch Church in Palolo. Choir members from left to right are Choir Director Sis. Emilia Han, Sis. Maile Kaonohi, Sis. Leslie Alagan, Bro. Ken Alagan, Bro. Kenneth Alverio and Trustee Sis. Bobbi Lynn Eugenio.

The congregation then joined in singing, "Feasting With My Lord," followed by the inspiring Telecast Band rendition, "Have You Ever Said, Thank You?" Rounding out the musical portion of the service, the Telecast Choir presented, "Reason To Thank You," to delight and uplift everyone.

Associate Pastor Dean Carillo, Sr. then opened his Thanksgiving Sermon, entitled, "Eternal Gratitude." His sermon amplified the importance of being eternally thankful to our Lord Jesus Christ for the salvation of our souls, and His eternal benefits bestowed upon the Body of Christ, His Church. He then

uplifted the congregation with his sermon which included the following Spiritual insights: *John 3:5* (Jesus, and Nicodemus), *Acts 2:36-38*, "*Peter's sermon to the Jews at Pentecost*," *Acts 4:10-12* (Peter's declaration), "*...for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*" *Psalms 103:1* "*Bless the Lord, O my soul:...*" *Psalms 34:1* "*...his praise shall continually be in my mouth.*" *Psalms 95:1*

"*O come, let us sing unto the Lord:...*" Bro. Carillo then followed up with number of other Biblical scriptures highlighting the Saints of God as Sons and Daughters of Christ; heirs of Christ who give their praise continually; rejoice evermore; make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands; In everything give thanks: for this is the Will of the Lord; Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands, and concluding with *Philippians 4:4-6*, "*Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.*"

Completing the service, the congregation triumphantly sang the closing anthem entitled, "Count Your Blessings." The blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ rested upon His faithful Saints who were blessed being present to witness our 2025 Thanksgiving Service at the beauti-



The vocal group, Daughters of Judah, featuring from Top to Bottom are: Sis. Punahale Kapuni, Sis. Tiare Somers, Sis. Tehane Touli, and Sis. Liana Falaniko, delighted everyone to a smooth and beautifully blended presentation of, "Joyful Thanksgiving."

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ful Kaimuki Branch Church, with its memorial stained glass windows, and significant hammer truss beam interior significant of English Cathedrals around the world. Hence, we all look up unto the Lord Jesus Christ with grateful hearts knowing that Jesus Christ is coming soon to rapture His Church saying, "Come Up Hither." "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."



Our faithful Assistant Band Director Sis. Kristie Han directs our talented Church Band during our Thanksgiving Service.



Directing the Church Orchestra, is Trustee/Associate Pastor Edwin H. Sproat, Sr. The Church Orchestra joyfully picked and strummed their spirited numbers, unto our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, on their ukuleles.



Our dedicated Choir Director Sis. Emilia Han meticulously led our wonderful choir with vim and vigor.



The String Section of the Church Band are: Back L to R: Sis. Cherise Spotkaeff and Sis. Edith Matsuki on the violins. Front L to R: Sis. Hannah Asano on the cello, and Sis. Puuwai Asano on the violin.

In Memoriam

By Kauai Pastor Leonard K. Y. Asano, Sr.



BRO. JACK KEAWEAWEU-LAOKALANI HUTCHISON WRIGHT, SR., depicted love for God, Country, and Family. Bro. Jack Wright, Sr. was born on August 29, 1934 in Honolulu, Hawaii, and passed away at home, on October 19, 2025 at the age of 91. He was child "#7" out of 13. Pre-deceased is his late wife, Sis. Edna K. Wright. Surviving him is, 6 children, 23 grandchildren, 28 Great-grandchildren and 1 Great-great-grandchild.

Bro. Jack Wright Sr., led an eventful life. At the age of 7, he witnessed the "Day of Infamy (Sunday, December 7, 1941)" as Japanese fighter airplanes flew overhead. His education began at Kalihi Uka Elementary School and continued through St. Louis College and graduated in 1952. He was energetic and productive. Hobbies, playing musical instruments, selling news-papers and shining shoes are in his life's resume.

He was proud to be an American of Hawaiian descent, and served proudly in the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

He served in the Hawai'i Air National Guard, United States Coast Guard, and the United States Air Force before retiring from military service in 1973. He continued to be active as an employee at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and with the United States Postal Service.

He was a valued Serviceman in the Armed Forces ascending to the prestigious rank of Chief, and as a Civil Servant. Medals and Certificates of Commendation recognized and honored him.

