Come to Lava Lava Island!

by Vicki Wiley

Lava Lava Island is a place where God’s love flows. This year we hope to welcome 250 children to our church for this Vacation Bible School (VBS) summer program. Bring your kids and their friends to join us!

Each day the children will face a “daily challenge” on the island—something that will be life changing and help them apply the Bible lesson to their daily lives. If they succeed at the challenge they will get to put more “hot lava” on our volcano.

Each day the children will get to experience Crater Crafts, Tropical Treats, Jungle Gym Games, Songs at Sing and Play Bay. Lots of leaders will be waiting to help them learn more about living their lives of faith while they learn some “Hot” Bible lessons.

VBS is a fun time to introduce your friends and their kids to church. This year, if we have enough kids so that we have 250 on our island, they can slime me, Vicki, and Chris (Nelson) with some very special lava slime that we found on a remote island in the Pacific.

Register online at www.fpchawaii.org or by filling out the form at the Children’s Ministries table in Hale Ohana. VBS is free and part of the ministry of the church. T-shirts and music CD’s are available for a small cost at the table.

Snack and craft items are needed—if you can help, please sign up at the table. If YOU would like to join our staff, please let me know!

Everyone please join us for our closing program on Friday evening, June 11. The kids will sing and showcase for you what we have learned all week. This will be a “Pot Blessing” so please bring food to share.

For more information please call me, Vicki, at 440-6564.
All the Good Things

by Marcia Wright

Spring is in the air, mango season has started and the weather is starting to warm up. It’s MAY! Fragrant flowers and luscious fruits are everywhere and God is doing great things. Let’s take a look at a few.

Easter was a glorious celebration of our Lord’s Resurrection. Two thousand sixty people attended our home away from home at the Hawaii Theatre. What made it even more homey was the replica of our sanctuary cross that Randy Lau made for the service. Thanks, Randy and ALL who played a part in making it a memorable service. You know who you are!

Here’s an update on Libby Boatwright and family. They are now well established in Tigard, Oregon where Libby is the Associate Pastor for Congregational Care at Lake Grove Presbyterian Church. You know, it was a year ago, last May, that Libby was ordained. She is the first women pastor this church has had in 80 years. Frank is still working for Kaiser Permanente and Floyd is a senior at Santa Clara University. I know they would love to hear from you so drop them a line. The church office has the information you need.

Brent and Cindy Clark along with their children Emma and Benjamin will be visiting June 2 through June 13. They are planning to go to church both Sundays so you will have two opportunities to visit with them. They’ve been gone from Hawaii for 12 years and are anxious to revisit old friends and First Prez. I think we may persuade Cindy to sing with the choir again. Here is their email address for pre-visit contact: cindyhclark@alumni.unc.edu

Adelia Dung has been traveling again. This time she and “The Million Dollar Round Table Foundation” went to Beijing to help build a playground with “Kids Around The World” and the Philip Hayden Foundation. What joy it was for her to see children from the Langfang Children’s Village orphanage and nearby village romping in their first playground. “Kids Around the World” is looking for a place to build a playground here in Hawaii. If you know of a piece of land available for this project contact Adelia at adelia@hawaii.rr.com. Great job, Adelia! Keep up the good work!

Kevin Lo, new member of First Prez, was featured in UH at Manoa’s College of Business magazine “Voice of the Leaders” in an article titled “The Doctor Is In.” Kevin is in the Ph.D. program at the College of Business and will graduate in International Management with a focus on the Asia-Pacific region. His research interests include leadership, cross-cultural perspectives on time, and cross-cultural training. Kevin will graduate in Spring 2007. Full speed ahead, Kevin!

Doug Stiles and Betty Grierson sang with the symphony chorus in David Orff’s “Carmina Burana.” What an exciting concert! Check out the symphony and the chorus sometime. You’ll be glad you did.

Diane Barnhart attended the pre-premier of the movie “The Alamo.” She sang with the San Antonio Master Singers. She even got to see some real live movie stars coming down the yellow carpet. You’ve hit the big time, Diane.

The Honolulu Star-Bulletin’s “Young at Heart” section had a feature article on Lori Arizumi and her magazine “Prime.” This magazine is just chock full of timely information for folks of all ages. Pick up your free copy at almost any shopping store. Thanks for the information, Lori.

The Movers section of MidWeek magazine had a short paragraph on Lee Alden Johnson. Lee is a realtor with RE/MAX and has been nominated a member of the Million Dollar Guild from the Institute for Luxury Home Marketing. Excellent, Lee!

Graham and Carolyn Pearce were seen ho-downing at the Children’s Alliance of Hawaii Paniolo Bingo. Their picture was spotted in MidWeek’s Honolulu Pa’ina section.

