



Have You Noticed?

Pastor Stephen Kaneshiro

Distracted and dysfunction become major factors during times of distress. When distress rises to the point where it consumes our thoughts and emotions our focus and view on the totality of life becomes narrowed and strained. This can be a good thing or a bad thing. The example of Daniel in the lions' den show us that a narrowed and strained view can be a good thing. Daniel knew that his love and loyalty to the Lord might cost his life. Yet, he carried on his daily life as usual and with openness. He did not try to hide his faithfulness to the Lord and this caused him to be apprehended and sentenced to be thrown into the lions' den. He did not fight against that determination, but rather he sought to turn to the Lord to give him the comfort and strength to face the upcoming crisis.



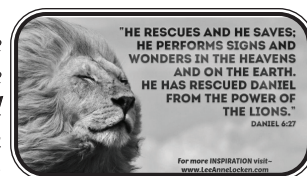
He was then taken to the lions' den and thrown in. The most compelling part of this story is that as unavoidable and as dominant as the lions and their obvious threat to his life, Daniel chose to narrow and strain his focus, not on the lions (the very present problem), but turned his eyes up to the Lord (the prevailing and ultimate solution). Keeping his eyes and his heart focused on the Lord was vital and he was determined not to allow the lions to cause him to get distracted. For if he allowed this distraction to take place, then dysfunction would be the next disastrous inevitable result.

When the consuming focus is on the problem (the lions), then terrible fear, in fact petrifying fear, will be the disastrous end result. Panic and flight usually keep close company to these kinds of disaster. Panic can and does cause incomprehensible actions that cause one to seek for every ounce of energy to flee the impending harm that is on him. Fleeing may seem like the best and only hope, but many times fleeing is the worst solution. In fact, fleeing, because of panic and flight, can cause you to miss the best and sometimes only solution.

In Daniel's situation, when he was caught in continual and faithful prayer, he was probably getting his instructions and his strength to carry out God's righteous and holy will. He then continued in an attitude of prayer and submission to the Lord as he was apprehended and then finally as he was thrown into the lions' den. This attitude of prayer and surrender obviously continued as he had to face the lions. However, with this foundation of prayer and



surrender completely entrenching his life, Daniel was able to see the complete will of the Lord accomplished and not just that the lions were taken care of. For upon coming out of the lions' den he was able to see King Darius declare in **Daniel 6:26-27 (NLT)** *"I decree that everyone throughout my kingdom should tremble with fear before the God of Daniel. For he is the living God, and he will endure forever. His kingdom will never be destroyed, and his rule will never end. He rescues and saves his people; he performs miraculous signs and wonders in the heavens and on earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions."*



In Daniel's life, the saving of his life was not the main focus. Daniel's focus was on accomplishing and fulfilling God's will. Yes, it came at a high cost, but it was because the stakes were high. In this case, Daniel's faithful and disciplined life caused King Darius to turn and declare that the Lord God Almighty was and is the only true God. Daniel would probably not have been able to accomplish and fulfill God's will if he had yielded to the distractions and dysfunctions that were screaming for his complete and full attention.

In our lives, if we yield to the distractions and dysfunctions that surround us during our times of crisis, then we could be missing the best and only solution/s. We also should be looking at the broader scheme of things and that more importantly, that by yielding to the distractions and dysfunctions this would cause God's will from being accomplished. You see, the greater the costs for following Jesus probably means that the stakes are greater. Fulfilling and accomplishing God's will in our lives is not easy and it will take a disciplined and faithful life that refuses the distractions and dysfunctions that comes with crisis filled situations.

When our backs against the wall and fear and flight screams

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at us, be encouraged and be not dismayed for the Lord our God is with us and He will give us everything we need to fulfill and to accomplish His will. He will never abandon or fail you. Fight with all that is within you to love and faithfully submit to your loving and powerful God. God bless you as you seek with all of your heart, mind, and soul to make your life a blessing to the Lord God Almighty!!!



Sue Nishikawa Offering for Hawaii Pacific Baptist Missions

HPBC Goal: \$130,000

VIF Goal: \$1,500

VIF Giving-to-date: \$2,171.20

*checks made payable to Valley Isle Fellowship
memo line: Sue Nishikawa Offering*

LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD
WITH ALL YOUR heart AND WITH ALL
YOUR soul & WITH ALL YOUR mind.

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HPBC WOMEN'S MINISTRY GATHER IN LOVE



MAUI

Friday, October 22

5-7 PM

Valley Isle Fellowship

251 Pualalea Circle
Wailuku, HI

Guest Speaker

Kelly King

Lifeway Women's Ministry Specialist

Limited seating

DEADLINE October 7

Sign-up at the back table or @

<https://www.hpbaptist.net/event/mauiwomen/>

Studying God's Word for Life Transformation and Revival

In a time where the world is telling us to base what we believe and what we are to do by the way we feel, we need to ensure that as believers we are basing what we believe and what we do by the Word of God. The best way to hide His words in our heart is to know the meaning of His words. In many instances when Christ was challenged, he refuted the challenge with the scripture that He spent the first 30 years of His life studying. Come join for a time of discovery (or rediscovery) of ways to study the Bible that are impactful in understanding scripture in a deeper more meaningful way!

Led by: Brandon Kelly (808)268-9074
Wednesday Evenings @ 7 pm
September 1st – October 20th
Meeting in the Church Sanctuary

For additional information and to sign up, go to <https://sites.google.com/view/vifbiblestudy> or use your camera to scan the QR code and click on the link at the top of your phone. You can also sign up at the back table.



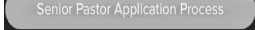
Announcements



PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Valley Isle Fellowship Pastoral Search Committee is now prepared to begin receiving applications for Senior Pastor!

If you want to encourage someone you know to apply, simply direct them to the **VALLEY ISLE FELLOWSHIP WEBSITE** (vifmaui.com). On the top bar they will see an **"ABOUT US"** tab, and if they hover over it, you can find the **"Pastoral Leadership"** tab in the drop down. When you click there, a bio of Pastor Stephen will appear.

At the bottom of the bio, there is an announcement of his retirement and a button . When they follow the prompts and instructions, they will then submit a complete application and be a part of the first phase of prayer and application review. So, if God has laid a potential candidate's name on your heart, please forward this application process to them, or direct them to the website.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jennifer Bagoyo at (808)281- 6551 or Don Booth at (808)495-1628. Please join us in prayer to work thoughtfully as we seek to discern God's leading.

We are better together!

Jennifer Bagoyo Chair
Don Booth, Vice Chair
Pam Edwards, Corresponding Secretary
Grace Motonaga, Recording Secretary, alternate
Eugene Fontanilla
Darin Olaso
Wayland Kam, alternate

The Pastor Search Committee
is actively reviewing resumes and
in need of your ardent and passionate prayers.

The prayer focus this month is taken from an article
by Christina Fox written in 2019 for
Christian Living, The Gospel Coalition:

WHAT TO PRAY FOR YOUR SEARCH COMMITTEE

Thank you for lifting them up on a daily basis.

*And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we
ask anything according to his will, he hears us.*

1John 5:14 ESV

UNITY

Pray for the unity of your committee. There are many potential areas for disagreement, both small and big. Members will have to figure out which qualifications are negotiable and which aren't, and what makes for a good sermon. Some will like things about a pastoral candidate that others don't like at all. Some are willing to overlook things about a candidate that others aren't. Unity is essential for the committee. If they aren't united, they'll struggle to settle on a pastor to call. And their disunity will spread to the rest of the church, likely creating wider discord.

*I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of
you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united
in the same mind and the same judgment.*

1Corinthians 1:10

Women's Ministry

Women, you are invited!

A 6-week Bible Study

Getting to Know the Holy Spirit

A Bible Study seeking knowledge
of the Holy Spirit and why Jesus said
it was so important for Him to leave.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control.
Against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23 NIV

Saturdays 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Sign-up at back table

**Contact Pam Edwards (808)446-4009
for any questions or log-in information**

Announcements

YARD WORK HELP NEEDED



**Your Help Is Needed ...
Yard Maintenance**

*Help (men and women)
needed to care
for our property ...
(mow, weed whack, pull weeds, etc.)*

*Previous experience
not necessary*

**Sign-up at the back table
or call the church office 244-0865**

Questions? See Paul Yamamura



Love.



Grow.



Serve.

Cleaning Ministry



Join a Cleaning Team

Teams of 4-6 each are once again being formed
to clean the bathrooms and worship center
each week on a rotation basis
(anytime between Thursday through Saturday)

Sign-up chart at back table

Sign-up to join a team, get a friend or
your family to join you and sign-up together!

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER.

DAUGHTERS
OF THE CREATOR

James 5:16

**Monday nights
6:30 p.m. online**

For log-in
information contact

Pastor Stephen
(808) 419-8100



Childcare and Sunday School

Childcare and Sunday School
during 2nd service

Infant-2 years
Childcare Room

Age 3-5 years
Overflow Lanai

1st grade-5th grade
Fellowship Lanai

For more information:
Steffen (808-264-0397)
or Josie (808-264-8142)

CONNECT. GROW. SERVE. MEMBERSHIP



Youth Bible Study



Grades 6-12

- online till further notice -

Contact

Wesley Kiaha (808) 281-4231

for log-in information

MISSION NEWS

North American Missions Board (NAMB) Missionary Spotlight



ANDERS AND JESSICA SNYDER

Church Replanter | Calvary Church Nampa
Nampa, ID

Pray

for grace and boldness to make Jesus non-ignorable in Nampa and to the ends of the earth. Pray for a culture of missionary disciple-makers to take root and multiply.

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
3	4	5	6	7	8	9

OCTOBER



*so that my salvation
may reach to the
ends of the earth.*

Isaiah 49:6

INTERNATIONAL CHURCH PLANTING - Pray that God will raise up over the next two years at least 100 church planters from majority-Muslim countries to plant churches in Send Cities throughout the United States and Canada.



International Mission Board

Pray

<https://www.imb.org/prayer-list/?searchtype=all>

•**Southern Cross Project (SCP), East Asian Peoples** - "Please, Father, move the mountains that are keeping Chinese tourists, students, and workers from knowing you. The mountains of physical and spiritual sickness are no match for your strength. Call Chinese believers around the world to pray, and show them that the fields are ready. Call them to witnesses with joy about the treasure they have found in you. Call many sowers into your diaspora fields. Fill us with your life and joy for the sowing. Strengthen our weakness to make your name great."

•**South Asian Peoples** - Thank you for praying for the teenage boy who was violently attacked in his hometown earlier this month. This young man, who has now died, is worshiping at the feet of his Savior. His faith is now sight, his victory won. He knew that turning to Christ would be costly. Neighbors, friends, his entire community would likely turn against him. A common print hanging in believers' homes in South Asia is of Daniel in the lions' den. This image and the story behind it resonate with them. This young man left behind his mute idols and ran to the one true God. He chose Jesus. Pray for his family. Pray that the evil one won't get a foothold in their lives nor throughout the church in South Asia. Pray that the death of this teenager will be a catalyst for revival, renewed boldness, and passionate gospel sharing. Pray that his attackers will come to Jesus, perhaps through the testimony of his family. Pray for the church in South Asia to fix their eyes on Christ and throw off anything that hinders them from pursuing Him. Pray that the testimony of the church in these very days will be used by God to draw many to Himself.

•**People of Central Taiwan** - Pray for central Taiwan churches as they continue to re-establish in-house worship after Taiwan's two months of soft lockdown. Pray for attendance to grow with a new fervor, and that believers will relish worshipping together once again. Pray for a new sense of urgency to reach out to lost family members, friends, coworkers, and strangers with the gospel of Christ. Central Taiwan's approximately 5 million people desperately need God's showers of blessings to fall, saturating hearts and minds with His mercy and grace, leading them to salvation.

•**Mebo of Laos (MEE-boh)** - The Mebo people are trained to do only what they are told to do. Taking initiative and engaging in critical thinking not only are not taught, but they are also, in many ways, discouraged. The Mebo are simply to believe what the authorities and their teachers tell them. This thinking crosses over into church thinking, as well. They are expected to leave the teaching and evangelism to the "paid professionals." At a small school owned and operated by Christians from another country, there is an effort underway to change that thinking and help the local Christians take responsibility for the discipleship and evangelism of their own country. Small Bible study groups are assigned one of the more mature local Christians, who is then given the responsibility of leading the small group study. These leaders meet once a week to discuss study plans, leadership principles, and ways to reach out to the local nonbelievers. Progress is slow, however. Pray for the Mebo, asking that they will break through cultural barriers for the sake of the gospel.

52 Sundays

*Celebrating the global impact our church is making through
Cooperative Program supported missions*



Price and Arrica Wright

Kansas City, Missouri

Let's pray now for Price and Arrica Wright.

They are two of our North American missionaries planting a new church in Kansas City, Missouri. Our church supports them through our Cooperative Program giving.

Price and Arrica planted the new church in Raytown, which is on the south side of Kansas City. They are just a few blocks from I-435.

Their church's name is New City Church Loma Vista, because it is part of New City Church which has groups in several other places in Missouri and Kansas.

Kansas City has become increasingly multi-cultural in recent years. A recent festival drew area residents who have moved here from more than 60 other nations.

Price and Arrica want to reach all of them for Christ— wherever they are from.

The new church has done well. They started with a launch team of 35 people — but that number tripled within a few months.

Price says they're eager to see what God is doing to do with them. He says they disciple new believers who will disciple more new believers.

Let's ask God to bless this new church and watch over Price and Arrica.



October 3, 2021
Coordinates with Resources: 10A

Valley Isle Fellowship Calendar

October 2021

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| 3 | 9:00 am | 1 st Worship Service - <i>Lord's Supper</i> | 13 | 5:00 pm | Reservations <i>close</i> |
| | 10:30 am | 2 nd Worship Service - <i>Lord's Supper</i> | | 7:00 pm | Youth Bible Study - <i>online</i> |
| | | Childcare/Sunday School (<i>Team #1</i>) | | | " <i>Studying God's Word...</i> " Session #7 |
| | 5:00 pm | Reservations <i>open</i> | 16 | 3:30 pm | Women's Ministry - NO session |
| 4 | 6:30 pm | Prayer Meeting - <i>online</i> | 17 | 9:00 am | 1 st Worship Service |
| 6 | 5:00 pm | Reservations <i>close</i> | | 10:30 am | 2 nd Worship Service |
| | 7:00 pm | Youth Bible Study - <i>online</i> | | | Childcare/Sunday School (<i>Team #2</i>) |
| | | " <i>Studying God's Word...</i> " Session #6 | | 5:00 pm | Reservations <i>open</i> |
| 7 | Registration Deadline - HPBC Women's Event - Gather In Love | | | | |
| 9 | 8:00-12 noon | MPD Kalo program-lanai&courtyd | 18 | 6:30 pm | Prayer Meeting - <i>online</i> |
| | 3:30 pm | Women's Ministry - " <i>Getting to Know the Holy Spirit</i> " - Session #4 | 20 | 5:00 pm | Reservations <i>close</i> |
| | | | | 7:00 pm | Youth Bible Study - <i>online</i> |
| | | | | | " <i>Studying God's Word...</i> " Session #8 |
| 10 | 9:00 am | 1 st Worship Service | 22 | 5:00-7:00 pm | HPBC Women's Event - Gather In Love |
| | 10:30 am | 2 nd Worship Service | 23 | 10:00 am | MCBA Annual Meeting - <i>online</i> |
| | | Childcare/Sunday School (<i>Team #2</i>) | | 3:30 pm | Women's Ministry - " <i>Getting to Know the Holy Spirit</i> " - Session #5 |
| | 12:30 pm | Trustees Meeting | 24 | 9:00 am | 1 st Worship Service |
| | 5:00 pm | Reservations <i>open</i> | | 10:30 am | 2 nd Worship Service |
| | | | | | Childcare/Sunday School (<i>Team #1</i>) |
| 11 | 6:30 pm | Prayer Meeting - <i>online</i> | | 5:00 pm | Reservations <i>open</i> |
| | | | 25 | 6:30 pm | Prayer Meeting - <i>online</i> |



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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

1st Worship Service - 9:00 am

2nd Worship Service - 10:30 am

*Childcare/Sunday School
for infants to grade 5
following 2nd service worship/praise time*

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Dangers of Leaving and Forgetting Judges 2

- I. _____ Message at Bokim. – *Judges 2:1-5*
- A. The _____ with His people.
 - B. Called to _____.
 - C. Disobedience brings _____.
 - D. Disaster brings _____.
- II. _____ Disobeys the Lord. – *Judges 2:10-15*
- A. Second generation _____ but still _____.
 - B. Second generation _____ and does _____ than the first generation.
 - C. Second generation _____ the Lord.
- III. Continuous disobedience leads to _____. – *Judges 2:16-23*
- A. Spiritual _____ means giving self to other _____.
 - B. _____ the solutions of the Lord's _____.
 - C. _____ of the Lord's commands brings _____.
 - D. Testing reveals our _____.
 - E. Testing also gives a chance to _____ and _____ the Lord.

Notes: