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BIH 50-Year Anniversary "CELEBRATING A LEGACY IN JUBILEE!"

Saturday, November 5, 2022

10:30 am - 1:30 pm

Ala Moana Hotel, Hibiscus Ballroom

REGISTRATION OPEN!



Two Years In: HOPE we are in the clear.

By Rodney Wong, BIH Executive Director

Since the onset of the pandemic and throughout its lingering and unwelcome stay. I remember questioning the wisdom of having a large gathering celebration. People have experienced serious losses of loved ones, of jobs, even of homes. Also, the pandemic along with financial pressures triggered waves of mental health issues often linked to social isolation, addiction, depression, and anxiety. The way we work, the way we learn,

even the way we worship has all changed.

As time passed, I found myself using the word, "hope" more and more. I may have even declared a time or two, "Yes, we're in the clear, the pandemic is on the way out, make plans to reopen!" ... and then one year later ... "Now, we are in the clear...I hope? Should we move forward with the plans?" I answered myself, "YES absolutely, things are better right?...I hope?"

Most likely not used with the same biblical image that the Apostle Paul had in mind when he used the word, "hope."

I used the word hope to convey wishful thinking, what I wish to do or wish to see happen. It was my means of dealing with angst and anxiety about current circumstance and about the future. Interestingly, Paul uses the word "hope" in **Romans 15:13** in an "otherworldly" way. He masterfully redirects our attention away from any worrisome future. It states, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Our hearts are easily set adrift by worry and the unending cycle of potential outcomes-What could happen, what should happen, or what may or may not happen. Instead, our eyes must be fixed on the God who is, the God of Hope, the God of our present, as well as our future. He is the anchor of our hearts, who keeps us from going astray. When we yield to the Spirit and wait upon Him, He IS the outcome and overflow of lasting joy and peace! Our Blessed HOPE! (**Titus 2:13**)

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Dr. Ruby Ovitt's class "One Day At a Time" is back in person - Spring 2022



SUMMER QUARTER 2022 SCHEDULE OF COURSES

July 17, 2022 – Sept. 7, 2022 (7 – 8 weeks)



All classes online, some include in-person option

Register online at
www.biblehawaii.org

Mail-in Registrations
Postmarked by July 13

\$35 – \$45 per household

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 will be built with others also undergoing one of life's most difficult crises. Face mask and Water bottle Recommended

Administrative fee: \$35 Bring-a-friend free
July 17 – August 28, 2022 (7 weeks)

Sundays, 4:00 – 6:00 pm

In person only

University Avenue Baptist Church
2305 University Ave., Honolulu

Monday

OT021

ECCLESIASTES: An Exposition on God's Warning against a Wasted Life

Dr. J.R. Cuevas

This course is an exposition through the book of Ecclesiastes. The aim of the course is to bring clarity to what has historically been one of the most difficult and confusing books to interpret in the church, so that those who read it may be edified by it and be able to apply the rich wisdom that God intended for His people to obtain. The theme of the vanity of life apart from God will be traced, both in its understanding and application of the book.

Administrative fee: \$40 per household
July 18 – September 5, 2022 (8 weeks)

Mondays, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

ZOOM online only

 CBS/CMM: OT- Wisdom/Poetic

Wednesday

NT020 OCCC (inmates only)

JAMES: An Activated Faith

Pastor Rodney Wong

What does an "active" faith look like, and does it mirror what we profess to believe? James advises his readers to examine their lives. Filled with practical wisdom speeches and admonishments, it exposes the churches in conflict with its calling and identity. The class is only available to inmates at the O'ahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC). To cover the course costs, inmates rely on your generosity. Donations are tax-deductible and will be applied anonymously to sponsor an inmate.

Donation: \$35 per inmate

July 20 – September 7, 2022 (8 weeks)

Wednesdays, 5:45 – 7:45 pm

OCCC in person only

 CBS/CMM: NT- Letters

NT218

The Great Events of the Bible: The Life of Jesus

Mr. Gary Lau

You've read about the people, places, and events: Lazarus, the disciples, Pilate; Sychar, the Temple, Galilee; the Sermon on the Mount, the Transfiguration, the Last Supper...but how do they all fit together? Learn the 100 great events of the life of Jesus to understand the grand storyline of the Gospels, the geography of the land, and how Jesus fulfilled Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah.

Administrative Fee: \$45 per household
(Registration includes downloadable workbook)

July 20 – September 7, 2022 (8 weeks)

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Zoom online only

 CBS/CMM: NT- Gospels

NT010

Ephesians

Pastor Ken Humphries

This course will explore and study Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus. Emphases include definitions of important words and phrases, important theological principles that are implied and expressed, and practical discussions and application for us today.

Administrative Fee: \$35 Bring-a-friend free
July 20 – September 7, 2022 (8 weeks)

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

In person only

Island Family Church Christian Church – Fellowship Hall

3375 Salt Lake Blvd. Honolulu

Optional potluck dinner every week at 5:30 pm. Bring something to share.

 CBS/CMM: NT- Letters



SUMMER 2022



This symbol denotes classes that are applicable towards the Certificate in Biblical Studies and Mentored Ministries program



Saturday

SEM402 One-Day Seminar Spiritual Warfare in the Word and the World

Dr. Randy Furushima

Over 60% of the places mentioned in the Bible are found in Turkey, known as the "Second Holy Land." While in exile on the Greek island of Patmos, near the shoreline of southeastern Turkey (Asia Minor), Jesus Christ spoke to John in a vision. These words to the seven churches are found in the first three chapters of the book of Revelation. The messages of Jesus to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea are worth examining today for its power and insight into our Christian faith. These short and concise "letters" reveal the struggles and strengths, warnings and praises addressed to the churches. We will review the main ideas embedded in these sermons to the churches, which is as relevant today as they were during the first century.

Seminar fee: \$40 per person

Duplicate seminars choose only one

date: August 13 or 20, 2022

Saturday, 8:30 – 12:00 pm

In person only at the

Waioli Tea Room

2950 Manoa Rd, Honolulu

Includes a Breakfast Sandwich
and Beverages

Limited Space: 30 seats available
per date

Optional lunch at the tearoom
following



CBS/CMM: Flex Credit Hours

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Over the last year, I felt like I have the best job in the world. To be in a unique position to interface with Faculty, Board Members, and Students. One such joy is my involvement in the Chapels or Convocations. Our recent Spring Chapel brought our regular school year to a close. (Many of our faculty will be traveling during the summer but will be back in the Fall.) The chapel was the first of its kind to be completely student-led. Our BIH students eagerly took charge of the planning and executing of the service.

During the live event, everything seemed to fall perfectly into place. Across the screen, we could see the faces of our faculty and students. Teachers invested many hours studying, preparing for class, and praying for their students by name. Students prepared and shared heartfelt words of appreciation and thanksgiving with each faculty member. A double blessing came as the students became the teachers. While teaching the Shepherd's Psalm verse by verse, it was surreal to watch the teaching ministry come full circle. The testimonies were heartwarming, revealing both adversity and courage. Their vulnerabilities affected me deeply even in the hours following.

A big Mahalo to the students for their meticulous planning, organization, and prayers. Thank you for the blessing: Gail Haruki, Marti Koizumi, Jo-Ann Komori, Sue Yoon, Gloria Young, and Gabriel Gutierrez for taking on the Lead.

We are now taking registrations for The BIH 50-Year Anniversary Celebration. Seats are available for purchase at \$65 per person. It includes a full course lunch buffet, and a live band leading worship. The program will be celebratory as we recount God's blessings over the many years. We will also unveil our 50-Year Anniversary Commemorative Book, where you (hopefully), will make a written contribution. We will be compiling your statements through Google Forms. Please visit our website to view the questions and submit the forms.

Also, big news, I am excited to announce our two keynote speakers. Pastor Rod Franklin, who many of you already know or were first introduced to through our last two Newsletters. He was our second Executive Director and currently lives in Illinois. Our next speaker is Dr. Randy Furushima, someone most of you will remember was our previous Executive Director and is still a current teacher for BIH. We are privileged to have him carve out time for us despite his already full teaching and travel schedule. He will also teach two seminars for us and lead a BIH Study Tour. More information is in this Newsletter and on our website.

We encourage you to register right away. Early registration is very helpful in our planning. You may register online through our website or by mail using the registration form. Parking is Free at the Ala Moana Shopping Center. Park on the Mall Level on the Macy's Store side. There is a convenient foot bridge that leads directly into the Ala Moana Hotel and entrance to the Hibiscus Ballroom.

We also "hope" for many of you to be moved to be a Table Sponsor. Please email 50@biblehawaii.org with your questions about the program.



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Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) has approved Bible Institute of Hawaii to offer course work leading to Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for ACSI Certification in the area of biblical studies.



JUST SHOW UP

ALL INVITED!

Just Show Up (JSU): The Public Reading of Scripture

**It's FREE, NO Fee or
Registration Required!**

Zoom online only

**Link is available at
www.biblehawaii.org**



CBS/CMM: Flex Credit Hours

■ **Canonical Reading of the Old & New Testament, and the Psalms (Q&A and Prayer optional time to follow)**

July 19 - September 6, 2022 (8 weeks)

Tuesdays, 7:15 - 8:15 pm

Facilitators Rodney Wong & Jason Sumner

■ **"Eh Lissen Up - MARK tell bout Jesus"**

Join us for the full reading with movie of the Gospel of
Mark in the Hawaii Pidgin Bible

August 27, 2022

Saturday, 9:00 - 11:00 am

Facilitator Pastor Earl Morihara



RESCHEDULED DATES

BIH STEPS OF PAUL & THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION: TURKEY STUDY TOUR

April 26 - May12, 2023

Contact Dr. Randy Furushima
directly

Furushima@yahoo.com or
(808)371-8591



Monastery of St. John on Patmos island



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REGISTRATION BEGINS NOW!

50-Year Anniversary Celebration and Course Registration Form Please print legibly

☐ First time student ☐ Update/change information

Rev. / Pastor / Mr. / Mrs. / Miss / Ms. / Dr. (Circle One)

Last Name

First Name

Best way to reach me (please include both phone number & email address)

☐ Phone: home/cell/work

☐ Email

Mailing Address

Church Affiliation (if any)

50-Year Anniversary Celebration

☐ Purchase Ticket(s)/Seat(s)

No. of Tickets _____ - \$65 per person

☐ I want to be a Table Sponsor & Host - Donation

No. of Tables _____ - \$650 per table

Name of Sponsor(s) or Business Name (if different from above) _____

☐ I want to make an additional donation for the

50-Year Celebration Event \$ _____

Register Online or by mail.

Email inquiries to 50@biblehawaii.org

Courses/Seminar Registration

| Course No. | Course Name | Admin Fee |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> CNS104 | One Day at A Time (in-person) | \$35 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> OT021 | Ecclesiastes: An Exposition 🕊 | \$40 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> NT020 | James (OCCC) Donation 🕊 | \$35 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> NT218 | The Great Events of the Bible 🕊 | \$45 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> NT010 | Ephesians 🕊 (in-person) | \$35 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> SEM402 | Spiritual Warfare Seminar 🕊 per seat | \$40 |
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☐ August 13 ☐ August 20 Seat(s) _____

choose one date (seating is limited; in-person only)

Total No. of Households Registering _____

Total Amount from above \$ _____

Optional gift to BIH \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____



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Directions: Fill out your name and phone no. and/or email address. One form per person unless you are family and have the same contact info. **First time student:** Fill out your mailing address (and church affiliation). Return completed form and administrative fee to BIH. **Checks payable to BIH.** For more info on How to Register and Schedule of Courses OR to register online, go to www.biblehawaii.org

Mail-in for classes only Postmarked by July 13, 2022



Dr. J.R. Cuevas

B.S. in Biology, UC San Diego; M.Div. and D.Min. in Expository Preaching, Master's Seminary. J.R.

currently serves as a Pastor and Elder at Grace Church Kalama Valley, as a High School Teacher at Kaimuki Christian School, and as Adjunct Faculty for Bethlehem College and Seminary. He is the author of *"Skillfully Surveying the Scriptures Volume 1: Genesis through Esther"* and *"The Danger of Hypocrisy: Coming to Grips with Jesus' Most Damning Sermon,"* and *"The Parable of Sports."* He is certified by both the *Association of Certified Biblical Counselors* and the *Association of Christian Schools International* as a Bible specialist. He has been a keynote speaker for international pastors' conferences in the Philippines, India, and Honduras. J.R. is married to the most exemplary woman in the world, Kathy, and they have two wonderful children, Jayden, and Emma.



Dr. Randall Furushima

B.A. University of Hawaii; M.Ed., Boston College; Ed.D., Columbia University (New York). President Emeritus

and Co-founder of Pacific Rim Christian University. Former Associate Conference Minister of the Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ. Member of the Society of Biblical Literature, Evangelical Theological Society, and Foursquare Scholars Fellowship. BIH Executive Director, 2019-2021.



Rev. Kenneth W. Humphries

B.A. Jessup University; M.Div. American Baptist Seminary of the West; over 40 years

of pastoral experience with churches in California and Hawaii; retired Senior Pastor, Island Family Christian Church. General and Pastoral Ministry Faculty at Pacific Rim Christian University. Pastor Ken and his wife Tina have three adult children: Stephen, Tyler, and Jasmine. BIH adjunct faculty in 2009.



Mr. Gary Lau

B.A., University of Hawaii; M.Div., King's Seminary. Creator of Learn the Bible Fast methodology. He has

been a National Instructor for Walk Thru the Bible Ministries, teaching pastor for New Hope Central Oahu, and Executive Dean and Adjunct Faculty with Pacific Rim Christian University and BIH Adjunct Faculty.



Pastor Earl Morihara

B.Ed in Secondary English & M.A ESL University of Hawaii at Manoa, M.A Christian Ministry Pacific Rim Christian

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Dr. Ruby S. Ovitt

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Administration and Policy Analysis, Stanford University; D.Min., Hawaii Theological Seminary; author; retired principal, Hawaii Baptist Academy Elementary Division. BIH adjunct faculty since 1988.



Pastor Rodney Wong

M.A., M.Div., Th.M., Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and International Graduate School of Theology.

Lead Pastor of CrossCurrent Fellowship in Manoa. BIH Faculty Administrator and Prison Ministries at OCCC. Adjunct Faculty, Pacific Rim Christian University. Worked with Youth for Christ and as a Pediatric Mental Health Counselor at Tufts Medical Center in Boston. BIH Adjunct Faculty since 2010. BIH Executive Director, 2021 to present.



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.

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