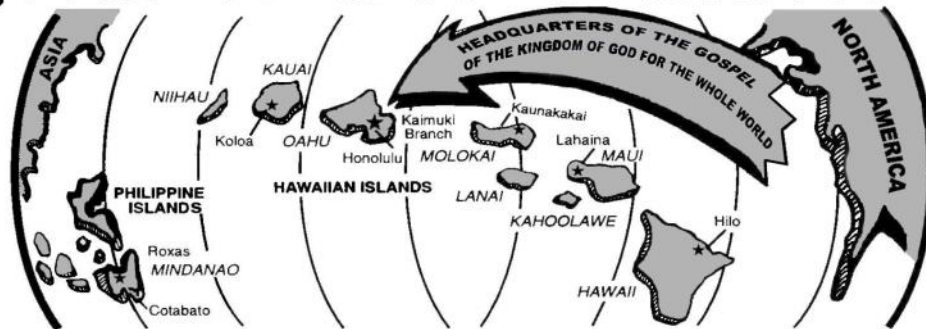


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The Apostolic Faith Church Headquarters  
JESUS COMING SOON celebrated

## 102 YEARS OF GOOD NEWS

By Bro. Kahiwa Asano



Philippians chapter 4 verse 4 tells us to "Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Re-joice," and so began yet another day of rejoicing on Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 as saints, family, and friends from Oahu and the outer islands branch churches, gathered to celebrate the 102<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Apostolic Faith Church, preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God in Hawaii for 102 years. It's always a true blessing to witness the joy in

the hearts of His people, knowing that the very same joy was embraced through generations past and throughout the 102-year history of the Apostolic Faith Church. Thank You Jesus!

Making a joyful noise unto the Lord, the Church Band performed a variety of old-time favorites in a prelude, providing a vivid journey down memory lane, preparing the way for the start of the program. To begin the morning, Head Pastor Billy Han, Jr. opened the service with the Lord's prayer, which was followed by the congregation singing "A Glorious Church." In praise and thanksgiving, the Church Orchestra picked and strummed their ukuleles to the tune of "Praising the Lord," and the Church Band played the heartfelt selection "Ye Shall Be Witnesses" by the Strings, and the big band selection "Just A Closer Walk With Thee." The Church Choir sang mightily the uplifting songs "This Is The Day The Lord Has Made" and "I Sing The Greatness Of Our God." Saints from the neighbor islands branch churches and the Philippines also joined in a mix chorus, singing the song "Hold The Fort," and the lively vocal selection for the morning was performed by the Men

Crusaders singing the spirited number "Keep On The Firing Line." The musical program was indeed a blessing for all.

Highlighting the Anniversary service, Head Pastor Billy Han, Jr. preached the Spirit inspired sermon entitled "102 Years Of Good News." We were reminded of the Spirit led leaders and the generations before us who listened to God's calling, allowing God's work and the gospel of good news to prosper throughout the 102 years in Hawaii, which opened the way for the multitude of souls to be saved. We thank Jesus for His mercy and grace, and for doing all things in love for His people.

Keeping the joy in our hearts throughout the weekend, the 102<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary also included Spirit inspired sermons preached by Hawaii Island Pastor Walter I. Tinloy on Friday evening, and Molokai Pastor Reginald V. Castanares, Sr. on Sunday evening, a reminder to all that "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." Thank You Jesus for a blessed Anniversary!



L-R: Hawaii Branch Pastor Walter I. Tin Loy, Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr., Molokai Branch Pastor Regniald V. Castanares, Sr. & Kauai Branch Pastor Leonard K.Y. Asano, Sr. as they sang a song entitled, "A Glorious Church," in celebrating our 102nd Honolulu Anniversary Service on Sunday, August 3, 2025.

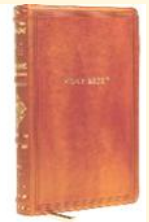
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Gospel message

# GREAT IS YOUR REWARD

By Associate Pastor Marvin Abing



To those who hold onto God's truths found in the *Bible*, there awaits a great reward. When we not only hear, but also do what God instructs, He pours out blessings and rewards! One such person who experienced God's reward for his faithfulness was Abraham. A "friend of God" (*Isaiah 41:8*), Abraham chose to listen to what God had to

say and entered into a covenant (agreement) with God: a covenant that brought Abraham a great inheritance of land. He then entered into the land of Canaan where his descendants prospered throughout the ages (*Genesis 12:1-3*). Today, Jesus invites us to come into His family and prosper. How? By having a change of heart, accepting Jesus as your Savior and being baptized into His body, born of water and Spirit (*John 3:5; Acts 2:38; 4:12*). By doing so, we enter into an even better covenant with Jesus to inherit a place in His Heavenly Kingdom. This is our victory! "*For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?*" (*I John 5:4-5*). As spiritual Israelites, we must labor to lead others to Jesus. "*Be strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded*" (*II Chronicles 15:7*).

The world is flooded with false teachings. Which, like pitfalls, cause many to slip and lose God's benefits. For this reason, we need to refocus on Jesus. How? By daily thinking on the truths found in the *Bible*, as well as prayer. When tempted by the devil, Jesus remembered the *Word of God*. Filled with the Holy Spirit, He resisted the temptations of the devil by speaking the *Word of God* into every test that came His way. "... *Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God*" (*Matthew 4:4*). Are we speaking the *Word of God* into every problem we face? Or, are we allowing the devil to influence us into wrong actions? Follow the example of Jesus and you can claim the victory over temptation. The Apostle Paul did just that and finished his mission on earth. Paul wrote, "*I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me*" (*Philippians 4:13*). Job endured his testing and spoke of God's *Word* too. "*For I know that my redeemer*

*liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God*" (*Job 19:25*). He humbled himself, repented (*Job 42:5-6*) and received a double portion (*Job 42:10*) of what he had lost. We too will enjoy success with the *Word of God* in our hearts daily!

Through our service to Jesus, we accumulate countless benefits. Just as we do on our jobs where we build up benefits along the way, some of which we enjoy immediately and others at our retirement; Jesus gives us both short and long term benefits. In *Psalms 68:19*, the scripture tells us, "*Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation.*" While we have strength, let us serve God with a cheerful heart and He will provide for all our needs for great is our reward!

## BAPTIZED IN JESUS' NAME

**"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*



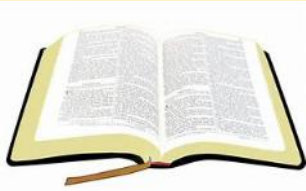
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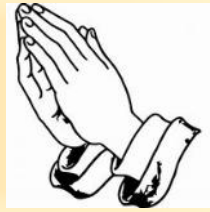
## MONTHLY UPDATE

From July 14 through August 10, 2025  
two souls were baptized in Jesus Name according to  
*Acts 2:38, John 3:5 and Acts 4:12.*



# REJOICE IN THE LORD!

By Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr.



The entire letter Paul wrote to the church at Philippi can be summed up in the words he wrote, “*Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice*” (Philippians 4:4). We need to recognize that when Paul wrote this letter he was not surrounded in luxury but rather serving as a prisoner in a Roman jail. Physically he was weak. He was depend-

ent on others for a living with little hope of being set free, with only death as a martyr looming in the future. Yet with all this darkness, gloom and doom around him, he exhorted and encouraged all to rejoice as he rejoiced!

As Paul encouraged the Philippians to rejoice, so, too, the Lord encouraged all to rejoice! We need to rejoice no matter what the circumstances may be. To have this joy constantly, we must be separated from the things of the world. The Lord wants all believers to be holy for He is holy (Leviticus 11:45). When we are in a “perfect” state with the Lord, presenting ourselves a living sacrifice (Romans 12:1-2), we are truly able to rejoice in the midst of difficulties, discouragements, opposition and persecutions, “...for the joy of the Lord is your strength” (Nehemiah 8:10). But one who wanders and strays off His “Lighted” path will lose and not experience the joy of the Lord.

As we walk with the Lord we find it is easier to rejoice when we come to an understanding that the peace that Jesus has and gives to all that will receive and trust Him, knowing that no matter what happens, He knows what He is doing and will work all things out in His time, His way, to His own honor and glory, “...the peace of God which passeth all understanding (human reasoning or thinking), shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:7) remembering, “...If God be for us, who can be against us” (Romans 8:31)?

We must also let our “...moderation be known to unto all men. The Lord is at hand” (Philippians 4:5). One must be kind, courteous, considerate, thoughtful, gracious, having a patient spirit even when being persecuted wrongly or for righteousness sake. Temperance or self-control is one part of the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). This *moderation* is an expression of the peace that Jesus gives, that the world cannot take away (John 14:27). Paul and Silas shared their *moderation* with the Philippian jailor and his whole house was saved (Acts 16:25-34).

We are also instructed to “Be careful for nothing...” (Philippians 4:6). Stop being overly anxious or worried! Instead of making a big fuss over something that

you may have no control over, why not take your troubles to the Lord? Stop worrying and pray! “...*With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible*” (Mark 10:27).

As we make our requests known unto the Lord, let us remember to come into His presence with thanksgiving. Thanksgiving for what He has done and what He is going to do, knowing that our Heavenly Father knows our every need and cares for us as one of His dear children making a way where there seems to be none.

It makes the Lord happy when He finds one in unity with Him and the Body of Christ, and that ones abiding love for Him is maintained and not fading away and that the joy of the Lord is not diminished or disturbed in any way when faced with test, trials and persecutions. Jesus wants His people to be happy, “...yea, happy is that people whose God is the Lord” (Psalm 144:15).

The Word of God exhorts all to rejoice. Let us rejoice in Him and let us always have a song in our heart, singing unto the Lord, coming before His presence with thanksgiving, making a joyful noise unto Him, for the Lord is a great God, He is the King of Glory (Psalm 95:1-3)! As Paul encouraged all those at the church at Philippi (as recorded in Philippians 4:4), I encourage all to do the same. “*Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice!*”

## Update of Souls Baptized in Jesus' Name and Filled with the Holy Ghost January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025

Honolulu	9 were baptized
Molokai	1 was baptized
Maui	1 was baptized
Hawaii Island	5 were baptized
Kauai	
Balogo, Cotabato	7 were baptized
Pres. Roxas	1 was baptized
Total: Twenty four souls were baptized in Jesus' Name. Their were no souls filled with the Holy Spirit.	

*“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” Acts 4:12*



L-R: Molokai Pastor Reginald V. Castanares, Sr., Kauai Pastor Leonard K.Y. Asano, Sr., Hawaii Island Pastor Walter I. Tin Loy & Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr.



Sis. Shirley Ferreira & Sis. Elsie Miralor.



Sis. Edith Matsuki on the piano.



Under the direction of Sis. Emilia Han the Church Choir sang two beautiful numbers entitled, "This Is The Day The Lord Has Made" & "I Sing The Greatness Of Our God." The Church Band led by Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr. played an uplifting song entitled, "Just A Closer Walk With Thee."



Picking, plucking, strumming, the Orchestra played to the tune of "Praising The Lord" under the guidance of Associate/Trustee Pastor Edwin Sproat, Sr.



Associate Pastor Marvin Abing on the bass



Sis. Senneca-Rose Kalilikane on the drums



The melodious Church Band from the string section played sweetly for the congregation, "Ye Shall Be Witnesses."



The Men Crusaders sang a dynamic number entitled, "Keep On The Firing Line" as the congregation clapped and sang along.



A mixed chorus by the neighbor-island Pastor's along with the saints from Hawaii Island, Kauai, Molokai, Maui & Cotabato, Mindanao, Philippines, sang a most befitting song entitled, "Hold The Fort."

# THE NEWLY APPOINTMENTS

By Sis Edith Matsuki

*“For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south.  
But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.”  
Psalm 75:6-7*



**SIS. SALLY SPOT-KAEFF** has been appointed as the permanent Nursery II Teacher, following the retirement of Sis. Marvalee Gormley on Sunday, July 13, 2025. Sis. Sally was first raised as a substitute Sunday School Teacher in August, 1998. She has faithfully served the Lord in the Nursery III class, and

most recently, in the Nursery I class. Sis. Sally also faithfully serves the Lord in the Church Choir, Orchestra, Band, Crusader Staff, Script Writers, and Prayer Band. She would like to praise and thank the Lord for finding her worthy of this appointment. She is deeply grateful for the mentorship, guidance, and Godly example of those who have come before her. She also thanked the Lord for Sis. Marvie and the love, joy, and valuable teachings she has poured into the Nursery II students. Above all, she cherishes the prayers of the saints, which continue to strengthen and encourage her in this new role.

**SIS. RHONELYN AS-ANO** has been appointed as the permanent Primary II (ages 9-10) Teacher, following the retirement of Sis. Shannon Han on Sunday, July 27, 2025. Sis. Rhonelyn was first raised as a substitute Sunday School Teacher in August, 2021. She has faithfully served the Lord



in the Nursery, Beginner, and Primary classes, and also helps Sis. Kristie Han with the Young Crusaders. Sis. Rhonelyn would like to praise and thank the Lord for finding her worthy of this opportunity to serve Him. She thanks the Lord for all the saints of God and their unending love and encouragement, for being wonderful exam-

ples, and especially for their unceasing prayers for her and her family.



**SIS. KRISTIE HAN** has been appointed as a substitute Sunday School Teacher. Sis. Kristie is actively involved in the Lord's work: member of the Church Choir, Band, Orchestra, pianist/organist, member of the vocal group Redeeming Zion, vocal soloist, Assistant Band Director, Youth Band Director, Young Crusaders Director, assists Head Pastor Billy Han, Jr. in the Music Department for the telecast, writer for the Kingdom of God Crusader, Saturday Prayer Band Warrior and Vineyard Worker. Sis. Kristie would like to thank Jesus for finding her worthy to serve in this capacity and for the humble privilege and joy to serve the Lord. She'd like to thank Head Pastor Billy Han, Jr. and Sis. Roslyn Han, the Trustees, Servants and Handmaidens, her family, and the family of God for their unceasing prayers.

**SIS. DIONNE CARILLO** has been appointed as a substitute Sunday School Teacher. Sis. Dionne faithfully serves the Lord as a member of the Church Choir, Band, and Orchestra, as a vocal and instrumental soloist, and also helps with the audio. Dionne thanks Jesus for finding her worthy to be a Sunday School substitute Teacher. She thanks all the Sunday School



teachers, pastors, associate pastors, saints, and her parents, who taught and continue to teach her. She also thanks Head Pastor Billy Han, Jr. and Sis. Roslyn, the Trustees, her family, and all the saints of God for their prayers, love, and support.

## RETIREMENTS

By Sis. Edith Matsuki



After 42 years of teaching God's little lambs, **SIS. MARVALEE GORMLEY** announced her retirement on Sunday, July 13, 2025. Sis. Marvie, as she is affectionately called, was first raised as a substitute Sunday School Teacher in August, 1983. She spent some time in other class-

rooms, before being assigned as a permanent substitute teacher to the Nursery II class, under the late Sis. Millicent Kahele. She was appointed as the permanent Nursery II teacher in October, 2007. Sis. Marvie has enjoyed teaching the children about Jesus and the Gospel, through music, songs, finger plays, artwork, and the Sunday School lessons/stories. She has so many wonderful memories of the children who have come through her class, and has enjoyed watching them grow and continue in the Lord's work. Sis. Marvie thanks Jesus for all the prayers, love, and support.



After 19 years with the Sunday School Department, **SIS. SHANNON HAN** announced her retirement on Sunday, July 27, 2025. Sis. Shannon was first raised as a Sunday School Monitor in 2006, then raised as a substitute

Sunday School Teacher in 2009, and then raised as a permanent Sunday School Teacher. She spent some time in the Primary I class before being assigned as the permanent Primary II (ages 9-10) Teacher. Sis. Shannon has enjoyed teaching the children about Jesus, the Good News, and how important it is to exemplify the Fruit of the Spirit in their daily walk with the Lord. She has also enjoyed the opportunities the Lord has given her to write plays for the Children's Program. They have given her many fond memories over the years. Asked if there is any advice she would pass on, Sis. Shannon states, "pray without ceasing, study your Sunday School lesson because the Apostolic Faith Church children are very knowledgeable about the Lord, and encourage the kids to talk about Jesus and share with others."

Congratulations and Best Wishes, Sis. Marvie and Sis. Shannon – Lord bless your retirement!

*"Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing."  
Psalm 100:2*

## A combined Lord Supper & Divine Healing Evening Services



Molokai Pastor Reginald V. Castanares, Sr.'s sermon was "This Do In Remembrance Of Me."



A beautiful group of sisters called the "Spotties" are a mother and daughter's trio, consisting of Sis. Alicia, Sis. Sally & Sis. Cherise Spotkaeff as they blended their beautiful voices together in singing a song entitled, "I Love You, Lord."



The Church Band under the skillful hands of Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr. rendered an uplifting number entitled, "Ten Thousand Angels" & To



The Church Choir blended their voices to the sweet melody of "Holy Is The Lord" & "Only God," led by Sis. Emilia Han.



The Church Orchestra played a tune, "Hallelujah For The Cross."

## GENERAL CLEAN UP

On Saturday, July 19, 2025, the saints worked together as one getting ready for our 102nd Honolulu Anniversary Service. Laughter of excitement and jubilant voices filled the air as each section of the Church was being carefully cleaned with such tender loving care and being supervised by our dynamic leader, Associate Pastor Timothy Han, Sr. with his crew members and his lovely wife, Emilia. Well done, to all the SAINTS who were able to help with the general cleaning, JESUS bless you all more abundantly in this endeavor. Glory be to GOD!

*"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." I Corinthians 15:58*



L-R: Brothers, Alfred Carter, Associate Pastor Timothy Han, Sr. & Taisamasama Kaiminaauao-Eteuati.



L-R: Sis. Liana Falaniko & Sis. Tiare Somers cleaned the Sunday School classroom.



L-R: Asano families, Associate Pastor Seth (Makana), Sr., Bro. Kahiwa, Sisters Puuwai & Sis. Rhonelynn,



L-R: Sis. Donna Lou Carter & granddaughter Halia helped cleaned the Sunday School classroom. Also Sis. Alica Spotkaeff helped her mother with cleaning (bottom photo).



L-R: Sis. Sierra-Lynn Han, Sis. Leah Asano & Sis. JamieLynn Nelson cheerfully smiled for the camera.



A piano was transported to the Kaimuki Branch Church.



L-R: Sis. Sally & Sis. Cherise Spotkaeff cleaned the Nursery II Sunday School classroom.



*"Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." Mark 10:14*



**KAHIAU KALELI KEONI BANASIHAN** was born on May 10, 2025 at Kapiolani Hospital. He weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 21 inches in length. Parents are Mr. & Mrs. Shaun (Krystal) Banasihan. Paternal grandparents are Mr. Jon Banasihan & Sharon Santiago. Maternal grandparents are Mrs. Cynthia Vaughn & Darrell Kelley. He was blessed on Sunday, July 20, 2025 by Associate Pastor Melvin Honda at the Temple.

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**KHARLEIGH-RHOZE BELL** was born on December 2, 2024 at Castle Hospital. Kharleigh-Rhoze weighed 6 lbs. and was 18 inches in length. Parents are Bro. & Sis. Kiku (Kayla) Bell, Sr. Maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth (Rene) Crawford. Paternal grandparents are the late Bro. & Sis. Raymond (Maureen) Bell, Sr. Paternal great grandmother is the late Sis. Merle K. Akui. Paternal great, great grandmother is the late Sis. Anna Kapule. She was blessed on Sunday, July 27, 2025 by Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr. at the Temple.



**LEVI FALETUFUGA-CARTER** was born on May 8, 2025 at Kapiolani Hospital. He weighed 6 lbs. 6.5 oz and was 19 1/2 inches in length. His parent is Chasity Carter & his great grandmother is Sis. Judy Carter. He was blessed on Sunday, August 3, 2025 by Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr. at the Temple.

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**LEILA FALETUFUGA-CARTER** was born on February 06, 2022 at Kapiolani Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 3.4 oz and was 19 inches in length. Her parent is Chasity Carter & her great grandmother is Sis. Judy Carter. She was blessed on Sunday, August 3, 2025 by Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr. at the Temple.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Labor Day*

*Monday, September 1, 2025*

*"The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest." Luke 10:2*

*Grandparents Day*

*Sunday, September 7, 2025*



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