Bro. Jack Wright, Sr., met the love of his life, Sis. Edna Kaleiwohiokalani Like. They were married on New Year's Eve in December 1956, in The Apostolic Faith Church, by the late Trustee/Associate Pastor Gus K. Sproat, Sr. They demonstrated a special union of one man and one woman and was blessed with 69 years of marriage. Forgiving Grace abound. When they said "I do" it meant only death would stand between them. They both said, "I Do" to Jesus by believing Who He was and living The Gospel of the Kingdom of God. They strived to be faithful and loyal in the effort to further The Gospel of the Kingdom of God upon this earth. They lived in this manner, "And Thou Shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength..." (Mark 12:30).

Services were held at the Hawaiian Memorial Chapel, Kaneohe, Oahu on Monday, December 1, 2025 with Kauai Pastor Leonard K.Y. Asano, Sr. officiating. Bro. Jack Wright, Sr., was laid to rest at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, Kaneohe, Oahu on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, with full military honor. Jesus says, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints" (Psalm 116:15).

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Babies Blessed



ARABELLA-ROSE U'ILANI KALILIKANE, made her beautiful debut on Saturday, November 22, 2025 at Kaiser Hospital. She weighed 8.5 lbs. and was 21 inches in length.

Arabella-Rose's parents are Bro. & Sis. Keoki & Senneca-Rose Kalilikane. Paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. George & Constance Kalilikane. Maternal grandparents are Associate Pastor Timothy & Sis. Emilia Han, Sr. Paternal great-grandparents are the late Chief Pastor William M. & Sis. Evangeline L. Han, Sr. Maternal great-grandparents are the late Bro. & Sis. Antone S. & Rose Rodrigues, Sr. Praises to the Lord still continue to ring out for the birth of precious little Arabella. Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr. blessed the little one on Sunday, December 7, 2025, at The Apostolic Faith Church (*Jesus Coming Soon*) in Honolulu.



XHIONVYRDYV GREIOM D. GARCESA, made his wonderful entrance into the world on November 17, 2024, at the Cotabato Regional Medical Center in the Philippines. He weighed 5.3 lbs. and was 19.5 inches in length. His joyful parents are Mr. Greg John Garcesa and Sis. Mary Joy

C. Defensor. Maternal grandparent is Sis. Cynthia C. Defensor and paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Roy (Perlie) Garcesa. His jubilant parents along with his grandparents are still rejoicing over their latest addition to the family. Balogo Pastor Hanibal Aspera blessed the

little bundle of joy on Sunday, November 16, 2025, at the Balogo Branch Church, in Cotabato, Philippines.

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Bro. Sipiliano "Speedy" Touli By Trustee Sis. Bobbi Lynn Eugenio



Our heartfelt condolences are extended to the families of the late **BRO. SIPILIANO FA'AGASE LEA'E TOULI**, who was born on March 21, 1938 and passed away on October 13, 2025. He was 87 years of age, and was married to the late Sis. Sheila (Low) Touli. They were the parents of one son, the late Dellion, (Lorna Kekahuna) Touli, daughters; Tehane Touli, Telynn (Christopher) Fortin and Ateliana (Albert) So'oto-Gaea and were blessed with eight grandchildren. His late parents were Fa'agase Lea'e and Fa'asa'esa'e Fanene-Lea'e. His late siblings were: Satali Mene Leo'o, Fa'atamali'i So'oto, Fa'agase Lea'e, Selestina Fanene Lea'e and Velonika Lemisio. Hanai Kids: Lea'e's, So'otos, Lemisio's, Pselio's, Yamashita's and Sakalaia's.

Bro. Speedy was described as a humble, hard working man. He provided an outpouring of kindness, hospitality and love toward his family and others. His reward and greatest blessing, was when he heard and obeyed Jesus' commandment, the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. He heard and followed the "Good News" that Jesus Saves, Jesus Heals, Jesus Baptizes with the Holy Ghost and Jesus Is Coming Soon, according to *Acts 2:38*, *John 3:5* and *Acts 4:12*. He accepted our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and was baptized in water by immersion, in Jesus' Name. Thank You, Jesus!

The funeral service was conducted by The Apostolic Faith Church and officiated by Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr., on Thursday, December 11, 2025, at the Mililani Memorial Park, Makai Chapel. Burial services were held at the Diamond Head Mortuary. May the Lord continue to comfort the hearts of his loved ones and friends.



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