



# Spotlight

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Aloha kakou,

Last month in the newsletter, I shared some of the vision and direction for the year ahead in which we as a church body will be working to be equipped to follow God's commission of making disciples in all that we do. This process is not according to any program or particular study, but it is deeply rooted in our knowledge of God, a greater knowledge of His Word and a stronger commitment to His ways. In this life with Christ, we need to embrace the joy, strength, guidance and providence of God and begin living the true victorious life.

As your pastor, I want you to know that I am committed to helping you to be all that Christ desires for you. He is constantly using our days to mold us as well as using us to reach those around us. He has chosen to deliver us from the bonds of sin and unrighteousness that we may have complete liberty to follow Him and be about His plans for our lives. I am fully convinced that the Christ-centered life fills all of the longings of the heart of mankind to find true purpose and meaning in life. Remember: He has given it all to us if we will just choose to receive it!

If you want to know more of how we can journey together to grow to our ultimate in Christ, please let contact me and let's talk about it. Let's not be satisfied with our day to day lives outside of God's will but let's strive for pinpoint accuracy in knowing and living in God's will. There is where we will find the greatest of all that He offers to us.

In the near future, the leadership team will also bring you more information on the direction of our church to expand in our ministerial staff. We want to have another full-time person on staff at LBC to assist and equip us in resort ministry, missions and student/family ministry. This exciting position is to help us grow more in disciple-making in our community and in our neighborhoods – where we live and work! God is providing for this position in the areas of financing and opportunity! Be looking for the times and dates of our Ohana meetings so you can be fully aware of all that God is doing through our ministries and how you can be involved.

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

## Confident Living in Difficult Times

Early Christians faced financial, social, economic, and emotional hardships, as well as persecution. Their faith was under fire. They needed to hold fast to God and His teachings, be prepared for action, maintain solid relationships with believers to survive, and be resolved to stay the course.

How blessed we are that they, indeed, were able to do that! We are the beneficiaries of their steadfastness to the truths of the teachings of Jesus Christ. Their faithfulness and resolve to stay the course, in spite of their hardships, resulted in the gospel being spread throughout the region and ultimately, the world. Will our friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, and people we encounter be able to say the same about us?

Join us on Sundays at 9 as we study 1 Peter and learn how to be steadfast, hold to the truths the scriptures reveal, and live confidently in difficult times.

Scripture for the month of March:

### **1 Peter 1:6-7 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)**

You rejoice in this, though now for a short time you have had to be distressed by various trials so that the genuineness of your faith—more valuable than gold, which perishes though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

### March Birthdays:

5. Steve Gaspar
9. Ace Green
15. Lori Arakawa
18. Vaelei Long
27. Melanie Gaspar  
Hailey Killett
28. Kevin Michaels
29. Jim Shephard

### March Anniversaries:

19. Steve & Melanie Gaspar

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

## Silent Auction

Join us on Sunday, April 10th,  
1:00—5:00pm

at the Lahaina Cannery Mall for a fundraiser for our Student Ministry. We are in need of items to be auctioned. Please see Nancy or Mark or call the church office for more details.



Aloha Potluck for John & Irene on Sunday, March 27th at 5:00 PM. Please come and show them your love and wish them a wonderful and warm "aloha". They will be greatly missed.



**The Choir will be singing at the Cannery Mall on Friday, April 22nd at 7:00 PM and at LBC on Sunday April 24th. Make your plans to come and see our choir proclaim the Gospel message in song.**

### The Marriage You've Always Wanted

Dr. Gary Chapman

Coming to Maui

April 9, 2011

Kihei Baptist Chapel

Register online at [www.hpbaptist.net](http://www.hpbaptist.net)

Early Bird Discount (thru March 7th) \$35

After March 7th \$45 At the Door \$50

I have information on the bulletin board in the back of the church.

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- 1] Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.
  - 2] Why is a car's WINDSHIELD so large and the rear view mirror so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, Look Ahead and Move on.
  - 3] Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
  - 4] All things in life are temporary. If going well, enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either.
  - 5] Old Friends are Gold! New Friends are Diamond! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you always need a Base of Gold!
  - 6] Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, "Relax, my child, it's just a bend, not the end!"
  - 7] When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.
  - 8] A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision!"
  - 9] When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
  - 10] WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES, it takes away today's PEACE.
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Have you ever noticed: when a family experiences health issues, the family usually comes together, but when a family experiences financial trouble, it often drives them apart? Do husbands and wives argue over what the doctor says to do regarding cancer? Why do they argue over how to spend their paychecks? Hasn't Jesus given us guidance? Isn't He an expert on this subject? Why do we act like that? What role does attitude play in all this?

