



**Valley Isle Fellowship**

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# NEWSLETTER

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## *Who's Impacting Whom?*

*Pastor Stephen Kaneshiro*

**T**echnology makes our lives in the Western World full of comfort and conveniences. Speed and comfort have become very important and desirable in our lives. If you add to that the element of enjoyable entertainment, you probably have a winning combination that would be very marketable. In the travel industry, all of these elements would cause you to probably be at the top of the industry. In the automotive industry, you would once again be at the top. In the area of technological gadgets, once again you would be at the top of the industry.

Our society has been impacted greatly by all of these concepts and will probably continue to impact us well into the future. As Christians gather in a church, Christ desires us to impact our world for His glory and honor. However, in the United States, it appears that society is impacting the church more than the church is impacting society. One of the most critical areas in the church that you can truly see the impact of society is in the area of Discipleship. Discipleship is that emphasis in the church that encourages people to become more in love with Jesus and therefore to become more and more like Jesus.

You might say, "How in the world has our society impacted the Discipleship emphasis?" Speed, comfort, convenience, and enjoyable entertainment have all greatly impacted Discipleship in the modern church. Everyone wants the Discipleship emphasis to speedily move people into a mature love and commitment to Jesus Christ. If it takes too long then it will not be very comfortable. You see we quickly want to arrive at that maturity so that we can then make our plans for all of the things that we want to fit into our lives. Things like vacations, major purchases (like cars, boats, homes, etc.), special events (like concerts, first time historic events, special occasions, etc.), and special people. If it takes too long to achieve then it will be hard to plan around.

If it is not speedy, if it is not comfortable, then there will be a good chance it will not be convenient. Con-

venience is very important in contemporary western life because a life of sacrifice is rare and sometimes even looked upon as being somewhat weird. Convenience becomes the main criterion as to whether people will enter into Discipleship and if they do enter into it, whether they will stick it out until the end. Very rarely will people make the sacrifice to enter into Discipleship and stick it out to the end unless it is made convenient to them.

The last point has made a deep impact on discipleship in the modern western church. That last point is that it has to be enjoyable entertainment. No longer is teaching truth the deepest element that surrounded all discipleship of the past. Now it must be taught in an entertaining manner or else people will not continue to come. They will not stick it out if you don't make it entertaining. Computer and video presentations are becoming more and more of a must in discipleship programs. Exciting, famous, and contemporary authors need to be introduced and promoted so that the "newest" and "best" of contemporary discipleship concepts can always be presented as the finest that Christendom has to offer.

Dear people of Valley Isle Fellowship. I want to say to you that nothing can be finer than Jesus who is presented in the Bible from Genesis to Revelations. He is as contemporary as the newest technological gadget. He is better than anything or anyone that this world can ever present to us. He is King of kings and Lord of lords. He is the creator of the whole universe and the one who loves me most as an individual. He is the one that we need to hold on to even when everything new around us has turned old and decrepit. He is my Lord and Savior and the one I hold on to when everyone else and all else have failed. He is and always will be my solid rock.

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# Flip Flop Discipleship

Pastor Darren Sarmiento

*<sup>6</sup> “I have revealed you to the ones you gave me from this world. They were always yours. You gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything I have is a gift from you, <sup>8</sup> for I have passed on to them the message you gave me. They accepted it and know that I came from you, and they believe you sent me.*

*John 17:6-8 NLT*

Most Christians believe that Jesus was all about the crowds and that He really came to speak to the masses of people. We think Jesus’ disciples were secondary and not as important like the crowds. Today, it seems to look like to many that the crowds in church services are the most important people. We do everything to put together a service people will enjoy and remember. We have music that is worshipful and preaching that is incredible.

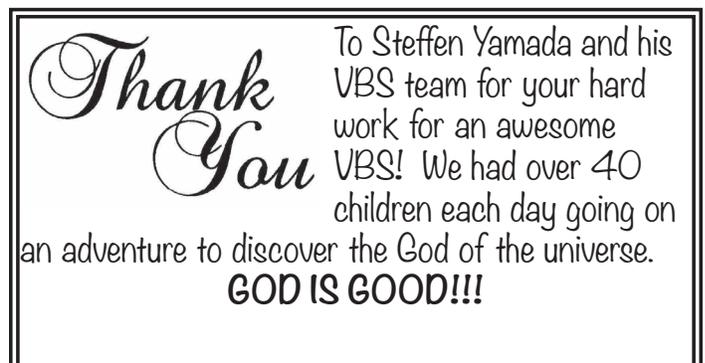
Well, I have bad news and good news. The bad news is Jesus was not about the crowds when He came down to earth. His disciples came first before the crowds. The good news is Jesus put His disciples first and the world will benefit because of it!

The scripture passage I gave at the beginning reveals to us that Jesus was on a mission all along. That mission was to make disciples that would impact the world. Before Jesus even started to speak to the crowds He first found His disciples. He spent over three years with them as they chose to follow Him.

In Luke chapter 12, for the whole chapter you’ll see Jesus giving His attention to His disciples while there were crowds around them. Someone in the crowd would ask Him a question and He would answer them but go right back talking to His disciples. Peter was even concerned about the crowds that He asked Jesus if He were talking to them only or to the crowds. Everywhere Jesus went His disciples were there. Everything He did they saw. Everything He said, they heard. Jesus would then send them out without Him to witness to people and come back and give a report.

The point I’m making is this, God loves the world and wants the world to believe in His Son, Jesus. The way God had intended all along was through a small band of believers who would shake the world and cause an impact for Jesus. Discipleship was not done through the masses but through the few and it multiplied to you and I being disciples of Jesus today.

We need a flip flop discipleship where the focus is on the small groups of disciples making an impact on the masses. Pray and ask the Lord to use you to become a disciple so you can disciple others.



# Vacation Bible School 2017



*Showing the world  
that VIF loves Jesus!  
Thankful to the Lord  
for your support!*



# Announcements



## Childcare Ministry Schedule

- Today, July 16** **Team 3:** Jennifer B, Francis C, Jaydee G, Jules G, Christine B
- July 23 **Team 4:** Hawea R, Cheeng S, Jezra S, Danae O
- July 30 **Team 1:** Karen F, Kolbe F, Alysha F, Melanie F, Marion K
- August 6 **Team 2:** Elaine Y, Wendy C, Krystal AV



## 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](http://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.*



## Church Cleaning Schedule

**Week of July 20-22**

**Team 3**

Mickie A\*, Ann M, Carol S, Phyllis N, Ken S

**Week of July 27-29**

**Team 4**

Hawea R, Wendy I, Lynette K, Anna G, Stephen K\*

**Week of August 3-5**

**Team 5**

Carol S, Marion K, Makanani C, Josie Y, Bautista Ohana

**Week of August 10-12**

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

*\*Key Monitor*

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



## Coffee Bar Ministry

**Part-time**

(8 am - 9 am and 10:30 am - 11:30 am)

**Requirement**

A heart to love and serve God

**Job Description**

Set-up/Host/Clean-up

**Benefits**

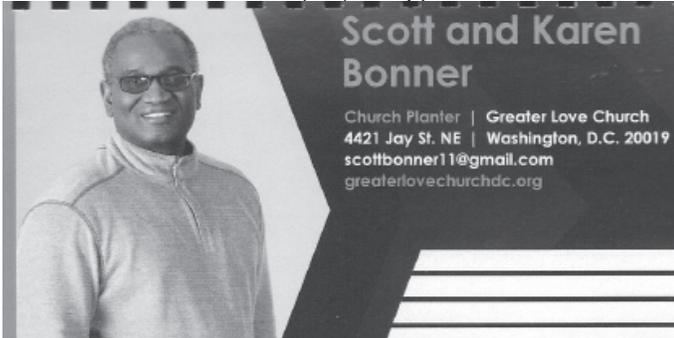
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**Contact**

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# MISSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

## NAMB Missionary Spotlight:



*Pray for church revival, salvation of souls, spiritual growth and for a worship leader and the blessing of provision. Pray for more church support partners and team member sponsors. Pray for a change of heart for the people to whom we minister, that their hearts would turn toward God.*



## International Mission Board

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

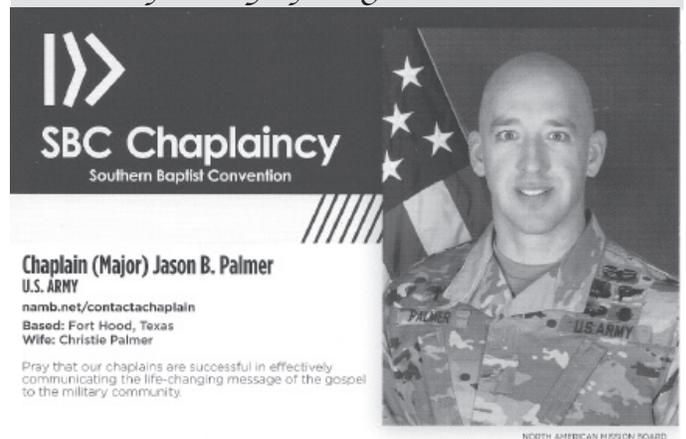
\*Please pray for **President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin** of Russia.

\***Sereer of Senegal and The Gambia (suh-RARE)** - Steve and Jenna Fieldes\* are the only workers serving among the Sereer people. This month, their family will be leaving the area and will be away for a couple of months. July is the month that the rainy season will begin, after eight months of no rain. The Fieldes family has a garden project that is used as an outreach effort in a rural area. There are some logistical things that need to be in place to sustain the project during their absence. Please pray that the Lord will provide what is needed so that the project will continue. Also lift up all of those who have heard the gospel message, asking that other followers of Jesus will reinforce the truths that have been taught and that the Holy Spirit will draw these Sereer to Himself. May He be glorified as the family returns two months from now to find that He has worked in miraculous ways! (\*names changed)

\***Pa of Colombia (pah)** - The Pa people are steeped in tradition. To break from that tradition comes at a great cost. Families split, and persecution follows. When a Pa person becomes a believer, they are slow to identify publicly with the Christian faith and be baptized. This past month, eight believers were baptized and 80 people were gathered in the church. Pray for these believers to grow strong in their faith and to boldly share their faith with others despite the persecution they will receive.

**BLVD** - More than 50 percent of the world's population - including professionals, young families and people of all ethnic and culture groups - now live in urban areas. BLVD is focused on training church planters to reach these urban areas. Please pray that the BLVD urban ministry would grow in the Send Cities and that God would bring the right people to be a part of the training.

## SBC Chaplaincy Spotlight:



## PrayerConnect

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

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Jeff Beisel is a church planter serving in Ohio. Please lift up Maranatha Community Church as we are a new church plant on the east side of Columbus, Ohio. We are about to lease a building. We pray for more people to join us, both non-believers and believers. We have loads of relationship equity in our area, and the building will allow for morning gatherings, 24-hour access to serve our community and give us an opportunity to provide a place for other local youth ministries to continue. Prayerfully this will allow many people to come and worship Jesus Christ. Thank you ... Peace in Christ

# Valley Isle Fellowship Calendar

## July 2017

- 16 9:00 am - Worship Service  
10:30 am - Sunday School  
6:00 pm - Evening Service/Study
- 17 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting
- 19 6:30 pm - Youth Night
- 20 1:00 pm - MCBA Pastors Meeting  
6:30 pm - MCBA Executive Board Meeting
- 21 6:00 pm - Sweet Life Cafe
- 23 9:00 am - Worship Service  
10:30 am - Sunday School  
6:00 pm - Evening Service/Study
- 24 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting
- 26 6:30 pm - Youth Night
- 30 9:00 am - Worship Service  
- *Lord's Supper Observed*  
10:30 am - Sunday School  
6:00 pm - Evening Service/Study
- 31 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting

## August 2017

- 2 6:30 pm - Youth Night
- 6 9:00 am - Worship Service  
10:30 am - Sunday School  
6:00 pm - Evening Service/Study
- 10:30 am - Sunday School  
6:00 pm - Evening Service/Study
- 7 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting
- 9 6:30 pm - Youth Night
- 13 9:00 am - Worship Service  
10:30 am - Sunday School  
12 noon - Trustees Meeting  
6:00 pm - Evening Service/Study
- 14 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting
- 16 6:30 pm - Youth Night
- 18 *Admissions Day - Office CLOSED*
- 20 9:00 am - Worship Service  
10:30 am - Sunday School  
6:00 pm - Evening Service/Study

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### SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

**Worship Service - 9:00 am**

**Sunday School - 10:30 am**

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#### Senior Pastor

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### SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

**Worship/Study**

**6:00 pm**



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# Living to Please God!

## 1 Thessalonians 3:1-8

*Pastor Stephen Kaneshiro*

- I. \_\_\_\_\_ Part. – *1 Thessalonians 4:1-2*
- A. Responsible to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. Responsible for teaching you to \_\_\_\_\_ God.
  - C. Responsible to \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ to move on.
  - D. Responsible to teach in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ.
- II. \_\_\_\_\_ Will. – *1 Thessalonians 4:3-4, & 7*
- A. To be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_ by the Lord.
- III. \_\_\_\_\_ by the Rules of the Lord. – *1 Thessalonians 4:8 & 5-6*
- A. \_\_\_\_\_ between human and Godly teaching.
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_ is in Jesus, not the things of this world.
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_ patterned after Jesus.

Notes: