



# Ka 'Ōlelo 'O Ke Ola "The Word of Life"

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## Our Mission Support



**Brad Smith, President**

***BIBLE INSTITUTE OF HAWAII is a 39-year-old, non-profit organization whose mission is "to partner with churches to provide Christ-centered, life-changing Bible teaching."***

During our search for a new Executive Director, the Board of Directors kept in the forefront BIH's mission. As has always been true since day one, BIH depends upon the participation of the wider BIH family, on volunteers like you, to fulfill this mission. Take a few minutes to consider each part of our mission:

**to partner with churches.** We need volunteers to keep BIH on the radar screen of local churches. Tasks include making announcements about new classes in the worship service or putting them in the Sunday bulletin, recruiting students, and arranging meetings with the BIH Executive Director or Board members and your pastor. Might this be your calling?

**to provide Christ-centered Bible teaching.** This can only happen with prayer. Volunteers can organize a phone or e-mail prayer chain, and/or organize meetings in various parts of the island where friends of BIH can gather to pray.

**to provide life-changing Bible teaching.** No class can change lives if people can't attend. Do we have volunteers who would be willing to offer child care for a class, one evening a week for eight weeks, so parents can attend class?

As we continue our search, we solicit your prayers that we will remain focused and Christ-centered. We are grateful to you, our larger BIH family for the ways that you have continued to support us through the years.

Contact BIH at 595-4700 or [info@biblehawaii.com](mailto:info@biblehawaii.com) and we will put you in touch with the right person if you have further ways you'd like to help.



## Asking and Giving

**By Francis Miyazawa, Director**

**F**or the past few years your Board has been mulling over how to raise and use its financial resources in ways that best glorify God. I'd like to share some of our thoughts with you.

Gifts to BIH range from individual offerings to corporate donations from trusts and bequests and churches. Our strongest support, our core giving, comes from individuals – students

and their families – who give as a testament to BIH's teaching and reaching into their lives.

With your help, for the past 39 years, the Bible Institute of Hawaii has been able meet operational expenses, such as office rent, instructors' salaries and other administrative

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## Save the date!

**Saturday, October 15, 2011**  
**2011 Walk in the Word:**

**"Walk by faith, not by sight"**  
- 2 Cor. 5:7

**Community Church of**  
**Honolulu**  
**7:00 – 10:00 a.m.**

We are accepting donations of plants, baked goods and crafts. Walk in the Word T-shirt pre-sale going on NOW!

Pick up your Sponsor Envelopes to help raise support for your walking.

Registration for the Walk will be at the door on the day of the event.

Questions? Call: 595-4700



Francis at work

expenses. In addition to your donations, BIH assesses a nominal registration fee for classes to cover the cost of name tags, workbooks, and other class-specific expenses.

In recent years your Board has been looking at securing additional grants and donations from local and national organizations. We are confident that in God's time, He will bless and provide funds through this effort.

Likewise, the Board has also been actively seeking to enlarge its individual donor base. It proposes to do this by increasing new student enrollment. How can you help?

First, if you are someone who has been with BIH for years, find a study buddy! Bring a friend to the next BIH class in your area. Ask

and encourage someone who has never taken a BIH class to join you next semester. Use this opportunity deepen your knowledge of the Word and your friendship at the same time. And, yes, take advantage of the "Bring a Friend" savings on registration. As many people are brought to Christ at the invitation of a friend, many faithful BIH supporters first come to us because of an invitation. So go ahead, ask a friend.

Second, consider your own giving. If you have never given and would like to support BIH with a donation, call the office at 595-4700. The staff will be more than happy to help you with your gift. If you are already giving, think of simple ways you could increase your giving without breaking your wallet. For example, would something as simple as bringing a home lunch one day a week enable you to increase your giving? The ways are many.

Lastly, plan now for our annual fundraiser, **"Walk in the Word"** in October. We need volunteers in various areas, including making or donating items to sell, set-up, clean-up, greeters, and many other tasks. Are you able to help us? Contact BIH at 595-4700 or info @biblehawaii.com and we will put you in touch with the right person.

The Board of Directors and the Administrative Staff of BIH are thankful for every giver, and every gift that has come to us over the past 39 years. We wish to express our appreciation and thanks for your support, and solicit your prayers so that we can be the organization that God would have us be!

## INPUT WELCOMED!!!

Marcus Pang, Director



**Y**our feedback helps us. BIH's mission is, "To partner with churches to provide Christ-centered, life-changing biblical teaching." That means we're not here to do it alone.

The root of the word "partner" comes from Latin and French, and means "joint heirs". So when we say our mission is to partner with churches, it means a big piece of who we are is

to be with you. We are here to partner with you who are God's "glorious inheritance".

Over the years, BIH has had the privilege and joy of journeying with God's people. Together, we have studied His Word, and have witnessed the height and depth and breath of God's love.

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We have offered classes on every book of the Bible - Old and New Testaments; topical classes: the parables, for the new Christian (Christianity



Marcus and Susan Pang

101), heaven, apologetics, world religions; and skills: inductive study methods, discernment, children's ministry, prayer, worship – to name just a few.

BIH has also offered Greek and Hebrew language classes that have stretched over 17 weeks, weekend seminars on specific books of the Bible, or topics such as conflict resolution. We have even offered classes taught in Mandarin and Spanish.

Many of these classes have been offered in response to your specific need. You have asked, and BIH has responded.

So keep letting us know what classes you'd like offered. We're willing to work with you and for you.

Call us, BIH at 595-4700 or email BIH at info@biblehawaii.org.

# A NEW Ahavah

By Judy Roy, student

It began with a date on Valentine's Day, and over the next 17 weeks developed into something much more serious. This past February, my husband and I attend our first class in BIH's "Introduction to Biblical Hebrew." There we found a new ahavah (love) for God's Word.



Like little children, Yamit, our *morah* (teacher), taught her *talmidim* (students) the building blocks of *Ivrit* (Hebrew). We learned from scratch the 22 letter *aleph-bet* (alphabet), vowel sounds, reading and writing. We not only learned a new language but we also learned about Jewish Culture, festivals, blessings, the Hebrew names of God, and much more.

How do we even begin to give the details of what we learned in this class? How can we fully explain how blessed we felt, being able to speak "the language of God", thousands of years old yet still so alive with His Spirit? How do we share our excitement to read the Old Testament in Hebrew, and to bless God in this ancient tongue? A different world has opened for us. As one person said, "The Dead Sea Scrolls are no longer dead."

*"How can we fully explain how blessed we felt, being able to speak "the language of God", thousands of years old yet still so alive with His Spirit?"*

Our biggest disappointment with the class was that it ended. We miss the great fellowship that developed among the students, and we miss our teacher Yamit.

As believers, we highly recommend that you take this class to learn Hebrew. Our desire is that you would be blessed as we were. You will find a deepened faith and will grasp the trustworthiness of scripture.

Taste and see that God is good! Barukh HaShem! -- Judy "Yehudit" and Kim Roy, students of the Lord at BIH.

**"FOR THEN I WILL RESTORE TO THE PEOPLES A PURE LANGUAGE, THAT THEY ALL MAY CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD, TO SERVE HIM WITH ONE ACCORD." (ZEPH 3:9)**

## Testimonies from being in the classroom

What did you like about the class you took?

"Every week [there] was something new and interesting." Karel.

"I have better understanding of the Bible; I'm clearer on what I believe, and how I should act as a Christian." Ray.

"[The class] reminded me [of the need] to get to know Jesus better, even after many years as a Christian." Rodney.

"The [class] focus on developing a consistent, life-long, growing-in-depth relationship with Jesus and His word has challenged me to quit being lazy. [I am] asking Him [to] help me do what's required to have the same focus. It takes work, discipline, His grace, and being around people like Ada Lum and Pastor Danny Kim, and other students to grow as a Christian." Leonora.

"[The class] enlightened my understanding of the salvation of our souls." Rita.

If you'd like to give a testimony of the Lord's work in BIH, let us know and we can add your witness of what God is doing. To Him be the glory!



# Fall 2011 Schedule of Courses

## September – November

# Fall 2011

Please refer to course descriptions for start and end dates.  
Early Registration deadline is **Friday, September 9, 2011**

### Sunday

**CNS104**  
**One Day at a Time**  
Dr. Ruby Ovitt

This special class is for men and women experiencing divorce, physical or emotional separation, or widowhood. Discussions, small group sharing, and prayer assist participants in developing or restoring a positive self-image and greater faith in God. New friendships and support are built with others also undergoing one of life's most difficult crises.

Administrative Fee \$35  
Sundays: 4:00 – 6:00 pm  
September 18 – November 6, 2011 (8 wks)  
University Avenue Baptist Church,  
Worship Center Room 1  
2305 University Avenue (parking available)

**Bring  
a  
Friend**  
**Share the Word!**

 This symbol denotes classes that are applicable towards the Certificate in Biblical Studies program.

★NOTICE: *Early registration rates apply to all registrations received postmarked by **September 9, 2011**. The higher rate applies to all registrations after this deadline. You can still get the early registration rate if you register on-line. Register early or on-line to get the best rates.*

### Monday

**BTS102**  
**How to Defend Your Faith II**  
Dr. Bong R. Ro

Christianity today faces many challenges from the secular world and other religions, and even questions from those within the church. Christians must know what they believe and why they believe in order to defend their faith, and to be faithful witnesses to non-Christians. This class deal with subjects such as the miracles in the Bible, creation vs. evolution, Christian faith and science, the one true religion, ancestor worship, problems of evil and suffering, civil unions and homosexuality. Course materials included.


Suggested textbooks:  
Josh McDowell. *The New Evidence that Demands a Verdict*. Campus Crusade for Christ, 2006.  
Lee Strobel. *The Case for Faith*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2000  
Administrative fee: \$45/50★  
Mondays: 7:00 – 9:30 pm  
September 12 – October 17, 2011 (6 wks)  
Kaimuki Christian Church, Mahina Room 102  
1117 Koko Head Avenue

 CBS: Skills

**NT003**  
**Luke: New Hope, New Joy**  
Miss Ada Lum

This course is for Christians who respect, admire and even worship Jesus Christ, but are quietly bored with him. And yet they still want to introduce him to seeker friends. We will begin to train you to see in selective Lukan passages a Jesus who was incredibly fascinating—not just because he was scandalous and partying, but also because he was politically gutsy, attractively playful, deeply empathetic—and more. For live evangelism bring your seeker friends for half-price!  
Workbook included.

Administrative fee: \$45/50★  
Mondays: 7:00 - 9:00 pm  
September 19 – November 7, 2011 (8 wks)  
Community Church of Honolulu, Makai Room 1  
2345 Nuuanu Avenue

 CBS: NT-Gospel

## Tuesday

### BST130 Christian Meditation: New-Age Heresy or Neglected Heritage?

Pastor Joel Elies

Are Christians allowed to meditate? Or would that be a dangerous sell-out to Eastern Religions? In this class, we will rediscover meditation as a central practice of the historic Christian faith. Using long-forgotten techniques gleaned from Medieval monasteries and Puritan provinces, we will learn to enter into the scriptures with exciting experiential exercises. Come and encounter Jesus in ways that capture the imagination and captivate the heart!

Suggested reading: Joel Elies. *Christ-Centered Spirituality: A Handbook of Catechesis for the Training of Novices in the Way of Christ.*

Administrative fee: \$35/\$40\*

Tuesdays: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

September 20 – November 8, 2011 (8 wks)

Makiki Christian Church, RM 210

829 Pensacola Street

### OT101A A Heart's Journey through the Old Testament

Mr. Clive M. Cowell

This invigorating exploration of the Old Testament will help to focus your faith on the key question, "Do you see God?" It will help you to see Him in Old Testament situations, people, and places where you might have thought He was not. It will also give you a sense of His faithfulness, and the completeness of His work in your life as well. This class will have a useful binder for your future reference, helping you understand each of the books of the Old Testament.

Administrative fee: \$50/\$55\*

Tuesdays: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

September 27 – November 15, 2011 (8 wks)

Hope Chapel West Oahu

94-877 Lumiaina Street, Bldg 12

Waialeale Shopping Center

 CBS: OT-Survey

### NT027 End Times

Miss Ada Lum

In and out of the church people wonder what's going to happen "at the end of the world". When will that be? What's it going to be like? What will happen to us/me? The Bible actually has a lot of answers to these important questions. We will look at 15 Old and New Testament texts for answers. They will help us prepare for the future!

We will use as an additional resource guide, *End Times* by R. Paul Stevens.

Guidebook included.

Administrative fee: \$25/\$30\*

**\*Bring-A-Friend not applicable to this class.**

Tuesdays: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

September 20 – November 8, 2011 (8 wks)

Pearl City Community Church, Higuchi Hall

933 Lehua Avenue

 CBS: NT-Revelation

## How to Register

### By Mail or Walk-In

- Fill out registration form, check appropriate box for course(s)
- Make check payable to Bible Institute of Hawai'i or **BIH**
- Submit your payment and completed registration form to: **Bible Institute of Hawai'i, 2345 Nu'uuanu Avenue Honolulu, HI 96817**
- **Early registration (postmarked) by September 9, 2011** to receive the early registration rate. After this date the second rate will be applied to all registrations except on-line registrations.
- Register by the early registration deadline to receive your registration confirmation by mail/email. We will continue to accept registrations but no confirmations will be sent after this date.

### By Credit/Debit Card

- Paying by credit/debit card? Register online at [www.biblehawaii.org](http://www.biblehawaii.org)
- It's SAFE & SECURE through PayPal.
- You will receive your registration confirmation by email.
- To take advantage of our Bring a Friend discount (see below)
  - Select 1 quantity for every 2 people registering
  - Select to add "instructions to merchant." Include your "friend's contact information (name, address, phone and/or email).
- After the early registration deadline, register on-line and still get the lower rate. All other registrations, by mail and walk-ins, will be charged the higher rate.

### Discount!

- **Bring A Friend!** Take 50% off each of your Administrative Fees when you register together with a friend.
- You each must fill out registration forms and submit the forms and payment(s) together (unless family with same contact information).
- Don't forget to check off "Yes, I'm registering with..."
- Payment may be made jointly or with separate checks.
- See above "by credit/debit card" section to take advantage of the "Bring A Friend" offer on-line.

### Other Information

- For some classes, the Admin Fee includes materials.
- Text books must be purchased separately.
- Questions? Call: (808) 595-4700 or email: [info@biblehawaii.org](mailto:info@biblehawaii.org)

## Wednesday

NT001  Day class

### Matthew's Gospel and the Sermon on the Mount – Part II

Rev. Rodney Wong

We will examine the second half of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount as an expose through the Gospel of Matthew. In His "all or nothing" sermon, Jesus calls His followers to whole-hearted, undivided loyalty. This sermon discourse will challenge the depths of your understanding of Jesus' best known, yet least followed teachings. This course will also highlight major Christian themes, character formation, and kingdom living. Part I is not a prerequisite to this class.

Administrative fee: \$35/\$40★

September 21 – November 9, 2011 (8 wks)

Wednesdays: 12:00 - 1:00 noon

First Hawaiian Bank Bldg,

9<sup>th</sup> floor conference room

999 Bishop Street, Downtown

No parking validation available

 CBS: NT-Gospel

OT003

### The Overlooked Gold Mine: Leviticus

Rev. Todd A. Capen

Do you have a mental block when it comes to the value of Leviticus? Is it just a book packed with endless rules that are of no use today? The Book of Leviticus might be the most overlooked book in the Old Testament; a book with the richest with images of Christ and salvation. This study will help to uncover the Christ in Leviticus, and will enhance your understanding of God's call on your life through your High Priest Jesus Christ.

Administrative fee: \$40/\$45★

September 21 – November 9, 2011 (8 weeks)

Wednesdays: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Community Church of Honolulu

2345 Nuuanu Avenue, Makai Room 1

 CBS: OT-Historical

HEB101

### Introduction to Biblical Hebrew



Ms. Yamit McCormick

A class to start in January 2012!

If you'd like to start a class at your church, please call the BIH office.

## Thursday

NT019

### Hebrews: Keeping Our Eyes Fixed on Jesus

Rev. Kenneth W. Humphries

More than any other book in the New Testament, the book written to the Hebrews connects the dots between the Old Testament and New. With the central focus on the Messiah, no book places the spotlight more directly on Jesus than Hebrews. As the author says, "keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2). Let us draw near.

Administrative fee: \$45/\$50★

September 22 – November 10, 2011 (8 weeks)

Thursdays: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Wellspring Covenant Church

99-900 Iwaena Street

 CBS: NT-Letters

OT101B

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Administrative fee: \$50/\$55★

September 22 – November 10, 2011 (8 weeks)

Thursdays: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Windward Christian Church

1276 Kailua Road

 CBS: OT-Survey

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# Bible Institute of Hawaii's Mission and Vision

## OUR MISSION

To partner with churches to provide Christ-centered, life-changing biblical teaching.

## OUR VISION

Communities and individuals loving, learning, and leading in response to Christ.



### SERVICE TIMES

Sundays: 9.00 a.m & 10.45 a.m.  
@ Mililani Mauka Elem. School  
95-1111 Makaikai St., Mililani, HI , 96789

*As a ministry that serves the church, Bible Institute of Hawaii delights in highlighting specific churches. In this issue, it's The Gathering. If you would like your church highlighted, let us know.*



## The Gathering

### Looking for a church in central Oahu?

The Gathering meets Sundays at Mililani Mauka Elementary School with two services at 9:00 and 10:45 am. (See map insert.) An ethnically diverse group, with worshippers of all ages, it hosts a hands-on Sunday School for children (up to 5th grade), lively middle and high school classes for nurturing the next generation, and separate, mid-week meetings (mini-gatherings) for discipling adults, teens and almost teens.

The Gathering also supports a variety of ministries, including community outreach for the homeless, local and foreign missions, short-term missions trips, and many fellowship activities – all as avenues for sharing God's word and making disciples.

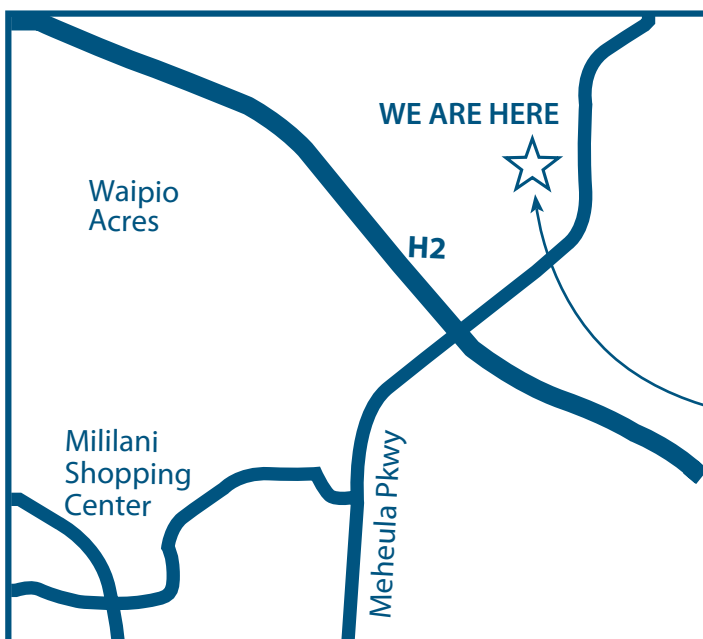
Lead Pastor is James Shiroma, who served as the senior pastor at Cornerstone Fellowship Church. In 2006, as he shares in The Gathering's website, a small group of like-minded folks met regularly to seek God's guidance in developing a vision for a new church. With a little over a dozen worshippers, The Gathering began meeting in early 2007 for Sunday worship at the Mililani Mauka Elementary School. Since then, God has added to their numbers, and they have expanded to two services.

Key components of The Gathering's services are wholehearted worship and spirited-led teaching. Each week, Pastor James challenges the group to ask: What impact will the Word make in our lives today? What effect will the Word make in our church?

If you are looking for a home church in the central Oahu area, one that is open to children and adults of all ages, consider The Gathering.

### How to find us: The Gathering

Mililani Mauka Elementary School  
95-1111 Makaikai Street  
Mililani, HI 96789  
Phone: (808) 625 9355





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## Confess and Be Blessed

**BJ Allen, Director**

**S**pring, summer, fall and winter, I take a BIH class or seminar. And I confess I take these classes all for selfish reasons.

Reason one. Consistent study brings continual spiritual growth. God's word is rich and instructive, no matter how long I've been a Christian. I take a class to enrich my personal Bible study.

Reason two. In each class, God connects me to others all over His Kingdom.

I've found a mix of people of from different age groups, ethnic backgrounds and different churches. As we join together to study Him, we help each other with "God sightings", and to mine for nuggets of His wisdom. Meeting people from all walks of life and from other Christian denominations broadens my understanding of how wide and deep God's love truly is.

Reason three. Every BIH instructor brings a different style of teaching that makes the class lively, vibrant and challenging. In some classes, we look at His Word closeup; in others with a panoramic view. I've found that each teacher opens my mind and brings His Word to my life. I see God again and again, but in ways I previously had not.

I invite you to confess with me, take a class, and be blessed.