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FAITH, WISDOM, AND ALOHA: ELEVATING MARRIAGES



By Rodney Wong,
BIH Executive
Director

When Drs. Paul and Virginia Friesen of Home Improvement Ministries visited Hawaii, they brought over 40 years of experience in marriage and family ministries. Their visit, co-hosted by the Bible Institute of Hawaii (BIH) and Kalihi Union Church, drew nearly 200 attendees to a series of events.

The highlight was the two-day conference titled “The Great Marriage Adventure,” held on March 7-8. Kalihi Union Church provided top-notch hosting for couples seeking to strengthen

their marriages. Surprisingly, about 40% of attendees were singles, including groups from campus ministries like the Navigators, Young Life, and Chi Alpha. This broad turnout underscored the need for spiritual guidance in finding future mates and strengthening relationships.

Marriage ministries should serve as a cornerstone priority for churches, yet they are often relegated to secondary or “thirdary” status (if that’s not a word, it should be - it’s just fun to say!). A dynamic marriage ministry can equip couples to navigate personal challenges, fortify their bonds, offer couple’s counseling, and nurture their relationships with biblical principles, ultimately fostering healthier families and more robust spiritual communities.

The Friesens’ teachings blended practical advice, real-life examples, and biblical insights. They covered various topics, emphasizing teamwork and mutual understanding in relationships. For singles, they stressed sexual purity as God’s design, selflessness in love, and maintaining healthy boundaries.

Delving into marital satisfaction, the Friesens highlighted the progression from initial disillusionment to potential depression. They emphasized addressing unrealistic expectations early in relationships. Attendees were encouraged to balance accepting unchangeable aspects of their spouse while pursuing growth where possible. They stressed that a strong marriage foundation lies in each individual’s personal spiritual journey, focusing on becoming the person God intends rather than relying solely on a spouse to fulfill deepest needs. They often referenced Ephesians

5:25, which states, “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,” emphasizing the importance of sacrificial love in marriage.

Complementing the marriage conference, Honolulu Christian Church, BIH, and the Navigators’ ministry at UH Manoa co-hosted the Friesens for a Q&A discussion on confronting culture in Daniel’s Babylon, mostly directed at singles.

Following the talk, there were sobering looks but agreement. “I’ve never heard it said that way before,” one person said about the evening. Amidst a hook-up culture, singles and dating couples were



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encouraged to consider their future relationships more thoughtfully and prayerfully. Love, not lust grows in an environment of persistence, trust, and commitment.

The Friesens visit not only elevated the importance of marriage and marriage ministries but also reinforced the need for integration of faith, wisdom, and aloha in building strong, Christ-centered marriages. As attendees left feeling encouraged, many reported renewed connections with their partners and fresh perspectives on relationships. The seeds planted during these events promise to strengthen families and foster more robust spiritual communities across the Hawaiian Islands.



Facilitators Rodney Wong and Vernelle Oku
April 15 – June 3, 2025
(8 weeks)
Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Zoom Online FREE visit
www.biblehawaii.org



Dr. Rick Bartosik
D.Min. and Th.M., Dallas Theological Seminary; B.A., Trinity International University; and Diploma,

Moody Bible Institute. Pastor Rick has served the Lord in Hawaii for over 40 years. During that time, he has also ministered God's Word in 12 countries of Europe and Asia. He has served as Chaplain of Hawaii State Prison, Professor and Academic Dean of International College, Interim Pastor of three local churches: and for 21 years, Senior Pastor of Mililani Community Church. Most recently he established the Myanmar Church Planter Training Partnership" in collaboration with national leaders in Myanmar, Burma, training church planters throughout the nation. He and his wife Diane met in Hawaii. Their son, David, is lead pastor of a local church in Madison, Wisconsin. One of Pastor Rick's favorite hobbies is fly-fishing. Pastor Rick last taught for BIH in 2015.



Dr. Elaine Eng
M.D., M.A. in Biblical Studies, served as a professor of mental health counseling at the Alliance

Graduate School of Counseling in Nyack, N.Y. for many years. She is a graduate of Princeton University and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Dr. Eng practiced psychiatry for 30 years before retiring to devote more time to training future counselors. Her teaching and writing focus on the interface between faith, counseling, and the challenges Christians face.

