



Spotlight

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Aloha kakou,

Over the past few weeks in our Sunday sermon series, we have been addressing the elements of our salvation. In our study, we have sought to gain a greater understanding of these ten elements that we can become more dedicated to the Christ-life. But, with this greater knowledge comes a greater emphasis on allowing this incredible life that we have been given in Christ to grow and flourish according to God's direction.

In days past, we may have realized that our actions were of a routine or habitual following instead of a dynamic, Spirit-led relationship. When confronted with this truth, we generally have two choices: 1) choose to remain as we are, or 2) allow God to change us to His ways of life. May I encourage you in your choice? Allow God to change you!!

This incredibly rich life is very fragile – not in its plan (the plan is extremely secure!), but in its practical application. If we do not choose to allow God to control our new life in Christ, we can build a 'Christian-like' appearance that might look right on the outside, but on the inside it will be filled with an emptiness rooted in selfish desires, weak excuses and missed opportunities. This life, which can be so abundant, will turn out to be very frustrating and guilt-ridden, destroying the original plan that God Himself designed for you.

Let's break out of the old habits and empty promises to God and renew ourselves to the Christ-life. Strive to become the honorable disciple of Jesus Christ and raise others to be the same. If you are finding yourself further away from what you know God has in store, stop travelling down that road and turn back to Him. An empty façade is simply a worthless shell of what you can be in Christ. Leave that shell behind and move forward to victory in Jesus.

I want to help you in your journey as a disciple – please contact me and I will dedicate myself to helping you grow to your full potential in Christ. My focus is 'making disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, teaching them the Christ-life and reminding them that Jesus is always with them, every moment, every day, every decision until He takes us home.'

Mahalo from the depths of my heart for the opportunity to serve you as the pastor of Lahaina Baptist Church and may we all continue to grow in Him in the days ahead.

Until next month,

Aloha in Christ,

Pastor Chris

Navigating Through the Maze of Grief

Grieving comes as a result of loss of something or someone important to us. It may be a job, a hope, a dream, a friendship, or a person. Regardless of the loss or reason, God's Word promises hope and life in times of grief. We can grieve with the hope and knowledge that our God, the source of all comfort, is in control and knows our need. King David is an example of one, whose faith and trust were built on God's promises and strengthened because of his strong relationship with the Almighty God. We, too, can be assured that He is with us every step of the way as we lean on Him. As we endure trials, God is able to use us as an encouragement and comfort to others undergoing similar trials, thereby, helping them to also navigate through the maze of grief.

Join us every Sunday at 9 in April as we search God's Word and learn how to turn to God for hope in times of grief, recognize God's presence and receive His comfort, and become equipped to comfort others.

Scripture for the month of April:

Psalm 31:14 (New International Version, ©2011)

But I trust in you, LORD;

I say, "You are my God."



The Choir will be singing at Whaler's Village on Thursday April 21st at 7:00 PM, the Cannery Mall on Friday, April 22nd at 7:00 PM and at LBC on Sunday April 24th. Make your plans to come and support our choir as they proclaim the Gospel message in song this Easter.

April Birthdays:

- 5. Daphne Kegel
- 24. Steve Knight
- 26. Revi Shephard
- 30. Jody Waiohu

April Anniversaries:

- 4. David & Laura Hufalar
- 29. Hans & Lynn Becker

Please call the church office if we have missed your special day, so we can update our records.

The Marriage You've Always Wanted

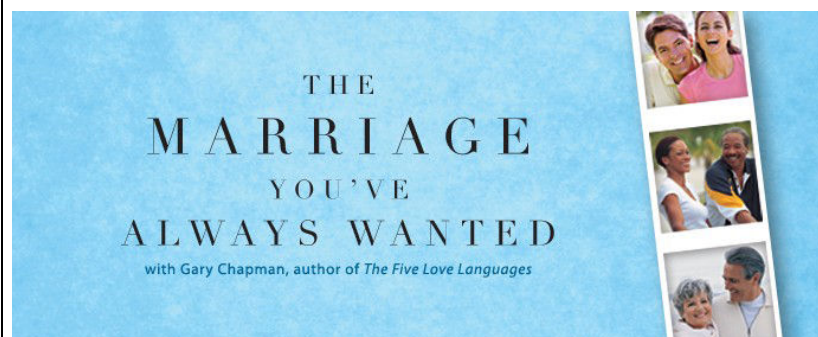
Dr. Gary Chapman

Coming to Maui

April 9, 2011

Kihei Baptist Chapel

You may still buy tickets at the door.





Silent Auction



Join us on Sunday, April 10th,

1:00 pm—5:00 pm

at the Lahaina Cannery Mall for a fundraiser for our Student Ministry

There will be hotel stays, dinners, art , luaus and much more.

Come and support our Youth.

You can change a student's life for eternity by supporting this event!

Also, please let the church office know or earmark your check "youth scholarship", if you would be willing to sponsor one of our students to go to Youth Camp.

The cost of camp is \$185.00.

Baptism

We will be having baptism on Sunday, April 17th at 505 Front Street immediately following the mid-morning worship. Afterwards we will have a time of food and fellowship at the church.



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LBC Schedule:
8:00 am Morning Worship
9:00 a.m. Bible Study
10:15 a.m. Mid-Morning Worship

Wednesday Night Live!
5:30 p.m. Dinner
6:00 p.m. Praise & Worship
6:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship
6:30 p.m. Bible Study

