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Love His World

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NEWSLETTER

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What A Blessing!

By Pastor Stephen Kaneshiro

Last Sunday, April 2nd, was truly a blessing!!! Yes, the building is far beyond what many of us were expecting, but that was not the real blessing. The real blessing was the excitement and renewal that was very apparent in all of you, the people of Valley Isle Fellowship.



For many, many months I have been preaching and teaching about becoming the people that God desires us to be. In fact, ever since I returned to VIF in 2011 my goal

has been: "To build every member to be Christ Like, so that united, we will impact Maui County for Jesus Christ."

Last Sunday I began to see evidence of that beginning to happen. Let me give you just one illustration. On Tuesday, March 28th, we finally got our Certificate of Occupancy that gave us the official OK to begin using our building for what we built it for. On Tuesday afternoon we began to notify you that we would be having our initial services on April 2nd. Our Worship Team went into our new building on Tuesday the 28th for their first rehearsal. As you can see, there was no time to put together an organized effort to make a major invitation to our community. Too much uncertainty and very little time caused us to just trust in the Lord and in you the people of VIF.

Our Sanctuary is setup with 208 chairs. Our ushers counted 191 people in attendance. Our parking lot was full and in the overflow area, there was space for only about 10 more cars. In addition to all of this, usually on a good Sunday we will have between 140-150 and we usually have around 120 in worship. So, how did so many people find out and come? There is only one simple answer. You, the people of VIF went out and invited people to come. Your excitement and enthusiasm encouraged many to come and experience the joy and excitement that filled you all.

beginning to see what even baby steps can accomplish. Valley Isle Fellowship, we can make a difference in Maui County if we will get excited about JESUS. He is the one who made all of the big and necessary provisions for us to worship here on this beautiful campus. Let's not center our excitement on His creation but let's be centered on our CREATOR. He is the one we need to get excited and motivated by.

Now, I know that there are many inadequacies in our possessing this new campus. I know that there are wind and dust issues. I know that we will not be able to do things like we have grown accustomed to while we met in the Wailuku Elementary School Cafeteria. I know that there are many other inadequacies but we must be thankful unto the Lord for the major blessing of having this place that we can say belongs to the Lord and placed under our stewardship to care for. In Christ, and in all of us loving the Lord and each other, and in our loving and faithful obedience to Him, we will be able to come and rise above every and any challenges that are and will face us.



For instance, because of Sunday, we know that we have to be thinking of increasing our overflow parking. We will need to leave the paved parking for those who are elderly, handicapped, and visiting with us. We who are members and regular attenders will have to get accustomed to parking in the overflow areas. We may also

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have to go back to multiple services. All of this will take understanding, cooperation, and sacrifice on all of our parts. As your pastor, I remember how hard it was to have multiple services and now I am older and more decrepit, so I can imagine how draining that will be. However, it is never about us but it is always about our Lord and what He calls us to give. I have to remember that all things are possible through Him.

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May 6, 2017
10 am-1pm

Dani's Catering
880 Kolu St.
Wailuku, HI

Please call church office for more information

A decorative floral illustration featuring two large, detailed roses in the center, surrounded by smaller buds and long, slender leaves. The style is elegant and classic, with fine lines and shading.

See Clarice for more information

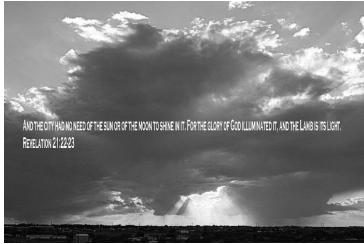
6:00 a.m.	Sunrise Service on the lanai with Kahului Baptist Church as our guests
8:30 a.m.	Pre-service Fellowship (potluck-style refreshments; church will provide drinks - sign up @ back table)
9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service

Finally, But Not The Finale

Revelations 21:18-27 NLT

By Pastor Darren Sarmiento

Last Sunday was an encouraging time for us, especially for Pastor Stephen, myself and others who worked hard to prepare the property and building so we could worship the Lord God Almighty! I am grateful to Pastor Stephen for giving me the opportunity to share an encouraging word with all of you at our first worship service in our new Worship Center.



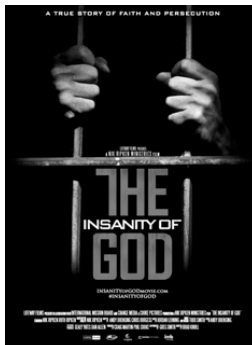
So, finally, we are here! We gathered together and worshiped God and what an experience it was to see so many people. Nothing was as more exciting for me than to see more and more people come together for the soul purpose (yes, I mean soul) of giving ourselves up to the Lord and praising His Name...the Name of Jesus.

Now, as you encouraged me last Sunday allow me to encourage you once again. We are in our own building finally, however, it is not the finale. As I said before this is not an end to a means but a means to an end. I know I've said that quite a few times in my previous articles and it was intentional. I want us to remain focused on what really matters and what matters most is our bonding with Jesus Christ and God our Father. It is all about the relationship we have with the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, the Creator of Heaven and Earth!

We are here to worship God and Jesus and one of the ways is to serve Him. As Jesus came to earth to do the Father's will which is to seek and save those who are lost, Jesus now passes the baton on to us. God is working and will continue to work in and through us to reach out to others. I know it can be tiresome to make the time and make the effort to help and encourage others to see Jesus, to believe in Him, to know Him and to follow in His footsteps. But, God offers us to always look heaven-ward. What I mean is God is giving us something to look forward to in the end after living and doing all that He asks of us in this life.

In the Bible we have the book of Revelations (the last book in the New Testament) and I like to think of it as the reward for all those who have believed, committed and submitted their lives to Jesus. I like to think of it as the finale, when God will bring everything and everyone into account for all they have done. The Scripture passage above is an encouragement for us all for what lies ahead when we have lived our lives here on earth for Him. If you need encouragement to keep on following Jesus and doing the Father's will remember the passage above. I encourage you to read the whole book of Revelation as an encouragement, motivation and Yes! A reward. We are finally here continuing to serve the Lord and while serving Him, waiting in anticipation for the finale when we get to enjoy the Lord forever as we enjoy Him today.

Mahalo
for enjoying
your food and
drinks outside
on the lanai.



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Showing at VIF
Next Sunday, April 16
5 p.m.

The Insanity of God is the true story of missionaries Nik and Ruth Ripken. After the death of their son, this ordinary couple journeys into the depths of the persecuted church, asking the question- **IS JESUS WORTH IT?**

Announcements



Childcare Schedule

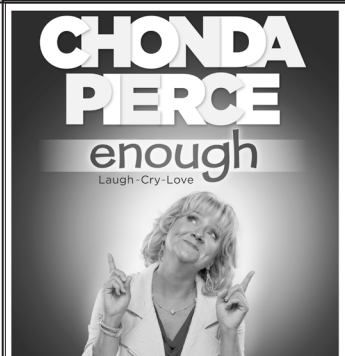
Today, Apr 9 **Team 1:** Karen F, Kolbe F, Alysha F, Melanie F, Marion K

Apr 16 **Team 2:** Elaine Y, Wendy C, Krystal AV

Apr 23 **Team 3:** Jennifer B, Francis C, Jaydee G, Jules G

Apr 30 **Team 4:** Hawea R, Cheeng S et al, Danae O

Women's Night Out
Tuesday, April 25, 2017
7 pm @
Maui Mall Megaplex



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.



Two-Thirds World Network

Philippines Mission Team
will share about their recent
mission trip to the Philippines
Sunday, April 23
@ 6 p.m. Service



Friday, April 21, 2017
6 pm - 7:30 pm

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)



Waikapu Cleaning Schedule

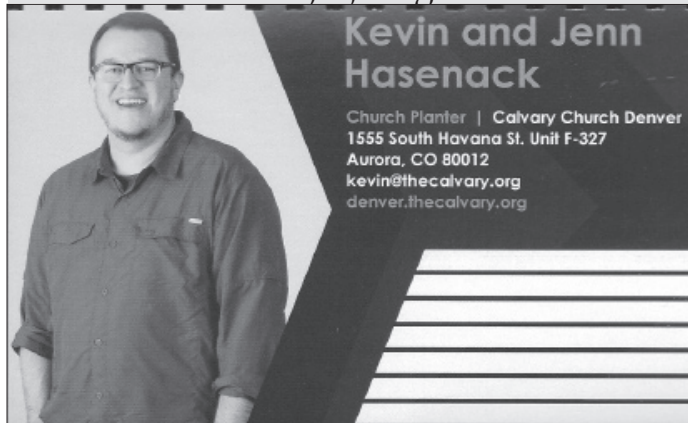
Week of Apr 13-15
Volunteers Needed

Week of Apr 20-22
Volunteers Needed

Week of Apr 27-29
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NAMB Missionary Spotlight:

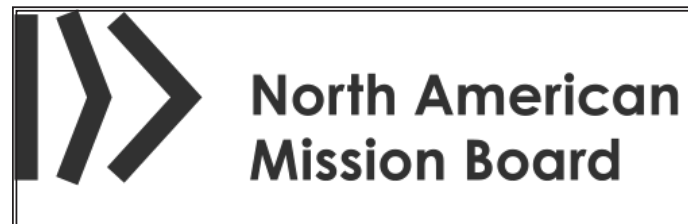


“Pray the people of Calvary Denver will see themselves as ministers of the gospel, for our growing partnership with Place Bridge Academy and that our leadership will stay connected to Jesus and focused on our vision.”

Kevin and Jenn Hasenack

Catch The Vision Tour

Catch The Vision tours are a two-day experience where pastors and key church leaders travel to a Send City to explore the city, meet church planters and see communities in need of a church plant. Pray for churches to develop a heart and passion for sending their people on mission. Pray for pastors to catch God’s vision for how their churches can be involved in reaching cities through church planting.



Please pray for **President Juan Orlando Hernandez Alvarado of Honduras (south of Guatemala).*

****Send Conferences 2017**-The SEND Conference, Dallas, will be held in six weeks--May 19-20. It is a two-day gathering of the church in North America. The heart of the gathering is to see a movement of people from within the church living out the mission of God in their everyday lives. You prayed earlier this year for SEND SoCal. Will you join us once again in praying as preparations are made and travel plans put into place? Ask God to bring together thousands who are ready to hear His voice.*

****West Africans in Paris, France**-In December, you were asked to intercede for immigrants who were hearing God’s stories while learning English. Give thanks to God that the English as a Second Language (ESL) class is going well! It must be finished by the end of April, because the teacher will be preparing to leave the country then. Please pray that the stories that are used in the class will touch the hearts of the students and that the students will come to Christ. Also pray that the teacher will continue to stay focused on the task at hand rather than the ones in the future.*

****East Asian Peoples**-Pray that in churches throughout East Asia, evangelism will become a way of life and not just an event once or twice a year. Pray for believers to be so filled with God’s Word that it naturally spills out in conversations with those around them.*

SBC Chaplaincy Spotlight:



Valley Isle Fellowship Calendar

April 2017

- 9 9:00 am - Worship Service
10:30 am - Sunday School
12:30 pm - 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**
6:00 a.m. *Sunrise Service (Kahului BC as guests)*
8:30 a.m. *Refreshment/Fellowship*
9:00 a.m. *Worship Service*
10:30 a.m. *Sunday School*
5:00 pm *"Insanity of God"*
- 17 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting
- 19 6:30 pm - Youth Group "Fuel"
- 21 6:00 pm - Sweet Life Cafe
- 23 9:00 am - Worship Service
10:30 am - Sunday School

- 6:00 pm - Two-Thirds World Mission Team sharing
- 24 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting
- 25 Women's Night Out to "*Chonda Pierce: Enough*"
- 26 6:30 pm - Youth Group "Fuel"
- 30 9:00 am - Worship Service
10:30 am - Sunday School
6:00 pm - Evening Service/Study

May 2017

- 1 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting
- 3 6:30 pm - Youth Group "Fuel"
- 6 10:00 am MCBA Mothers' Celebration Luncheon
- 7 9:00 am - Worship Service
10:30 am - Sunday School
6:00 pm - Evening Service/Study
- 8 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting
- 10 6:30 pm - Youth Group "Fuel"
- 14 *Mother's Day*
9:00 am - Worship Service

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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Worship Service - 9:00 am

Sunday School - 10:30 am

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SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

Worship/Study

6:00 pm



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Resurrection or Bust

Pastor Darren Sarmiento

1. _____ to our faith.

2. _____ of our salvation.

3. Do you _____ his wounds?