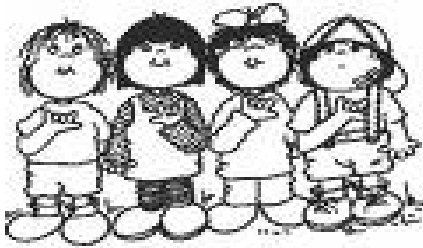


The Connecting Point

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Welcome Back to School!



We as a church are excited in announcing that Hale Aloha Nazarene School will be focusing on providing Preschool only. When the church first started the ministry, in providing a service to the community, it was only a preschool. It had grown into offering Kindergarten and then with time it advanced into offering High School. Due to the need in the community, the School Board felt that they should concentrate on offering just preschool.

Hale Aloha Nazarene School is proud
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HANS Applications 4 & 3 year old classes



Calling all parents of 4 and 3 year old children. If you have a 4 or 3 year old that is not in a preschool, Hale Aloha still has a few available spaces left. Also, if you know of any parents that have 4 or 3 year olds, please feel free to notify them of the availability. If they have any questions, Natalie Hanson will be happy to speak with them.

Nazarene Centennial Celebration

The Church of the Nazarene is a global family. Each Nazarene in 151 world areas deserves to attend the celebration of our Centennial. For this reason, on October 5, 2008, the Centennial Celebration will take place across 24 time zones in every local church.

From the Hallelujah March around the Pilot Point tent in 1908 to almost 21,000 local churches today, the Church of the Nazarene has grown in ways that no single tent, sanctuary, or even coliseum could now hold the gathering of our entire church.

Since this Church is located on this beautiful island, it has been decided that we will be having a traditional Hawaiian Luau.

That is right, we will be eating Kalua Pig,



Young Adult Retreat

Calling all young adults 18 years and older.



Come and spend some time with other adults just like you. Go hiking, swimming at the beach, play games, do some sports activities and just have a great time.

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GOOD NEWS JAIL & PRISON MINISTRY

You are invited to the Good News Jail & Prison Ministry's 2008 Hilo Luau. This will be held at Wailoa State Park in the Big Pavilion on Monday, September 15, 2008. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.. The cost of the tickets are \$10.00. The Kulani Praise Team

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Hale Aloha's Teacher Feature



Meet Linda Loebel!

Hale Aloha first opened its doors in 1979! Since its beginning Mrs. Linda Loebel has been one of its preschool teachers. During these many years she taught in 2, 3 and 4 year old classes. She is now one of Hale Aloha's 3 year old teachers.

So many of our children within the church and our community have passed through her hands. If one was to speak about Hale Aloha the first thing that would be mentioned would be if Mrs. Linda Loebel still works there. The answer would always be yes. People are still amazed that she is still teaching. In fact Mrs. Linda Loebel is now teaching the children of children she had many years ago.



She has never referred to her teaching as just a job. She truly feels that God has shaped and molded her to be a teacher to little children. She feels very blessed to be able to share the word of God to such young children.

Mrs. Linda Loebel has been married to Robert

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Our Favorite Recipes

This recipe was submitted by Mrs. Linda Loebel and is sure to be a big hit at your next casual get-together!

Cowboy Cookies

1 c Butter	2 c flour	
2 c Oats		
1 c Brown Sugar	1 tsp Baking Soda	1 tsp Vanilla
1 c White Sugar	1/2 tsp Salt	2 c Chocolate Chips
2 Eggs	1/2 tsp Baking Powder	

Blend butter and sugars; add eggs and beat well until light and fluffy. Add sifted dry ingredients and mix well. Add remaining ingredients Chill dough for 1/2 hour. Drop by teaspoonful onto greased cookie sheet and bake till light brown at 325 degrees. Yield: 4-5 doz. cookies.

We will feature a different recipe with each newsletter publication. You can collect them one by one or get all 235 in a single volume for our printing cost of only \$7. That's less than 3 cents per recipe! What a deal! All cookbooks come with a durable plastic stand to keep your book off the counter while you make your culinary creations.

Also featured in the cookbook are sections on Cooking Tips and Terms, Herbs and Spices, Hints for Baking Breads and Desserts, Creative ways of Napkin Folding, a Calorie Counter and more! Makes a great gift! Contact the church office to get yours now!

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Loebel for 39 years. They have 2 children, Mrs. Stacia Burton (4 year old teacher) and Mrs. Iwaloa Chilson (Church Secretary). Her children have given her 1 grandson (Sean, who attends Hale Aloha) and 2 granddaughters (Bailee, who also attends Hale Aloha and Arianna, who will attend Hale Aloha next school year).

If you have had the opportunity to meet with Mrs. Linda Loebel, you know that children are a part of her life. Early every morning



she prays for you as a church and for her children. When I refer to "her children" I mean all the children that she will see at Hale Aloha and those that have passed through her hands. We are truly blessed to have her.



Arts and Crafts

Mrs. Loebel's recipe for cooking up some Playdough.

2 c flour	2 c water
1 c salt	2 tbs oil
4 tsp cream of tartar	Food coloring

Mix well all ingredients together in a pot. Place the pot on low heat, stirring until dough forms a ball. The dough should not be sticky. Place the dough in an airtight container. Then have your child invite a friend over and have some fun.



Help us help our school

WANTED

Please save your used HP, Lexmark, or Dell printer ink cartridges and turn them in at the office for recycling. This helps us cut down on office expenses. Mahalo!

Nazarene Birthday Party

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Lomi Lomi Salmon, Lau Lau and so much more. Can you just imagine the smell of the smoking pig?

What a wonderful day this will be. We will be partying with all Nazarenes across the globe. All are invited, so save the date, Sunday, October 5, 2008.

Young Adult Retreat From front page

It all starts on the weekend of October 10 at 7:00 pm and ends on October 12 after lunch. It will be held on Oahu in Kane'ohe at Kokokahi The YWCA retreat center.

If you would like to attend, the cost will be \$75.00. All registrations and deposits (\$30.00) will need to be turned in by September 21. Register early, because space is limited. Please see Iwaloa Chilson for further information.

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will be sharing praise and worship songs. There will also be nine courses of Hawaiian food. People will be sharing testimonies. Those that attended last years event, had so much fun. Nancy Snedecor said "That it was wall to wall people". So get there early!



Give your box tops to your child's teacher. Mahalo for helping our school!

September ...

Veronica Ng	9/1
Sean Chilson	9/2
Christopher Martin	9/3
Benjamin Alonzo	9/4
Melissa Arruda	9/5
Michael Hamada	9/5
Tammie Yoshioka	9/5
Kristin Keena	9/6
Kylen Kahele-Aku	9/7
Mieko Asato	9/10
Ka'ala Hanson	9/12
Pauline Miyasato	9/12
Bailee Burton	9/16
Jessie Stoneman	9/24
Twyla Brook	9/25
Vivian Nozaki	9/27
Herbert Nakano	9/29



October ...

Cami Tanouye	10/5
Owen Otsuka	10/8
Michelle Meeks	10/9
Wylen Kahele-Aku	10/10
Branden Aku	10/13
Mo Barclay	10/13
Frank Bugado	10/13
Natalie Hanson	10/13
Robert Brook	10/18
Natalie Poha	10/18
Iwaloa Chilson	10/19
Andrew Wong	10/21
Ernie Yoshioka	10/25

Happy Anniversary!



Lee & Dixie Topliff	9/14
Bob & Twyla Brook	9/20

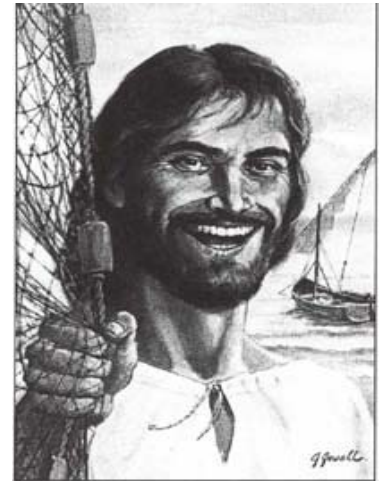
Russell & Nanette Wong	10/4
Bryan & Alana Grace	10/20

For additions or addresses, please call the church office.



Have you ever had one of those days when you didn't feel all that great? You weren't sick or anything, you just feel like somebody threw a wet blanket over you and you just don't have that normal spring in your step? Well I had one just

yesterday. Yes, even pastors have days like that. Usually it's not a Sunday, which is a day I really need to be up, but this week it was Sunday. Everything just felt flat. It's the kind of day that you just want to stay home and do nothing, but there is really no reason. So what do you do? I want to suggest that the first thing to do is to change your focus. Usually when everything feels flat it is because I am focusing on me. I used to do quite a bit of photography, and in photography there is something called "depth of field." It's where the foreground is in focus and the background is out of focus or the other way around. You can also get everything to be in focus but then the photo tends to look flat. So change your focus to God. When we begin to focus on Him, He will become the point that brings us out of that flat feeling. Secondly, we need to move. I could have sat on the couch and done nothing all day and I would have felt the same at the end of the day as at the beginning. But I took the initiative and moved myself to church where I needed to be. The third thing is to get rest. Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28) Jesus gives us rest and knows we need rest. Take some time and rest. We tend to get so busy with our crazy schedules and our kids schedules and everything else in our life. So what did I do? I changed my focus from myself to God, I got moving to church where I knew I should be, and I got some rest and gave Jesus my stress. I feel so much better today. Maybe I don't even need that extra cup of coffee.



From the Editor

For those of you who would like to try their skills in writing, or has any suggestion for the upcoming newsletter, please let me know. I would love to print your article. Also if you have any spiritual questions that you would love answered, please direct them to me, Iwaloa. There will be a Q & A column in the next issue.

Aloha nui, Iwaloa

Belssings
Pastor Rick

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2008

Changed by Christ to Reach our World

Schedule of Events

- September 1—Labor Day
- September 2—HANS start of the school year
- September 2—Pastors Ragle & Slocum on 90.3 AM KCIF Radio @ 6:00—8:00 AM
- September 6—Women's Ministry at Prince Kuhio Starbucks @ 9:00 AM
- September 7—Alabaster Sunday
- September 7—Grandparents Day
- September 9—HANS School Board Meeting
- September 12—Missionary night with Scott Riggins
- September 15—Church Board Meeting
- September 15—Good New Jail & Prison Ministry, 2008 Hilo Luau @5:30 PM
- September 16—Pastors Ragle & Slocum on 90.3 AM KCIF Radio @ 6:00—8:00 AM
- September 20—District NYI Council Meeting on Oahu
- September 30—Pastors Ragle & Slocum on 90.3 AM KCIF Radio 6:00—8:00 AM
- Pastor Appreciation Month
- October 4—Women's Ministry at Prince Kuhio Starbucks @ 9:00 AM
- October 5—**Centennial Celebration of the Church of the Nazarene**
- October 6-10—VBS
- October 10-12—Young Adult Retreat in Honolulu
- October 13—Discovery's Day
- October 13-21—HIPAC District Pastor's Jesus Film Ministry Trip to Bangladesh
- October 14—Pastors Ragle & Slocum on 90.3 AM KCIF Radio @ 6:00—8:00 AM
- October 14—Hans School Board Meeting
- October 15—Church Board Meeting
- October 28—Pastors Ragle & Slocum on 90.3 AM KCIF Radio @ 6:00—8:00 AM
- October 31—Halloween

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to offer 3 Three year old classes and 3 Four year old classes. The Three year old teachers are Mrs. Linda Loebel, Mrs. Tina Fujii and Mrs. Sheri Wagner. The Four year old teachers are Mrs. Jane Kurosawa, Mrs. Nancy Snedecor and Mrs. Stacia Burton. The teachers will be assisted by Duane Slocum and Lilly Nahoopii. Of course the school could not function without Natalie Hanson (Registrar), Joy Sever (Office Assistant) and Gail Ragle (Director). What an outstanding group of teachers and staff that we have for the school year of 2008-2009.

As a church it was a long summer of getting these classes ready for this coming school year. Now that school has started we can look back on what has transpired.



There is still work to do, but what a fabulous renovation so far. The classrooms look spectacular, the bathrooms look great, the sanctuary ceiling is coming along and the list of upgrades goes on. Hale Aloha School Board, Pastor Ragle and the Director would like to say "Thank you to all who have helped with the renovations".

Announcements...



Women's Ministry at Starbucks Sept. 6 & October 4

Come join us, ladies, for a cup of coffee and fine fellowship at the Prince Kuhio Starbucks on the first Saturday of every month from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. It's a great, refreshing way to start your weekend. Treat yourself and a friend to this special time! Contact Gail Ragle at 989-1368 for more information.



KCIF Radio 90.3 AM

Pastors Rick Ragle and Duane Slocum are on the air every other Tuesday starting September 2. Listen in for some fun, inspiring conversation and great music. Would you like to join in on the fun? Talk to Pastor Rick for your chance on the air.



Good News Jail & Prison Ministry's

2008 Hilo Luau

What a wonderful ministry this is. Come and support this ministry on Monday, September 15. There will be 9 courses of Hawaiian food, singing and testimonies. The doors will open at 5:30 PM and dinner will be served from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. The cost of the tickets are 10:00. Contact Nancy Snedecor for tickets and more information.

Upcoming Event:



CHURCH OF THE Nazarene

How many marriages do you know that have lasted 100 years? The Church of the Nazarene celebrates its 100th anniversary on Sunday, October 5.

The Church of the Nazarene didn't start when one group split off from another. The church of the Nazarene started when many groups joined together. And after a century of building the family all across the world, the church today is stronger and more closely connected than ever before. Many cultures, many languages, one faith.

Looking for something you can count on? Join us for the next 100 years.

"Now the body is not made up of one part but of many." ~ 1 Corinthians 12: 14 (NIV)

"Changed by Christ, to Reach Our World"
"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations" ~ Matthew 28:19a

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