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# NEWSLETTER

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## Living A Thankful Life *Pastor Stephen Kaneshiro*

The older I get, the more thankful I am. The older I get, the more physical and mental problems I have. I am experiencing more and more aches and pains. I am being plagued with more and more forgetfulness. However, I am being blessed more and more with God's mercy and grace. His love and blessing are new every morning. His mercies overwhelm me because I am so undeserving. The older I get, the more thankful I am that God is soooooo goooooood!!!!!!

I am so thankful that He is teaching me that in the darkest storms His brightest light shines. He is teaching me that Jesus is my anchor and the solid rock upon which I can stand and that no wind, nor power, can separate me from His love and grace. His love, wisdom and guidance are with me even when I don't feel Him. I am finally realizing that He provides what I need and not what I want. My wants are so self-centered but His desires are so "others centered."

I am so thankful for His patience as He deals with my sinfulness and failures. He picks me up when I am down. He punishes me in order to help me to see how great and wonderful His ways are.



His patience mentors me in the way that I should be patient with all that surround me. The master is always greater than the student and I must seek to imitate Him, especially in the area of patience, longsuffering, love and mercy.

I am so thankful that He allows me to have a small part in His Kingdom's work. The joy and pleasure of being able to be used of Him is so gratifying and rewarding. He allows me to see lives changed for His glory and honor. It is such a humbling privilege to be allowed a place in His army of love and mercy. Having a small part in His mighty work of saving a lost and dying world and seeing them transformed into men & women who come to love



Him in a contagious manner is so exciting, but yet very humbling.

I am so thankful for my children Erin, Jeremy, & Keri, who in their adult years are all seeking to let God reign and rule in their lives,

especially in the families that they have. I thank God for the spouses that He has allowed them to have. Spouses that enhance their walk with the Lord. I am so thankful for my grandchildren Grayson, Makana & Ava, that God has enriched our lives with. We pray that the small contributions that we are allowed to make in their lives will help them to live lives that honor and glorify the Lord.

I am so thankful for my wife, Clarice! She is the glue that God has given to me that keeps me together. She is a companion, lover and counselor who has enriched my life in so many ways that I would truly be lost without her. She is my co-worker, one who has always been dependable and trustworthy. I have entrusted my whole life to her and she does not disappoint me.

Finally, I am so thankful to Valley Isle Fellowship, this church that God has allowed me to be a part of. You have challenged me in many ways. This has caused me to stretch and strain all of my resources to bring glory and honor to Jesus. You have prayed for me. You have laughed with me, and you have also cried with me. We have met challenges together and we have rejoiced together over some great victories. You have spoken truth to me in love and you have supported me through some tough failures. But most of all, you have loved me in spite of me.

The older I get the more thankful I am! Yes, I am getting older, but yes, I am also getting more thankful. Thank you Jesus for all you do in my life, but more importantly for all that You are to me.

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# Putting On Gospel Glasses

*Pastor Jeremy Kaneshiro*

In light of the horrific events that took place Friday the 13th, I wanted to talk about one aspect of this complex issue of “How do we respond to the events in Paris on November 13th?” I imagine that for the vast majority of you there was a flood of sadness, pain, fear and brokenness. After the initial tsunami of emotions that we experienced, I’m sure many of you began thinking about justice and rightly so; we should think about justice. But one of the gut reactions that many in the media had was to blame Muslim refugees because of the bad apples that were and probably are present among the tens of thousands of refugees fleeing war in the Middle East. Politicians were demanding that no refugees should be allowed in Europe or America because we don’t need or want “those people” and that kind of talk reveals a deeper issue in the heart of man that I want to talk about.



One of our defaults as sinful humanity is we gravitate towards those like us and demonize those who are not “like us”. We have seen throughout history with people using preferences, skin color, ethnicity, location, culture, language among many other reasons people self segregate themselves. We have seen recently in our country this problem with the issue of slavery, racism, immigration, politics and refugees among other things. In our default sinful nature, when we separate ourselves from another group, we often try to distinguish ourselves from them and that often means demonizing or dehumanizing the other group. We have seen the dehumanizing in forcing another group of people to perpetual racial slavery where they were treated as less than humans for generations. We see it the politics of our lands where there is no longer honest discussion between the two main parties but each trying to out-do the other group’s attempts to dehumanize and demonize the other.

My argument in this article for you is that as Christians we must strive to see this issue through the gospel.

So, first we must understand the Christian doctrine of “imago dei” which is Latin for “image of God”. This doctrine teaches us that every human is worthy of the same value because we are all created in the image of God. This is clearly seen in Genesis 1:27 and the implications of this is that none of us have the right to see another human as less than ourselves because every human has equal value.

Second, we must understand that scripture tells us that all humanity has sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23) which means that we are all in a desperate spiritual state before God. We all equally deserve condemnation (Romans 6:23).

Third, since we are all sinners without hope to fix ourselves or our situation, it is clear that we are all desperate for a savior. Our Heavenly Father provided for us in His one and only Son, Jesus (John 3:16) who sacrificed Himself while we were all sinners (Romans 5:8)

Lastly, when discussing the issue of division, the apostle roots his plea for unity and commonality in the gospel. He states in Romans 10:12, 1 Cor. 12:13 and Galatians 5:6 that there is no racial, ethnic or preference segregation in God’s Kingdom, that we are all one people formed by the blood of Jesus. In Colossians 3:11 Paul states that all earthly ways of segregating in the church is wrong because there is only one man formed in Christ.

So, where does that leave us? How are we to understand, think, pray, speak and act on this subject? Let us be a people that sees inherently value in all human beings, that we would refrain from a worldview of “us” and “those people” and see it

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# Putting On Gospel Glasses

*Pastor Jeremy Kaneshiro*

through the lenses of the gospel which demands an “in Christ” and “unbelievers” worldview regardless of race, location or language. Let us be a people that understand what the deepest needs for all men is but not negate the fact (and pray for) that many in the world today have basic needs that need to be met. And finally, may our hearts broken by the sin around us step into the darkness because the love of God compels us to be the light to the world and strive to bring light and unity to groups where only darkness and division exist.

None of this is my attempt to say that we should let in whomever into our country but that we would stop seeing and talking about this heart-breaking issue through an “us vs. them” mentality (which you may not have). I would say that as we consider this complex issue our leadership must consider the safety of those already living here as well as the refugees and strive for fairness and safety for both which is a biblical principle (loving our neighbor as ourselves). Thus, working to keep everyone safe could very well mean opening our doors to refugees but also it must mean a careful screening and vetting process to know exactly who we are letting in. May we pray for the hearts and minds of all those involved to be opened to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Attention All VIF Members . .**

VIF Annual Business Meeting  
**Sunday, November 29, 6 pm**

Memorial Service  
celebrating *Mary Anne DeVore's* life  
Monday, November 23, 2015  
6 p.m. VIF Sanctuary

**I gave a shoebox!**

Mahalo for your generous gifts for  
Operation Christmas Child!  
Our 82 boxes will be go to one of six countries...  
Mongolia    Indonesia    Philippines  
Peru    Bangladesh    Native Americans

From Franklin Graham: “Thank you for packing shoebox gifts in 2015. Please join us in praying for each child who will receive a box you packed. For many children, the shoebox gift is the first step in discipleship through the local church. ...”



## Pastor David Crim

### Sharing a Message on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at VIF

Pastor David Crim, Senior Pastor at International Baptist Church of Manila and Director of Mission Field Operations for Two-Thirds World Network (TTWN) will be sharing a message at VIF's morning and evening services on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Pastor David and his wife Cindy have been faithful missionaries for TTWN in the Philippines for the past 5 years. During the morning worship service on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Crim will share God's message on *missional revival* that will encourage and inspire all believers to make a commitment to share the Good News to the people around us within our community. Following below is a brief overview of the message:



*Matthew 28:18-20 has been identified by modern Christians as "The Great Commission." This has special meaning to Christians because these are Jesus' last words on earth, words that define the posture and the purpose of our living in his promised power and presence. Today, Jesus' command to "go and make disciples of all nations" (v. 19) has been rigidly assigned to the sphere of formal and global missions. The words have become a rallying cry to those who would cross cultural and political borders. The words have become a slogan for missions' organizations and evangelistic enterprises. The words have been largely stripped of their original intent and meaning. Jesus was not establishing a mission agency when he uttered those words. He was not merely communicating a strategy to evangelize primitive natives in the jungles of Africa. He was commissioning all followers to a life of disciple-making, wherever they live, wherever they go and whatever they do. In their upcoming message titled, "Real Discipleship," David and Cindy Crim — missionaries to the Philippine Islands — will challenge all followers of Jesus to return to a life postured and purposed by the Lord's Commission by re-examining what it truly means to follow Jesus and make disciples. Can we really say that we are "Christians" if no transformation of heart, mind and lifestyle are evident? Can we really say we are "Christians" if we are not students of God's Word? Can we really say that we are "Christians" if we rarely talk to God in prayer? Can we really say that we are Christians if we cling to worldly pleasures and possessions rather than Jesus? Can we really say we are "Christians" if we are not making disciples wherever we are, whatever we do and wherever we go?*

During the evening service on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Crim and Cindy will be sharing what they have learned on the mission field about living the life of disciple-makers and training others to live the same. They will both be sharing personal stories and explore Gospel stories that teach us how to respond to Jesus' invitation, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people". Both worship services will be followed with light refreshments and pastries and fellowship. Pastor Crim also writes for LifeWay and is a former pastor of Lanai Baptist Church. In addition to doing God's work in the mission field, he is currently taking his doctorate degree on missionology. Please invite your friends and family to join us on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> worship services and to hear what God is doing in the Two-Thirds World and how we can partner to share the Gospel here at the home front.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!**



**DISASTER RELIEF**  
call Church  
Office  
244-0865



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



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

Here are opportunities to gather together in prayer

**Sunday; 6am  
(Pastor Jeremy’s Office)**

**Monday; 10 am & 6:30 pm  
(High St Sanctuary)**

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.

## Sundays Schedule

6:00 am Prayer Meeting (Pastor Jeremy’s Office)	10:30 am Sunday School (Children & Youth-High St Property) (Adults-WES)
7:00 am Set-up	
9:00 am Worship Service (no childcare)	6:00 pm Evening Service (High St Property)

## High Street Cleaning Schedule

<b>Week of Nov 26-28</b> Shum Ohana	<b>Week of Dec 17-19</b> Pauline, Kathy, Linda, Marion
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**Week of Dec 3-5**  
Edwards, Reimann,  
Kaneshiro

**Week of Dec 10-12**  
Volunteers Needed



**HELP  
WANTED**

# Valley Isle Fellowship 2015 Calendar

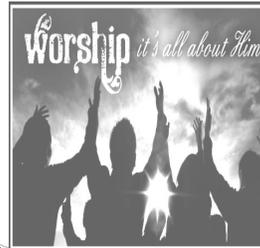
## November 2015

- 22 8 - 9:30 am - Breakfast & Fellowship  
10 am - Thanksgiving Service - Pastor Darren  
NO Sunday School  
NO Evening Service
- 23 10 am - Prayer Meeting @ Sanctuary  
6 pm - Memorial Service for Mary Anne Devore  
6:30 pm - NO Prayer Meeting
- 25 6:30 pm - Youth Group "Fuel" @ Sanctuary
- 26-27 Thanksgiving Break - Office Closed
- 29 6 am - Prayer Time (Pastor Jeremy's Office)  
9 am - Pastor Stephen  
- Lord's Supper  
10:30 am - Sunday School at High St Property  
- Adult Sunday School @ WES  
6 pm - Annual Business Meeting
- 30 10 am - Prayer Meeting @ Sanctuary  
6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting @ Sanctuary

## December 2015

- 2 6:30 pm - Youth Group "Fuel" @ Sanctuary
- 3 VIF Seniors Luncheon

- 6 6 am - Prayer Time (Pastor Jeremy's Office)  
9 am - Pastor David Crim, TTWN  
10:30 am - Sunday School at High St Property  
- Adult Sunday School @ WES  
6 pm - Pastor David Crim, TTWN
- 7 10 am - Prayer Meeting @ Sanctuary  
6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting @ Sanctuary
- 9 6:30 pm - Youth Group "Fuel" @ Sanctuary
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9 am - Pastor Stephen  
10:30 am - Sunday School at High St Property  
- Adult Sunday School @ WES  
6 pm - Pastor Stephen
- 14 10 am - Prayer Meeting @ Sanctuary  
6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting @ Sanctuary



### Today's Worship Songs

You, You Are God

I Will Follow

Shout to the Lord

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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 Wailuku Elementary School Cafeteria

### SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

VIF Church Sanctuary  
6:00 pm



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# Songs of Worship (page 1 of 2)

## Joy

You've turned it all around  
Where I was hurting now I'm rejoicing  
In Your love I'm found and I have joy

You took away my pain  
You turned my mourning into dancing  
I can smile again 'cause I have joy

### Pre-Chorus

*Let the celebration begin*

*Make a joyful noise unto Him*

*Come on everybody let's give Him praise*

*For He is good*

### Chorus

*You have given me a joy  
That won't stop and will never leave  
So I will praise You with gladness  
For You are good*

You took away my pain  
You turned my mourning into dancing  
I can smile again 'cause I have joy

### Pre-Chorus

*Chorus (2x)*

### Bridge (3x)

You've turned my sadness into gladness  
You've turned my sorrow into joy  
Now I'm singing and I'm dancing  
And I will shout for joy

*Chorus (3x)*

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## You, You Are God

### Verse 1

Here I am I've come to find You  
Here I am to see Your grace  
To bring to You an offering  
I have to ask myself one thing  
How can I do anything but praise  
I praise

### Chorus

(You) You are God You are Lord  
You are all I'm living for  
You are King of ev'rything  
I want my life to praise You

### Verse 2

Here I am I've come to thank You  
Here I am a life You've changed  
Because You gave Your life for me  
You crucified Your Son for me  
How can I do anything but praise

I praise

### Chorus (4x)

(You) You are God You are Lord  
You are all I'm living for  
You are King of ev'rything  
I want my life to praise You

### Tag

I want my life to praise You  
I want my life to praise You

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## I Will Follow

### Verse 1

All Your ways are good  
All Your ways are sure  
I will trust in You alone  
Higher than my sight  
High above my life  
I will trust in You alone

### Chorus

Where You go I'll go  
Where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move  
I will follow You  
Whom You love I'll love  
How You serve I'll serve  
If this life I lose  
I will follow (You)

Yeah I will follow You yeah

### Verse 2

Light into the world  
Light into my life  
I will live for You alone  
You're the One I seek  
Knowing I will find  
All I need in You alone  
In You alone

### Chorus

Where You go I'll go  
Where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move  
I will follow You  
Whom You love I'll love  
How You serve I'll serve  
If this life I lose  
I will follow (You)

Yeah I will follow You yeah

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# Songs of Worship (page 2 of 2)

## I Will Follow (cont.)

### Bridge

In You there's life everlasting  
In You there's freedom for my soul  
In You there's joy unending joy

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In You there's freedom for my soul  
In You there's joy unending joy  
And I will follow

### Chorus

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If this life I lose  
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If this life I lose  
I will follow (You)

Yeah I will follow You  
Yeah I will follow You  
Yeah I will follow You  
Yeah

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## **Shout To The Lord**

Shout to the Lord  
All the earth let us sing  
Power and majesty  
Praise to the King  
Mountains bow down  
And the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name

### Verse 1

My Jesus my Saviour  
Lord there is none like You  
All of my days I want to praise

The wonders of Your mighty love  
My comfort my shelter  
Tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath all that I am  
Never cease to worship You

### Chorus

Shout to the Lord  
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At the sound of Your name  
I sing for joy  
At the work of Your hands  
Forever I'll love You  
Forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares to the promise  
I have in You

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