Among her authored works are "No Worries: Spiritual and Mental Health Counseling for Anxiety," "Resolve: How Faith Becomes Sight," and "The Transforming Power of Story," co-authored with David Biebel. Actively involved in the Christian Medical and Dental Association, she teaches and counsels global workers in numerous countries.

She is grateful for her husband, Clifford, of 49 years. She cherishes her roles as mother to Brian and Genevieve, and as a grandmother to Luka and Ronan.



Dr. Gary Manning Jr.
Ph.D., Fuller Theological Seminary; M.Div., Talbot School of Theology; and B.Ed., University of Hawaii.

Dr. Manning is the Director of the Master



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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ADA! 99 Candles for Christ!

These words, written on the cake, perfectly capture the celebration of Ms. Ada Lum, BIH Adjunct Faculty Emerita, who remains 99 years young!



Ms. Ada Lum, BIH Adjunct Faculty Emerita, remains 99 years young! She celebrated her birthday on February 11 with a steady stream of friends and loved ones from across the country, from as far as Chicago, who visited over several weeks to honor her remarkable life and legacy. Ms. Lum enjoys a relaxing time with her roommate and sister Ginny. With missionary journeys to 115 countries, her gifted teaching and unwavering faith continue to inspire countless lives around the world. "Happy Birthday Ada! 99 Candles for Christ."
Photos by Sharon Ayabe and Vernelle Oku



A gathering of 13 students met at **Makiki Christian Church** for the course *To the Praise of His Glory: Exploring Ephesians 1:3-14*. Together, the students studied and meditated on the Apostle Paul's joyful doxology of praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

of Divinity program Professor of New Testament Language and Literature at Talbot School of Theology at Biola University. He is passionate about helping leaders in the church interpret and teach the Scriptures more faithfully and more powerfully. His research studies included the Gospel of John, the Synoptic Gospels, literary approaches to interpretation, and the use of the Old Testament in the New Testament. He is the author of *Hippocratic Oath: An Illustrated Greek-English Reader's Edition* (GlossaHouse, 2021). *Peter Rabbit and Other Stories in Koine Greek* (GlossaHouse, 2020), and *Echoes of a Prophet: The Use of Ezekiel in the Gospel of John and in Literature of the Second Temple Period* (T&T Clark, 2004). Member and Presenter at the *Evangelical Theological Society* and the *Society of Biblical Literature*. Dr. Manning has been involved in various kinds of Christian ministry for over thirty years, including youth ministry, church planting, and teaching ministry, and still maintains active ministry in the church. He taught

for BIH in 2010. Gary and his wife Barbara have ten children and two grandchildren.



Cheyne Rippey

MA, from Dallas Theological Seminary, is the Founder of The Giftedness Group®, a consulting agency that helps individuals discover their giftedness and find the right job fit. He brings extensive experience in discipleship ministries, Christian teaching, and worship leadership. Whether leading a small group Bible study or teaching in a university classroom, Cheyne's goal is to equip people to live out God's purpose for their lives. Originally from Oahu, he has traveled extensively across the mainland for ministry and education. Cheyne joined the BIH Board in January 2025.



Dr. Rick Stinton

D.Min. and Th.M., Dallas Theological Seminary. B.S. and B.Ed., University of Calgary. Founding Pastor of New Hope Kailua, which was planted

in 2007 along with his wife, Dr. Martha Stinton. He is also on the faculty at Pacific Rim Christian University and BIH adjunct faculty.



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 OCC. Worked with Youth for Christ, directed High School and Middle School ministries, and served as a Pediatric Mental Health Counselor at Tufts Medical Center in Boston. Has worked in pastoral ministries since 1989 and as Adjunct Faculty at Pacific Rim Christian University. Married to his wife Miki for 32 years with three young adult children: Elijah, Josiah, and Mikayla. BIH Adjunct Faculty since 2010. BIH Executive Director, 2021 to present.



**BIH WINTER COURSE:
To the Praise of His Glory – Exploring
Ephesians 1:3-14
Ms. Nanette Williams**

A gathering of 13 students met at Makiki Christian Church for the course *To the Praise of His Glory: Exploring Ephesians 1:3-14*. Together, the students studied and meditated on the Apostle Paul’s joyful doxology of praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Using the Inductive Bible Study method, the course guided students through observing the passage to uncover all they could discover. They then placed the passage in its context by studying the main themes of Ephesians, the biblical meaning of key words, the historical-cultural background of the passage, and its connection to related passages. The students were encouraged to ask three questions: (1) Who is God? And in light of who God is, (2) Who am I in Christ? and (3) Who are we as the Church in Christ? These questions helped students understand God’s heart of love and His desire to be in a relationship with us as His body. As He lavished His grace upon us, He gave us new identities as chosen and adopted children of God, who are forgiven in Christ and sealed by the Holy Spirit of promise.

