



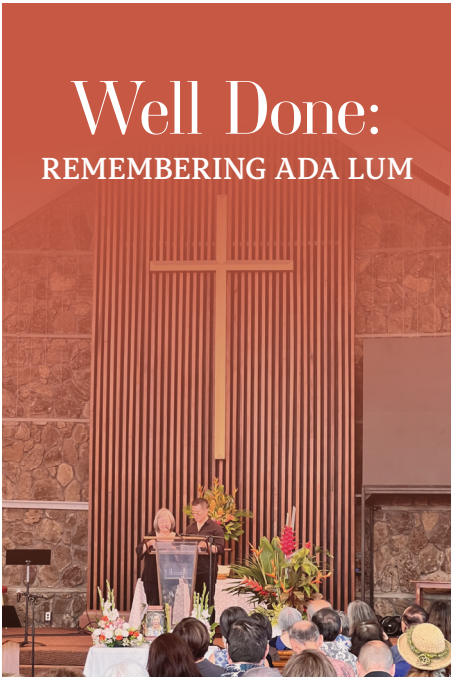
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Well Done: REMEMBERING ADA LUM



By Rodney Wong,
BIH Executive Director

A hundred years is a loooooong time. Ada Lum spent nearly all of it choosing the same thing over and over on purpose: the eternal over the temporal. On Saturday, August 1, 2026, family and friends, and even those who had never met her but came to learn about her for the first time, filled the sanctuary at Kalihi Union Church to celebrate the life of Miss Ada Lum, who passed from the temporal into the eternal at the age of one hundred. Pastor Kendal Fong opened the service in prayer, reminding those gathered that they had come for two reasons: to honor Ada's life, and, more importantly, to reflect on the goodness of the God she served for so long.

Ada came to faith as a child at Kalihi Union Church, a home church relationship that lasted her whole life. She carried the gospel and the discipline of inductive Bible study into 115 countries, serving for decades with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students before continuing her teaching ministry at Bible Institute of Hawaii. She was known for teaching the Bible in a way that made the Scriptures come alive, a gift many who sat under her can still testify to. She retired from BIH in 2013, and the institute honored her with the title of **Faculty Emerita**, followed years later by a **Lifetime Achievement Award**. **Thirty-plus published Bible studies. 115 countries.**

To give you a behind-the-scenes perspective: Ada always worked hard at what she put her hands to and was a planner. She even planned the details of her own memorial service, leaving close to zero room for interpretation — down to naming a backup. If Ginny weren't able to eulogize her, her longtime friend Barbara Ching would step in. (That was Ada: thorough in her thinking, anticipating issues or questions her students might ask.)

For the reception, Ada specified only fruit punch and cookies, explicitly adding:



Pastor Kendal Fong reads from Ada Lum's own well-worn Bible, where she wrote in bold red letters across Hebrews 11: "Obedience. Just do it."



Joanne Naai and Kendric Wong share Scripture that Ada selected herself — even her memorial service, planned down to the last verse.



Gay Hongo sings one of the songs Ada chose for her service, accompanied on piano by Yumi Fujinami.

no sushi, no noodles... nothing fancy. She wanted lots of Scripture, so lots of Scripture is what we got. But when it came to the menu, the planning committee went rogue. Although not quite on the level of Jesus turning water into wine (cf. *John 2:1-11*), a different kind of miracle unfolded at KUC to save everyone's blood sugar: bentos were distributed. (Are bentos considered fancy? Debatable.)



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Bob Okuda, who was on the planning committee, assured the rest of us not to worry. Speaking as Ada's favorite student (reminding us more than once), he looked at all the younger members on the committee and declared that since he'd probably be the first to see her in heaven, he'd take one for the team. He smiled, and we all laughed sheepishly... and awkwardly. All in all, Ada's planned-out program and simple reception menu were, in part, her way of saying, "When I'm gone, don't make a fuss or a production over me. I'm elated to finally be home with the Lord!"

The congregation sang hymns of praise in one voice, and **Barbara Ching** gave the eulogy on her life and decades of ministry abroad, joined by **Brenda Wong**, who spoke to Ada's student missions endeavors overseas. In his message, Pastor Kendal gave the congregation three words to carry home: **extraordinary, eternal, and exaltation**. Her record was extraordinary by any measure. But what marked her most was a century

spent choosing the eternal over the temporal, giving herself to the Word of God, to prayer, and to the people in front of her. Even her memorial pointed past her, toward Him. The service was live-streamed and is now available on the Kalihi Union Church and BIH websites for those who could not attend. Now, it is trending as one of the top 10 videos on KUC's YouTube channel.

By the time the reception program began in the gym, it was hard not to just sit back and take it all in. Testimonies continued, with fellow missionaries, translators, and coworkers from Vietnam, China, and Senegal — to name a few — present to honor her. One story led to another. There was even a detail about Ada's life shared that afternoon that raised a few eyebrows around the room (nothing to do with fermented fondue or hugging trees). Unfortunately, the reception program was not recorded. So — if you were there, you know. And if you know, you know (IYKYK). I'll leave it at that.

Correspondence and notes have kept coming in since. A former short-term worker in Senegal wrote in to say, "I remember Ada Lum from a workshop she did in Burkina Faso." A missionary in Senegal who helped proofread the Wolof Bible shared that he came to know her name "during the second half of the 1980s while being part of SMD, the German student mission linked with IFES." And after watching the recorded service, Mary Anne wrote simply, "I just finished watching Ada's Memorial Service. This was so precious." Drs. Paul and Virginia Friesen, who live in Virginia and met Ada through IVCF conferences, also tuned in to her service and wrote to share their condolences—just to name a few.

Ada Lum's life was, in the end, a testimony of devotion to our Lord and the study of God's Word, teaching others to do the same. **"Well done, good and faithful servant."** (cf. Matthew 25:21)



Ministry Update: Expanding Our Reach to Thailand (and Beyond!)

Bible Institute of Hawaii is expanding its classes overseas this Fall quarter through a new online program in Thailand, organized alongside the missions program at Kaimuki Christian Church.

We are starting small by utilizing our existing faculty to teach these courses. David Van Wagenen, Greig Porter, and the Kaimuki Christian Church missions committee are helping us coordinate the logistics, from navigating a 17-hour time difference to arranging real-time translators for our students. Soon, we'll be opening the doors for you to sit in on these classes too!

Through this online stream, we will reach students across two key areas in Thailand:

- **Chiang Mai:** Home to the highest concentration of believers and churches in the country, but in strong need of solid biblical training for local leaders.
- **Bangkok:** A fast-paced megacity where ministry teams face intense secular pressures.

While Hawaii remains our main focus, today's technology allows us to extend our reach globally without losing ground at home. Working through the logistics in Thailand helps us refine our training framework, enabling us to deliver courses to ministry partners in other regions in future quarters, including Ethiopia, which is up next.

Mahalo for your continued prayers and support as we serve local leaders near and far!

Meeting People Where They Scroll: BIH ON SOCIAL MEDIA



This summer, we launched, or re-launched, our social media platforms. It has already proven to be a meaningful way to reach people: research shows 55% of people who engage with a cause on social media are inspired to take action, whether donating, volunteering, or attending an event (ClearFont Media, 2026).

We're at 59 followers so far, and we expect engagement and followers to pick up exponentially. We've already had some direct messages, or "DMs," including one person asking about Old Testament practices and another wanting to dive deeper into the book of John.

We were also surprised and blessed by a story that unfolded right in front of us. While sitting in on one of our Zoom classes, we asked students why they decided to take the class. One woman shared that she had seen our post on social media that very morning and had never taken a BIH class before. Within hours of scrolling past our post, she was in the Zoom room. It was a small, unexpected reminder of what social media can do when we least expect it.



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 CBS/CMM: Skills or Music Ministry Leadership
Certificate (MMLC)

Saturday

BST101

Encounter Jesus in Genesis (in Mandarin) 《創世記》中遇見耶穌

Ms. Brooke Wei

When the risen Lord Jesus walked with two disciples on the road to Emmaus, he explained to them everything concerning himself in the scriptures, starting from Genesis. Ever wonder what he told them? Join us as we encounter Jesus in Genesis. Much more than a course, this is a spiritual encounter where our hearts, like those of the first disciples, will burn within us. Come see the Lord who was there for us from the very beginning.

當復活的主耶穌在以馬忤斯的路上與兩位門徒同行時，祂從《創世記》開始，向他們解釋一切關於祂自己的經文。你是否曾想過，祂究竟說了什麼？邀請你一同踏上一段旅程——在《創世記》中遇見耶穌。這不僅是一門課程，更是一場屬靈的相遇。當我們像當年的門徒一樣，重新聆聽那些起初的故事，我們將發現：在創造、應許、失敗與救贖的脈絡中，處處都有祂的身影。當經文被開啟，當基督被顯明，我們的心也要在裡面火熱起來。來吧，讓我們在《創世記》中，看見那位從起初就為我們而來的主。

(This course will be taught in Mandarin / 本課程將以普通話授課)

Administrative Fee / 行政費: \$35
Bring-a-Friend Free / 攜友同行免費
October 24 – November 7, 2026
(3 weeks)

Saturdays, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Hybrid: On Zoom & Chinese Lutheran Church of Honolulu
1640 Liliha St., Honolulu

 CBS/CMM: Theology



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



ONE DAY SEMINARS

SEM-NT205

Parables of Jesus

Dr. Gary Manning Jr.

Jesus' parables were powerful teaching tools but are often misunderstood. This course gives principles for interpreting parables. Topics include the literary structure of parables, Old Testament and historical background of the parables, and the theology of the parables.

Administrative Fee: \$15 per household
November 7, 2026 (1-day)
Saturday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM HT
Zoom Online Only from LA

 CBS/CMM: Flex Hours

SEM-OT001

Hearts on Fire: A Practicum in Jesus' Style Discipleship

Dr. Rick Stinton

The day that Jesus conquered death, he spoke with Cleopas and his friend. What did the risen Christ tell them that set their hearts on fire?

Join us for a half-day practicum in discipleship Jesus' style. Much more than a course, Hearts on Fire is a workshop that will equip you as a leader to disciple your family, small group, and church community. You will also have your heart of love for Jesus rekindled!

Fee includes Dr. Rick Stinton's book *Hearts on Fire*, refreshments, and a fellowship meal.

Administrative Fee: \$40 per person
No Bring-a-Friend Free
October 24, 2026 (1 day, includes lunch)
Saturday, 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM
In-person only Anchor Church
45-090 Pookela St, Kaneohe

 CBS/CMM: Flex Credit Hours

SEM-F001

Applying Biblical Principles to Your Estate Planning Seminar

Mr. Tom Rulon, Esq.

Led by estate planning attorney Tom Rulon, this one-day hybrid seminar blends decades of professional experience with timeless biblical wisdom from

Psalms, Proverbs, and Christ's teachings. Whether you are creating a new estate plan or reviewing an existing one, you will gain practical strategies, creative insights, and a specialized introduction to Donor Advised Funds (DAFs) for faith-based stewardship. By preparing with this wisdom and forethought in advance, you will ultimately save significant time and costs when finalizing your plan with an attorney. Participants are welcome to actively share their own experiences or simply absorb the insights of others in this collaborative, faith-centered workshop.

Administrative Fee: \$15
Bring-a-Friend Free
September 26, 2026 (1-day)
Saturday, 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
Hybrid: Zoom Online & Kailua Christian Church Sanctuary
317 Manono St.

 CBS/CMM: Flex Hours



Fall 2026 New Faculty



Dr. Michael Palompo

Dr. Mike Palompo
D.Min., The King's
University; M.C.S.,
Regent College; B.A.,
San Francisco State
University

Pastor Mike founded New Hope Central Oahu (NHCO) in 1999—the first church plant from New Hope Oahu under Pastor Wayne Cordeiro—and is now retired from full-time pastoral ministry. He serves as the longest continuous adjunct professor at Pacific Rim Christian University (since 1998), designing and teaching *Spiritual Transformation*, *Personal Evangelism* and *Discipleship*, and *Principles of Church Ministry*. A Radford High alumnus and summa cum laude graduate of SF State, his books include *God Things* and *Lightning in a Bottle*.

Prior to planting NHCO, he spent 16 years as Campus Life Director with Hawaii Youth For Christ. His ministry calling began at SF State as InterVarsity Chapter President after hearing Billy Graham at Urbana '79. He also served as Student Council President at Radford.

He lives in Mililani with his wife, Mona (m. 1983). They have three adult children—Mark (NHCO Teaching Pastor, married to Jalee with three children), Rachael (Honolulu Architectural Project Manager), and Caleb (USAF Crew Chief in Tucson)—and three grandchildren.

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Exposition of Isaiah
Dr. James Kwong




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PUBLIC READING OF SCRIPTURE FREE ON ZOOM

JOIN US weekly for the Public Reading of Scripture! No registration required.

Facilitator: Pastor Rodney Wong
 September 29 – November 17, 2026 (8 weeks)
 Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 PM
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Therefore encourage one another and build each other up...
 1 Thessalonians 5:11

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 with Drs. Paul & Virginia Friesen



DATES:
 Friday Evening, February 5 – Saturday, February 6, 2027

LOCATION:
 Kalihi Union Church

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FALL QUARTER 2026 SCHEDULE OF COURSES

SEPTEMBER 22 – NOVEMBER 13, 2026
(4 – 8 WEEKS)

Register online at www.biblehawaii.org.

For mail-in registrations, it must be postmarked by September 15, 2026

Registration fee: \$15 – \$40.

Sunday

NT005

ACTS: The Unfinished Story (in Mandarin) 《使徒行傳：未完的故事》

Ms. Brooke Wei

A journey into one of the most powerful books in the Bible. Discover how a small group of ordinary people—empowered by the Spirit of God—transformed the world. This course will help you see the book of Acts with fresh eyes and rediscover the courage, faith, and mission of the early church. More than a Bible study, it is an invitation to step into the continuing story of God. The story is not finished. And you may be part of the next chapter.

踏上一段深入聖經中最具能力之書卷的旅程。探索一小群普通人，如何在上帝之靈的賦能下改變了世界。這門課程將幫助你以全新的視角看待《使徒行傳》，重新發現早期教會的勇氣、信心與使命。這不僅僅是一場查經，更是一份踏入上帝持續進行之故事中的邀請。這故事尚未結束，而你，正是下一章的參與者。

(This course will be taught in Mandarin / 本課程將以普通話授課)

Administrative Fee / 行政費: \$35
(Bring a friend free / 攜友同行免費)
September 27 – October 18, 2026
(4 weeks)

Sundays, 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM
Hybrid: Zoom Online & Kailua SDA Church, 160 Mookua St.

⛪ CBS/CMM: NT - Acts

Tuesday

NT027

The Book of Revelation: Hope, Worship, and the Victory of Christ (in Japanese)

ヨハネの黙示録 — 希望、礼拝、そしてキリストの勝利

Pastor Yoshi Fujinami / 藤浪義孝牧師

This course will explore the Book of Revelation with a focus on its central message of hope, worship, and the victory of

Jesus Christ. We will look at how Revelation spoke to the seven churches of the first century and how its message continues to encourage the Church today to remain faithful to Christ. The course will cover the major sections of Revelation, from the vision of the risen Christ and the heavenly throne to the final victory of Christ and the new heaven and new earth.

この講座では、「希望」「礼拝」「イエス・キリストの勝利」という中心的なメッセージに焦点を当てながら、ヨハネの黙示録を学びます。黙示録が、第一世紀の七つの教会にどのように語りかけたのか、そしてそのメッセージが今日の教会に対しても、キリストに忠実に歩み続けるよう、どのように励ましを与えているのかを考えます。復活のキリストの幻と天の御座から始まり、キリストの最終的な勝利、そして新しい天と新しい地に至るまで、黙示録の主要な部分を学んでいきます。

(This course will be taught in Japanese / ※本講座は日本語で行われます)

Administrative Fee / 受講料: \$35 per household
September 22 – November 10, 2026
(8 weeks)

Tuesdays, 12 Noon – 1:00 PM
Zoom Online Only

⛪ CBS/CMM: NT - Revelation

NT105

Life of Christ for Today in Four Gospels

Dr. Bong Ro

This course will compare the similarities and differences among the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) and the Gospel of John. The study will concentrate on the Gospel of Matthew and apply its spiritual lessons to our lives and society today.

Administrative Fee: \$40
Bring-a-Friend Free
September 22 – November 10, 2026
(8 weeks)

Tuesdays, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Hybrid: Zoom Online & Kaimuki Christian Church

1117 Koko Head Avenue, Honolulu Rm G208

⛪ CBS/CMM: NT - Gospels

BST300

The Bible: From God to Us

Dr. Patrick Zukeran

How did we get the Bible we have today? Who decided which books belonged in Scripture, and why are there so many different translations? This class will explore the fascinating journey of the Bible—from inspiration and inerrancy to the canon, manuscripts, transmission, and translation—while answering the tough questions critics and skeptics often raise. Discover why we can confidently trust the Bible as the Word of God.

Administrative Fee: \$35
Bring-a-Friend Free
October 13 – November 10, 2026 (5 weeks)
Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Hybrid: Zoom Online & Waiālae Baptist Church

1047 21st Avenue, Honolulu

⛪ CBS/CMM: Overview/Theology

Wednesday

CLV201

God Things: Encounters with Jesus that Transform Us

Dr. Mike Palompo

Noah, Moses, Joseph, and Paul were all happily living out their lives, doing what they believed was God's will, until they each had a divine encounter. How about you? Are you doing "good things" in the name of Jesus, or are you doing the God Thing that Jesus actually wants you to accomplish? Let's diagnose where you're at spiritually and align you with God's will for your life.

Required Text: Palompo, Michael M., *God Things: Encounters with Jesus That Transform Us* (available on Amazon or at New Hope Central Oahu).

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



Administrative Fee: \$25 per household
October 14 - November 4, 2026 (4 weeks)
Wednesdays, 12 Noon - 1:00 PM
Zoom Online Only




TH302
Encountering the Love of Our
Father in Christ Through the Spirit
Pastor Spencer Tang

The love of the Father that sent the Son was meant to be experienced on a continual basis. This is how Jesus lived while on the earth, and it is how we are called to live our lives in Him. This course will focus on four missing revelations in the Church today, building directly upon our foundation in Jesus and the Holy Spirit:

First, we will explore the foundation of love that Abba desires for us to live in every day. Second, we will discover the revelation of the heart of the Father, recognizing Him as our true and primary Father so we can learn to relate to Him intimately as Abba. Third, we will unpack our primary identity as His sons and daughters through our adoption into His family. Finally, we will learn to understand

that our heart—and not our mind—is the true core of who we are.

Administrative Fee: \$35 per household
September 23 - November 11, 2026
(8 weeks)
Wednesdays, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Zoom Online Only


Thursday

OT403
Encounter Jesus in the Psalms
Dr. Rick Stinton

When the risen Lord Jesus walked with two disciples on the road to Emmaus, he explained to them what was said about himself in the Psalms. Ever wonder what he told them?

Join us as we encounter Jesus in these beautiful praises and prayers. Like those first disciples, our hearts will burn within us.

Administrative Fee: \$35 per household
September 24 - November 5, 2026
(7 weeks)
Thursdays, 12 Noon - 1:00 PM HT
Zoom Online Only (from CA)


Friday

CE120
Music Theory Advanced
Mr. Cheyne Rippey

This course has basic musical skill-level requirements and is applicable for seasoned performers as well as experienced beginners. This course is the third of five courses for Music Ministry Leadership Certificate and focuses on developing your musical and songwriting skills.

Based on the Practical Music Theory model, students will explore more advanced techniques in songwriting, music theory, congregational praise. The student will learn how to write new songs, direct a full band, play solos, write harmonies, and more.

The prerequisites for this course are either CE119 Music Theory Essentials, a college course on music, or that the student understands and can define the basics of the following: The Major Scale, Nashville Numbers, Melodies, Song Dynamics, and matching lyrics with music theory.

Recommended Reading: *The Art of Worship: A Musician's Guide to Leading Modern Worship* by Greg Scheer.

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See Schedule of Courses for more details

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☐ NT005	ACTS: The Unfinished Story (in Mandarin)	\$35
☐ NT027	The Book of Revelation (in Japanese)	\$35
☐ NT105	Life of Christ for Today in Four Gospels	\$40
☐ BST300	The Bible: From God to Us	\$35
☐ CLV201	God Things: Encounters with Jesus	\$25
☐ TH302	Encountering the Love of Our Father	\$35
☐ OT403	Encounter Jesus in the Psalms	\$35
☐ CE120	Music Theory Advanced	\$35
☐ BST101	Encounter Jesus in Genesis (in Mandarin)	\$35
☐ SEM-NT205	Parables of Jesus	\$15
☐ SEM-OT001	Hearts on Fire -A Practicum in Jesus' Style	\$40
☐ SEM-F001	Applying Biblical Principles to Your Estate	\$15

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