

Defining the Small Church

Southern Baptist churches with small memberships constitute the majority of Baptist churches in the United States. According to data from *LifewayResearch.com*, churches in the U.S. that have between 51-100 in church make up 27.4 percent; those that have 50 or less make up 39.9 percent. Only 2.6 percent run 1,000 plus. These small congregations are doing great things for Christ.

The impact of small churches is more personal in ministry given to people in the community. They assist in giving food and money for immediate needs and respond more efficiently. Small community churches may never be large in membership—but the church can be great in the eyes of the community and in service to mankind and God. We are reminded in the apostle Paul's Letter to the Churches that the church did not meet in a large building, but often met in small groups in homes. In Matthew 18:20 (KJV), Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." A church that is small in number is more like the New Testament church.

When a small rural church visited a new family in the community, with 3 teenagers, and invited them to attend a service, the mother responded by saying, "We want our children to go to a large church where they'll have opportunities to participate in service projects." Small churches offer these same programs, but on a lesser scale.

Regardless the size of your church, your congregation can do great things for the Kingdom. Instead of focusing on size, ask: Is your church healthy?

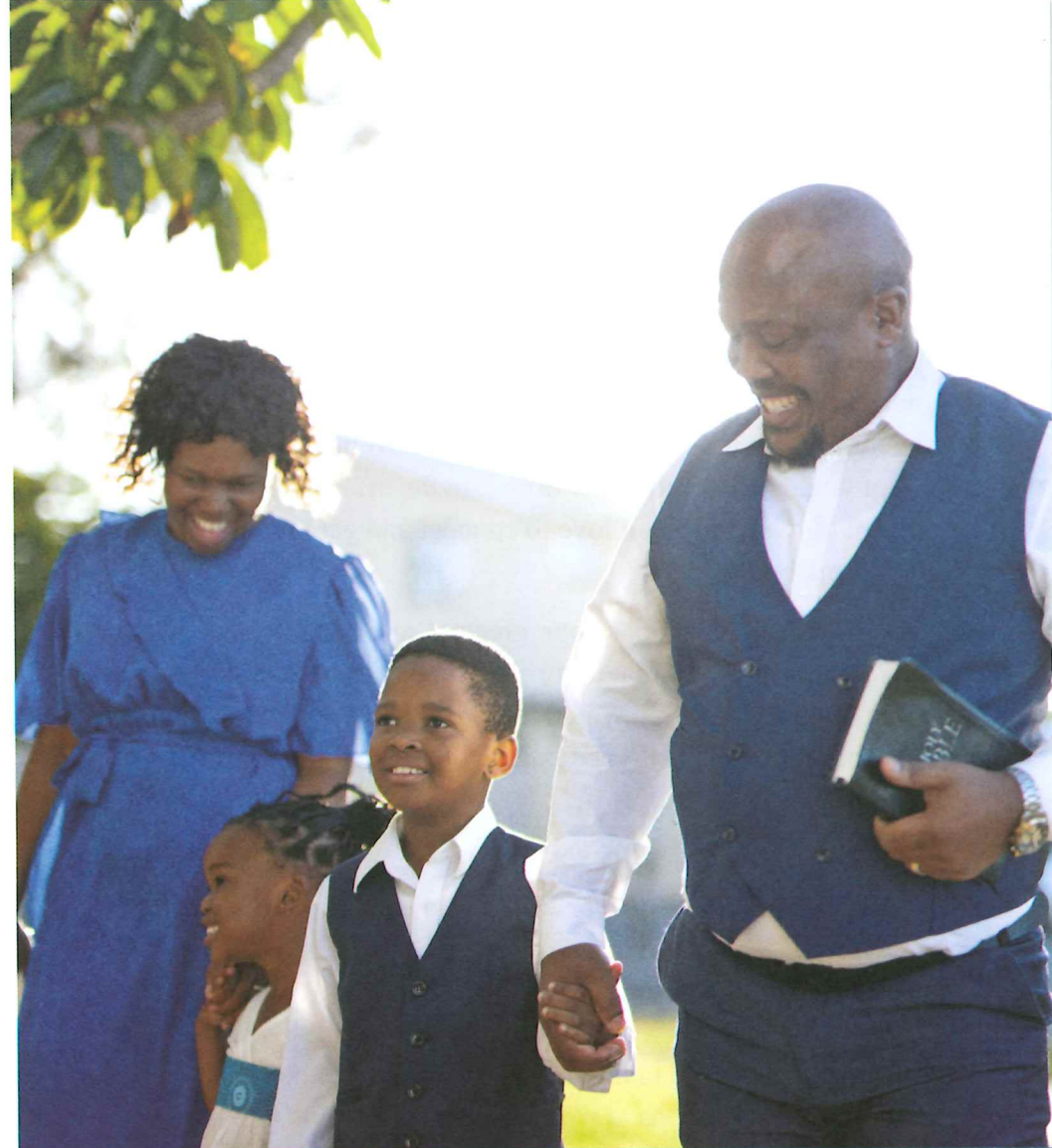
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*"As for me and my family,
we will worship the Lord"*

JOSHUA 24:15 (CSB)

Mililani Baptist Church

April 26, 2026

Welcome home!

Welcome to our 'Ohana. Mililani Baptist Church exists to glorify God with a *Passion* for Him and a *Compassion* for people! We are so glad that you could join us in worship today. If this is your first Sunday with us, or just the first time in a long time, please take a moment to fill out a "Welcome Card" located in the seat pocket in front of you. Feel free to either drop it in the offering plate or give it to any of our ushers. We'd love to connect and get to know you and your 'ohana better!

If you have any questions, our greeters and members would be happy to talk to you! For more information, visit our website at www.mbaptist.org. If you would like to schedule a meeting with our pastor, please email pastor@mbaptist.org or call our church office at 808-623-2559.

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request or would like a deacon or our pastor to pray with you, please use the "Prayer Request" form, also located in the seat pocket in front of you; or you can email your request to office@mbaptist.org. Please be sure to note if the request can be shared with our church family or if it is meant to be confidential (for just our pastor or deacons as well). Also, if you would like to receive our updated church prayer concerns, please email the secretary at office@mbaptist.org.

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Office Hours: Mon – Thurs 8 am to 4 pm

MBC Guest Wi-Fi Password: welcomehome

LAST WEEK AT MILILANI

Worship: 8:00 – 71 11:00 – 80

Gifts and Offerings:

General Offering:

\$20,646.21

MBC Designated Offering:

\$870.00

Weekly amount needed for Budgeted Expenses:

\$9,137.82

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Each week we share totals from our General Offering and MBC Only Offering—our two main giving areas. Please note: These amounts reflect general giving and are not absolute totals. From the General Offering, 2% is sent to the SBC/IMB Co-Op, and 8% supports Dub Efurd Mission expenses. For questions, contact Ivy at the church office.

SERVING THIS WEEK

Deacons:

8 am Roy Ogasawara
11 am Randy Grant

Nursery:

11 am Hannah Tapp

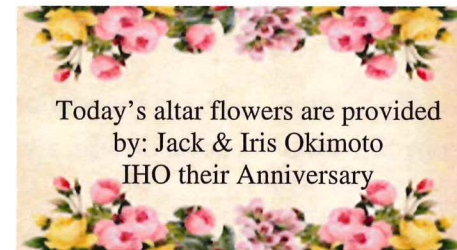
SERVING NEXT WEEK

Deacons:

8 am Wendell Au
11 am John Tapp

Nursery:

11 am Hannah Johnson



Pastor

Dennis Andrews, Dennis@MBaptist.org

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptist Men-A Time to Refocus: In a world where truth can often feel blurred, we invite you to join us for “A Time to Refocus,” an 8-week study through Paul’s letter to the Colossians. Together, we will return to the foundation of what is true and anchor our hearts in God’s Word. On Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 6:30 PM, please join us and feel free to invite a friend! Study materials will be provided. For more information, contact John Dionisio at 808-551-4187.

Interested in Doctrinal Studies? Sound doctrine strengthens our unity and our witness. Pastor Dennis is considering offering a small doctrinal study outside of regular Sunday School and family groups. We would love to know who might be interested. If this is something that would serve you, please sign up at the back of the Sanctuary or speak with Pastor Dennis.

This Week at MBC

Sunday: April 26, 2026

Deacons Prayer	7:00 am
Worship Service	8:00 am
Sunday School Classes	9:30 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Ukulele Praise	2:00 pm

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

AWANA	6:00 pm
Mid-Week Prayer Meeting <i>(Currently studying Psalm 130)</i>	6:00 pm

Thursday:

Praise Team Practice	6:00 pm
Ladies Bible Study <i>(Currently studying Anchored: The Life and Letters of the Apostle Paul)</i>	6:30 pm
Men’s Bible Study <i>(Currently studying the book of Acts)</i>	6:30 pm

Friday:

Saturday:

Mom’s In Prayer	1:30 pm
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