



God IS Faithful

Pastor Stephen Kaneshiro

When so many are facing trials and challenges of every stripe and flavor, can we still say that God is Faithful? I want to say with complete and unashamed confidence, YES HE IS! God is faithful all the time and all the time, God is faithful. He is faithful through all of the pain and heartache that you may be struggling through. He is faithful through all of the disappointments and discouragements that you are walking through. God IS Faithful!!!



This is an important fact that we have to hold on to as you might face future storms in your life. He is there, providing His love and care, even when you cannot perceive Him to be there. He is there even when it doesn't work out the way that you believe it should. Remember that His ways are higher than our ways. He is always working on our best interests and He proved it by sending His only begotten Son to die for us while we were yet sinners. He is working on your behalf.

Let me give you an illustration of God's great Faithfulness from our development and construction journey to build our new church facilities in Waikapu. To be honest with you, back in 2011, when I had to consider your call to be your Senior Pastor, the thought of having to lead you through fund raising, planning, and working towards the development and construction of this facility caused me to want to say "no" to your invitation. I did not want to get involved in all of this because I knew that I did not have the knowledge, skills, and capacity to do this work. Nevertheless, against my desires and against my best evaluations, I could not say "no" to God's unmistakable call to accept your invitation.

I have had many, many, many reasons to say, "God, you were wrong and I was right." However, it would have been total pride and brashness for me to spout that off at God. He is always right and I am rarely right. As long as I follow Him, I would be able to join with Him in His Kingdom building work. I had to lead you through many tough decisions that were not only difficult but also very painful. Some of these decisions have led to seeing many, who we still love and appreciate so much, leave our church. Disagreements and conflicts began to take on such a prominent role in Valley Isle Fellowship

that I wanted to say, "God, You're wrong and I am right."

The heavy responsibility of leading VIF through all of this was all that I thought it would be and even more. As I entered in to this process as the leader of VIF, this was a strange and very foreign process to me that I had no background in. The terms and language that people involved in this process were using seemed to me to be like a foreign language. I had to try to seek out definitions and explanations so that I could just begin to understand what they were talking about. Trying to look at plans was also like trying to read a foreign language. A LOT of time and effort had to be put into trying to get a background and trying to get an understanding of what had, what was, and what was needed that it took away from the work of pastoring VIF. This was painful and discouraging. So many times I would cry out to the Lord, "Why are you calling me away from the gospel ministry of building the people into faithful and mature lovers of Jesus and into this worldly task of building this church facility?"



Technicalities and legalities were overwhelming to me. Worry and deep concern flooded my soul and heart and much of them could not be shared with anyone, except my Lord. Fighting against anger and the temptation to do the wrong thing for expediency sake were constant companions. I did not like the inner turmoil that filled my life. However, God kept revealing to me that I needed to stay the course and guard carefully the character and reputation of the Lord through VIF. Because we represent Jesus Christ in this community, we could not yield to the temptations to hide what we do and skirt around rules and regulations. The call of the Lord was constantly holding me accountable to love and integrity. All in all, it was a call to be faithful to

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the Lord and to please Him, no matter what it might cost.

Let me bring this article to a close by saying that we are not done yet! There is still much to be done, but it could be that the hardest trials may be behind us. As we look to face the challenges before us, and there are many challenges still before us, God is still calling us to Love and Integrity. The Lord has blessed me greatly by allowing me to see the joy and excitement that are now in your eyes. But the Lord is also telling me that I have to remind you that our hope and dreams are not to be found in these new facilities. They need to be put solely in Jesus and Jesus alone. He is Faithful and He will always be. God bless you all.



Two Thirds World Network 6th Annual Fun Run Relay Saturday, October 29, 2016

Runners/Walkers will gather at 5:00 am at Valley Isle Fellowship and make their way at 5:30 am to Kihei's Kalepulepo Park, a total of 10 miles.

