



# Spotlight

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## ***Pastor's Paragraphs:***

Time flies when you're having fun! This month has surely flown. It seems like last week the secretary asked me for my article for fast month. Here goes for this month. God is so good! Attendance is great on Sundays. Wednesday evenings are special. Last Wednesday we had 35 counting the children.

I've begun a series of sermons on principles of church growth. This Sunday, (August 7) we will learn about the *Gathering and Scattering*; On August 14, *Saints Serving*; and August 21, *The Taught Teaching*.

Come join us as we learn and activate these growth principles in our lives. The future of Lahaina Baptist Church depends on you and me as members doing our share and a little bit more.

The Pastor Search Committee is diligently gathering information from pastors which meet the guide lines the church gave them. It takes time to gather the information from the prospective pastors and evaluate it. Don't despair. God has a pastor for His church. Keep lifting your committee up in prayer.

Join me at church this Sunday and Wednesday as we worship and grow together,.

To God be the glory!

*Pastor Ed*



*August 7: Gathering and Scattering*

*August 14: Saints Serving*

*August 21; The Taught Teaching*

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# Pastor Search Update

by Mark DeColibus

*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you; plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me and I listen to you."*

Jeremiah 29:11

As we sit back, pray and watch God's plan unfold, I know in my heart that God has something very wonderful for us. We are getting close to almost two years that we have been without a pastor. God has been so good to us to bring us interims that have such great experience and wisdom while we go through the process of finding the right man for the job. God says "I know the plans I have for you." There is a reason we are waiting. We are like the Hebrews in the desert waiting for God's plan to unfold. I heard a good sermon this week called "Taking the first steps". It was a text out of John 5:1-18 about the lame man who was paralyzed for over 38 years. That is a long time to be sick and no one seemed to care. He went to the pool of Bethesda hoping that someday perhaps he might be healed. One day, Jesus came by and asked him, "Do you want to get well?" What would your response be to that question after being sick for 38 years? God had a plan for his life, but he needed to take the first step to get well. He had to put his faith into action and trust God for the results. I see us at this point. We are waiting, watching, seeking, wondering. Our expectations are high. We are getting close. Soon, like the lame man, something very great is going to happen and like the lame man, the waiting will be over and the new journey will begin. Jesus said, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." Jesus is encouraging us to "Get up—pick up our mat and walk." do our part,

step out in faith. Some are holding back, waiting and watching and then they say they will get on board. Some are holding back their tithe, others are not coming to church, some are not getting baptized, others are not getting involved. Jesus wants us to step out in faith now. Be involved and not wait until the new pastor comes. Ask the leaders of the church body "what can I do now for God's Kingdom" The lame man rose up and walked immediately. He didn't ask, "how do I do this, what if I get up and fall again, what if people watch me" He picked up his mat and walked! The greatest gift you can give, is to give yourself to God's work.

When a new pastor comes, he would like to see that members are already doing their part. We have now over 125 applications, they are coming in from all over the country. Many are very, very qualified with pastor experience, Master degrees in Divinity, or higher, years of experience as a pastor and a heart to serve the Lord. We are in the process of reviewing every single application, one by one. Only the top candidates are being asked to send an audio or visual DVD. If they meet with the expectations of the committee, we are following up with a 33-questionnaire document to fill out. We are also doing reference checks, etc. Next we will do phone interviews and then, once the committee is in full agreement, we will chose one man to come in a view of a call. There is still much to be done. We ask that you pray for us everyday. We must trust God for the outcome and know that He is in full control. "When our minds are stayed on God, we won't be worried about the future, because we know it is in His hands. We won't tremble over what might happen, because our lives are built upon the solid rock of Christ. When we worry, we deny our Guide the right to lead us forward in confidence and peace."

Let's take that giant step forward and do our share to prepare for the soon arrival of our new pastor.

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## Aren't You Glad These Aren't the Names of Hymns? or Hymns the Way We'd Name Them If We Were Honest

- ?? I Surrender, Some
- ?? Oh, How I Like Jesus
- ?? He's Quite a Bit to Me
- ?? I Love to Talk about Telling the Story
- ?? Take My Life and Let Me Be
- ?? Where He Leads Me, I Will Consider Following
- ?? Just As I Pretend to Be
- ?? When the Saints Go Sneaking In
- ?? Sit Up, Sit Up for Jesus
- ?? A Comfy Mattress Is Our God
- ?? Self-Esteem to the World, The Lord Is Come
- ?? Oh, for a Couple of Tongues to Sing
- ?? Amazing Grace, How Interesting the Sound
- ?? Go, Tell It on the Speed Bump
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- ?? Praise God, from Whom All Affirmations Flow
- ?? My Hope Is Built on Nothing Much
- ?? O, God, Our Enabler in Ages Past
- ?? I Lay My Inappropriate Behavior on Jesus
- ?? Pillow of Ages, Fluffed for Me
- ?? All Hail the Influence of Jesus' Name!
- ?? When Peace, Like a Trickle
- ?? I'm Fairly Certain that My Redeemer Lives
- ?? We Give Thee but Still Think We Own
- ?? What an Acquaintance We Have in Jesus
- ?? My Faith Looks Around for Thee
- ?? Joyful, Joyful We Think Thee Pretty Good
- ?? Blessed Hunch
- ?? Above Average Is Thy Faithfulness
- ?? Spirit of the Living God, Fall Somewhere Near Me
- ?? Blest Be the Tie That Doesn't Cramp My Style
- ?? Lord, Keep Us Loosely Connected to Your Word

# 9th Annual Maui Christian Men's Camp

September 22,23,24 at Honolua Field

(Across from D.T. Fleming Beach)

Great teaching based on God's Word,  
joyous praise & worship., non-athletic camp Olympics,  
ono grinds and good fellowship.

Guest speaker: Robert L. Vernon. Assistant Chief of  
Police (Retired) Los Angeles Police Department.

Pre-register by July 31, 2005 and save.

Group rate (12 or more) \$45.00 each.

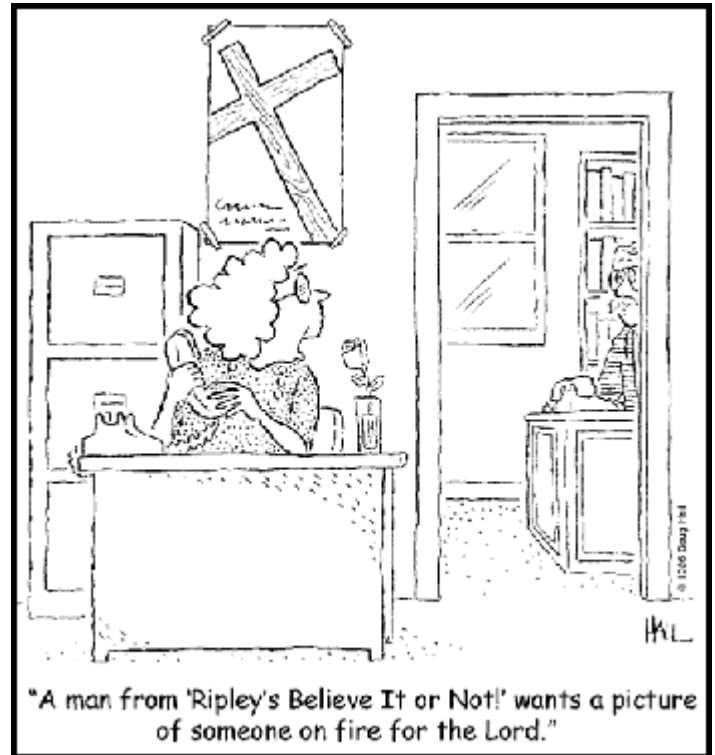
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Pre-register non-group rate \$50.00 each.

Registering after July 31st \$60.00 each.

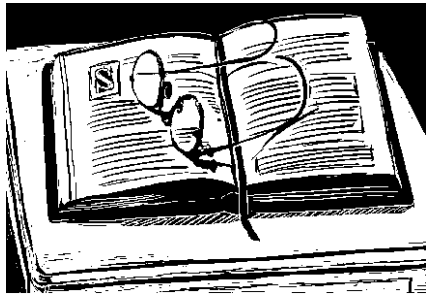
All registrations include t-shirt

Call the church office at 661-3725 for more information



*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart,  
working for the Lord, not for men. Col 3:23*

**Needed:** Nursery and preschool extended session worker.  
Please call the church office with the Sunday you are able  
to serve



**Neighborhood Bible study:** Monday nights at 7:00  
pm at the home of Tom & Vicki Shoquist, 614 Silversword  
Drive on Pineapple Hill.

For more info, please call 665-5831.

**A Woman's Journey through Esther**, this 8-week  
study started on Wednesday, July 27 at 11:30 am,  
at Kaanapali Royal, J 201.

For more info, please call Vicki at 665-5831

## Wisdom (You Won't Find in the Book of Proverbs)

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- ?? Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
- ?? Drive carefully; it's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.
- ?? Never buy a car you can't push.
- ?? Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.
- ?? Nobody cares if you can't dance well—just get up and dance.
- ?? Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.
- ?? The second mouse gets the cheese.
- ?? When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- ?? Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.
- ?? We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp; some are pretty; and others are dull. Some have weird names, and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.
- ?? A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

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LBC Schedule:  
9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
10:15 a.m. Morning Worship Celebration

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

Thursday:  
6:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship

# Heart To Heart

We would expect King David to be extremely upset, because his enemies were scheming to dethrone him. Yet in Psalm 62 he testified that his soul was quietly confident before God. How was this possible in the midst of such turmoil? Verse 8 offers a clue—one I discovered for myself several years ago.

I had just returned home, weary, alone, and at my wit's end. As I began pouring out my woes before God. I suddenly stopped myself and said, "Father, forgive me. I'm treating You like a counselor!" But the torrent of words flowed on, followed by the same embarrassing apology. Then God's Spirit whispered deep within, "I am your Great Counselor."

But of course! Hadn't He, the Creator of my physical and spiritual makeup, also created the emotional part of me? How reasonable, then, to spread out my ragged feelings before Him. Then came His comforting, corrective counsel, ministered skillfully by the Holy Spirit through His Word. My problems didn't evaporate. But like David, I could rest in God alone. I was at peace again.

Never hesitate to pour out your heart to God. In your day of trouble, you'll find that prayer is the shortest route between your heart and God's —Joannie Yoder

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