

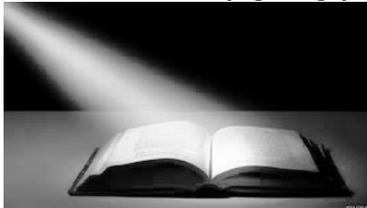


## Only One Way!

Pastor Stephen Kaneshiro

*Filling our headlines today* are stories and stories of hatred and division. Black Lives Matter, Policing Injustice, Racism, Terrorism, Politics, and many other stories go on and on and on. It is getting harder and harder to read or watch the news without getting all worked up.

I would like to try and give you a new perspective on all of these matters by giving you several Biblical passages



that might also change your attitudes and actions. We need to realize that there is high value to the Word of God, the Bible, because it is the Word of God!

**1 Corinthians 2:10-16 (NLT):** *10 But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets. 11 No one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit. 12 And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us. 13 When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths. 14 But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means. 15 Those who are spiritual can evaluate all things, but they themselves cannot be evaluated by others. 16 For, "Who can know the LORD's thoughts? Who knows enough to teach him?" But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.*

1 Corinthians 2 tells us that God reveals things to us through His Spirit. What God reveals holds more precedent and authority than anything that any worldly authority may say. It does not matter whether that authority may be a politician, academic intellectual, scientist, or any other influential person. God's revelations trumps and over rides all others. In verse 12, it says, *"And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us."*

Then verse 14 says, *"But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truth from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means."*

All this tells me that you have to look at what is going on in the world today through the eyes of the Lord. He is the one that needs to be interpreting all of this to us. His perspective is the perspective that needs to impact our thoughts and actions.

**Matthew 24:10-12 (NLT)** *10 And many will turn away from me and betray and hate each other. 11 And many false prophets will appear and will deceive many people. 12 Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold.*

Matthew 24:12 tells me where the real problems lie. The real problem is that sin is running rampantly through all of the world. The real problems are spiritual and therefore only God's solutions will address them adequately. All other solutions will only be superficial. The political and intellectual elites of our societies are trying to persuade the masses to all kinds of theories that they believe will solve mankind's dilemmas. The problem with these solutions are that for the most part, they leave out God. They address human dilemmas with human solutions. God addresses these dilemmas through His love, grace, and power.

**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.*

This passage is a perfect example of God addressing the dilemmas of the world with His love, grace, and power. The problem with our world today, and especially in the United States, is that God and expressions of faith are actively being driven out of the public square. This expulsion is being done with such ferocity that it looks like it is being driven by a hatred for God.

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# Only One Way!

Pastor Stephen Kaneshiro (continued from page 1)

It can almost be described as a “spit in your face” kind of hatred. This is because, the very things that God calls sin are being embraced and legalized. Legal sin is still appalling to God and one day He will judge all sin. Dear people, yes there is so much bad news, but as you look behind these news stories, you will see that evil is at its root. There is only one way to root out all evil and that is through the love of Jesus Christ. Rather than expelling Jesus from the public square, we need to be welcoming Him to take full control in both our private and public affairs. He is the answer for the world today. Above Him there is no other. Jesus is the way!!

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Sherwood Baptist Church, Pastor Bruce Worrell - Maui Mission Team Member

## DISASTER RELIEF

SPECIAL OFFERING  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

TO BENEFIT THE CHURCHES OF  
THE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF  
GREATER BATON ROUGE

## Disaster Relief Special Offering

taken today

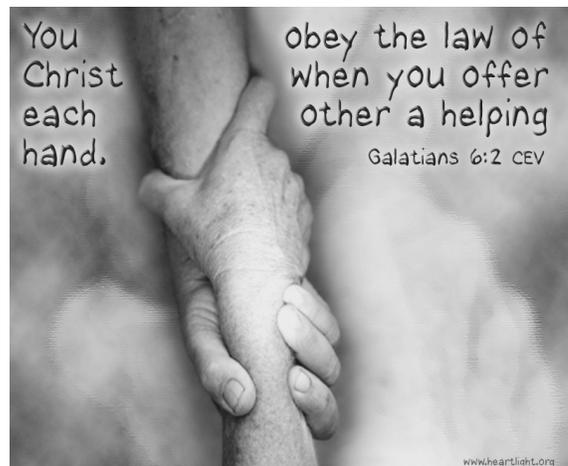
**Sunday, September 4, 2016**

to benefit the churches of

**The Baptist Association of  
Greater Baton Rouge**

*Make checks payable to  
Valley Isle Fellowship*

*and enclose in special offering envelope*



### 2016 Maui County Baptist Assoc. Labor Day Picnic

Monday, Sept. 5

At Wahikuli State Beach,  
Lahaina. Hosted by Lahaina  
Baptist Church

Pot Luck Ideas:

LBC will be providing chicken, hot dogs,  
desserts and water. Please bring a side  
dish, main dish, appetizer, salad and  
preferred drink.

10:00 am to 2:00 pm



# *Faith Produces Action . . .*

## *Action Doesn't Produce Faith*

Pastor Darren Sarmiento



When someone states, "I have faith", we need to know that it is an incomplete statement. The word "faith" should never stand alone because faith means you believe or trust in something or someone. Can we say we have faith in anything without any actions as proof of our faith, no matter what it is? Do we sometimes cloudy up the idea that the amount of actions I take in life will prove to people that I'm beginning to really believe what I say I believe?

I want to be very clear with you so you will clearly understand that it is faith that produces action... action doesn't produce faith. When we say we have faith in Jesus, it should be seen by our actions and not by our words alone. It is not our actions that leads us to faith in Jesus but of proof that we already believe in Him. **James 2:21-24 (NLT)** says, "<sup>21</sup>Don't you remember that our ancestor Abraham was shown to be right with God by his actions when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? <sup>22</sup>You see, his faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete. <sup>23</sup>And so it happened just as the Scriptures say: "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith." He was even called the friend of God. <sup>24</sup>So you see, we are shown to be right with God by what we do, not by faith alone."

Remember that the Apostle James, in writing to the believers in verse 23, is pointing out that if you have faith in God, in Jesus, then your actions will accompany your faith. What I find interesting is in verse 21 when the Apostle James first points out in Old Testament scripture about Abraham's actions of offering his son Isaac on the altar, and then, in verse 23 he again quotes Old Testament scripture of Abraham believing in God.

Now, you might think that the Apostle James is proving that actions produces faith because he talked about Abraham's action, then mentions about his faith secondly. Actually, it is quite the opposite. Remember, James is pointing out that if you have faith in Jesus it will produce actions. When Abraham offered Isaac (v.21) some scholars believed that it was 30 years after when Abraham first believed in God (v.23). So it proves the point, that if you have faith in Jesus, others will know you have faith in Him because they can see it by your actions. Let me end with an example. When a woman says yes to a man who has proposed marriage to her, what she will show in this new relationship is her trust and belief that this is the man who will love and care for her. She believes that he will always have her best interest at heart. In turn, she will live her life loving and honoring the man who is her husband. She will let her husband know how much he really means to her by the way she lives for him. People, Jesus has our best interest at heart and if we know that, then the natural response will be to love and honor Him by how we live. That is faith that produces actions.

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"Let them give glory to the Lord and proclaim His Praise in the islands." Isaiah 42:12 NIV

## **Sue Nishikawa Offering for Hawaii Pacific Missions**

**Week of Prayer - September 4-10**

# Announcements

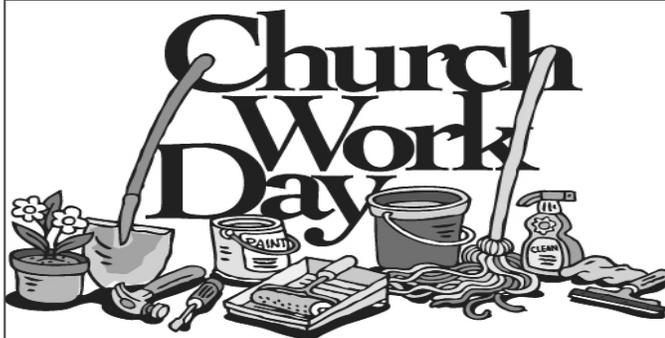


## Two Thirds World Network

### Yard Sale This Week

**Saturday, September 10, 2016**

*Donations will be accepted at the Annex  
Wednesday, September 7- Friday September 9  
Contact Grace (357-4553) for drop-off appt*



**Saturday,  
November 5, 2016  
Save the date!**



## Childcare Schedule

- Today, Sept 4** **Team 2:** Elaine Y, Wendy C,  
Krystle A, Dmitry V
- Sept 11** **Team 3:** Flo N, Hawea R, Francis C
- Sept 18** **Team 4:** Cheeng S, Jennifer B,  
Gwendolyn R
- Sept 25** **Team 1:** Marion K, Karen F, Kolbe F,  
Alysha F, Melanie F



## High Street Lawn Care Schedule

**Week of Sept 8-10**  
Volunteers Needed

**Week of Sept 15-17**  
Volunteers Needed

**Week of Sept 22-24**  
Volunteers Needed



## High Street Cleaning Schedule

**Week of Sept 8-10**  
Volunteers Needed

**Week of Sept 15-17**  
Volunteers Needed

**Week of Sept 22-24**  
Volunteers Needed



Pray that God be glorified in all ways with  
the building of our future home

# MISSIONAL OPORTUNITIES



## On Mission For Christ . . .

This October 7-17, a mission team will be traveling 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.

Pray for the mission team as they prepare to follow God's call to be on mission for Christ.

## NAMB Missionary Spotlight



**Logan and Katie LOVEDAY**

Church Planter  
Faith Fellowship Church  
43 Weltherfield Ave., Floor 2  
Hartford, CT 06114  
pastorloganloveday@gmail.com  
FaithFellowshipCT.com

Pray that we will reach the lost and make disciples that will bring gospel transformation to Hartford, Conn., and New England.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Census Bureau. Compiled by the NAMB Center for Missional Research

North American Worship Record	<b>NORTHEAST</b>	Population: 47,425,178	SBC Congregations: 1,780	SBC Church to Population Ratio: 1 to 34,053
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## SBC Chaplain Spotlight:



**SBC Chaplaincy**  
Southern Baptist Convention

**Commander Emory Lussi, CHC**  
CHAPLAIN, U.S. NAVY  
namb.net/contactachaplain  
Based: Augusta, Ga.  
Wife: Beverly Lussi

Pray God would give me insight to minister to the service members in my new assignment, which is also my test, and that my leukemia stays in remission.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD



## International Mission Board

*Connecting Through Prayer . . .*

\* Praise God that through a ministry that has begun this year among Nyungwe (NYUN-gway) students in Mozambique, seven students have professed faith in Christ and many others have heard the good news of Jesus!

\* Praise the Lord that in recent months, many believers in Kazakhstan who have been away from fellowship for a number of years are coming back into renewed fellowship with the Lord and other believers, and they have a renewed desire to read His Word and pray!



# Valley Isle Fellowship Calendar

## September 2016

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| <p>4 6 am - Prayer time @ Conference Room<br/>9 am - Worship Service<br/>10:30 am - Sunday School at High St Property<br/>- Adult Sunday School @ Pastor's Study<br/>6:00 pm - Worship Service/Study</p> <p>5 <i>Labor Day - office closed</i><br/>10 am - 2 pm MCBA Annual Labor Day Picnic @<br/>Wahikuli Wayside Park, Lahaina</p> <p>7 6:30 pm - Youth Group "Fuel" @ Sanctuary</p> <p>7-9 TTWN Yard Sale donations drop-off (contact Grace M)</p> <p>8-20 <i>Pastor Darren on vacation</i></p> <p>10 TTWN Yard Sale @ Annex 7-10 am<br/>MPC Luau Banquet &amp; Silent Auction 4:30 pm</p> <p>11 6 am - Prayer time @ Conference Room<br/>9 am - Worship Service<br/>10:30 am - Sunday School at High St Property<br/>- Adult Sunday School @ Pastor's Study</p> | <p>12 noon - Trustees Meeting @ Conference Room<br/>6:00 pm Worship Service/Study</p> <p>12 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting @ Annex</p> <p>14 6:30 pm - Youth Group "Fuel" @ Sanctuary</p> <p>18 6 am - Prayer time @ Conference Room<br/>9 am - Worship Service<br/>10:30 am - Sunday School at High St Property<br/>- Adult Sunday School @ Pastor's Study<br/>6:00 pm Worship Service/Study</p> <p>19 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting @ Annex</p> <p>21 6:30 pm - Youth Group "Fuel" @ Sanctuary</p> <p>25 6 am - Prayer time @ Conference Room<br/>9 am - Worship Service<br/>- Ordinance of the Lord's Supper<br/>10:30 am - Sunday School at High St Property<br/>- Adult Sunday School @ Pastor's Study<br/>6:00 pm - Worship Service/Study</p> <p>26 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting @ Annex</p> <p>27 6:30 pm - Youth Group "Fuel" @ Sanctuary</p> |
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### 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  
cell: (808)419-8100

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#### SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

VIF Church Sanctuary  
6:00 pm



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#### Associate Pastor

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# Riches Reveals Resolutions

## Luke 16:1-31

*Pastor Stephen Kaneshiro*

### I. The Parable of the Shrewd Manager – Luke 16:1-18

#### A. The Story

1. \_\_\_\_\_ for mishandling responsibilities.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ to protect self.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ instead of \_\_\_\_\_ others.

#### B. The Lesson

1. \_\_\_\_\_ towards and \_\_\_\_\_ of riches.
2. Revelation of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ of serving 2 masters.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Word (both O.T. & N.T.) \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. God's Word not your \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_  
(\_\_\_\_\_).

### II. The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus – Luke 16:19-31

#### A. The Story

1. Lazarus – poor but no mention of a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Rich man – a. \_\_\_\_\_ on Riches.  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ with Riches.

#### B. The Lesson.

1. Lazarus reveals the rich man's opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ - Where Riches Lead.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_!!!
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. One's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ wishes there are \_\_\_\_\_.

### III. So, what is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all of this?

A. Matthew 6:33

B. Matthew 22:37-40