Offer to 'walkers only' this year - Mercy Mile option.
Please 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://ttwn.org>

or contact
Grace Motonaga
(cell: 357-4553)

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



October Fall Fest

(A Halloween Alternative)

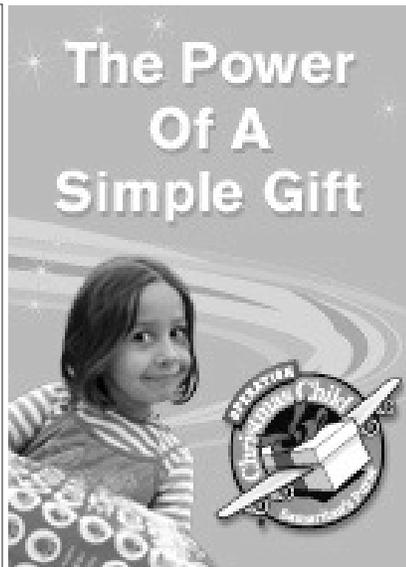
October 31, 2016

Valley Isle Fellowship Church
473 S. High St.

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Join us for:
Veggie Tales Movie
Refreshments
Trunk O' Treat

FUN! FUN! FUN!



Pray for Operation Christmas Child representative to work with churches and groups to collect shoebox gifts in North America, Europe, and Australia.



**Biblical Counseling
Center of Maui**

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

Addressing communication, anger, and conflict resolution.

October 2016

Mondays, October 10, 17, 24 from 6:30-8 p.m.

Each week builds on each other.

Located at the BCCM: 320 Ohukai Rd. Suite 415
Kihei, HI 96753

Email paula@bccmaui.com to reserve your spot.

Cost is \$25 per week.

How Much Do I Really Need Jesus?

Pastor Darren Sarmiento

Mark 2:16-17 NLT: ¹⁶ *But when the teachers of religious law who were Pharisees saw him eating with tax collectors and other sinners, they asked his disciples, “Why does he eat with such scum?”¹⁷ When Jesus heard this, he told them, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners.”*

There are two groups of people who have an opinion when it comes to seeing a doctor. One group that says, “I know. I don’t need a doctor, I feel fine”, and the other group of people who knows they are not well and need to see the doctor. I am one of those who say I’m okay when I’m actually not and after putting it off so long, I then really need to see the doctor. Doctors are to help those who are sick, get better. When you go into the doctor’s office and wait to see him and you notice others are there, too, waiting like you. Do you think these people are well and they’re just waiting to see the doctor to tell him that they’re fine? Probably not, right?

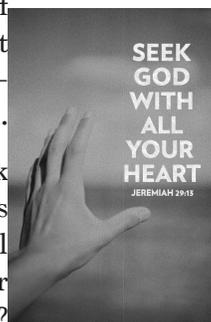
It is interesting to me how Jesus contrasts the healthy with the righteous and the sick with the sinner and it leads me to ask the question, how much do I really need Jesus? I don’t believe that the type of sickness is like the common cold but probably something that is more serious that needs attention right away along with follow up visits with the doctor.

Over the years I’ve had conversations with people about the very question I just asked you and I’ve come to a conclusion with another question added to it. Like seeing the doctor, I need Jesus all the time because I know and realize I am a sinner and only He can fix it. That is the gospel, which is the good news of Jesus that He died on the cross and spilled His blood that forgives us of our sins and cleanses us of all unrighteousness and makes us right with God. His resurrection assures us of eternal life with the Father and the Son.

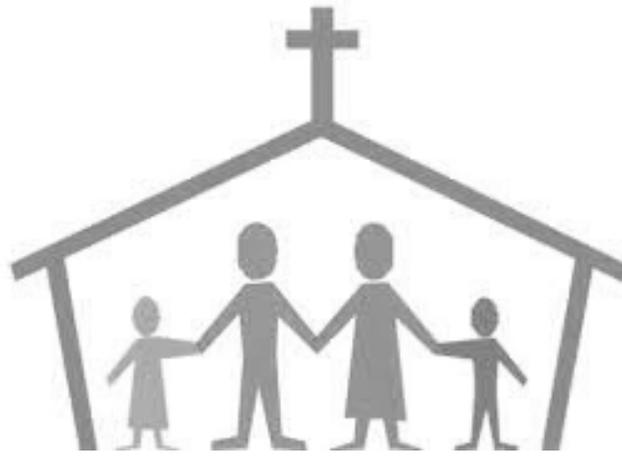
I also need to follow up with Him because He alone has the wisdom to help me continue on to live a life that is beneficial for me and what will bring Him glory. When people are feeling good and all is well because of what the doctor has done and continues to do, isn’t that the time when people start to tell others about how great their doctor is and what he prescribes to continue to help them? People start saying, “You got to see this doctor. He’s the best and he can help you.” I want you to keep in mind, that when Jesus helps you and me it is for the very reason that we will boast about Him to others.

Here is that last question I have and it’s one that is an application for us. How can you tell, when looking at people or even yourself that you really need Jesus? You can tell people need Jesus when you see them and hear them talk about Jesus, continually asking questions about Jesus and can’t get enough of Jesus! Those who really need Jesus are always actively pursuing Him. I have concluded that there are those who say they are Christians and there are those who know they are Christians. The difference is in not knowing you need Him but that you are actively pursuing Him.

I hope and pray that you and I realize that only Jesus gives us the desire to seek after Him. The one who truly believes and has faith in Him, is the one Jesus revealed Himself to and it is Jesus who then gives him the desire to pursue Him. Will you pray to the Lord and ask Him to reveal Himself to you so that you can see Him for who He is and know that it is He who will give you the desire to pursue Him, always?



Announcements



**GREAT IS THE LORD! HE IS MOST WORTHY OF PRAISE!
NO ONE CAN MEASURE HIS GREATNESS.
PSALM 145:3**

Mark your calendar to fellowship and worship God
and His Goodness at the

Valley Isle Fellowship Topping Off Celebration
October 22, 2016
11 AM - 1 PM
Waiale Church Property - New Worship Center

It's a potluck - Bring your favorite BBQ side dish to share and
get ready to shout our praises to the Living God!!



Operation Christmas Child 2016

Box(es) for you to fill are available in the back!

Turn your boxes in Sunday mornings or to church office by

Sunday, November 13

Want someone to do the shopping and/or packing for you? Turn in
cash/items by October 30

Announcements



MCBA Annual Meeting

Saturday,
October 22, 2016
Time: 10 am

Kahului Baptist Church
309 Puunene Ave., Kahului



High Street Lawn Care Schedule

Week of Oct 13-15
Volunteers Needed

Week of Oct 20-22
Volunteers Needed

Week of Oct 27-29
Volunteers Needed



Childcare Schedule

Today, Oct 9 **Team 3:** Flo N, Hawea R, Francis C

Oct 16 **Team 4:** Cheeng S, Jennifer B,
Gwendolyn R

Oct 23 **Team 1:** Marion K, Karen F, Kolbe F,
Alysha F, Melanie F

Oct 30 **Team 2:** Elaine Y, Wendy C, Krystal
AV. Dmitry V



You are invited to join
Doris Todd
Christian Academy
60th Anniversary Celebration
October 21-23, 2016

Fri., Oct. 21 - 8:30 am Worship Service @ DTCA
- 6:00 pm Banquet @ Nahele Banquet
Room @ Kahili Golf Course
Sat., Oct. 22 - 7-10 am North Shore Run - 7.25 run
- 1-4 pm Open House @ DTCA
Sun., Oct. 23 - 1 pm Picnic @ DTCA

Register online at:
<https://form.jotform.com/62306548557159>



High Street Cleaning Schedule

Week of Oct 13-15
Volunteers Needed

Week of Oct 20-22
Reimann & Edwards

Week of Oct 27-29
Takaki & Endo

MISSIONAL OPORTUNITIES



On Mission For Christ . . .

The team is on mission traveling to Samar, Bohol and Luzon. Their mission ministries include medical missions, evangelism and prayer walking at villages. They will also help with discipleship training at the newly built worship center in Luzon.

Pray for the mission team as they follow God's call to be on mission for Christ there in the Philippines. They return on October 18.



International Mission Board

Connecting in Prayer

* Pray for the many people affected by the earthquake in Italy. There are no known Bible studies or evangelical groups in this area. As believers in surrounding locations go in to help with relief work, ask that they will find "people of peace" (Luke 10:6) who will be ready to hear the truth and enable others to meet together and hear the Good News, too. Lift up those who are struggling with fear and anxiety, and ask that they will come to know the Prince of Peace personally.

* Recently, the authorities have been seeking and restricting people they suspect are doing religious work among a particular Last Frontier people group, with the goal of stopping the work. Therefore, the workers are experiencing a lot of stress. They are in a potentially dangerous situation. Contact with partners is not possible at this time, and as the tensions grow, the ministry is slowing down to a trickle. The workers need your prayers. Please petition for God's comfort, peace, wisdom, and guidance as they persevere in this situation to bring the gospel to this people group.

NAMB Missionary Spotlight:

Shea and Allison ALLEN

Church Planter
Refuge Church
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Sellersburg, IN 47172
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RefugeIndiana.com

Pray that we can glorify God by engaging our community with the gospel and that we see a movement of disciples making disciples that spreads throughout southern Indiana and the world.

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012 Annual Church Profile. Copyright by the NAMB Center for Mission Research

North American Mission Board	MIDWEST	Population: 6,595,434	SBC Congregations: 5,600	SBC Church to Population Ratio: 1 to 12,428
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SBC Chaplain Spotlight:

SBC Chaplaincy
Southern Baptist Convention

Chaplain (Captain) Todd Wainman
U.S. ARMY
namb.net/contactachaplain
Based: Fort Hood, Texas
Wife: Missy Wainman

Pray for us as we minister to soldiers and their families, homeschool our two sons and anticipate God's plan for our family and ministry in the future.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD



Valley Isle Fellowship Calendar

October 2016

2-18 *TTWN Mission Trip to Philippines*

- 9 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, Conference Room
6:00 pm - Worship Service/Study
- 10 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting @ Annex
- 10-14 *DOE Schools Fall Break*
- 12 6:30 pm - Youth Group "Fuel" @ Sanctuary
- 16 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
6:00 pm - Worship Service/Study
- 17 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting @ Annex
- 18 *TTWN Mission Team Returns*
- 19 6:30 pm - Youth Group "Fuel" @ Sanctuary
- 22 11am - 1pm - Topping Off Celebration Potluck, Waikapu

- 23 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
6:00 pm - Worship Service/Study
- 24 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting @ Annex
- 26 6:30 pm - Youth Group "Fuel" @ Sanctuary
- 29 5 am - TTWN Fun Run Relay to Kalepolepo Park, Kihei
- 30 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
6:00 pm - Worship Service/Study
- 31 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting - *CANCELLED*
6:30 - 8:30 PM - October Fall Fest

November 2016

- 3 6:30 pm - Youth Group "Fuel" @ Sanctuary
- 6 6 am - Prayer time @ Conference Room
9 am - Worship Service
10:30 am - Sunday School at High St Property

Valley Isle Fellowship

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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
(High Street property)

Senior Pastor
Stephen Kaneshiro
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SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

VIF Church Sanctuary
6:00 pm



www.facebook.com/valleyislefellowship



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Lessons from Zacchaeus

(Luke 19:1-10)

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I. Bold and _____. – Luke 19:1-2

A. Jesus just healed the _____ on the road into Jericho.

B. Jesus enters Jericho, where _____ lived.

C. _____ Zacchaeus.

II. Up Close and _____. – Luke 19:3-5

A. _____ to get up close.

B. Jesus got _____ with him.

C. Jesus _____ Himself.

III. Criticized but _____. – Luke 19:6-10

A. Zacchaeus was filled with _____ and _____.

B. Criticized for _____ with a _____ sinner.

C. Life Changing _____.

D. Jesus' _____ could not be _____ into silence.

NOTES: