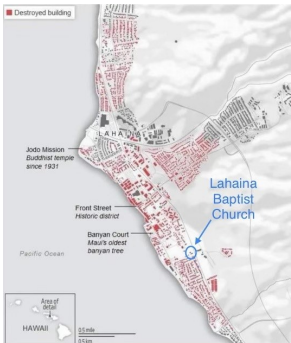




September 3, 2023

Offering for Maui

Pastor David will be taking a special love offering from Oakland Baptist Church to Lahaina Baptist Church in Maui the week of



September 12. Please bring your generous (above and beyond tithes) offering this Sunday to help these people meet the needs of those in the fire-torn area of Lahaina, and please pray that the love of God through His gospel message goes out clearly and lovingly in these days ahead. (1 John 3:17-18)

Thank you and God bless you,
Pastor David

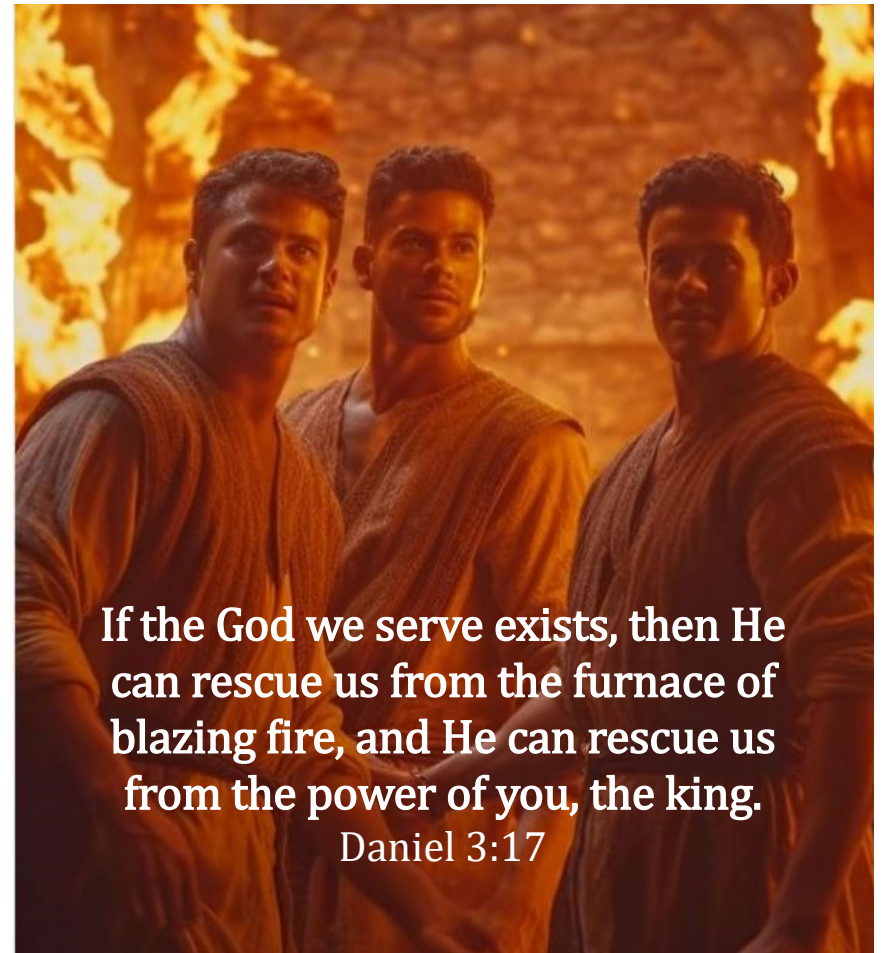


Momentum Tour

Momentum is a 3 meeting event for students to learn how to share their faith and make a difference in their communities.

1. How to pray your friends to Christ.
2. Share Jesus without fear.
3. Momentum tour rally.

Church, please pray for our youth and the youth groups attending these events. Pray that they will implement the things they learn from the Momentum tour throughout the upcoming school year!



If the God we serve exists, then He can rescue us from the furnace of blazing fire, and He can rescue us from the power of you, the king.

Daniel 3:17

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Sunday, September 3 2023

Develop Strong Convictions

Daniel 1:3-13, 17-19

The Point: Our convictions, not our circumstances, define who we are.

The Bible Meets Life: Why couldn't I have a pet dragon that lived under the stairs? Eddie Munster had one. The Munsters' stairs opened like the hood of a car, and Spot would appear, usually breathing fire.

Mere technicalities kept me from owning a dragon. First, where to find one? Local pet stores sold goldfish and hamsters—no dragons. Second, food probably cost a lot more than we could afford. Third, we lived in a one-story house, hence, no grand staircase.

Of course, Spot was a fictitious pet on the 1960s sitcom "The Munsters." The show portrayed a family of harmless monsters who faced challenges as they lived in a world vastly different from what they had previously known in Transylvania. Several 1960s TV shows depicted people living in an unfamiliar place, such as "Gilligan's Island," "Lost in Space," "The Beverly Hillbillies," and more.

Sometimes we look at our world today and say, "This is *not* the world I have known! Something is vastly wrong here." The Old Testament prophet Daniel was transported into a foreign and ungodly place. His example can help instruct us how we too can live faithfully in a seemingly unfamiliar world.

Live It Out: Analyze your own life situation. Is God working in an unexpected way? If so, pray and ask for His wisdom to see the bigger picture of what He is doing in your life. **Think about your own life.** Is there an area in which you have compromised and adopted the world's unbiblical values? Pray and ask God for strength to know what to do in this situation. **Tell your story.** Share with your family or friends details of a time God led you into an unexpected or even uncomfortable place, opportunity, or situation, but you later saw His hands at work. Explain how this experience affected your life and your family. Pray with them, thanking God for letting them be part of your faith journey.

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

Staying True in a World Far From God

Sunday, September 10 Pray with Passion
(Daniel 2:13-23, 27-28a)

Sunday, September 17 Speak Trust Boldly
(Daniel 5:13-17, 22-28)

**BIBLE
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FOR LIFE**

Opportunities for Ministry & Service

Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Indoor Worship

10:00 AM Online Worship

Wednesday

6:30 PM Online Worship

6:30 PM Youth

7:30 PM Ensemble Rehearsal 9/6

7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal 9/6

Thursday

Jail Ministry

Deacon's Meeting

Sunday, September 3rd at 1 PM
in the sanctuary.

Service Attendance

Sunday, August 27

Indoor: 58

Online: 75



Wednesday, August 30

Online: 81

Youth: 16

Monthly Budget & Offerings



Budget Needs:

\$17,787.33

August Offering

To Date:

\$15,350.00

Prayer Requests

Candy Anderson

Nancy Chapman

Gary Clontz

Christine Hinson

Lillian Lewis

Rich Majewski

Linnet Price's Family

Richie Raines

Global Missions

Local Ministries

National Missions (NAMB)

Area Schools/Admin

The Sick & Elderly

Backpacks of Hope Students



Youth Ensemble Rehearsal

Upcoming
rehearsal date:
September 6th
at 7:30 PM.



Choir Rehearsal

The next choir
rehearsal will be Wednesday,
September 6th at 7:45 PM.



Linnet Price Celebration Service

A life celebration service
will be held on Saturday,
September 9 at 2:00 PM.