

# Come, Grow & GO!

*Mililani Community Church exists to worship the living God and to glorify Him by leading people to faith in Jesus Christ, helping them grow to maturity in Christ, equipping them for their ministry to one another in the Body of Christ and training them to impact the world Christ.*

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## Meeting on Sundays at Mililani Waena Elementary

Sunday School for all ages - 9:00 a.m.  
Worship Service - 10:15 a.m.  
Nursery and Children's Church  
Bible Studies and Small Groups meeting throughout the week

Affiliated with the Evangelical Free Church of America  
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# MILILANI COMMUNITY CHURCH

## GROWING IN GRACE TOGETHER

October 4, 2009

*"All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the Word of the Lord stands forever."*

*I Peter 1:24-25*

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Welcome to...  
**MILILANI COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**FESTIVAL SUNDAY!**

October 4, 2009

*WELCOMING SONG OF PRAISE*

*SCRIPTURE READING*

II Corinthians 8:1-9

*SONGS OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP*

*OFFERING*

*Offertory Song*

*KIDS MESSAGE*

*A Prayer Sandwich*

*"Be Glorified"*

*STEWARDSHIP SERIES*

*"Where Christian Giving Begins"*

*II Corinthians 8:1-5*

*WELCOMING A NEW MEMBER*

*JH Greenlee*

*CLOSING SONG*

*BENEDICTION*

*MILILANI COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES*

**BIBLICAL PARENTING:** Hosted by the Akanas and led by Dr. George Rhoades Sunday evenings 5-7 (dinner is provided).

**BOYS BIBLE STUDY:** Hosted by various families in our church and led by some of the college and career young adults.

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY:** Hosted by Michelle Akana and led by Diane Bartosik Thursday mornings 9:30 -11:30 a.m. New series in the Book of Psalms .

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Hosted by RB Gallegos and led by Pastor Rick, 6:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings. We are studying "The Foundations of the Christian Faith" - a ten-week series to equip you as a man of God to know God's Word, to apply it to your own life and teach it to others. Contact RB Gallegos for info.

**JAPANESE BIBLE STUDY:** Friday evenings, 7:00 p.m. for those interested in a Japanese language study. See Jonathan Uyeno for details.

**YOUTH BIBLE STUDY:** Saturday evenings at the Cabebe home (parents of Kori Knapp) and led by the Knapps for Middle/High School students, 5:30 p.m.

**BOOK OF ACTS STUDY:** College and Career Sunday School is beginning the Book of Acts, Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. - taught by a team of teachers.

**SHARE JESUS WITHOUT FEAR:** Adult Sunday School series on Personal Evangelism: "Share Jesus Without Fear" - equipping you to effectively share your faith at work and in our community. **October 4:** Developing a Heart to Share Jesus; **October 11:** Learning a Way to Share Jesus; **October 18:** Responding to the Challenge to Share Jesus; **October 25:** Being Obedient to Share Jesus. \$8 donation for the Share Jesus Without Fear Workbook.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES:** Don't miss the opportunity to expose your children to God's Word on Sunday mornings through the teaching ministry of our wonderful team of dedicated Sunday School teachers!

**NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL:** Our pre-school and nursery ministry team leaders are looking for helpers in this vital ministry to our keikis. Contact Jeanette Ehara or Patricia Gallegos.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH MINISTRY:** If you wish you may place your younger children in children's church during the worship service. Once a month the kids join us for worship.

**STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS MONTH:** This month we are launching a church-wide emphasis on stewardship - relating to our "Building for Eternity" campaign to construct our new church facility on our property in Mililani Mauka. Pastor Rick will be preaching a series of four messages leading up to **Commitment Sunday on October 25<sup>th</sup>** when we will invite everyone who considers MCC their home church to make or renew a personal commitment to support this project financially.

**FESTIVAL SUNDAY!** Today is our church anniversary Festival Sunday pot-luck. If you are visiting today, we welcome you to join us after worship for this time of fellowship with others in our church family.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING:** This morning at 8:00 a.m. to discuss the Conditional Use Permit application which is now in the 45-day period for acceptance.

**AWANA:** "A Workman and Not Ashamed" - is a great Bible-centered outreach to children and youth at Waipio Community Baptist Church (near COSTCO). We partner with this church in encouraging our kids and youth to participate in this wonderful program. Get your kids signed up if you have not yet done so. Meeting on Friday evenings at WCBC.

### ***PRAISE AND PRAYER***

PRAISE THE LORD - For the successful surgery Angela underwent this past week for a cochlear implant to improve her hearing. Thanks to all who are providing meals.

PRAISE THE LORD - For the generous love offering of \$1,205 given by our MCC family this past week for the special Pastors Training Summit in South East Asia taught by Matt Dirks and Owen Tanoue.

SPECIAL THANKS - To all those who helped Max and Ruth Fuldauer move into their new home recently.

PRAY - For Dr. George Rhoades as he returns to Sri Lanka once again October 15-28. to conduct trauma training and workshops in universities, hospitals and Bible colleges. He will be reporting on his Sudan and Sri Landka trips in Adult Sunday School and the Worship Service on Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup>.

PRAY - For our upcoming EFCA Hawaii District Missions Summit on October 17<sup>th</sup> - Our purpose is to develop a corporate vision among our Hawaii EFCA mission leaders and members for our District missions emphasis in South East Asia. Each of our churches will have a time to share experiences of ministry in South East Asia. Dave and Miki Hallstrom will be representing Mililani Community Church.

## **OCTOBER - STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS MONTH**

Scripture says, "***Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain that build it***" (Psa. 127:1). Let us pray for the continued blessing of the Lord on our building project for His honor and glory!

We are calling our church anniversary month - Stewardship Emphasis Month. Pastor Rick will be giving a series of messages on giving. In addition to paying cash for our church property, the Lord has enabled us to raise more than \$700,000 toward the first phase of our church facility. Our goal is to raise \$300,000 more for a total of one million dollars. These funds will be in addition to grants that we are praying will be forthcoming from foundations in our community - given to provide for our Elder Care Program and Pre-School. We are trusting the Lord to enable us to build our facility debt free. Total cost is approximately \$2.5 million for this first phase. At the end of the month on "Commitment Sunday" October 25<sup>th</sup> we are going to invite you to make or renew your pledge to the Building For Eternity Campaign.

### **SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER**

In November we will begin a new series of Sunday morning messages on the topic of prayer. "Until the Christian life is seen as war, you will not sustain a life of vigilance in prayer, perseverance in prayer, agonizing in prayer..." John Piper. "It seems to take us a long time to learn the lesson that neglect of prayer always leads to trouble, and destroys the spirit of discernment. Neglect of prayer always suggests pride in our own judgment, which is fatal." Alan Redpath.

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| November 1  | Dr. Rhoades' report on the Global Aid Network (GAIN) mission to Sudan, Africa.   |
| November 8  | "Lord Teach Us To Pray" (Part 1) - Matthew 6:9-13  |
| November 15 | "Lord Teach Us To Pray" (Part 2) - Matthew 6:9-13  |
| November 22 | FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY - Randy and Gay Hongo ministering in song and reporting on their mission trips to Korea, Japan, the Philippines and Vietnam. Invite a friend to our Friendship Sunday! |
| November 29 | "Praying in Jesus' Name" - John 14:13-14   |

**STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS MONTH**  
*"Where Christian Giving Begins"*  
**II Corinthians 8:1-5**  
**October 4, 2009**

Our text for the next couple of Sundays is part of the longest passage on Christian giving in the New Testament - II Corinthians 8-9.

The Macedonian Christians were going through a time of severe trial, and they were in serious economic need. But this did not deter them from giving. They gave generously with hearts filled with joy. In this passage we will learn that giving begins with the heart and not the pocketbook.

**FIVE BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES ON CHRISTIAN GIVING.**

**1. GIVING IS AN ACT OF \_\_\_\_\_ (1)**

GRACE is God's \_\_\_\_\_ in action.

Everything we do as believers in Jesus Christ is in \_\_\_\_\_ to the amazing grace of God bestowed upon us in Christ.

We \_\_\_\_\_ because we have first \_\_\_\_\_ grace from God.

**2. GIVING IS NOT NECESSARILY RELATED TO \_\_\_\_\_ (2)**

Giving has almost nothing to do with how much \_\_\_\_\_ you have.

Giving begins with the \_\_\_\_\_ not the \_\_\_\_\_.

Giving is about a heart set free from the love of money and therefore so filled with joy that giving is a \_\_\_\_\_, not a \_\_\_\_\_.

**3. GIVING IS NOT NECESSARILY RELATED TO POSITIVE \_\_\_\_\_ (3)**

The Macedonian Christians gave joyfully and generously in spite of difficult circumstances, because their hearts were \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to Christ!

**4. IF WE GIVE GRUDGINGLY, THE PROBLEM IS PROBABLY NOT A LACK OF \_\_\_\_\_ (4)**

When giving is difficult, the problem is generally not a lack of \_\_\_\_\_, it usually lies within the \_\_\_\_\_.

Joyful giving honors God because it is a way of saying, "Lord, we love you so much that we want to give to support those things that matter most to you." II Corinthians 9:7

**5. WE CANNOT GIVE FREELY UNTIL OUR HEARTS ARE GIVEN \_\_\_\_\_ TO THE LORD (5)**

The Macedonian Christians gave because they \_\_\_\_\_ to give. And they wanted to give because they had \_\_\_\_\_ surrendered everything to the Lord.

Think of it this way:

- (1) There are burdened believers weighed down by materialism and the love of money. As a result giving for them is a chore.
- (2) When we give ourselves fully to the Lord the burden of materialism is lifted. We say, "Lord all that I have I received from you. I gladly yield all of it back to you." This attitude sets us free!
- (3) Once we are free, joy overflows our hearts.
- (4) Giving then becomes a blessing rather than a burden.
- (5) Once giving becomes a blessing rather than a burden we find ourselves eager to give more and more generously to the work of God.

**NOTE:** Only a truly born again person can follow these principles. An unsaved person can never enter into the freedom and blessing and the joy of giving, because he has never given himself to Jesus in the first place. Paul is writing as a Christian to Christians explaining the blessing of Christian giving!

**HARVEST FAIR (Halloween Alternative) Saturday,**  
**October 31, 2009 5:30-8:00 p.m.**

Held at Mililani Missionary Church. Sponsored by Mililani Missionary Church (MMC) and Mililani Community Church (MCC). Sign up sheets in the back for donations of spam musubi, cooked rice, fruit punch, pineapple juice, sugar, creamer, condiments, candies, baked goods, crafts, potted plants, fruits, vegetables, and labor. See Chris Matsumoto (623-5849) or Jeanette Ehara (626-4092) if you have any questions.

- Cooked rice and spam musubi must be dropped off at Mililani Missionary Church (MMC) on Saturday, 10/31, by 5:00 p.m.
  - Baked goods for the Country Store can be brought to MMC on Saturday, 10/31, by 4:00 p.m. Please price your items.
  - Potted plants and craft items for the Country Store can be brought to MMC on Saturday, 10/31, by 4:00 p.m. Please price your items.
  - Mililani Community Church will collect bags of candies, condiments, fruit punch syrup, pineapple juice, coffee, sugar, and creamer in the Missions Fair donations box at the back of the church from 10/11-10/25/09. These will be delivered to Mililani Missionary Church on 10/25/09.
  - Monetary donations can be made out to Mililani Community Church with a designation for the Harvest Fair.
- Labor of love is needed in the Food Booth on Saturday, 10/31, for the following shifts: 5:00-6:00 p.m., 6:00-7:00 p.m., and 7:00-8:30 p.m.
  - Labor of love is also needed for facilities set-up on Saturday, 10/31, from 12:30-3:30 p.m.
  - Teen Church will be participating in providing games for the children.
  - Please, no costumes depicting evil...costumes should be appropriate. There will be a costume contest in five categories with prizes for each participant.
  - Instead of using coins for the games, rides, and entertainment (face painting, balloons, costume contest, etc.), a \$2.00 wristband per child (not adults) will be sold at Mililani Missionary Church which will entitle each child to a "goodie" bag and participation in all the games, rides, and entertainment.
  - Cash will still be needed to purchase food in the multi-purpose room (kitchen area) and items in the Country Store.