“And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you.” Luke 12:29-31.

What do these verses say about where our heads and hearts need to be? If you are a Christian, why not start taking advantages of the benefits? You're entitled!

Don Sprinkle, Finance Committee chairperson.

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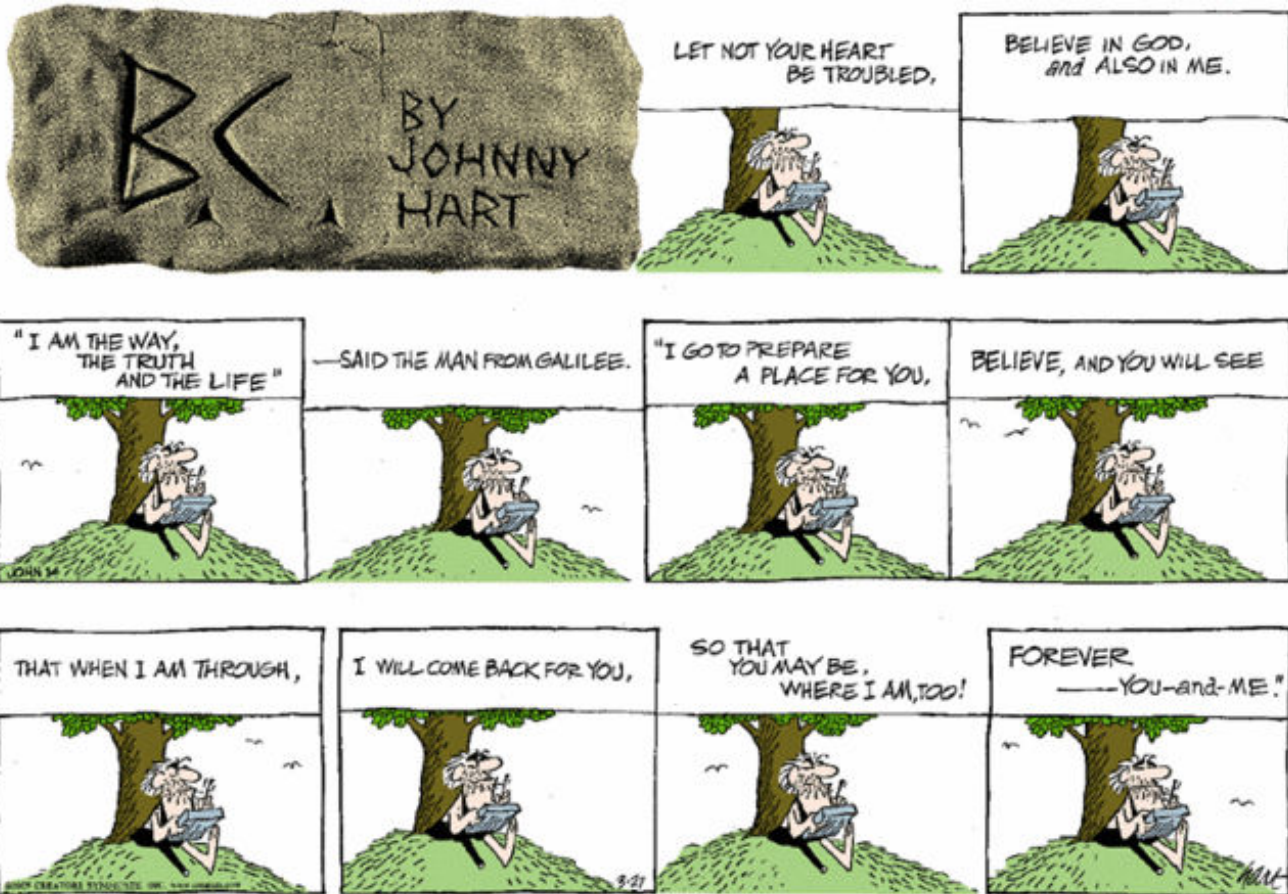
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LBC Schedule:  
8:00 am Morning Worship  
9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
10:15 a.m. Mid-Morning Worship

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



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