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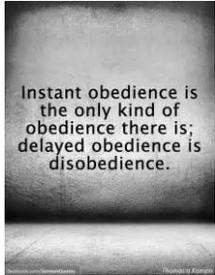
NEWSLETTER

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Continuing To Mature In Our Prayer Life

Pastor Stephen Kaneshiro

As we mature in our prayer life, we will get to the point of being sensitive to the Lord's desires and His call on our lives. The closer and closer that we get to Him, the more we will sense His instructions and commands that He willfully and powerfully conveys to us. Because of the covenant relationship that we live in with our Lord and Savior, God does His part in conveying His will and desires to us and then we should do our part in loving and obeying Him.



My predecessor here at VIF was Pastor Richard Smith. He used to say that delayed obedience is still disobedience. This is a problem that we have to overcome if we are going to grow in maturity in our prayer lives. Getting to the point where we stop doubting what God says to us in our prayer times is a major obstacle to overcome. Maturing and growing in our prayer life means growing in our confidence in what the Lord says to us. This confidence grows as we spend more and more time with our Lord. Time in knowing and understanding His Word and time spent in talking with and listening to Him speak to us. You need to know that God speaks most powerfully through His Word, the Bible and He will never contradict what the Word says. Therefore, we would be better off if we were to act quickly on what God conveys to us in His Word. If we are wrong, but our motive was to glorify the Lord, He will give us the opportunity to make a correction and this correction can still bring glory and honor to our Lord and Savior. Bringing glory and honor to Jesus Christ will become our main purpose and therefore making this correction will become critically important.

Since bringing glory and honor becomes our main concern, we will grow to the point where we will realize the importance of being obedient to the Lord. Therefore, we will seek to grow in our confidence in receiving God's commands and instructions. We will become so confident that when we believe that we have received His instructions and revelations, we will move quick-

ly to fulfill His desires, even though there may be some questions as to its clarity. We will come to the point of realizing that to do nothing is really an act of disobedience that brings no honor and glory to the Lord.

When clarity about what the Lord is desiring of us is lacking, we will quickly, earnestly and fervently seek after the Lord for that clarity. Questioning the Lord to overthrow His desires becomes an attitude of the past. We become a people whose lives revolve around glorifying and honoring our Lord.

This kind of growth and maturity is despised by Satan and he will do everything in his power to discourage and prevent you from growing in this manner. Have no doubt about this. Satan will make every effort to diminish, weaken, and to stop you in your efforts to mature in these areas. We will have to simply make up our minds and hearts to run from Satan and to run to Jesus. We need to make up our minds to hide behind Jesus and to fully submit to whatever His desires would be. He is the one that will provide the plan and the stand that will advance His glory and honor. We don't have the wisdom or the strength to be able to fight against Satan and to achieve the desires of the Lord. However, we can muster up the will to let Jesus take control and to fight the battles for us. He is able and willing to take on our struggle with Satan so that we can experience the victory that can come only through Jesus.

This kind of prayer life needs to motivate and inspire us to yield our lives to Him. This kind of intimacy will yield a life that brings glory and honor to our Lord. It will also bring renewal and refreshing to our lives. The

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(continued from page 1) only thing that stops us from moving in this direction is our will. Jesus has and will provide everything else that is needed. Our Lord is great and mighty in His love and grace towards us. We don't deserve it, but He desires it. Let's therefore move on to bring Him glory and honor, especially in and through our prayer life. May the Lord bless you richly as you seek to bring Him glory and honor.

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TWO-THIRDS WORLD NETWORK MISSION September 2017

TTWN will head out to the mission field next month and are looking for volunteers called by God to work together for His Glory.

In September 2017, from the 16th-25th, a mission team will be travelling to Luzon to continue on mission for Christ. Mission ministries will include supporting new church plants with building construction and evangelism along with medical/dental outreach in Luzon and Palawan.

Please feel free to visit our website at www.ttwn.org for more detailed information about our mission. If God is speaking to you about joining the team in September, please contact Vince Bagoyo at (808) 357-3842 by **September 3rd**.

God can certainly use **YOU!**

*These were his instructions to them: "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So, pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."
Luke 10:2 (NLT)*

Women...don't miss this special time!



Friday, August 25 6-7:30 pm

Obedience to God is an Expression of our Love for God.

Volunteers Needed!

Join a team to be part of this vital ministry caring for our little ones (on a rotation basis) during morning worship service.

Sign-up sheet is on the back table. For more information, contact Cheeng @ 385-4364



“Stairway To Heaven”

Pastor Darren Sarmiento

As he slept, he dreamed of a stairway that reached from the earth up to heaven. And he saw the angels of God going up and down the stairway. At the top of the stairway stood the Lord, and he said, “I am the Lord, the God of your grandfather Abraham, and the God of your father, Isaac. The ground you are lying on belongs to you. I am giving it to you and your descendants.”

Genesis 28:12-13 NLT

Then he said, “I tell you the truth, you will all see heaven open and the angels of God going up and down on the Son of Man, the one who is the stairway between heaven and earth.”

John 1:51 NLT

You’ve probably seen in movies or people saying, there is a stairway to heaven. Well, I used to see and hear this a lot when I was a young teenager and one who used to watch a lot of television and movies. When I became a Christian in my adult years I found out that it was not just a Hollywood phrase but something that was real in the Bible. In Genesis 28:12-13 Jacob is having a dream of a stairway that goes from earth up to heaven, and at the top of it is GOD standing there. Jacob even envisions angels going up and down the stairway.

Why do I find that interesting? Well, in John 1:51, Jesus mentions himself as being that stairway to heaven. One that angels are going up and down on. I immediately came up with a question, “Why did Jesus refer himself as the stairway?” We must remember what Jesus said in John 14:6: *Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.”* Jesus is the fulfillment of Jacob’s dream or vision. Jews knew of the dream of Jacob and Jesus just connected it to Himself.

Everyone today wants to get to heaven and I think, they picture that there is a stairway to heaven. However, that is only real in the person of Jesus Christ. To believe in Jesus is to open up that stairway to heaven to the Father. But, remember, we have to walk with Jesus, come to Jesus and put our lives on Him so that we will get to the Father and be in His presence for all eternity.

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TWO-THIRDS WORLD NETWORK

7th Annual Fun Run

Saturday, October 28, 2017

Runners/Walkers will gather at

5:00 a.m. at Valley Isle Fellowship

and make their way at

5:30 a.m. to Kihei’s Kalepolepo Park,

a total of almost 10 miles.

Offer available to ‘walkers only’ again - Mercy Mile option

See Grace for details

*If you would like to participate, sponsor a participant,
or if you would simply like more information, please visit the website:*

<http://twothirdsworld.org>

*or contact **Grace Motonaga** @ 357-4553)*

We are **ON MISSION FOR CHRIST**
by building leaders and shaping the future.

Announcements



Childcare Ministry Schedule

Today, Aug 20 **Team 4:** Hawea R, Cheeng S,
Jezra S, Danae O

Aug 27 **Team 1:** Karen F, Kolbe F, Alysha
F, Melanie F, Marion K

Sept 3 **Team 2:** Wendy C, Christine B,
Krystal AV

Sept 10 **Team 3:** Jennifer B, Francis C,
Jaydee G, Jules G



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.*



Church Cleaning Schedule

Week of August 24-26

Team 2

Paul Y*, Linda Y, Mimie F,
Loida P, Ruth M

Week of August 31-Sept 2

Team 3

Mickie Aikala*, Ann M, Carol Sa,
Phyllis N, Ken S

Week of Sept 7-9

Team 4

Hawea R, Wendy I, Lynette K, Anna G,
Stephen K*, Priscilla T

Week of Sept 14-16

Team 5

Carol Sn, Marion K, Makaanani C, Josie Y*,
Bautista Ohana, Kathy W

**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

Joy and Fellowship

Contact

Rosy Olaso (244-8185)
for more info and to sign-up

Announcements

Valley Isle Fellowship

Moving Men of God

MEN'S MINISTRY



Friday, September 1, 2017
5:00 p.m.
For more information contact
Shanley @ (808)280-2690



THE DIFFERENCE IS
LIFE



IRON SHARPENS IRON,



SO ONE MAN SHARPENS ANOTHER.

PROVERBS 27:17

Malama Pregnancy Center of Maui's
4th Annual Hope for Ohana
Fundraiser Banquet Luau and Silent Auction

September 23, 2017

King Kamehameha Golf Club
2500 Honoapiilani Highway in Wailuku

Auction begins at 4:30 p.m.
Dinner and Program from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Please call 808-280-5810 or email
malamapregnancycenter@gmail.com for tickets
RSVP before September 1.
Adults only please, as seating is limited.



Pastor Stephen will be
on vacation
Sept. 9-24, 2017

MISSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

NAMB Missionary Spotlight:



Pray we will have a life-changing impact on people in our community, even if they never attend our church. Pray God will continue to send partners and that we don't miss opportunities to spend time with Jesus. - Jason and Cindy Lumpkin



*Please pray for **Prime Minister Qohir Rasulzoda** of Tajikistan (Central Asia, west of China).