The students learned to apply these truths in their lives. Through this passage, several students expressed a deeper understanding of God’s love and the beauty of being united to Him and to each other “in Christ.” One student commented, “I more fully understand that I am loved, and it is changing the way I live my life.”

Another student wrote, “I am grateful for Nannette’s workbook. The strong visual approach was incredibly helpful. Nannette’s opening and closing prayers gave you a feeling of

support from the Holy Spirit, and the presence of God was evident in the room during each session.”

Ultimately, our greatest application is to join Paul in living for God and crying out, “to the praise of His glory!” (Ephesians 1:12, 14).



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Dr. James Kwong’s hybrid winter course on *Exodus Through Deuteronomy* at **Kaimuki Christian School** – End-of-quarter potluck celebration and closing discussion questions.





SPRING QUARTER 2025 SCHEDULE OF COURSES

April 16 – June 11, 2025 (6 – 8 weeks)

Register online at www.biblehawaii.org.

For mail-in registrations, it must be postmarked by April 8, 2025

Registration fee: \$15 – \$40.

Wednesday

BTS106

Wednesdays in the WORD: Spiritual Disciplines for Life

Rev. Rodney Wong

Refuel your soul with a brisk lunch-hour walk through key spiritual disciplines. We will focus on foundational practices (or habits) like prayer, fasting, Bible meditation, Lectio Divina, Sabbath rest, simplicity, fellowship, and silence & solitude—while also introducing “Habit Stacking” and “Every Moment a God-moment?”

Each session will be practical and, hopefully, challenging, incorporating media clips and discussions to help you develop a sustainable rhythm for spiritual growth. This midweek boost will refresh your spirit and strengthen your walk with God!

Administrative Fee: \$35 per household

April 23– June 11, 2025

(7 weeks, except 5/21)

Wednesdays, 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Zoom Online

 CBS/CMM: Skills

NT001 (For OCCC Inmates Only)

Sermon on the Mount: Kingdoms in Conflict

Rev. Rodney Wong

Inmates will explore Jesus’ teachings in Matthew 5-7, walking the road less traveled—the path of God’s Kingdom in contrast to worldly values. Through lessons on mercy, justice, love, and righteousness, they will discover what it means to live as citizens of heaven in a broken world. This course challenges students to walk in humility with Christ, allowing His teachings to transform their hearts and actions in times of trial and challenge.

Your generous support is vital in providing biblical education to inmates at no cost to the inmate or their families. We are deeply grateful for your commitment to making a Christ-centered impact on their lives.

Your sponsorship towards the class will be considered a tax-deductible donation to the BIH.

Administrative Fee: \$35 per inmate

April 16 – June 4, 2025 (8 weeks)

Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 PM

 CBS/CMM: NT - Gospels

BST115

Prophetic Calendar of Things to Come

Dr. Rick Bartosik

This course provides an overview of the climactic events surrounding the return of Jesus Christ. Ever since His ascension, every generation of Christians has eagerly anticipated His return. The Apostles emphasized this hope in their teaching, and it remains a compelling motivation for believers today. For Christians, the return of Christ is a source of joy and purpose, while for unbelievers, it is a call to respond to God’s invitation before it is too late. As we study biblical prophecy, may our hearts be challenged to live each day with eternity in mind.

This Bible course is taught from a Premillennial perspective, based on the instructor’s conviction that just as the prophecies of Christ’s first coming were literally fulfilled, so too will those of His second coming. While perspectives on prophecy differ, evangelicals affirm the inerrancy of Scripture and share a commitment to God’s Word. These differences should be seen as secondary matters, and the instructor will present other viewpoints with fairness.

Administrative Fee: \$40

Bring-a-Friend Free

April 16 – June 4, 2025 (8 weeks)

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

In-person Only @ Mililani Community Church

95-1100 Kaapeha St, Mililani

 CBS/CMM: Theology

Thursday

OT001

Jesus in Genesis

Dr. Rick Stinton

Genesis is the seed plot of the Scriptures: the foundational book out of which every doctrine grows. Most importantly, it reveals the Lord Jesus Christ. Join us on a journey as we meet Jesus in Genesis!

Administrative Fee: \$35 per household

April 17 – May 22, 2025 (6 weeks)

Thursdays, 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Zoom Online

 CBS/CMM: Historical



CLV 204

Biblical Theology of Work

Mr. Cheyne Rippey

The marketplace is the frontier for evangelism and discipleship in the developed world. The Theology of Work movements in the past two decades have exploded as people have realized their desire for meaningful work is perfectly in line with the Biblical definitions of work, vocation, calling, ministry, provision, and creativity.

This class will survey a Biblical Theology of Work, the history of the Faith & Work movements, and equip the students to take these principles practically to their jobs. It will help pastors learn how to equip their members and go arm-in-arm with business leaders in The Great Commission.

Administrative Fee: \$40 per household

April 17 – June 5, 2025 (8 weeks)

Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Zoom Online

 CBS/CMM: Skills



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.

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

Saturday

BST115 (Early Posting for Summer Quarter) RECLAIM 神的国 God's Kingdom (This course will be taught in Mandarin)

Ms. Brooke Wei

We will explore the entire Bible together, understanding the big idea of each book from Genesis to Revelation to grasp God's plan for His Kingdom. Through engaging Bible stories, this course will help us learn about the core, underlying theme of the Kingdom of God, examining God's plan to save humanity and restore His Kingdom.

Each class will lead you on a deeper spiritual journey, and as you discover your identity and life in God's Kingdom, you will also be challenged to experience recovery, renewal, and transformation. This course will be taught in Mandarin.

Administrative Fee: \$35 per household or Bring-a-Friend Free

July 12 – August 30, 2025 (8 weeks)

Saturdays, 9:00 – 11:00 AM

Hybrid: In-person (Location TBA) & Zoom Online

 CBS/CMM: Bible Overview



ONE DAY SEMINAR

SEM-CO207

Understanding Beliefs and Behavior

Dr. Elaine Eng

This seminar will provide practical information on cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) and its application to excessive self-criticism. CBT concepts demonstrating the relationship between beliefs and behavior will be presented. Scripture will be integrated into the understanding of this case. Additionally, the seminar will explore how CBT principles and biblical teachings can be applied to manage anxiety. The seminar will be guided by the promise in Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV): "For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Administrative Fee: \$15 per household

May 3, 2025 (1-day)

Saturday, 9:00 – 12:00 Noon HT
Zoom Online from New York

 CBS/CMM: Flex Credit Hours

SEM-BST136

The Holy Spirit Through the Bible, Part 5

Dr. Gary Manning Jr.

This seminar is part of an in-depth series exploring the Holy Spirit's work throughout Scripture, tracing the Spirit's presence and activity from Genesis to Revelation. Part 5 focuses on the Spirit in some of Paul's letters, the General Epistles, and Revelation.

Our study will reveal how the Spirit has guided, empowered, and transformed believers as a vital part of God's redemptive plan. Through this exploration, we aim to gain a deeper understanding of the Spirit's ongoing work in our lives today, grounded in biblical teachings and historical context. Previous parts are not prerequisites. All are welcome to join this seminar.

Administrative Fee: \$15 per household

May 17, 2025 (1-day)

Saturday, 9:00 – 12:00 Noon HT
Zoom Online from California

 CBS/CMM: Flex Credit Hours

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 is by: (please write in phone number &/or e-mail address)

Phone: home/cell/work _____

E-Mail _____

Address _____

Church Affiliation (if any) _____

Please check all applicable boxes below



Yes, I'm interested in the Certificate in Biblical Studies Program

Requesting a Certificate of Completion for:








ACSI Certification

Continuing Education / other: _____

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 Registration for classes postmarked by April 8

See Schedule of Courses for more details

| Course No. | Course Name | Admin Fee |
|-------------------------------------|---|-----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> BST106 | Wednesdays in the WORD  | \$35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NT001 | Sermon on the Mount (OCCC Inmates)  | \$35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BST115 | Prophetic Calendar of Things to Come  | \$40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OT001 | Jesus in Genesis  | \$35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CLV204 | Biblical Theology of Work  | \$40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BST115 | RECLAIM 神的国 God's Kingdom  | \$35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SEM-CO207 | Understanding Beliefs and Behavior  | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SEM-BST132 | The Holy Spirit Through the Bible, Pt 5  | \$15 |

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