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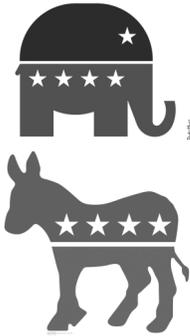
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# NEWSLETTER

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## God's Answer To Our Nation's Slide

*Pastor Stephen Kaneshiro*



**This coming week** you will be hearing much about the Republican National Convention. Next week you will be hearing a lot about the Democratic National Convention. Then, the 2016 Presidential Campaign will be in full swing. People will tell you that this might be the most important election, maybe the most important in our Nation's history.

You will be inundated with efforts to solicit your sympathies, support, and ultimately your vote.

Let me be honest with you. I am disturbed by the moral state of our Nation. Not about our future moral state, but about our present moral state. As I have studied history and especially the history of Awakenings and Revivals, I understand that there have been other times when the state of affairs in various countries, and in our own nation, were in a very dismal state. It was during these times that Godly people began to cry out to the Lord for mercy. They began to cry out to the Lord privately, but as their despair grew, they began to join together with others in cooperate prayer for forgiveness and mercy. In some cases, God answered their prayers in the affirmative and great Revivals began to change God's people, the church. Then as deep cries of repentance resulted in gratefulness and joy over God's forgiveness, the Spirit of the Lord began to use the church to impact their communities. As the people began to give their lives to the Lord, a chain reaction began to sweep the land. A great example of this was the Great Welch Revival of 1905.

You know that in the past, like in 2014, I encouraged you to get involved in the political process and I even encouraged a voter registration campaign in our church. I confess to you that I have had a change of heart. Although I still believe that we all should and must vote, I now believe that I must emphasize our need to cry out to the Lord for forgiveness and grace. We need to cry out to Him privately and to be sensitive to the Lord when and if we were to call us to join together to cry out to the Lord for our forgiveness and for our nation's forgiveness. I

believe that politics will not save our nation. I believe it is only the Lord who will save us. He is the only one that can give us a hope and future. We, as individuals and especially as a nation, have moved so far away from the Lord. It will only be as we repent and turn back to Him that there will be the possibility of seeing His Spirit sweep our nation.

**2 Chronicles 7:14 (NLT)** *Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.*

In the past we have focused on this verse, but then we have turned to other paths to deal with the troubles that surround us, like trying to mobilize political efforts or social efforts. In my opinion, we are rapidly moving to the end of times. Therefore, if there is any chance that God will have mercy on us, we will have to be a people that will turn to loving Jesus with all of heart, mind, and soul. We will have to begin doing things His way, not our way, and most certainly, not the world's way.

Therefore, 2 Chronicles 7:14 is God's message to us. It begins by saying "... if my people who are called by name ..." I hope and pray that you are unafraid and unashamed to declare that you are God's people who have been called by Him! If you are God's people, then you are different from all other people. You are a people who are sensitive to Him and seeking to be obedient to Him. Therefore, realize that in this verse, God is calling you to do four things:

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# God's Answer To Our Nation's Slide

Pastor Stephen Kaneshiro

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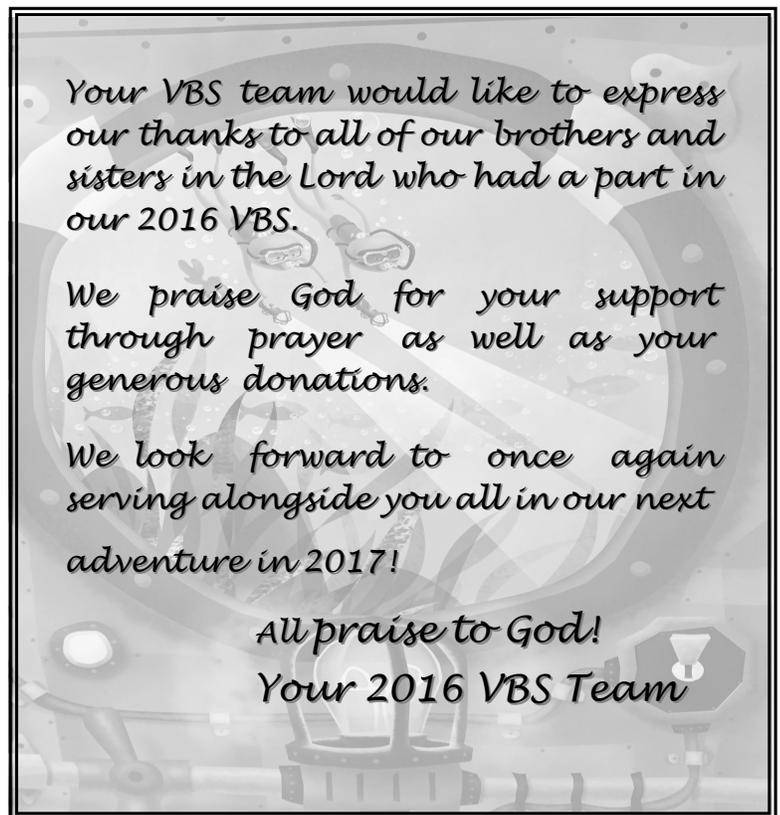
1. He is calling you to **humble** yourself to Him. This calls for you to see and accept the truth of how far we have drifted away from Loving and Serving the Lord God Almighty. Realizing that we are the ones that have moved away from Him and not He from us.
2. Then He calls us to **pray**. To come into a two-way communication with Him where we not only talk to God, but we allow Him to talk to us. Because He is God, this means that we will allow Him to have the last word where we will accept and submit to what He says to us.
3. Then in **prayer** we will also seek His face. This means that we will seek to be in His presence and under His authority. Do you realize that no one in history has seen God's face and lived? It is a frightening thing to come into the presence of a Holy God, because all of your evil sinfulness becomes so evident. However, the Word of God also says that "perfect love casts out all fears." Therefore, as we submit to Him and love Him, then we will not be fearful of Him but rather we will be excited about being in His presence to fellowship with Him and to honor and glorify Him.
4. Then finally this verse says that we need to **turn** from our wicked ways. If we have done the previous three things, then turning from our wicked ways will become the overwhelming desire of our heart and lives. In fact, every sin, even the smallest of sins, will repulse us and cause us to strive even harder to remove even the smallest of sins.

When all of this happens, God will hear our prayers, forgive our sins, and heal our land. Dear people of VIF, this is God's remedy for the evil state that surrounds us. Let's take God at His Word and honor Him by obeying Him. God bless you all.



### Childcare Schedule

Today, July 17	<b>Team 3:</b> Flo N, Lillian T, Jennifer E, Francis C
July 24	<b>Team 4:</b> Cheeng S, Jennifer B, Haweia R
July 31	<b>Team 1:</b> Marion K, Karen F, Kolbe F, Alysha F, Melanie F



Your VBS team would like to express our thanks to all of our brothers and sisters in the Lord who had a part in our 2016 VBS.

We praise God for your support through prayer as well as your generous donations.

We look forward to once again serving alongside you all in our next adventure in 2017!

All praise to God!  
Your 2016 VBS Team

# YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT

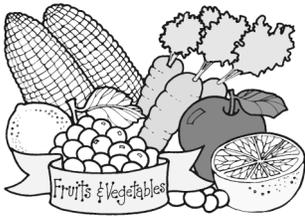
*Pastor Darren Sarmiento*

*Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:4 NIV*

*Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35 NIV*



Have you ever heard that you are what you eat? Healthy eating has become one of the most influential habits for people today. Eating right is influencing people of all ages. It has created such an impact that there are food supermarkets like the mega-food chain, "Whole Foods", that sell only healthy and organic foods. Healthy choices have even cornered the market in the fast food chains like McDonalds and Burger King. Jesus knew how important it is to eat the right kinds of foods. Certain meats and a lot of vegetables are the right kinds of choices to be healthy. He also knew that just as foods are good for the body, so also spiritual foods are good for the soul. We should be just as concerned about what we eat spiritually.



From the two scriptures above, Jesus gives us two types of food and drink that we should be consuming. The first one is the Word of God. For Christians, to be spiritually healthy, strong and energetic we should be consuming the Bible. Feeding on God's Word keeps us in step with Him. The Word of God is the healthiest choice you and I can ever choose. It will make us more lively and joyful than lazy, depressed or stressed. The second type of food is bread and a drink that goes well together. Certain types of bread can be really healthy for you and water and types of wine during Jesus' days was considered healthy as well. What makes the bread and drink unique and healthy is because it refers to Jesus. In John 6:54 NIV Jesus said, "*Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.*" The point to all this is to be consumed with Jesus. As believers in Him we should desire Him above all else. *Remember this, you are what you eat.* If you eat fast foods all the time, you will probably become unhealthy because fast foods contain ingredients that can make you become overweight, tired, slow and less attentive. However, if you feast on the Word of God and on Jesus you will become like Christ. God's will for us is that we become like His Son so that we receive what's been given us in Jesus' name, which is eternal life with the Father in heaven. To be like Jesus really means to become one with Him. Also, remember to share your food of the Lord with others so they too can become what they eat, to be like Jesus.

## High Street Cleaning Schedule



**Week of Jul 21-23**

Ann M, Linda Y

**Week of Jul 28-30**

Pam E, Hawea R

**Week of Aug 4-6**

Volunteers Needed



## High Street Lawn Care Schedule



**Week of Jul 21-23**

Derrick M.

**Week of Jul 28-30**

Derrick M.

**Week of Aug 4-6**

Volunteers Needed

# Franklin Graham Holding Live Prayer Events for Upcoming Political Conventions

*(from email received from Samaritan's Purse on Monday, July 11, 2016)*

Dear Friend,

Our nation is in serious trouble—we are in desperate need of Divine intervention. We need healing. Prayer is what can make a difference in America.

One week from today—Monday, July 18, at noon Eastern—I'm asking you to pray with me live on Facebook just before the Republican National Convention opens. We will pray for the condition of this country and for America's future. God's Word tells us that if we humble ourselves, confess our sins, and turn from our wicked ways, God will heal our land (21 chronicles 7:14). He is the only one who can.

Be a part of this—come to my Facebook page at noon. Wherever you are that day, I hope you will set your reminder to join us via your phone or your laptop. The Bible says that the prayers of one righteous person avails much—so if there are thousands of us calling out to God on behalf of our nation, can you imagine what He might do?

Then the following Monday before the opening of the Democratic National Convention, we will pray together again. Ask your friends to join us as well—we need the whole nation praying.

Sincerely,



**Franklin Graham, President  
Samaritan's Purse**

**"I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made  
For all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life  
In all godliness and reverence"  
1 Timothy 2:1-2, NKJV**

**Join Franklin Graham's Live Prayer Event**

Monday, July 18 at 6 a.m. (HST)

Monday, July 25 time to be announced

[Facebook.com/FranklinGraham](https://www.facebook.com/FranklinGraham)

# MISSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



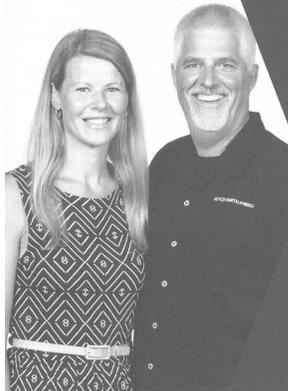
## On Mission For Christ . . .

This October 7-17, a mission team will be travelling to Samar,

Bohol and Luzon to continue on mission for Christ. Mission ministries will include medical, evangelism and prayer walking at villages. The mission team will also help with discipleship training at the newly built worship center in Luzon. Won't you pray about joining us on mission?

If God is speaking to you, please contact Vince Bagoyo (808) 357-3842.

## NAMB Missionary Spotlight:



### Andrew and Erin LAMME

Church Planting Catalyst  
408 North Service Rd., 3rd Floor  
Oakville, ON L6H 5R2  
alamme@namb.net  
TorontoChurchPlanting.ca

Pray for more workers as the harvest is plentiful here in the Toronto area. Pray for wisdom and guidance as workers come and that we will be able to support and care for them, so they can continue the task that God has asked them to do.

Source: Statistics Canada. Compiled by the NAMB Center for Missional Research.

North American Mission Board **CANADA** Population 38,851,774 CNBC Congregations 247 CNBC Church to Population Ratio 1 to 165,519

## SBC Chaplain Spotlight:



### SBC Chaplaincy Southern Baptist Convention

**Chaplain, Captain Andy Peck**  
U.S. AIR FORCE  
namb.net/contactachaplain  
Based: Albuquerque, N.M.  
Wife: Sasha Peck

Pray the Lord would raise up world-impacting, multigenerational disciple-makers for His glory. Pray for our family as we welcome our new son, for God's guidance regarding adopting a baby girl in the future and for health and wisdom for Sasha's sister.



NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD



## International Mission Board

*Connecting Through Prayer . . .*

- Pray that a refugee in the Netherlands who replied, "I would ask God if I was a mistake," will soon know God's true purpose for his life.
- Praise God that the search for a good fishing hole in Tajikistan resulted in a Tajik (TAH-jeek) man, who knew every fishing spot in the area, praying to receive new life through Jesus!
- Pray for Iranians who are meeting as a house group inside Iran to be encouraged and strengthened as they receive training in discipleship, including how to be a healthy church inside a persecution environment.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS




call Church Office  
244-0865



**Church Cleaning Ministry**  
call Church Office  
244-0865



**Lawn Care Ministry**  
Pastor Darren  
757-1651



**CRISIS CARE MINISTRY**  
Pastor Stephen  
419-8100



**Handyman Ministry**  
Andy Sniffen  
264-0526



**Malama Pregnancy Center of Maui**  
280-5810  
Joywright.mpcmaui@gmail.com

**“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving”  
Colossians 4:2 (ESV)**

Here are opportunities to gather together in prayer

**Sunday; 6 am  
(Conference Room)**

**Monday; 6:30 pm  
(Annex)**

Gather together to pray for God to move within ourselves, our church, community, nation and world. Please join us for these very powerful times with the Lord and our brothers and sisters.

## Sunday Schedule

<b>6:00 am</b> Prayer Meeting (Conference Room)	<b>10:30 am</b> Sunday School (Children & Youth-High St Property; Adults-Sr. Pastor's study)
<b>6:30 am</b> Set-up	<b>6:00 pm</b> Evening Service (High St Property)
<b>9:00 am</b> Worship Service (Childcare for Birth - 4 years at High St Annex)	

# Valley Isle Fellowship Calendar

## July 2016

- 17 6 am - Prayer Time @ Conference Room  
9 am - Worship Service  
10:30 am - Sunday School at High St Property  
- Adult Sunday School @ Pastor's Study  
6 pm - Evening Worship/Study
- 18 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting @ Annex
- 20 6:30 pm - Youth Group "Fuel" @ Sanctuary
- 24 6 am - Prayer Time @ Conference Room  
9 am - Worship Service  
10:30 am - Sunday School at High St Property  
- Adult Sunday School @ Pastor's Study  
6 pm - Evening Worship/Study
- 25 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting @ Annex
- 27 6:30 pm - Youth Group "Fuel" @ Sanctuary
- 31 6 am - Prayer Time @ Conference Room  
9 am - Worship Service  
- Observance of Lord's Supper  
10:30 am - Sunday School at High St Property  
- Adult Sunday School @ Pastor's

Study

6 pm - Evening Worship/Study

## August 2016

- 7 6 am - Prayer Time @ Conference Room  
9 am - Worship Service  
10:30 am - Sunday School at High St Property  
- Adult Sunday School @ Pastor's Study  
12 noon - Trustees Meeting  
6 pm - Evening Worship/Study
- 8 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting @ Annex
- 9-23 Pastor Stephen on vacation
- 10 6:30 pm - Youth Group "Fuel" @ Sanctuary



### Today's Worship Songs

All The Earth Will Sing Your Praises

Everlasting God

Holy Spirit

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### SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

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

Service - 9:00 am

Sunday School - 10:30 am

(Children & Youth Sunday School at High Street property;  
Adults at Pastor's Study)

#### Senior Pastor

Stephen Kaneshiro

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### SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

VIF Church Sanctuary

6:00 pm



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#### Associate Pastor

Darren Sarmiento

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# Don't Miss What is Important

## Luke 13:1-21

Pastor Stephen Kaneshiro

I. \_\_\_\_\_ – Is that the right question? – *Luke 13:1-5*

A. verse 1 - Murder of \_\_\_\_\_.

B. verse 2 - Was it \_\_\_\_\_?

C. verse 4 - Question about the 18 who died is \_\_\_\_\_.

D. verse 5 - Important point – if you do not \_\_\_\_\_, you will \_\_\_\_\_.

II. How many \_\_\_\_\_ do you get? - *Luke 13:6-9*

A. Ample chance to be \_\_\_\_\_.

B. May even be given a \_\_\_\_\_.

C. However, a day of \_\_\_\_\_ will come.

III. Getting \_\_\_\_\_ than you \_\_\_\_\_ for. - *Luke 13:10-13*

A. Sabbath Day – to bring \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

B. The importance of \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Healing – \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus.

D. \_\_\_\_\_ is the natural response.

IV. Give \_\_\_\_\_ on the right things. - *Luke 13:14-17*

A. \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.

B. \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ glorifies Christ more?

C. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

D. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ when God's power is unleashed.

V. \_\_\_\_\_ becomes \_\_\_\_\_ in the Master's hands. - *Luke 13:18-21*

A. \_\_\_\_\_ faith.

B. It \_\_\_\_\_ others.

C. It \_\_\_\_\_ God.

D. It \_\_\_\_\_ you.