Well, lots of good things happening all around us. Please drop me a line and tell me the springtime, fragrant, good things God is doing in your lives. marciaw@alohal.net
On the Go with Hawaii Meals-On-Wheels
by the Community Services Team

Not very many people may be aware of a non-profit organization that delivers hot meals to help residents who are not able to leave their homes for medical or health reasons. This is Hawaii Meals-On-Wheels, which is celebrating its 25th year of delivering hot, nutritious meals to homebound residents all over Oahu.

Hawaii Meals-On-Wheels delivers over 200 meals a day, five days a week, adding up to over 53,000 meals a year! Now that’s a lot of plate lunches! And we’re not talking of meals prepared in advance, frozen and then reheated. These are freshly prepared meals so they feel home-cooked and taste home-cooked.

Who’s on the delivery list? Mostly elderly folks who have difficulty doing their own shopping and cooking. They get on the list by calling Hawaii Meals-On-Wheels or by being referred to the group by hospital workers or family members. Deliveries are mostly for lunches during the workweek, to which customers are asked to contribute whatever they can afford. The rest are subsidized by Hawaii Meals-On-Wheels through donations from other organizations.

Did you know that First Prez Honolulu was one of the nine founding churches of the Hawaii-Meals-On-Wheels program? The legacy continues to this day as volunteers from our church “keep on truckin’ to keep those meals goin’!” Our pool of volunteers includes Sandi Chun, Sandy Delmonte, Kathleen Lam, John and Jane Powers, April Thompson, Lulu Wiegers and Bill and Margaret Won.

Elder Ramona Harris, the Chair of the First Prez Community Services Team, took part in Hawaii Meals-On-Wheels’ “Founder’s Day Tour” on March 18th, marking the group’s 25th anniversary. “Founder’s Day Tour” was a day when representatives from the nine founding churches were given routes to help in the delivery of meals for that day. Ramona said it was a real hands-on experience and a great opportunity to check in on the people being served.

In the same car with Ramona that day was William Albritton, a regular Hawaii Meals-On-Wheels volunteer who also happens to be a descendant of John Knox, the Scottish reformer who fled from persecution by Catholics in his homeland during the 1500s, studied in Geneva under Calvin and then returned to Scotland to help establish the Protestant church there.

Who knows what else you can learn from delivering meals? If you’re interested in being a Hawaii Meals-On-Wheels volunteer, please contact Hawaii Meals-On-Wheels’ Program Coordinator, Judy Kerns, at 988-6747. Happy trails to you, and aloha!
Inspired Men
A Recap of the “Encouragement for the Journey”
Men’s Spring Retreat • April 17-18, 2004

With soaring spirits the weekend after Easter, the men of First Prez (Fisher-men of First Prez to be precise) had this to say collectively after retreating at St. Stephen’s with North Carolinian Rev. John Kyle: “Restful”; “Peaceful”; “Just what I needed”; “Delightfully simple”; “Encouraging”; “Refreshing”; “Inspiring”; “Awesome”; “Super”; “Fantastic”; “Wonderful”; “Powerful”; “Special”; “Educational”; “Down to earth”; “Music was awesome, over the top!”

“Image Bearer”
A Poem Written by Patricia Burlison at “Come Away”
Women’s Spring Retreat • March 26-28, 2004

Image bearer.
Child of God.
Goodness planted
In my soul.
Deeply hidden.
Not destroyed.
Wanting wholeness.
Loved by God.
Song of heaven
Drawn towards home.
Image bearer.
Seed of hope.
Gently nurtured
By His hand.
Through the struggles,
Through the soil,
Life emerges
Towards the light.
Heaven’s blossom.
Drawn towards You.

Upcoming Events

Men’s Dinner
Men, mark your calendars for Monday, May 24, for a compelling Thailand presentation by our own Dr. Don Fancher. It will start with dinner at 6:00 pm in Hale Ohana. Please be sure to sign up in Hale Ohana on Sundays, May 16 and 23.

Men’s Breakfasts
Don’t forget our Saturday morning meetings (the second Saturday of every month) 6:30 am at Zippy’s in Makiki.
A Bouquet of Thanks and Appreciation

by the FPC Community Services Team

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! The 8th annual Women’s Way Easter Luncheon Visitation was a tremendous success due to your enthusiastic support. The mothers and children of Women’s Way were delighted to receive the beautiful Easter baskets overflowing with your kind and generous donations. Eight additional boxes of baby and maternity items were also presented to Chaplain Jan Young for the mothers, including two boxes of personal care products that were donated throughout the past year.

The combined effort and participation of everyone made for such a wonderful afternoon of fellowship and praise, including the traditional and popular Easter egg hunt for the children. To complete our visit, we gathered together for a sumptuous Easter meal, giving thanks to our Lord for His abundant grace and sacrifice.

We continued to build a stronger bond within the Body of Christ in our effort to support and encourage the ladies of Women’s Way as they work to turn their lives around. You have given of yourself and your time, a precious gift that can never be taken back, but will always be remembered by these women and children. The endless bounty of love and joy shared from your hearts bear witness to God’s abundant grace. For Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me.”

Again, thanks a million! We hope to thank each of you when we see you out on the lanai at church. Although we could not mention everyone by name, please know we are truly grateful to each and every one of you for being an important part of this FPC visitation.

Happy Mother’s Day!

From the First Presbyterian Church
Family • Sunday, May 9, 2004

Mothers, grandmothers, godmothers and all you motherly figures...we just wanted to let you know that we really do appreciate you and we celebrate you this month.

Kids, dads, grandchildren and godchildren, mark your calendars now and start thinking of ways to celebrate your mom.

Please know that each of you moms are loved for who you are and all you do for us. Happy Mother’s Day from all of us at First Prez!
BodyWorks • Knowing Your Gifts and How To Use Them

Saturdays, May 15 & 22, 8-11 am in Hale Laulima Mauka

Most Christians want to serve. Most know they should serve, but many don’t know how they can best serve. That is the purpose for our BodyWorks ministry.

BodyWorks has been created to assist you in the identification of your God-given passion, spiritual gifts and personal style, so that you can make your unique contribution in a meaningful place of service.

Join us on May 15 and 22 and discover what you do best in the body of Christ! Sign-ups and registration packets are available at the Adult Education table in Hale Ohana on Sunday mornings. Cost is $10 for the workbook.

“Getting Into The Passion of the Christ”

by Jane Tai

Have you seen the movie, “The Passion of the Christ” yet? Even if you haven’t, you may still have questions because of all you’ve heard from the media or from friends who have seen it. If you’ve seen the movie, would you like to know more about it? The history and culture of Jesus’ time?

Stevan Peich, Executive Director of the Bible Institute of Hawaii, will be joining us this month at our RAA luncheon meeting on May 26 where he will be doing a “talk story” session with us. If you’ve had the privilege of being in one of Steve’s classes, you know all about his knowledge, passion and captivating style of teaching.

Now that we’ve remembered the crucifixion and celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ we can continue to honor and revere His holiness by learning more about Him and the last 12 hours of His life. There are so many powerful themes that emerged from the movie and Steve will be exploring some of these themes. What better way to do this than to hear a wonderful teacher in the company of our Christian brothers and sisters? And then stay to enjoy a delicious catered lunch in this fellowship.

Come with your questions and your eager minds. Wednesday, May 26 at 10:30 am in Hale Ohana. Please sign up in advance at the RAA table in Hale Ohana on the two prior Sundays, May 16 and 23, after the 8:00 and 9:30 am services. The cost for lunch is $7.00.

Dear FPC Family,

Thank you for rejoicing in our daughter’s birth with us. We deeply appreciate the outpouring of love, generous gifts, thoughtful cards and phone calls. It is our privilege to be able to raise Sonoma in the midst of such an incredibly loving faith community. Thank you for all you have given to us and our little one. We can’t wait for you to meet her!

Love, Jim and Yo Miller
# May 2004 Calendar

## Sunday Services

- **8:00 am** Prayer Time
- **8:30 & 11 am** Worship Services
- **9:30 am** Dean-O Concert (No Sunday School)
- **4:00 pm** Bible Study
- **6:00 pm** Nightlife

## Ministries at First Prez

- **Bible Study** • everyone welcome
- **Damascus Deli** • singles and couples
- **The Gathering** • Sr. Highers
- **LiveWires** • 5th–8th graders
- **Men’s Ministry** • First Prez men
- **Oasis Ohana** • singles and young families
- **Prayer Ministry** • everyone
- **Retired, Active Adults (RAA!)** • ages 55+
- **Real World** • young adults (ages 23-29)
- **Single Impact!** • singles (ages 30+)
- **Small Groups** • many available, one for everyone
- **Sunday School** • everyone (all ages)
- **Taiwanese Ministry** • Taiwanese-speaking members
- **Women’s Ministry** • First Prez women

If you want to know more about any of these events or ministries, call the church office at 532-1111 or visit our website [www.fpchawaii.org](http://www.fpchawaii.org)

## Daily Activities

**Monday, May 3**
- **8:00 am**: Prayer Time
- **8:30 & 11 am**: Worship Services
- **9:30 am**: Dean-O Concert (No Sunday School)
- **4:00 pm**: Bible Study
- **6:00 pm**: Nightlife

**Tuesday, May 4**
- **6:30 am**: Elders’ Prayer
- **5:30 pm**: WAHO
- **6:30 pm**: The Gathering (Sr. High)
- **7:00 pm**: LiveWires (Gr. 5-8)

**Wednesday, May 5**
- **5:00 pm**: DivorceCare
- **6:00 pm**: WAHO
- **7:00 pm**: • Chancel Choir • Single Impact! Bible Study

**Thursday, May 6**
- **6:00 pm**: TM Women’s Group

**Friday, May 7**
- **9:00 am**: Women’s Retreat Reunion
- **6:00 pm**: TM Women’s Group

**Saturday, May 8**
- **8:00 am**: BodyWorks
- **8:30 am**: Women’s Retreat Reunion
- **6:00 pm**: TM Women’s Group

**Sunday, May 9**
- **8:00 am**: Prayer Time
- **8:30 & 11 am**: Worship Services
- **9:30 am**: Dean-O Concert (No Sunday School)
- **4:00 pm**: Bible Study
- **6:00 pm**: Nightlife

**Monday, May 10**
- **6:30 am**: Elders’ Prayer
- **5:30 pm**: WAHO
- **6:30 pm**: The Gathering (Sr. High)
- **7:00 pm**: LiveWires (Gr. 5-8)

**Tuesday, May 11**
- **5:00 pm**: DivorceCare
- **6:00 pm**: WAHO
- **7:00 pm**: • Chancel Choir • Single Impact! Bible Study

**Wednesday, May 12**
- **6:00 pm**: TM Women’s Group

**Thursday, May 13**
- **9:00 am**: Women’s Retreat Reunion
- **6:00 pm**: TM Women’s Group

**Friday, May 14**
- **8:00 am**: BodyWorks
- **8:30 am**: Women’s Retreat Reunion
- **6:00 pm**: TM Women’s Group

**Saturday, May 15**
- **8:00 am**: BodyWorks
- **8:30 am**: Women’s Retreat Reunion
- **6:00 pm**: TM Women’s Group

**Sunday, May 16**
- **8:00 am**: Prayer Time
- **8:30 & 11 am**: Worship Services
- **9:30 am**: Dean-O Concert (No Sunday School)
- **4:00 pm**: Bible Study
- **6:00 pm**: Nightlife

**Monday, May 17**
- **4:30 pm**: Fun w/ Exercise
- **6:30 pm**: Small Group Team

**Tuesday, May 18**
- **5:30 pm**: Session
- **7:00 pm**: Young Adults

**Wednesday, May 19**
- **5:00 pm**: Chris’ Crazy Cafe (Grades 5-8)
- **5:30 pm**: WAHO
- **6:30 pm**: • The Gathering (Sr. High) • LiveWires (Gr. 5-8)

**Thursday, May 20**
- **7:00 pm**: TM Women’s Group

**Friday, May 21**
- **9:00 am**: Women’s Retreat Reunion
- **6:00 pm**: TM Women’s Group

**Saturday, May 22**
- **11:00 am**: Healing Team Leaders
- **6:00 pm**: TM Women’s Group

**Sunday, May 23**
- **8:00 am**: Prayer Time
- **8:30 & 11 am**: Worship Services
- **9:30 am**: Dean-O Concert (No Sunday School)
- **4:00 pm**: Bible Study
- **6:00 pm**: Nightlife

**Monday, May 24**
- **24/31 HOLIDAY (31st)–OFFICES CLOSED**
- **9:00 am**: MOPS
- **4:30 pm**: Fun w/ Exercise
- **6:30 pm**: Fishermen of First Prez Dinner

**Tuesday, May 25**
- **6:30 am**: Elders’ Prayer
- **7:00 pm**: Young Adults

**Wednesday, May 26**
- **10:30 am**: RAA! Event
- **5:00 pm**: Chris’ Crazy Cafe (Grades 5-8)
- **5:30 pm**: WAHO
- **6:30 pm**: • The Gathering (Sr. High) • LiveWires (Gr. 5-8)

**Thursday, May 27**
- **7:00 pm**: TM Women’s Group

**Friday, May 28**
- **9:00 am**: Women’s Retreat Reunion
- **6:00 pm**: TM Women’s Group

**Saturday, May 29**
- **11:00 am**: Healing Team Leaders
- **6:00 pm**: TM Women’s Group
Happy Mothers Day from First Prez!
Worship Services at First Presbyterian Church of Honolulu
Sundays at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am • “Nightlife” at 6:00 pm
Listen to sermons on KGU 760 AM, Sundays at 10:00 am