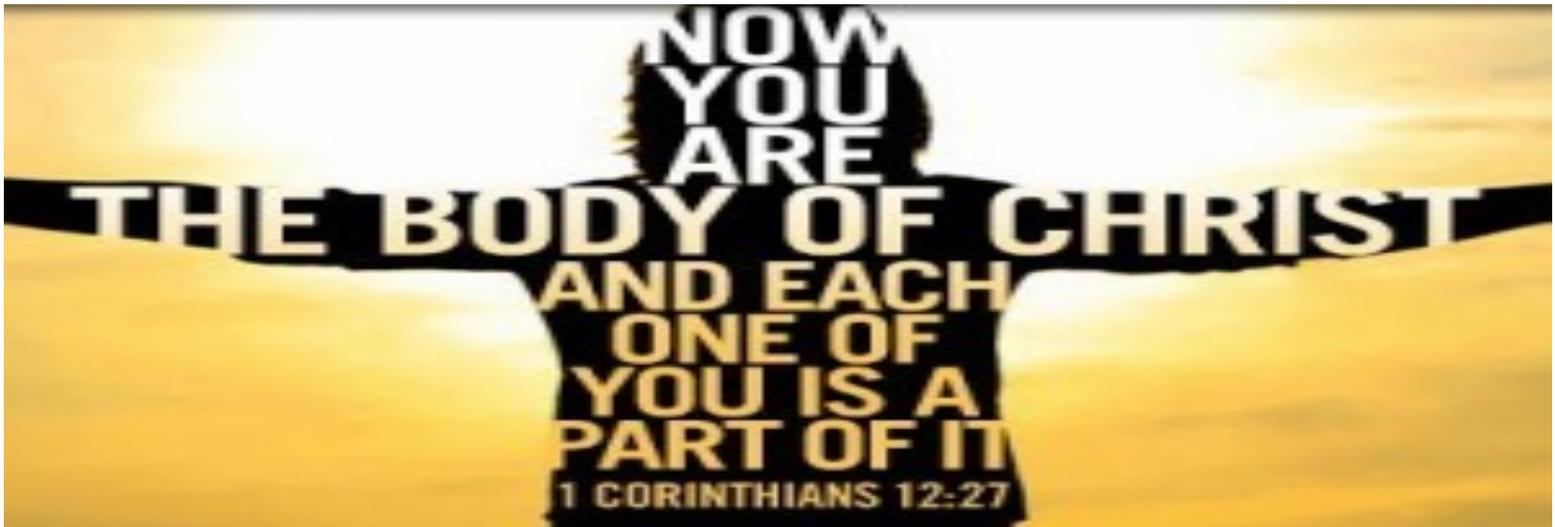




Valley Isle Fellowship
Love God. Love His Church. Love His World

NEWSLETTER

January 25, 2015 www.vifmaui.com



Thank You So Much! Now It's Time For VIF to Move Ahead! *by Pastor Stephen Kaneshiro*

With all sincerity, I want to thank all of you very much for the love and support that you demonstrated to me last Sunday in the voting that you participated in. I know that this was a difficult thing for many of you to go through and I appreciate so much, the manner and fashion in which you handled it. I also realize that some of you were not, and will not, be happy with the outcome of this decision. I want you to know that I am praying for you, that somehow we can come together in a way that will bring glory and honor to the Lord. You are His people and this is His ministry and I have to believe that He will bring us together, if we keep our eyes on Him.

If we focus on our disappointments, we will find ourselves playing right into the hands of Satan. In John 10:10a (ESV) it says that *"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy."* I believe this is what Satan has been trying to do with VIF. With so many people leaving VIF, and with such a spirit of division among us, Satan was doing a pretty good job.

However, with the two question and answer sessions and the voting, things

were expressed and said that needed to be said. This allowed Satan to be exposed and whenever evil is exposed by the light, the light can then purify and cleanse. This work of cleansing has begun, but it is not completed and we need to move on to see it completed so that we can bring glory and honor to our Lord.

John 10:10b (ESV) says, *"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."* I believe that this is what lies ahead of VIF, an abundant life. We need to follow Jesus and all that He desires and commands us to do. As we do this, the abundant life will blossom in our fellowship.

In moving ahead I want you to know that the Lord desires that ALL of you be involved because ALL of you are important. Let me also say to you that ALL of you are really good people, but none of us are perfect people. Therefore in moving ahead, God desires to use ALL of us good, but imperfect, people to love Him and serve Him with all of our heart,

mind and soul. I would like to address several different groups within VIF.

To those of you who are in disagreement with the decisions that were made, let me say this to you: God is a God of Love. Therefore, we have to be people of Love. Love needs to be an integral part of our lives and we have to love each other even when we are in disagreement with each other. Please read Acts 5:17-42 and see if you can discover and apply the Gamaliel principle.

continuation on page 2

IN THIS ISSUE	
1-2	Thank You So Much! Now It's Time For VIF to Move Ahead!
3	The Trickiness Of Seeing Pride
4-5	Announcements
6	Calendar

Valley Isle Fellowship
473 S High St • PO Box 886
Wailuku, HI 96793
808.244.0865(phone) 808.249.0235(fax)
Email: vifoffice@hawaii.rr.com

Thank You So Much! Now It's Time For VIF to Move Ahead!

continuation from page 1

I believe that the Gamaliel principle would be a benefit to all of us when we find ourselves in similar situations.

To those of you who are in only partial agreement with these decisions, let me say this to you: We all need to work towards full agreement and full participation. Therefore, I want you to know that I will be praying for you as you continue to study, investigate and explore those areas where you may still be in disagreement. It says in **2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)** ¹⁵*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.* We need to constantly be studying the scriptures in a way that rightly divides the Word of Truth. This is so that we can know the truth and obey the truth. Ask questions for clarification, but not to overturn. Move in a loving way to overturn only when God reveals that the path is evil. If it is only a matter of preference, then we need to let our preferences be subjected to the Lord.

To those who feel that they are in agreement, but that they are so unworthy and incompetent, let me ask that you consider Proverbs 3:5-6. Here it says in the NLT: ⁵*Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.* ⁶*Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.* You need to trust Him and know that: **God made you and God does not make JUNK!** Therefore, you are not junk. You are precious in His sight and if you trust and obey Him, He will move you into an abundant life.

To those who feel that they are in agreement, but your circumstances just don't allow you to be involved, let me say a couple of things to you.

1. If you feel that you are too busy, then you are too busy. Being too busy for God is a tragic and often times a fatal mistake. You are never too busy to do what God desires and commands. Please reconsider and rearrange your priorities so that the Lord will prove to be the Lord of your life. Let me be clear here. You will always have time, energy, and resources to do what the Lord desires, but you will probably not have time, energy, or resources to do everything that people ask and desire you to do. This is why it is so important to love the Lord with all of your heart, mind and soul and to get your commands from Him.

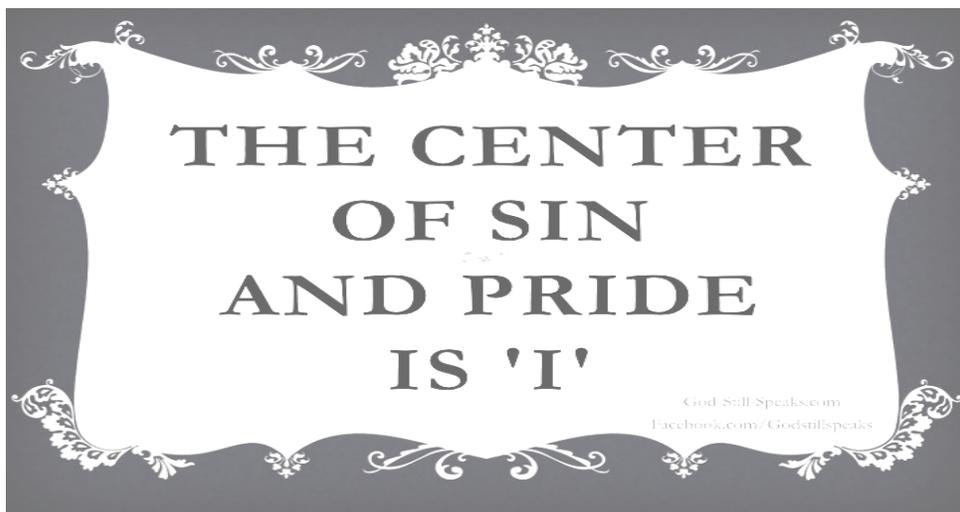
2. If you are saying that you are too old, or physically incapacitated, or too poor, or whatever the excuse that you are feeling, please understand this: God does not call you to fail. When God calls you to serve, He will equip and resource you to accomplish His will. There is a place in God's service for all who love Him and are called according to His name. If you desire to have a full, rich, and abundant life, it will only happen as you lovingly obey all that He calls you to do. Even if I was deaf, blind, and crippled, there would still be a place of service for me. However, the only way to know it and do it, is to love Him with all of my heart, mind, and soul.

Finally, to those who are in full agreement and ready to serve, let's begin with prayer and continue in prayer. We will make a crucial mistake if we say something like, "OK God, I got it and I can take over now." We can never take over! God needs to always be in control. We need to always and constantly get our marching orders from Him and this should take place daily. We may only know His marching orders for today, but it is so important that we obey what we know He has called us to do. When tomorrow arrives, let's be sure to get His orders for that day and obey. Day, after day, after day, we need to be seeking Him and obeying Him.

With great excitement and great faith, let's go forth and accomplish everything that we know that He has placed before us today. If it appears that there are some turns in the road, let's be sure to navigate those turns to the glory and honor of the Lord. If there are pauses that He commands of us, let's make those pauses active. Active in the sense that we are diligently listening to hear His voice, to once again be on the move. In other words, let's be diligent and intent on seeing, hearing, loving and obeying our Lord and Savior. Let's be passionate about bringing Him glory, honor and majesty. Let's truly realize that it is all about Him and not about us. God bless you all!!!

The Trickiness Of Seeing Pride

Pastor Jeremy Kaneshiro



1 Peter 5:5-7

⁵ Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

One of the convictions the Lord has been continually pressing into me lately, has been my sin of pride. You see, it has been easy for me to be angry at *other* people and *their* pride and not take stock of my own issue. It was in this frustra-

tion with *other people's pride* that the Lord reminded me that all of my besetting sin *and* my anger at other people's pride had a common genesis: my own pride. I know the Lord opposes the proud and gives grace to the humble but too often my own pride tricks me to believe that I am not proud but humble and the “pride” problem is *everyone else's* problem and not my own.

The truth is that because our hearts are “deceitfully wicked” (Jeremiah 17:9) our hearts will play tricks with our understanding of reality and preach to us that “pride” is everyone else's problem but not our own. Our pride convinces us to look out and judge others while ignoring our own issues because it does not want the darkness to be revealed. We spend so much time looking at others and judging them that we are tricked into believing we have no sin/pride issues. As we pray for unity, hope for growth and work towards glorifying God, I think it is good to be reminded that the enemy is not someone else but rather our own hearts and Satan's whispers. The solution to fight this battle is humbling ourselves as Isaiah 6 points out. C.S. Lewis reminds us of this very deceptive sin that has a root in all of our hearts.

*Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind. Does this seem exaggerated? If so, think it over. I pointed out a moment ago that the more pride one had, the more one disliked pride in others. In fact, if you want to find out how proud you are, the easiest way is to ask yourself, “How much do I dislike it when other people snub me, or refuse to take any notice of me, or shove their oar in, or patronize me, or show off?” The point is that each person's pride is in competition with everyone else's pride...Pride gets no pleasure out of having something, only out of having more of it than the next man...We say that people are proud of being rich, or clever, or good-looking, but they are not. They are proud of being richer, or cleverer, or better-looking than others. If everyone else became equally rich, or clever, or good-looking, there would be nothing to be proud about. It is the comparison that makes you proud: the pleasure of being above the rest. Once the element of competition has gone, pride has gone...**A proud man is always looking down on things and people: and, of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something that is above you.** That raises a terrible question. How is it that people who are quite obviously eaten up with pride can say they believe in God and appear to themselves very religious? I am afraid it means they are worshipping an imaginary God...Luckily, we have a test. Whenever we find that our religious life is making us feel that we are good—above all, that we are better than someone else—I think we may be sure that we are being acted on, not by God, but by the devil. The real test of being in the presence of God is that you either forget about yourself altogether or see yourself as a small dirty object. It is better to forget about yourself altogether....it is a terrible thing that the worst of all vices can smuggle itself into the very center of our religious life.*

C.S. Lewis

The Joyful Christian pg. 164-167

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIF FOOD PANTRY TODAY



“All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer.

A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold

their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.” ACTS 2:42-47

The vision of the VIF food Pantry is to live out Acts 2. Perhaps you and your family have a need. This FOOD PANTRY is for YOU! We, as a family, want to follow THE WORD and live life together. Come and grab a bag of groceries-your need is why the pantry exists. And while you’re there-lets share a prayer giving GLORY to GOD as he grows us all in knowledge and grace.

Or perhaps you know someone in need-family or neighbors. This FOOD PANTRY is for YOU! It’s so SIMPLE. We just look for opportunities to share the gospel with real and practical helps. And a bag of groceries in someone’s life may be just the opportunity to supply a need, develop a relationship, and share the truth of God’s Eternal love in the Gospel of Jesus.

Sunday, Jan 25, the pantry will be open to distribute a bag of groceries to members of our church, friends, and neighbors. The plan is to make ourselves available to both be the hands and feet of Jesus to meet practical needs, as well as to create opportunities to develop relationships and share the Gospel simply defined as God’s perfect love for us in Jesus Christ.

Stop by the back of the church. Get a bag. Bring a friend or help identify someone who may be blessed by a visit and a bag of groceries. If you know anyone outside of our church with whom we can share the true gospel as we meet physical needs, let us know. God will use us all for His Glory as we live out Acts 2:42-47. We all have something to share as brothers and sisters in God’s family.

child care Schedule

Today
January 25, 2015
Team 3

Rosie Quenga
Vicky Quenga

Danica Cooley
Dyllen Caolie

Next Week
February 01, 2015
Team 4

Karen Fontanilla
Judy Giron
Jaydee Giron

Jules Giron
Kolbe Fontanilla
Alysha Fontanilla

Volunteers Needed!

We are in need of people to volunteer to clean our church facilities on High Street. Tasks include:

Sanctuary/3 bathrooms:

1. Vacuum floors
2. Empty rubbish containers
3. Straighten room/dust as needed



Please sign-up in the back or call or email the church office if you'd like to help. We ask that you choose one day of the following: Thursday, Friday, OR Saturday of the week that you are able to volunteer to do the work.

If three people were to volunteer each week, it would take only about an hour or so to complete. By joining together in this task, we can have fellowship, fun, and bring glory and honor to the Lord. Please pray about this need.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Valley Isle Fellowship
Business Meeting Votes
January 18, 2015

Members Present: 82

A. Leadership	Votes	Percent	Adjusted %
1. I support Pastor Stephen's leadership as Senior Pastor	70	85.4%	
2. I support moving in a different direction.	5	6.1%	14.6%
3. Abstain	7	8.5%	

B. Property Development	Votes	Percent	Adjusted %
A. I support selling the 10 acres in Waikapu.	39	47.6%	76.8%
B. I support selling the High Street Properties	17	20.7%	50.0%
C. I support selling EITHER ONE of these properties	24	29.3%	
Blank	2	2.4%	

A. The adjusted percentage is the total amount of votes from #2 & #3 added together. $6.1\% + 8.5\% = 14.6\%$

B. The adjusted percentage is Option C added to the either of the other two options. Option A (47.6%) + Option C (29.3%) = 76.8%. Option B (20.7%) + Option C (29.3%) = 50%. As a result, Option A had the more than the 2/3 votes required.

PHILIPPINE SPRING MISSION 2015- A CALL TO PRAYER

Two Thirds World Network is once again putting together a mission in the Philippines this Spring. Please begin praying how God may use you to impact lives for Jesus Christ in the Philippines. God is amazing the way he uses us to love like Jesus in our backyards and across oceans. Often we go in thinking we will be an instrument in God's Hands to change other's lives when in reality we find that it is our life that is changed. Won't you seriously consider joining us this Spring to see how God can work in miraculous ways for His Glory? We would love to have YOU!!

Tentative Schedule: March 28- April 12, 2015

Mission Focus: EVANGELISM, MEDICAL MISSION, CONSTRUCTION

If interested or would like more information: please contact Vince Bagoyo 357-3842

"What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if is not accompanied by action, is dead."



Valley Isle Fellowship 2015 Calendar

January 2015

25 VIF Food Pantry
AM - Pastor Stephen -
PM - Pastor

February 2015

1 M - Pastor Stephen
PM - Pastor Jeremy

4 6pm—Youth Group @ Sanctuary
7pm—Prayer Meeting @ Annex

8 M - Pastor Stephen
PM - Pastor Darren

11 6pm—Youth Group @ Sanctuary
7pm—Prayer Meeting @ Annex

15 M - Pastor Stephen
PM - Pastor Jeremy

19 6pm—Youth Group @ Sanctuary
7pm—Prayer Meeting @ Annex

Today's Worship Songs

For Who You Are

God You Reign

Overwhelmed



Valley Isle Fellowship

ph: (808) 244-0865

www.vifmaui.com

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

Associate Pastor

Darren Sarmiento

Cell: (808) 757-1651

Email: darrenvif@hawaii.rr.com

Senior Pastor

Stephen Kaneshiro

Cell: (808) 419-8100

Email: icastephen@gmail.com

121 Hoowaiwai Lp #801

Wailuku, HI96793

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

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

6:00 pm



"Valley Isle Fellowship Church"

Associate Pastor

Jeremy Kaneshiro

Cell: (808) 280-2780

Email: vifjeremy@gmail.com