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NEWSLETTER

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Love is Dangerous, Because it is Risky by Pastor Stephen Kaneshiro

While I was dating my wife, Clarice, I did some things that were very dangerous & risky for Steve to do. I remember one night, I got very tired and fell asleep watching TV with her. After the program was done, Clarice woke me up and told me to go home. I tried to wipe the sleep from my eyes and I drove home. I was so tired that I was fighting sleep on the way home and I found myself in a very dangerous and risky situation. All of a sudden I found myself shaking myself and

forcing my eyes to open. When I could focus my eyes, I realized that I was about a mile down the road from the point that I last remembered being. That scared me and I stayed awake the rest of the way home.

The point that I am trying to make here is that because I was in love with Clarice I put myself in some pretty dangerous and risky situations. We should love the Lord our God with all of our heart, mind, and soul. This kind of love for our Lord is likely to also put us in pretty dangerous and risky situations.



I enjoyed being with Clarice and I looked forward to any and every opportunity to be with her. I believe that was the last time that I may have fallen asleep at the wheel, but it was not the last time that I spent a late night with Clarice. I have also been in some dangerous and risky situations because of my love and faith in Jesus Christ, but I still look forward to loving and obeying Him. I am willing to

be a risk taker for Jesus, because I love Him so much.

IF YOU REALLY LOVE JESUS
YOUR LIFE WILL SHOW IT.

Risking your life, your reputation, your wealth, and your welfare for Jesus only comes about because of your love for Him. Yes, we are under an obligation to Jesus, but an obligation by itself will not allow you to continuously risk it all for Jesus. Only your LOVE and commitment to Jesus Christ will allow you to risk it all for Jesus, continuously. If you are not a risk taker for Jesus, then there is a very good chance that you are not a lover of Jesus Christ. If you are not a risk taker for the people that you say you love, then in all likelihood, you do not love them.

I can honestly say, that I would take on almost any kind of risks for Clarice, even to the point of laying my life down for her. I would do the same for all of my children, their spouses, and for my grandchildren. This is only because I truly love them. I am also trying to move to the point where I can say the same thing about my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I want to love Him so much that there would be no danger and no risk that would prevent me

from loving and obeying my Lord. Honestly, I don't believe that is true right now, but as I acknowledge this failing, I am also working on falling more deeply in love with my Lord. By the time you find yourself reading this, I sincerely hope and pray that I have come to the point where I have decided to follow Jesus. No turning back, no turning back.

To Him be the Honor and Glory. Great things He has done, is doing, and will continue to do. God bless and keep you as you move on to being lovers of Jesus who are willing to love Him in and through the dangers and risks of life.

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Announcements

Mother's Day Family Photos



An excellent wife who can find? She is
far more precious than jewels. Proverbs
31:10 (NASB)

Her Children rise up and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her.
Proverbs 31:28 (NASB)

God has blessed Valley Isle Fellowship with
AMAZING women!

Mother's are so precious to us!

This Mother's Day, we want to bless each Mother
with a family photo.

Join us before and after each service
on Mother's Day!
Sunday, May 11, 2014

We will have a photo printed for you,
to pick up the following Sunday.
You will also be able to view and download your picture.

**Don't forget to pick up the form
to fill out on the back table to
bring with you!**

VBS 2014

Friends and Families of VIF,

During the past few weeks it has been revealed to me that it will be impossible to run our summer VBS in the capacity that we have done in the past due to time constraints and medical reasons. Therefore we will be canceling our VBS campaign for this year. I am enthusiastic about next year and look forward to saying YES to VBS in 2015!

Your Servant in Christ,
Steffen



**Saturday, May 17th
9am-12pm in the Annex**

**For children who have completed
Grade 1 up to Grade 5.**

**Includes service project, Bible study,
games, and lunch!**

Jesus, Our Servant King
John 13:1-17

1. Jesus knows who He is.
2. Jesus came to serve not be served.
3. All of Jesus' actions and words must be seen through the cross.
4. Fully clean and in need of daily cleansing.
5. The Christian's identity.

NOTES:

What is Your Hope In?

by Jeremy Kaneshiro

²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ ²³ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’ Matthew 7:21-23

Have you ever stopped to consider what Jesus is actually saying in this passage? Look at the response from the people in the passage, **“Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?”** What was their hope, in their plea to the Lord? What was the thing they thought would get them into the kingdom? They believed that based on their good works, especially the works that were done in the name of Jesus, would save them. They were putting their hope and trust in their effort and performance. Jesus tells them the sad reality of their lives **“I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness”**

What they had done, that we try to save ourselves, is a curse of mankind. We inevitably drift into thinking that based on my work, my performance, and my will power, I will make it into Heaven. The devil loves to whisper the lie, “But, I’m a good person and if I just try hard enough, then I’ll be okay,” because he knows our hearts love to believe that lie. The cross calls us out and tells us we are more messed up and sinful than we are willing to admit and yet, God did something gracious for us. The gospel tells us that we are never perfect and will always fail Him because we are sinful, but it proclaims that **Jesus was perfect for me, died to take my sins and gave me His perfect record and rose on the third day from death to defeat sin and death.** The truth is, knowing Jesus and having eternal life is not based on how well I perform for Jesus, but on **my faith that Jesus performed (perfect life, substitute in death and victorious in resurrection) perfectly.**

Do you believe that? Do you believe and understand that Jesus paid for all your sins once and for all? How would you defend yourself if you were standing before Jesus on judgment day? **Would your shield and hope be in what you’ve accomplished,** what duties you've completed (even church things) or **would it be the shed blood of Jesus Christ** and His resurrection from the dead? When sin tempts you to disbelieve and to trust in your own works, are you going back to Jesus and His work?

Jesus says something very telling here in Matthew 7:23 **“And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”** Do you see it? He is responding to people who justified themselves by their works for Jesus. Jesus responds by saying, in all of the work they did, they never knew Him, thus they are condemned. Jesus is saying that He is the only way to eternal life (John 14:6) and the only way you will know Jesus is through understanding and hope in the cross. It is through trusting and believing that Jesus took care of your sin and has given you a new identity. The only way to know Jesus is not through good works but trusting in his completed work at the cross and resurrection. So, what is your belief? What is your hope? May you trust and rely upon Jesus’ completed work for you, may that birth a joy unshakable because of the heart of thanksgiving over Jesus’ accomplishments and may that lead you to joyful service and sacrifice. My prayer today is that you would trust in Jesus’ finished work for your hope and identity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

40 Days of Love Leadership Meeting

40 Days of Love is an exciting experience developed by Pastor Rick Warren of Saddleback Church. We are organizing to try and make this experience available to all of Valley Isle Fellowship. In order for this to happen, we are in need of people who would be willing to facilitate a small group of people through this study. Vince and Jennifer Bagoyo have opened their home (**1500 Kilinoe Pl, Waikapu**) for this meeting on **Monday, May 12th at 6:00 PM**. Dinner will be potluck style so please bring your favorite dish to share. ***Also, please let the Bagoyo's know if you're going to attend, 357-3842, so they can plan accordingly.***

An Opportunity to Minister to the Wailuku Elementary School Family

As you already know, VIF is in a partnership with Wailuku Elementary School. We are allowed to use their facilities (for a reasonable price) and in turn we are given the privilege to minister to the Wailuku Elementary School family through different venues. We have another opportunity to minister to them on **Friday, May 16th from 6:30 AM until about 10:30 AM**. They will be having their May Day Program and will be using our properties on High Street for parking and we will be needing a "parking crew" to help people to safely park on our property. Please call the church office at 244-0865 if you will be able to help so that we can plan properly for this ministry. Thank you and God bless you.

Sunday School Workers' Meeting

Just a friendly reminder that there is a Sunday School Workers' Meeting on **Sunday, May 18th at 11:30 AM** in the VIF Sanctuary (upstairs). Please call the VIF office if you have any questions.

Effective Discipleship Through Missional Communities Presentation

On Sunday, May 18th at 6:00 PM during our Evening Worship Service, your pastors will be sharing with you the importance and priority of Discipleship and how Missional Communities are the best vehicle to achieve effective and powerful Discipleship. We want to invite all of you who are interested in finding out about this and how we are proposing to implement all of this within VIF. Many of our potential leaders have already been given the opportunity to be briefed on this exciting possibility. A brief presentation will be given and then the pastors will guide you through a Question and Answer period. Please make plans to be a part of this very important session. God bless you all.

Blessing of the Waikapu Water Project

On **Saturday, May 24th at 10:00 AM** at the Waikapu Property, we will be having a blessing for the Waikapu water project. Please come and join us in this time of prayer and fellowship. Hope to see you all there!

Just a friendly reminder from BasketballMAUI

Basketball Camp - **June 23-27**

For boys & girls, 7-13 at Kamehameha School and Lahaina Civic Center

For boys & girls, 14-19 at War Memorial

Night of Shooting Stars - **June 28** at the Lahaina Civic Center

For more information visit our website, www.basketballmaui.com, or call Buzz at 808-866-6996.

Special Offerings

Thank you church family for giving to the special offerings over the last month. For the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, you gave a total of \$1,892.00. For the Faith Comes By Hearing Offering, you gave a total of \$1,649. God bless you all!

A Message From Pastor Stephen

Dear Valley Isle Fellowship People - I just want you to know that I will be out of the office on May 26th & 27th because my niece is getting married and I want to be there to help our family in whatever way that I can. I am planning to be back in office on Wednesday the 28th. Thank you and God bless you - Pastor Stephen

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The MPC Summer Pledge Drive

Please help bring peace, joy, hope, love & help to the women and men of Maui County facing a crisis pregnancy.

You can make a positive difference in your community by making a \$20 monthly pledge to

Malama Pregnancy Center of Maui.

Our goal is 500 monthly pledges. Please help us meet and surpass our goal!! MPC operates as a nonprofit organization that is solely supported through volunteers & donations.

Don't wait for someone else to pledge; Tell yourself it starts with me!!

Please contact us at 808-280-5810 to set up your monthly pledge amount.

All donations are tax deductible.



GRAND OPENING

Monday May 12th
9:30am

Blessing by
Pastor Kipi Higa

Ribbon Cutting by
Mayor Alan Arakawa

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WHO WE ARE

A non-profit agency
Providing compassionate care & support
to those facing a crisis pregnancy

SERVICES AVAILABLE

Pregnancy Tests
Consultation on Pregnancy & Choices
Post Abortion Counseling
Practical & Emotional Support
Referrals to additional Resources & Agencies

All client services are free & confidential

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MCBA Youth Camp - June 2-6, 2014

For students completing Grades 6 through 12 this year.

Held at the YMCA's Camp Keanae

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Wednesday, May 20th\$185.00

Late Registration till May 30th\$200.00

MCBA Children's Camp - June 16-20, 2014

For children completing Grades 3 through 6 this year.

Held at the YMCA's Camp Keanae

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Tuesday, May 27th\$150.00

Late Registration till June 9th\$175.00

Camp Fees include lodging, camp meals, Bible study & craft materials.

**Registration forms are available on the back table after service,
on our website www.vifmaui.com, or at the VIF office.**

child care Schedule

Today

May 11, 2014

Team 1

Jennifer Egami

Corey Egami

Donna Nozaki

Elijah Douglas

Next Week

May 18, 2014

Team 2

Joycelyn Kiaha

Marion Kimura

Elaine Yamasaki

Avery Yamada

Zachary Yamada

Kaiani Kiaha

Daniel Olaso



High Street Cleaning Schedule

Week of May 15-17

Edwards, Kaneshiro

Week of May 22-24

Yamamura, Harada, Kimura, Watts

Week of May 29-31

Powell



Today's Worship Songs

You, You are God

God of Wonders

Give Us Clean Hands

Valley Isle Fellowship 2014 Calendar

May 2014

- 11 AM - *Pastor Jeremy* - John 13:1-17
PM - *Pastor Darren* - BFM - Cooperation
- 12 Malama Pregnancy Center Grand Opening
40 Days of Love Leadership Meeting
- 16 Wailuku Elementary May Day Parking @ VIF
- 17 "G" Force
- 18 AM - *Pastor Stephen* - John 13:18-30
Sunday School Worker's Meeting
PM - *Discipleship & Missional Community Presentation*
- 24 Waikapu Property Water Project Blessing
- 25 AM - *Pastor Darren* - John 13:31-38
AM - Lord's Supper
PM - *Pastor Stephen* - BFM - The Christian and the Social Order
- 26 Memorial Day - Office Closed
Surf Ministry - 1000 Peaks

June 2014

- 1 AM - *Pastor Jeremy* - John 14:1-14
PM - *Pastor Darren* - BFM - Peace and War
- 2-6 MCBA Youth Camp
- 8 AM - *Pastor Stephen* - John 14:15-31
PM - *Pastor Jeremy* - BFM - Religious Liberty
- 11 King Kamehameha Day - Office Closed
- 15 AM - *Pastor Darren* - John 15:1-17
PM - *Pastor Stephen* - BFM - The Family
- 16-20 MCBA Children's Camp
- 21 "G" Force
- 22 AM - *Pastor Jeremy* - John 15:18-16:4
PM - *Pastor Darren* - BFM - The Importance of our Affiliations
- 30 Surf Ministry - Kalepolepo Beach Park

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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

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

1st Service - 8:00 am

Child care available at High Street property

2nd Service - 9:45 am

Children & Youth Sunday School at High Street property

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SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

VIF Church Sanctuary
473 S High St. Wailuku, HI 96793

6:00 pm



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