***East Asian Unengaged Peoples:** Whitfield Guinness, a missionary doctor to China in the early 20th century, saw the E (pronounced uh) people as “people toiling without a Bible, without a Sunday, without a prayer, without songs of praise . . . and worst of all, they have death without Christ.” Hundreds of years later, Christianity has still not been established in their area. Please pray that God’s Word will come to the E people and that songs of praise will fill their hearts as they turn to Him in worship.

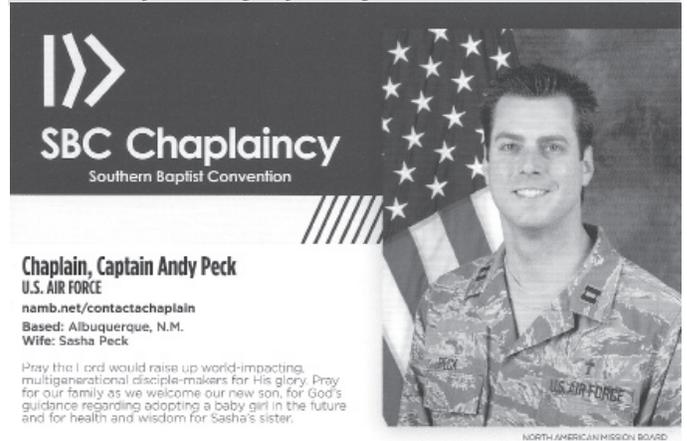
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Send Network

Send Network is a brotherhood of SBC church plants multiplying themselves for the expansion of God’s kingdom across North America. Pray for the Send Network team as they serve to assess, develop, train, coach and care for planters launching multiplying churches.

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.

Ken Witcher
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 Baltimore, MD 21225
ken@lifechurchbaltimore.com

Ken Witcher is the lead church planter for Life Church Baltimore in Maryland.

People in our community are uncomfortable with meeting in homes, and we need a space to continue our work with youth and children during the week. Please pray for us to find a new meeting location. We have offered \$2,000/month on a space in the central shopping center in our community. It has been empty for many years. They were asking \$3,200/month. Please pray for the leasing agent to respond quickly with the owner’s acceptance or that God would direct us to another location. There are few spaces in this community. Also pray for an intern or bivocational staff to lead worship and/or youth.

Valley Isle Fellowship Calendar

August 2017

- 20 9:00 am - Worship Service
10:30 am - Sunday School
6:00 pm - Evening Service/Study
- 21 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting
- 23 6:30 pm - Youth Night
- 25 6:00 pm - Sweet Life Cafe
- 27 9:00 am - Worship Service
10:30 am - Sunday School
6:00 pm - Evening Service/Study
- 28 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting
- 30 6:30 pm - Youth Night

4 *Labor Day - Office CLOSED*

6 6:30 pm - Youth Night

9-24 *Pastor Stephen on vacation*

10 9:00 am - Worship Service
10:30 am - Sunday School
12 noon - Trustees Meeting
6:00 pm - Evening Service/Study

11 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting

13 6:30 pm - Youth Night

16 TBD - Church Workday

17 9:00 am - Worship Service
10:30 am - Sunday School
6:00 pm - Evening Service/Study

18 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting

20 6:30 pm - Youth Night

24 9:00 am - Worship Service
- Lord's Supper observed
10:30 am - Sunday School
6:00 pm - Evening Service/Study

25 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting

September 2017

- 1 5:00 pm - Moving Men of God
- 3 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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Associate Pastor

Darren Sarmiento

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SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

Worship/Study

6:00 pm



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Spiritual Warfare

Matthew 4:1-11

Pastor Stephen Kaneshiro

I. God's in _____. – **Matthew 4:1-2**

A. God led Jesus into the _____.

1. Jesus' wilderness temptation was an act of _____.

2. God leads us into temptation, not for _____, but for _____.

B. 40 days of _____ and _____.

1. Sounds like a time of _____.

2. Actually a time of _____.

C. No need to _____. – **1 Corinthians 10:13**

D. A time to _____ and _____. – **Proverbs 3:5-6**

II. Don't be _____ / _____ / _____. – **Matthew 4:3-9**

A. The _____.

1. Hits at human _____.

2. Hits at the desire to be _____.

3. Hits at the need to have _____ and _____.

B. The _____ Attack.

1. _____ on what the Word of God says. – **Psalms 119:11**

2. _____ what the Word of God says.

III. Burn the _____. – **Matthew 4:10-11**

A. Get him _____! – **James 4:7-8**

B. Be _____ to Jesus.

C. Let Jesus _____ of you.