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NEWSLETTER

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Cause and Action

By Pastor Stephen Kaneshiro

In the very crazy and mixed up world that



we live in today, there are so many people and so many causes that are crying out for your attention and support. On the surface, they might sound like a very worthy cause that they are advocating. However, as

Christians, lovers and followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to evaluate everything through the eyes of Jesus and the Bible. Therefore, we need to prepare our hearts to evaluate every cause that presents itself to us.

After evaluating the cause, as to whether that cause would be pleasing unto the Lord, we then have to evaluate the right course of action. In other words, how much of our time and resources should we give to that agenda? In these very complex and trying times, it is a challenge to bring glory and honor to Jesus Christ. Distractions and deceptions fill our lives and shout for our sacrificial involvement. In this article I would like to explore some thoughts that might help you to navigate through these challenges.

In the past couple of weeks, I have been preaching on how important it is to have our hearts in tune with our Lord and that this will produce the kinds of actions that will bring glory and honor to Jesus Christ. Today's subject illustrates this important principle and our need to diligently follow them.

When we are fully committed to loving and serving our Lord, we will look at bringing glory and honor to Him as our primary and highest priority. So, as the personalities of the day and the causes of the hour scream to get our attention and our sacrificial commitment, we have to remember that Jesus is our highest priority and we cannot do anything that would compromise that. Remember, we love Him because He first loved us and demonstrated it in a sacrificial manner. Therefore, let

our love for Him drive all that we commit and sacrifice to.

Evaluate each personality and each cause as to whether they bring glory and honor to Jesus. If there is any kind of compromise, this should give you good reason to walk away from them. If they bring glory and honor to Jesus, you should keep praying and considering this opportunity.

This brings us to the second point. What course of action should I take now? Remember that every Godly call will be followed up by Godly actions. If the call seems to be Godly, but the call to action is ungodly, this is a clear sign to walk away. You cannot accomplish bringing glory and honor to Jesus through ungodly actions. We need to follow the examples that Jesus set for us in His model earthly life, for He truly showed us how we are to live. For instance, abortion is very ungodly and very displeasing to the Lord. Therefore, it is right for us to stand up against it, but to be screaming in anger and disrespect is ungodly and wrong. You need to have the character of Jesus as He stood before His accusers. Having the mind set and praying as Jesus did, "Father, forgive them, because they don't know what they are doing," would bring glory and honor to Jesus and accomplish much to spread His love and grace to people who really need it.

If you know that the cause will bring glory and honor
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Cause and Action

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to Jesus and the plan of action demonstrates the character of Jesus, then you can seriously consider giving sacrificial support to those personalities and causes. One of those causes that I want to encourage you to consider is that which we push through Valley Isle Fellowship. I see people giving themselves to many, many things in our community while the cause of Christ through Valley Isle Fellowship just limps along. I understand that God desires and leads us to make a difference in our communities. However, I understand that the church is the Bride of Christ and we need to honor His bride in a way that honors Him.

There is a fear that has been imbedded in every church that I have been a part of. I believe this fear is credible only because the ones who respond to serve the Lord through the church is so lacking. Therefore, those who do respond have to give so much that it becomes all-consuming. This is not right because the Lord really desires all of us to have a balance that really honors Him. When this kind of balance is realized, then the church should be able to do the work that the Lord places before us and to be able to reach out to the community with the love and grace that He desires.

Evaluate the voices that call to you and the actions that they desire of you following the points above and we will all bring glory and honor to Jesus Christ. God bless you all.

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Come and Join Us!

Church Work Day @ Waikapu

Date: Saturday, March 25

Time: 8 am to 12 noon

Bring your rake, hoe, shovel, and gloves for a time of work/fellowship to care for some landscaping needs.

Join us for a
Women's Night Out
Tuesday, April 25, 2017

**CHONDA
PIERCE**
enough
Laugh-Cry-Love



IN THEATERS April 25, 2017

Together
For His
Kingdom

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

VIF Offering-to-date: **\$1,580.00**

100% of offering gifts go directly to the field to missionaries and their ministries

Chonda Pierce has built her career by being "real" - sharing her heart, talking about difficult issues, and blending it all with humor, insight and self-examination. Her vulnerability and wit have made Chonda Pierce the #1 selling female comedian in history (2014 RIAA Lifetime Achievement Award).

In *Chonda Pierce: Enough*, Chonda and some special guests help women look to their relationship with Christ as the answer for completeness, self-acceptance, and fulfillment. Laugh, Cry, Love...Through faith in Christ. If you have a relationship with Jesus, you have everything you need and acceptance into the kingdom of God.

VIF Womens Ministry will be purchasing group tickets
Your cost: \$7.00
Sign-up and pay at the back or call the church office
by March 26

Do You Know What Is A Disciple? Do We Consider Ourselves To Be One?

Pastor Darren Sarmiento

*“Jesus called out to them, “Come Follow Me,
and I will show you how to fish for people.”
Matthew 4:19 NLT*

One year, I went to Saddleback Church for a Men’s Ministry Conference. It was a three-day event. I was learning how to gather men from where they are to where they need to be, which is to be a disciple of Christ.



At one point in the meeting I asked, “What is a disciple? What does a disciple do? Can you simplify in easier terms what a disciple looks like?” I was directly asking the pastor of the men’s ministries and it was shocking to hear what his answer was. He said, “I don’t know”. He could not break it down from this huge and lengthy process of how to gather men to the point of telling me, what they will look like after having gone through the process. I’m not saying that the process they have wasn’t any good, but I do take issue that they could not explain it in simple terms of what is a disciple looks like after taking men and going through the process to become one. In **2 Corinthians 5:15 NLT** it says, “*He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.*” So, we know by this scripture verse that we who call ourselves Christians should no longer be living for ourselves but for Jesus! According to the scripture in Mathew 4:19 let me give you in simple and concise words the three aspects of what a disciple is as explained by Jim Putman in *Real-Life Discipleship: Building Churches That Make Disciples*.

A disciple is one who is:

- **Following Christ (head).** A disciple has surrendered to Jesus as Savior and Lord of his or her life. A disciple is one who says, “I know He is Lord and Savior and I accept Him as my authority.”
- **Being changed by Jesus (heart).** Jesus said we would know a tree by its fruit (Matthew 7:17-20). He did not mean perfect fruit; He meant growing fruit. As we spend time following Jesus, He changes us internally- He changes who we are.
- **Committed to Jesus’ mission to save people from their sins (hands).** Jesus saved us for a purpose. Some believe we are given a “get out of jail free” card and are free to do what we want with our lives--not true. God’s mission is now our mission, and we recognize that we are responsible for our own slice of history. Our hands are for His service.

Do you know what is a disciple? Would you call yourself one? Spend time with the Lord in prayer and ask Him from what you now know, can it be a reality for me tomorrow?

Remember the quote I once said,
“All I want is to know Jesus, and make Him known to others.”

Announcements



Childcare Schedule

Today, Mar 19 **Team 2:** Elaine Y, Wendy C, Krystal AV
Mar 26 **Team 3:** Jennifer B, Francis C, Jaydee G, Jules G
Apr 2 **Team 4:** Hawea R, Cheeng S et al, Danae O
Apr 9 **Team 1:** Marion K, Karen F, Kolbe F, Alysha F, Melanie F



High Street Lawn Care Schedule

Week of Mar 16-18

Volunteers Needed

Week of Mar 23-25

Volunteers Needed

Week of Mar 30-Apr 1

Volunteers Needed

Week of Apr 6-8

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 Mar 23-25

Cendana Ohana

Week of Mar 30-Apr 1

Aikala Ohana

Week of Apr 6-8

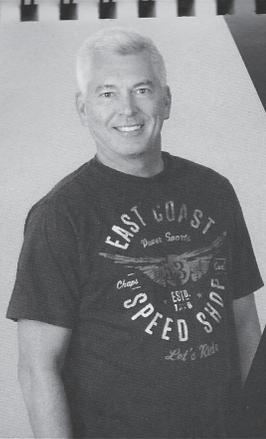
Volunteers Needed

Week of Apr 13-15

Volunteers Needed

MISSIONAL OPORTUNITIES

NAMB Missionary Spotlight:



Keith and Susan Swehla
 Church Planter
 CrossBridge Community Church
 1046 Cedargate Dr. | Kirkwood, MO 63122
 kswehla@juno.com
 crossbridgesil.org

Pray that the Lord would add daily those who are being saved. *Keith and Susan Swehla*

“God has been answering our prayers by raising up wonderful indigenous planters for Detroit. We are so excited. Our prayer now is that God will raise up Sending and Supporting Church partners for some 28 launched and pre-launched plants.” *Wayne Parker, Detroit Send City Missionary*

Detroit, MI

4,219,658 people live in Detroit
 55.5% are unaffiliated with any religious body
 10.4% are affiliated with an evangelical church
 1 SBC church for every 31,727 Detroit residents



North American Mission Board



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

***Sereer of Senegal and The Gambia (suh-RARE)** - Jenna Fieldes sat in the mud hut on the straw-filled mattress, playing an audio recording of the stories of the baptism and temptation of Jesus. Women ranging in age from teens to mid-40s sat on the mattress or a mat on the floor and listened intently. Then they talked for a couple of hours about what it meant to be a follower of this Jesus. One of the women wanted to know specifically how Jenna’s faith was different from that of her Catholic family members. Then one of the women, Sally, stood up and put her hand on her heart and said, “Jenna, I hold you here in my heart.” Another woman agreed and said, “Yes, we have you in our hearts.” Jenna said, “I am so pleased that you care for me so much. What I really want is for Jesus to be in your hearts. He is so much more worthy than I am.” Sally said, “We don’t yet understand about this Jesus, but because of you, we want to hear more about Him.” Please pray for Jenna as she continues to visit this village, asking that the Holy Spirit will work through her to deepen the women’s understanding of what it means to truly believe Jesus in their hearts, and pray that they will confess Him as Lord of their lives.

***Niamey, Niger (NEE-ah-may)** - Thank you for praying for Colleen Webb as she studies French. She had a language evaluation in February, and she scored “Advanced Low.” She needs to reach the level of “Superior” in order to decrease her language study time and increase her ministry time. Please continue to lift her up.

SBC Chaplaincy Spotlight:




Chaplain, Captain Norman Jones
 U.S. AIR FORCE RESERVE
namb.net/contactachaplain
 Based: Joint Base Charleston, S.C.
 Wife: Janeth Jones

Pray for strength and wisdom in balancing bi-vocational ministry and military reserve chaplaincy. Pray for family fortitude and church unity during my absences.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD



Valley Isle Fellowship Calendar

March 2017

- 19 9 am - Worship Service @ WES
10:30 am - Sunday School@ High Street Property
6:00 pm - Evening Service/Study @ High Street Sanctuary
- 20 Prayer Meeting @ Annex
- 22 6:30 pm - Youth Group "Fuel" @ High Street Sanctuary
- 25 Church Work Day @ Waikapu 8 a.m.-12 noon
- 26 9 am - Worship Service
- Lord's Supper
10:30 am - Sunday School
6:00 pm - Evening Service/Study
- 27 *Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Day* - office
CLOSED
NO Prayer Meeting
- 29 6:30 pm - Youth Group "Fuel" @ High Street Sanctuary

April 2017

- 2 9 am - Worship Service
10:30 am - Sunday School
6:00 pm - Evening Service/Study
- 3 Prayer Meeting
- 5 6:30 pm - Youth Group "Fuel"
- 9 9:00 am - Worship Service
10:30 am - Sunday School
12 noon - Trustees Meeting
6:00 pm - Evening Service/Study
- 10 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting
- 12 6:30 pm - Youth Group "Fuel"
- 14 *Good Friday* - Office **CLOSED**
- 16 *Easter Sunday*
6 a.m. Sunrise Service @ Waikapu
8:30 a.m. Refreshment/Fellowship
9 a.m. Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
6 p.m. Evening Service/Study

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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)

Senior Pastor
Stephen Kaneshiro
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SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

VIF Church Sanctuary
6:00 pm



www.facebook.com/valleyislefellowship



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Glorifying Jesus Christ Is A Personal Choice

1 Corinthians 10:1-11:1

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- I. Failing to _____ history primes you to _____ history. – *1 Corinthians 10:1-11*
- A. Don't forget the _____ and its _____.
 - B. Verse 5 – “Yet God was not _____ with most of them...”
 - C. Verse 6 – “These things happened as a _____ to us, so that we would not _____ evil things as they did...”
 - D. _____ the warning – verse 11 “*These things happened to them as _____ for us. They were written down to _____ us who live at the end of the age.*”
- II. God's _____ and your personal _____. – *1 Corinthians 10:12-30*
- A. Fact – No matter what or how powerful your _____ are – God is still _____ . – *1 Corinthians 10:12-13*
 - B. Personal _____ and _____ go together.
 - 1. Responsible to _____ temptations. – *1 Corinthians 10:14*
 - 2. Responsible to _____ even hints of _____ .
– *1 Corinthians 10:15-22*
 - 3. Living in responsible _____. – *1 Corinthians 10:23*
 - a. _____.
 - b. _____ choices.
- being concerned for the good of _____ / not for _____
will help you make beneficial choice. – *1 Corinthians 10:24*
 - c. Limiting personal _____ for the _____ of the Lord.
- *1 Corinthians 10:25-30*
 - d. Why should I limit my _____ just because of what someone else _____? – *1 Corinthians 10:29-30*
- Think back to verse 24: *1 Corinthians 10:24*

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III. Desiring to _____ God. – *1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1*

A. Glorify Him through _____ you do.

B. Glorify Him by doing what is _____ for others.

C. What is best for others:

1. For the Lost to be _____.

2. For the Saved to love Jesus _____ and _____.

3. For those who fully love Jesus to effectively pass on the
_____ and His _____ and _____ to all around
them.

NOTES: