



**Valley Isle Fellowship**

Love God, Love His Church,

Love His World

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# NEWSLETTER

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## Partially Acknowledging the Lord

Pastor Stephen Kaneshiro

**R**ecently I heard Al Gore, a former Vice President of the United States of America, say, "Mother nature is telling us every night on the TV news now is like a nature hike through the book of Revelation. People are noticing this, these downpours and historic floods." I don't know if this statement is true, but I would like to focus on one part of this statement. "...like a nature hike through the book of Revelation."

The calamities that are revealed in the book of Revelation are not caused by man made climate change, but by man made sins. The greatest problems in the world today are those caused by men's sins. There is only one remedy for men's sins and that is Jesus Christ.



You might believe that these are the words of a crazy man and that your Pastor has gone crazy, but I want you to know that I firmly believe in the Word of God. Although I don't know how much of what Al Gore says is true, I wish that if he really believes that the book of Revelation is coming to life that he would take a serious look at all that God says in Revelation.

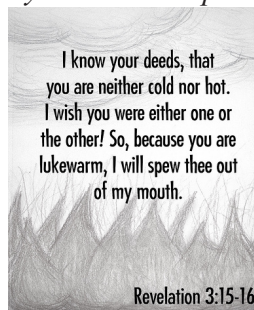
One can start by looking at Revelation 2 and 3. These two chapters are known as the letters to the seven churches. In each letter to each church it says, "Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches." To ignore the Lord is to suffer the consequences. However, he warns us of those consequences and therefore we will have no one to blame but ourselves.

**Be faithful,**  
even to the point of death,  
and I will give you  
the crown of life.  
Revelation 2:10

*ful even when facing death, I will give you the crown of life." To the church in Pergamum (2:16) He says, "Re-*

*pent of your sin, or I will come to you suddenly and fight*

*against them with the sword of my mouth."* To the church in Thyatira (2:20-21) He says, "But I have this complaint against you. You are permitting that woman – that Jezebel who calls herself a prophet – to lead my servants astray. She teaches them to commit sexual sin and to eat food offered to idols. I gave her time to repent, but she does not want to turn away from her immorality." To the church in Sardis (3:1b-2) He says, "I know all the things you do, and that you have a reputation of being alive – but you are dead. Wake up! Strengthen what little remains, for even what is left is almost dead. I find that your actions do not meet the requirements of my God." To the church in Philadelphia (3:10) He says, "Because you have obeyed my command to persevere, I will protect you from the great



*time of testing that will come upon the whole world to test those who belong to this world."* Finally, to the church in Laodicea (3:15-16) He says, "I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other! But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth!"

However, **Revelation 3:20-22 (NLT)** says, "Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends. Those who are victorious will sit with me on my throne, just I was victorious and sat with my Father on his throne. Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and under-



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# Partially Acknowledging the Lord

*Pastor Stephen Kaneshiro*

*stand what he is saying to the churches.”*

The answers do not lie in government policies or industrial actions or even in humanitarian actions. The answers all lie in Jesus Christ. He is the one who can put everything right, but we have to do it His way and not our way. Psalm 20:7 (NLT) says, “Some nations boast of their chariots and horses, but we boast in the name of the LORD our God.” This is a very pivotal time in the history of the world. The pivot all lies on whether we will trust in the Lord or in someone or something else. I am praying that we will all choose to love and serve the Lord.

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**Honoring Our Graduates**  
Dylan Vega    Deion Giron    Leah Rudin  
Ian Tsang    Julia Kinoshita  
and Youth Camp Recap  
<<<<TONIGHT!! 6 p.m.>>>>



**Come find out how  
YOU can be involved . . .**

**Next planning meeting  
Saturday, June 17  
6:00 p.m.**

For more information contact  
Steffen Yamada @ 264-0397



## Give Thanks Celebration

*Always give thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Ephesians 5:20 NCV*

**SATURDAY, June 24, 2017  
COMMUNITY GATHERING  
10am - 12noon**

Let's gather with our neighbors and friends to share the Glory of God. Get ready to tell the story of His Great Faithfulness in your life and in the life of our VIF family.

**Expressing Gratitude with and for:  
GOD**

**OLD FRIENDS and FAMILIES of VIF  
CONSTRUCTION CREW  
COUNTY OFFICIALS  
WAILUKU EL  
NEW NEIGHBORS**

**SUNDAY, June 25, 2017  
FAMILY FELLOWSHIP  
9am lunch to follow**

We will worship and Praise Him for who He is and what He has done from the vision of a new church campus, to the call to RISE UP and BUILD, to the completion of the new Worship facility Bring a friend to experience God at VIF. After service there will be lunch and fellowship.

**Expressing Gratitude by:  
Worship  
Fellowship  
God Centered Relationships**

# Expensive Tool

Pastor Darren Sarmiento

<sup>20</sup> In a wealthy home some utensils are made of gold and silver, and some are made of wood and clay. The expensive utensils are used for special occasions, and the cheap ones are for everyday use. <sup>21</sup> If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work.

**2 Timothy 2:20-21 NLT**

Do you ever feel like second class when compared to certain people or jobs? Do you feel like you couldn't do things just as good as others? Or people presumed you couldn't do it because you were too young and inexperienced?

Over the course of many years working in the work force prior to coming on staff and being ordained in the church I've heard these questions from a lot of people about these questions. I used to also ask these questions while working at certain jobs. At my age now, I tell young people to work hard if you want to climb the ladder, so to speak, and if you want to get that higher position or better pay. Most companies will look at your age to determine if you are qualified, but in my experience some companies will look at people who have great work ethics, work with others, solving issues and takes the initiative to do things without being told.

As Christians it is no different except instead doing things to climb the ladder or better pay we do it to bring glory to God willingly. The above passage is Paul writing to Timothy whom he has left in Ephesus to pastor a church after doing missions going around the regions proclaiming the gospel. Paul is encouraging Timothy that the Lord has a special use for him to do kingdom work on earth.

The reason why I asked you the questions in the beginning is because I want to make sure you understand something in light of the scripture passage. Paul told Timothy if you keep yourself pure you will be used for honorable use. How do you keep yourself pure? The first thing you and I need to be always doing is focusing on our relationship with Christ. To keep ourselves pure is to continue to commit and submit our lives to the Lord in our everyday life.

If Paul is telling Timothy that he is an expensive tool to be used, then, realize we also are an expensive tool. Why do I say that? I want us to realize that every person who believes in Jesus is already an expensive tool because we are going to be used for special occasions or as I said it earlier, for kingdom work on earth. Jesus already sees us as expensive tools because He paid for only the best with His life on the cross. He is redeeming a people for His own. Just as God gathered Israel to be a nation for His own, so He continues to gather people for His own through those who believe in His Son, Jesus. Everyone who becomes a Christian is an expensive tool that will be used for special occasions. Those occasions are to love, share the gospel and make disciples of people in the world. We just need to be told that.

As Paul told Timothy I believe Timothy will tell others and those others will tell still even more, that we are an expensive tool in the Lord's hands.

**Feel God pulling you into deeper fellowship with the family?**

**Wondering how He could use you to  
LOVE GOD, LOVE HIS CHURCH, LOVE HIS WORLD?**

**WAYS to be INVOLVED:**

MINISTRIES      SMALL GROUPS      MISSIONS  
PARKING      DECORATIONS      SETUP/BREAKDOWN

**Contact the Church Office (244-0865) to get plugged in!**

# Announcements



## Childcare Ministry Schedule

**Today, June 11** **Team 2:** Elaine Y, Wendy C, Krystal AV

**June 18** **Team 3:** Jennifer B, Francis C, Jaydee G, Jules G

**June 25** **Team 4:** Hawea R, Cheeng S, Jezra S, Danae O

**July 2** **Team 1:** Karen F, Kolbe F, Alysha F, Melanie F, Marion K



## 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

**OR**

**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.*



## Waikapu Cleaning Schedule

***Week of June 15-17***

**Team 7**

Stephen K\*, Hubert I, Leslie T, Ernie P,  
David P, Chad K

***Week of June 22-24***

**Give Thanks Celebration**

*Everyone*

***Week of June 29-July 1***

**Team 1**

Yeiko E, Elaine Y, Teri C, Pauline H, Cecile H,  
Cathy D, Kenneth K, Lucille K\*

***Week of July 6-8***

**Team 2**

Paul Y\*, Linda Y, Mimi F, Loida P, Ruth M

*\*Key Monitor*

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





# MISSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

## NAMB Missionary Spotlight:



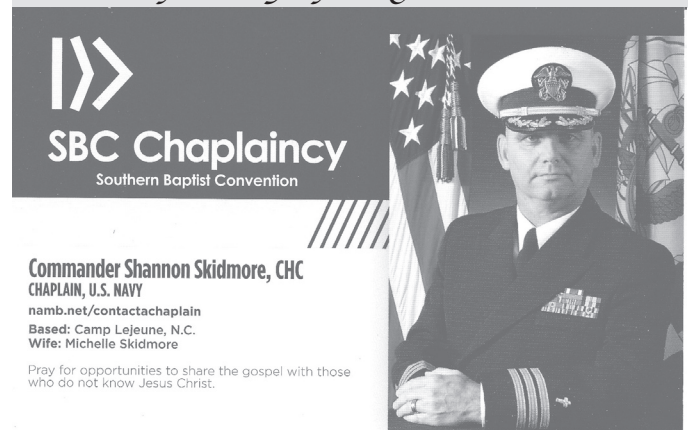
**Anthony and Karla Cox**

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Pray that Mercy Hill would treasure Christ utmost in our affections. Pray we would have grace to faithfully bless our city with kingdom presence proclaiming the gospel in both word and deed. **Anthony and Karla Cox**

**Crossover Phoenix** brings the added dimension of a city-wide crusade with **Harvest America** as the culminating event for **Crossover Saturday**. Pray for the thousands of gospel conversations that will take place during **Crossover 2017** in Phoenix, the host city for the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

## SBC Chaplaincy Spotlight:



**Commander Shannon Skidmore, CHC**  
CHAPLAIN, U.S. NAVY  
namb.net/contactachaplain  
Based: Camp Lejeune, N.C.  
Wife: Michelle Skidmore

Pray for opportunities to share the gospel with those who do not know Jesus Christ.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD



## International Mission Board

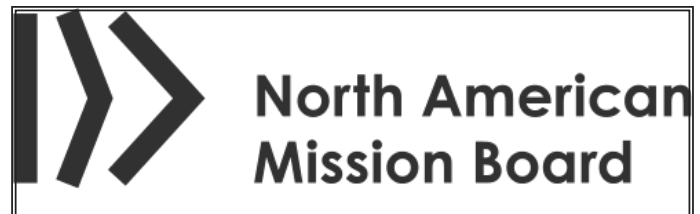
*Connecting in Prayer*  
<https://www.imb.org/pray/>

\*Please pray for **Prime Minister Carlos Agostinho do Rosario** of Mozambique (southern Africa).

\***People of the Crossroads, East Asia** - In "Silver Creek," a woman who believed and was baptized has not come to be in fellowship for months. Another woman has believed for more than 10 years and still has not been baptized. The latter woman is involved a one-on-one Bible study, so please ask the Father to convict her of fully following Him as Lord and Savior. Please ask Him to convict the former woman of the need for studying and talking to Him regularly.

\***Icelanders of Iceland** - Planting healthy churches, training up ministers, utilizing media and the arts . . . lift up the work and the leaders of the Iceland Project. Pray specifically for the pastor, George\*, as he leads the congregation and trains up new leaders. Ask for special mercies as he cares for his wife, Sara\*, in her third trimester of pregnancy. Pray for them as they raise their two children, and ask special blessings on their oldest child, Mitchel\*, who has been diagnosed with leukemia and is going through chemotherapy treatments. (\*names changed)

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## PrayerConnect

*Connect with missionaries and chaplains by praying for them and their work, either through specific ministry prayer requests or on their birthdays.*

**Tom Wei Tang**  
4027 SW 182nd Pl.  
Beaverton, OR 97078

Tom Wei Tang is a church planter serving in Oregon. We are planting the first SBC Chinese church in the whole state of Oregon. After two years of work the church grows steadily, but our visa is expiring June 30, 2017. We are waiting for our green card application to be approved but still haven't heard anything so far. Please pray for miracles to happen this week so that we know for sure we can stay and make preparations accordingly.

# Valley Isle Fellowship Calendar

## June 2017

- 11 9:00 am - Worship Service  
10:30 am - Sunday School  
12 noon - Trustees Meeting  
6:00 pm - Honoring Our Graduates/Camp Recap
- 12 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting
- 14 6:30 pm - Youth Night
- 16 6:00-7:30 pm - Sweet Life Cafe
- 17 6:00 pm - VBS Team Meeting
- 18 *Father's Day*  
9:00 am - Worship Service  
10:30 am - Sunday School  
6:00 pm - Evening Service/Study
- 19-23 MCBA Children's Camp @ Camp Keanae
- 19 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting
- 21 6:30 pm - Youth Night
- 24 10-12 noon - *Give Thanks Celebration Community Gathering*

- 25 9 am - *Give Thanks Celebration Family Fellowship*  
NO Sunday School  
6:00 pm - Evening Service/Study
- 26 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting
- 28 6:30 pm - Youth Night

## July 2017

- 2 9:00 am - Worship Service  
10:30 am - Sunday School  
6:00 pm - Evening Service/Study
- 3 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting
- 4 *Independence Day - Office CLOSED*
- 5 6:30 pm - Youth Night
- 8 6:30 p.m. - VBS Team Meeting
- 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

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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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# The Lion and The Lamb

*Pastor Darren Sarmiento*

*<sup>4</sup> Then I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll and read it.*

*<sup>5</sup> But one of the twenty-four elders said to me, "Stop weeping! Look, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the heir to David's throne, has won the victory. He is worthy to open the scroll and its seven seals."*

*<sup>6</sup> Then I saw a Lamb that looked as if it had been slaughtered, but it was now standing between the throne and the four living beings and among the twenty-four elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which represent the sevenfold Spirit of God that is sent out into every part of the earth. <sup>7</sup> He stepped forward and took the scroll from the right hand of the one sitting on the throne. <sup>8</sup> And when he took the scroll, the four living beings and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb.*

***Revelation 5:4-8a NLT***

1. Only those who see Jesus as the \_\_\_\_\_ knows He is the \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Only those who see Jesus that was \_\_\_\_\_ knows \_\_\_\_\_.

3. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ to the King unless we \_\_\_\_\_ the Lamb.