April 19, 2009

TODAY'S MESSAGES

A.M.  A Traveler's Guide To Heaven
Speaker:  Don Poole
Scripture:  1 Peter 1:14-19

P.M.  You can run but you can't hide.
Speaker:  Ionatana Paga
Scripture:  Jonah 1:1-6

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MEETING TIMES

SUNDAY:
Bible class - 9:30am
Worship - 10:55am
Worship - 6:00pm

WEEKLY:
Wed. Bible class - 7:00pm

Church of Christ at Honolulu
would like to extend a warm welcome to all our family, friends & visitors. We hope we are able to help you worship the Almighty in spirit and in truth.

CHURCH OF CHRIST AT HONOLULU

‘Shout with joy to God, all the earth!
Sing the glory of his name;
make his praise glorious!’
Psalm 66:1-2 niv
We Live in a Worldly Society  
by Tom Smith

Many people have turned to the world as a way of life. There's no use trying to “con” anyone. Worldly things do make people feel good and provide a means of escape from what they really need: God. However, that food feeling and escapism is only temporary. It doesn't last. No matter how long we run, when it is over we still must face the judgment. Running from God will never solve it. We may prolong it or make it worse, but it won't go away.

I'm not just talking off the top of my head. I've been associated with people who have been running from God all their life. You may have reached that lonely time in your life when you feel empty, useless, unloved, unwanted and unnecessary. So, what are you going to do about it? Bury your head in the sand and hope the feeling will disappear, try an artificial filler such as drugs, or stand on your own two feet and deal with things realistically, as God would have you do.

Everyone gets that vacant feeling at some point in his or her life. You are not the only one to go through this. The only difference is that some people know where to turn for help. You must learn that solutions to life's problems do come from the “far-out-world”. The answer comes through a four letter word spelled L-V-E. It is through God's Love that people like yourself have come to grips with problems. They've learned that it's the “greatest thing in the world to be a Christian”, because in Jesus you can find the love, care, concern and understanding necessary to fulfill our human needs.

The Bible itself is the most valuable source of help in facing the problem of the world in our lives. It really can be a good life if we want it to be despite all the problems. 2 Peter 1:3 tells us that God hath given us “all things that pertain unto life and godliness”. Let's put the blame where it really belongs. What we are actually talking about is a PEOPLE problem not a world problem. People make the world problem what it is by letting the world gain control of their lives, thus, they lose control and are unable to face reality.

I have found a set of guidelines which can help if you will use them in your life as you face the temptation of the world.

1. Think Positive! Life is not dull. Everything that is fun is not a no no. You can enjoy life and feel good about it by using the Word of God as your guideline.
2. Fill Your Life With joy: Hold your head up with enthusiasm. Don’t let the world drag you down.
3. Get involved: You get out of anything exactly what you put into it. If you are not willing to sacrifice, don’t expect life to be a rose garden. That’s why religion is dull to some people, they don’t put anything in it.
4. Discipline Yourself: Control your own life. Don’t allow the world to rule you.
5. Be your own person not a reactor to other worldly people.
6. Handle everything with prayer.

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- MEN’S MEETING today at 4:00 PM.
- FINGER FOOD FELLOWSHIP tonight after evening worship.
- The CHRIST CADETS will be decorating hard boiled eggs Sunday, April 26th, to give as gifts to people. If you would like to donate a carton of raw eggs or a loaf of bread for this activity, a sign up sheet is posted on the back table. Donations will be greatly appreciated.
- MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE meeting at 4:30 PM on Sunday, April 26.
- FAMILY ENCAMPMENT - There has been a change in location. NBW location to be determined soon. Camp is hosted by the Kailua congregation.
- ALOHA CHRISTIAN CAMP is in need of teachers for the Jr. Girls and Jr. Boys. See Steve Kahn if you are interested.

F ed My Sheep

- Bryan Salaz has decided to put on Christ in baptism on Sunday, April 5. Congratulations!
- POSTAGE INCREASE - from $0.42 to $0.44, price effective Monday, May 11, 2009. Get your forever stamps now!
- Breana Corea (daughter of Bruce Rentie) has invited church members to attend the scattering service of the late Bruce Rentie. It will be held on Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at the Ala Moana beach park at 5:00pm scattering to follow at sunset. Please RSVP to Breana if you plan to attend. See bulletin board for details. Thank you.

RE MEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Grace and Ralph Schultz for health concerns; Brenda Duong Justin Pham’s mother, struggling with stress and personal issues; Ann Harris and the Rentie family with the recent passing of Bruce Rentie; Wally Lee for ongoing health concerns; Wally and Charlene Lee’s good friend Tawny Wong passed away from cancer, remember her husband Tim and kids; Philip Lee recovering from knee surgery; Graham McKay recovering from heart surgery; Honolulu’s Evangelist Bobb; Loretta Lee’s friend Kathy who has stage 4 ovarian cancer; Doug Davidson as he undergoes treatments.

Travelers: Charlene Blair for safe travels to Chicago 4/20-24; Kathy Smith (in OK until June).
Deployed: Col. Kurt Zuehlke
Praises: Bryana Salaz was baptized; Baby Kaedyn Lewis is now at home doing well.

(If anyone wants to send cards and need the address of any of those on the prayer list, you may call the office and I’ll try to get one for you.)