



Looking Ahead

Pastor Stephen Kaneshiro



Originally, next weekend was planned to be our Grand Opening Celebration but, as you already know, we are delaying this celebration. In planning for this celebration,

we will wait until the building is completed and we have received the “Certificate of Occupancy.” We will then complete all of the things that we need to do, like the installing of our sound system, let our worship team have adequate time to practice in the new worship center, and then we will have our first service in this new facility. Once all of that is accomplished, we will then set a date and begin to carry out our plans to have that celebration.

So much of the life of Valley Isle Fellowship has revolved around “the building” and when would we be able to move in. My honest answer to you is, “I really don’t know.” I believe that we will be finished with the building in the next week or two, but you have heard me say that before. After I speak out about a possible date, something else happens that delays us again and again. I “think” that we will finally be able to move in some time in March, but I am not sure.

Let me share with you something that I am “sure” about. I know that the most important aspect in the life of Valley Isle Fellowship is not the building. I know for sure that the most important thing is that we “ALL” become totally pleasing unto the Lord. I am sure that God desires us ALL to grow in our love and obedience to and for Him. I know that I have to grow in my love and obedience to Jesus and I am sure that the same is true of you. We can all do better in becoming more pleasing and therefore more useful to Him. I know for sure that I have to quit worrying about when we will be able to move into our new building and be more focused on becoming fully the person that God desires me to be. I want to encourage and challenge all of you to do the same.

Just think of Valley Isle Fellowship all moving in the same direction with the same heart’s desire to love and please Jesus Christ. Think about how pleased the Lord would be and how exhilarating it would be to be in a church like that. Think about how being a part of a church like that would change all of our relationships with each other. Think about how effective we could become in sharing the love and grace of Jesus Christ with a community that is lost, dying, and heading for hell.



I have spent some time in the study of revivals throughout history and through various countries. It has been a prayer of mine to ask the Lord to be a part of a genuine revival that brings glory and honor to Jesus Christ. A revival that would truly revive His church and that would break out into a genuine awakening. An Awakening is a time where multitudes who are lost and heading to hell are marvelously saved and changed by Jesus Christ. An Awakening is empowered by the Holy Spirit and man and the church cannot control it. It is totally controlled by God through the Holy Spirit.

However, man and the church can quench the Holy Spirit’s movement. Through-out history, the quenching of the Holy Spirit’s power has been predominately through division and strife. When the church begins to get into fights and squabbles, division begins to permeate the body of Christ. Remember that the Word of God says that a house divided against itself cannot stand. Satan knows this so well and he has perfected the scheme of causing the church to be divided through small fights.

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Fights that are really not that important, in the larger sense of things, but for which the members of the church can get so contentious and so divisive.

Therefore, let me say to all of you that we need to concentrate on loving the Lord with all of our heart, mind, and soul and to also love each other in a manner that would please our Lord and Savior. If we concentrate and focus on these two most important facts, Satan will not be able to divide us and therefore he will not be able to conquer us. Let's keep on loving the Lord and loving each other. This is more important than our building. However, when we keep this perspective, our building will become a blessing. If we don't, our building can become a heartache. God bless you all as you strive with all your might to love the Lord our God and to love each other.

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Is God Calling You?

Next month, from the 16th to the 30th, a mission team will be travelling to Luzon to continue on mission for Christ. Mission ministries will include medical/ dental, evangelism, VBS, and prayer walking at villages. The mission team will also help with devotionals and fellowship at the newly built worship center in Luzon.

If God is speaking to you about joining the team in March, please contact

Vince Bagoyo at (808)357-3842

God can certainly use **YOU!**

These were his instructions to them: "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields." Luke 10:2 (NLT)

May God bless you always!



Friday, February 17, 2017

6 pm - 7:30 pm

VIF Church - 473 High Street
Enter from stairs facing High Street

Ladies...Come join us for a cup of coffee, tea, water.
Bring a friend or meet a friend.

For more information contact:
Pam (446-4009) or Lani (757-1652)

Please
Note

VIF Church Members!!!

Special Called business meeting
Sunday, February 26
6 p.m.

(High Street Sanctuary
during the Evening Service hour)

Love

ONE ANOTHER

AS I HAVE

loved you

JOHN 13:34

makehimknown.net

Fuel or Fumes?

Pastor Darren Sarmiento

.¹¹ Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. ¹² Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. ¹³ This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. ¹⁴ Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. ¹⁵ Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. ¹⁶ He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

Ephesians 4:11-15 NLT

I remember as a young adult when I got my first car. I was making minimum wage (\$3.35 an hour) and I was on my own and I had to eat, pay bills and rent. The one thing I would stretch out most often to make it last so I could use money in other areas was gasoline fuel in my car.



Some of you probably did what I did back then and even maybe today you still do. I would let the fuel in my car go down as low as I could get it.

When you start to see the gasoline symbol come on, you knew then, that you're kind of running on fumes, per say, and soon you will need to fill up the gas tank. I was chancing it quite a few times to see how far I could go on fumes. As you probably know by experience that when you run on fumes sooner or later you will run out of fuel. That is exactly what happened to me a couple of times.

What I am concerned about these days is what Christians are getting out of Bible Studies, devotions and even sermons. Never before in Christianity's history do we have so much resources at our finger tips to gain so much knowledge of the Bible.

Even as I say that, I'm concerned because according to the scripture passage above and the areas I underlined, it's not about knowledge in the Bible but knowledge of knowing Christ Jesus. it's not about being mature in The Word as much as being mature in the Lord. We were never made to measure up to one another but to measure up to the full and complete standard of Christ Jesus.

So, the question I'd like to ask is, what are you getting out of your Bible Studies, devotions and sermons? Do you feel like you are filling yourself up or just running on fumes? You might be asking, "How can you tell the difference?" Let me just use Bible Studies as an example to share with you on how you can tell if you are fueling up and if you don't notice if you're fueling up then you're probably running on fumes.

Now, I am not as concerned about what study you are doing as long as it is leading you to Jesus (read John 5:39). Also, if your Bible Study is leading you to reach people, then you are getting to know Jesus more and more. Why? Because reaching people for Jesus is not in our nature or part of our natural human DNA! It is not our nature to make disciples, however, those who are drawing close and following Jesus are the ones who have the desire for Him and in so doing they are letting the Lord lead them to those whom God is searching

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for (read Matthew 28:18-20).

Christians have said that I can't do what the Lord is asking me to do, I don't have the time or the knowledge to do it. These kinds of comments are just revealing that we are running on fumes and not fueling up ourselves with Jesus. If your Bible Studies are not leading you to reach people with the gospel and are not giving you the desire to disciple others, then, it is just a sign that we might not be drawing closer and deeper in a relationship with Jesus and God. The first century Christians couldn't help themselves to tell others about Jesus (read the book of Acts) and that was the norm. It was normal to tell people about Jesus. Yet today, it seems more not normal than normal to tell people about Jesus, which is the gospel, the good news.

My point to all this is, we need to keep the main thing, the main thing. If it is all about Jesus, then, let's keep pointing people and encouraging people to know and love Jesus and nothing else. Our mission statement is to, "Love God, Love His Church, Love His World" Where does it all start? Focus on Loving Jesus and encourage and help each other to build an intimate relationship with Him. It is not only with words or in this case, Bible Study but with our lives invested in each other. Jesus gave us that example to follow. Begin today with you start fueling and filling yourself up with Jesus. Look for studies, devotions and sermons that will lead you to connect and fill you up with Him. Then, the Lord will lead you to search and seek to reach out to others. You will be able to do all this with no excuse because now, you are trusting Jesus (fuel) to do what He is asking you to do and you are no longer trusting in yourself (fumes) to do it all.

I can do all things though **CHRIST** who Strengthens me. What are you running on, fuel or fumes? Remember Philippians 4:13 NKJV, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
Philippians 4:13

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Volunteers Needed
*to help with childcare during
the worship service hour
on a rotating schedule*

Sign-up today at the back table!

Children are a gift from the Lord,
they are a reward from Him.
Psalms 127:3 (NLT)



LOVE the LORD
your GOD
with **ALL** your
HEART & with **ALL**
your SOUL & with **ALL**
your **MIND**
& with all your **STRENGTH**
-Mark 12:30

Announcements



Childcare Schedule

Today, Feb 12 **Team 1:** Marion K, Karen F, Kolbe F,
Alysha F, Melanie F

Feb 19 **Team 2:** Elaine Y, Wendy C, Krystal
AV

Feb 26 **Team 3:** Jennifer B, Francis C ,
Jaydee G, Jules G

Mar 5 **Team 4:** Hawea R, Cheeng S et al



High Street Lawn Care Schedule

Week of Feb 16-18

Volunteers Needed

Week of Feb 23-25

Volunteers Needed

Week of Mar 2-4

Volunteers Needed

*Sign-up in the back to be a
part of this ministry.*



**Be in the know!
Join our text alerts . . .**

To receive messages via text:

A) If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.
On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web
browser and go to

rmd.at/mrvif

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind.
You'll be prompted to download the
mobile app.

B) If you don't have a smartphone,
get text notifications.

Text the message @mrvif
to the number

81010 or (808)670-3442.

C) Give your cell number to the office and
request to be added.

**Standard text message rate may apply.*

For more information or help call the Church Office @244-0865.



High Street Cleaning Schedule

Week of Feb 16-18

Hawea R

Week of Feb 23-25

Volunteers Needed

Week of Mar 2-4

Volunteers Needed

MISSIONAL OPORTUNITIES

NAMB Missionary Spotlight:



**Justin and
Brittany Haynes**
Church Planter | Refuge Church NOLA
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jbhaynes2006@yahoo.com
facebook.com/The-Refuge-Church-NOLA

Pray the people in our spiritually dark community will open their eyes and ears to the gospel. Pray that they would put their faith in Christ. *Justin & Brittany Haynes*
“Pray that we would mobilize local churches to plant more than 100 multiplying churches in the greater New Orleans region over the next 10 years-believing the gospel has the power to transform a city that care forgot.” *George Ross, New Orleans Send City Missionary*

New Orleans, LA

1,006,020 people live in New Orleans
45.2% are unaffiliated with any religious body
11.1% are affiliated with an evangelical church
1 SBC church for every *7,621* Chicago residents




International Mission Board
Connecting in Prayer
<https://www.imb.org/pray/>

* **East Asian Peoples**-Pray that the joy of the Lord will fill the hearts, minds, and mouths of workers in East Asia. When cultures clash, language fails, and frustrations come, pray that this joy will still bring a smile to their faces and kind words to their lips.

* **Conakry, Guinea**-(KON-ah-kree) - “One of the major focuses of our new team is the youth of Conakry. Some of us have been teaching young people at a youth center. Benjamin* and Erica* are looking for ways to reach out to university students on the college campuses. Please pray for them as they visit campuses and build relationships with both staff and students. Ask God to lead them to a ‘person of peace’ (Luke 10:6) on each campus, someone who will welcome them and help them to establish themselves on the campus. Pray that they will be able to see where God is already at work. Also, a new session of classes are beginning at the youth center. Please lift up Gary* and Anne* as they teach the new classes, asking that they will be able to connect with their students and build relationships with them. Pray for wisdom and for opportunities to share.” (*names changed)

* **People of Taiwan**-Pray for God’s truth to be proclaimed in love as believers in Taiwan take a stand against proposed regulations approving same-sex marriage.

SBC Chaplaincy Spotlight:



SBC Chaplaincy
Southern Baptist Convention

Chaplain, Lieutenant Colonel Chris LaPack
U.S. AIR FORCE
namb.net/contactachaplain
Based: Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
Wife: Lori LaPack

Pray our Christian military chaplains will continue to be guardians of religious freedom, communicators of the Christian faith and purveyors of impactful ministry to our military members and their families.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD



Valley Isle Fellowship Calendar

February 2017

- 12 9 am - Worship Service
10:30 am - Sunday School at High St Property
- Adult Sunday School @ Pastor's Study
12 noon - Trustees Meeting
6:00 pm - Evening Service/Study
- 13 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting @ Annex
- 15 6:30 pm - Youth Group "Fuel" @ Sanctuary
- 17 6:00 PM - Sweet Life Cafe
- 19 9 am - Worship Service
10:30 am - Sunday School
6:00 pm - Evening Service/Study
- 20 *Presidents' Day - Office Closed*
NO Prayer Meeting
- 22 6:30 pm - Youth Group "Fuel" @ Sanctuary
- 26 9 am - Worship Service
10:30 am - Sunday School
- Adult Sunday School @ Pastor's Study

6:00 pm - VIF Called Business Meeting

- 27 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting @ Annex

March 2017

- 1 6:30 pm Youth Group "Fuel"
- 5 9:00 am - Worship Service
10:30 am - Sunday School
- Adult Sunday School
6:00 pm - Evening Service/Study
- 6 Prayer Meeting
- 8 6:30 pm - Youth Group "Fuel"
- 12 9:00 am - Worship Service
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Valley Isle Fellowship

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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

Wailuku Elementary School Cafeteria
355 S. High St., Wailuku, HI 96793

Worship Service - 9:00 am

Sunday School - 10:30 am
(High Street property)

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SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

VIF Church Sanctuary
6:00 pm



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The Power of JOY!

Hebrews 12:1-3

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I. Many _____ surround us.

Hebrews 12:1a

A. “crowd of witnesses” – people all around us will be _____ us.

B. Watching to _____.

C. Watching to see a _____.

II. _____ down for the _____ before you.

Hebrews 12:1b

A. “the race God has set before us” is the _____ that He _____ us to live.

B. A call to take _____ of the audience that surrounds us.

C. A call to let them see “_____” in us.

III. Race by focusing on _____.

Hebrews 12:2

A. Heb. 12:1c says, “*And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.*”

- This is an _____ race.

B. Heb. 12:2a says, “*2We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus...*”

- He calls us to _____ / _____ on Jesus.

- He is our _____ / _____.

- He _____ our faith.

C. Jesus focused on “_____.”

- The joy ahead, _____ for Him.

- That joy gave Him the _____ and _____ to endure the cross.

- It allowed Him to even _____ the shame of the cross.

D. Jesus focused on _____ and now He is living in _____.

- Heb. 12:2d “*Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God’s throne.*”

E. The powerful promise of verse 3:

Hebrews 12:3 (NLT) “*3 Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won’t become weary and give up.*”

1. Jesus endured a lot of _____ from sinful people.

2. Yet, He did not _____, but _____ on the joy before Him.

3. The powerful _____ – “then you won’t become weary and give up.”

a. Jesus drew from the _____ of joy.

b. When we draw from that same well of joy, we won’t become _____ and _____.