

# Hawaii Baptist Convention Motion Picture Film Collection

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## I. Description

The Hawaiian Baptist Convention, related to the Southern Baptist Convention, was formally organized December 12, 1940. By 1943 there were five Baptist churches in the islands. The Hawaii Baptist Convention Motion Picture Film Collection includes forty-two 8 mm and 16 mm films related to the early history and work of the Baptists in Hawaii from the 1940's to the early 1960's. The films were produced mostly by Victor Koon, an early Baptist minister in Hawaii, and illustrated the life of the Baptist churches, church planting, mission efforts, and scenic views of the Hawaiian Islands.

The collection includes seven 8 mm motion picture films and thirty-five 16 mm films. Most of the films are in color and do not have sound. The boxes that house the films had some brief handwritten description and most included a processing date for the film. Some of these descriptions are quite brief and difficult to read. A good portion of the films were numbered in sequence and that arrangement had been maintained. The films document church life, meetings of the state Baptist convention, camps, vacation Bible schools, other Baptist meetings, and scenes of the islands.

Most of the films are in relatively good condition. Several of the metal reels that had rusted were replaced with plastic reels. Some of the films are badly damaged.

The film collection was transferred from the Foreign Mission Board in 1986.

The Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives holds two other items related to this collection. MP 88, Hawaii Baptists (16mm motion picture film) is a fifteen minutes film on Baptist mission work in Hawaii around 1941. Also R435vt (video tape copy of 16 mm film) documents the effort of missionary C. J. McDonald and other Southern Baptist missionaries working in the Wayside Chapel and other areas in Hawaii in 1926. The video is black and white, silent, and about 10 minutes in length.

## II. Item Listing

Box 1 (8 mm films)

1. China Scenes, ca. 1940's
2. Maui (2 reels), ca. 1945
3. Nuuanu, ca. 1940's
4. Olivet Baptist Church, #1, ca. 1947  
First Christian baptism service in Hawaii  
Trade school sign, cleanup, Vacation Bible School

- Sword drill, Sunday school picture, military in church  
Bible school at University Ave. Baptist Church
5. Olivet Baptist Church #2, ca. 1947  
Young Street Baptist Church cemetery  
Vacation Bible School, VBS at Washington
  6. Swimming at Sacred Falls, Kolou Conference  
Koon kids  
1944

Box 2 (16 mm films)

1. #16 Conference speakers, Mrs. Martin, 1951 (2 reels)
2. #17 Hawaii Baptist Academy, 1953
3. #18 Baptist Student Union- University of Hawaii, Pageant girls and court, 1953
4. #19 Camp – ballgame, Petersons, Morgans, sign board, beach scenes, ca. 1953
5. #20 Kaumana Building, Barker Hall, 1953
6. #21 Kaumana Building, Barker Hall, 1953, # 2
7. #22 Volcano, 1952
8. #23 Waikiki Chapel, Maunakea, 1952
9. #24 Waikiki Church, Maunakea with snow, 1951
10. #25 University Avenue businesses, Kauai, 1949 (2 reels)
11. #26 University Lei Day, ca. 1952
12. #27 Maui Mission, Rainbow, 1950

Box 3 (16 mm films)

1. #28 Olivet Academy being built (?)
2. #29 New Bible School, mission meeting, 1950 (2 reels)
3. #30 Pukalani Baptist Church, organization, Pima eruption, 1961
4. #31 Hawaii Baptist Convention meeting  
Kinoole Baptist Church, Hilo, Hawaii, Nov., 1960  
NIKE Hercules
5. #32 Puna eruption, Maunawili above clouds, Kaumana Church, 1961\
6. #33 Kaunakakai Church, Honolulu from hills, Olivet luau #1, Waialae Church,  
1960
7. #34 Kalihi early building, orchids, 1957
8. #35 NIKE, 1955
9. #36 Molokai #2, 1955
10. #37 Wailuku Kindergarten, 1955
11. #38 Academy, ca. 1955
12. #39 Olivet kindergarten, 1955

Box 4 (16 mm films)

1. Dismantling the roof, #2
2. Kauai parade, ca. 1960
3. Lanai Olivet Educational building, ca. 1952

4. Lolani Palace (?), children playing ca. 1960
5. Puu Kahea Baptist Assembly, camp tent, Barker Hall, ca. 1950
6. Beauty queens, Easter service, Wahiawa, Manon Valley, Rainbow Falls, Victor Koon, Waialae Vacation Bible School, L.E. Blackman and Alvin Oyers, Volcano, ca. 1960 (large reel)
7. Olivet Baptist Church – Educational building construction, Waikiki Church, Waialae, University campus, UABC, HBA, Kalihi, Volcano, Kaumana, ca. 1960 (large reel)
8. Waimea Church, Kahului, Ongai, Waialae Vacation Bible School, old building, Blackmans, Olivet VBS in old building, Sunday School in yard, Nuuanu Temple, ca. 1960 (large reel)