DIVINE INTERRUPTIONS

Experts agree that a staggering amount of time is consumed each day by interruptions. Whether at work or at home, a phone call or an unexpected visit can easily deflect us from what we feel is our main purpose.

Not many of us like disruptions in our daily lives, especially when they cause inconvenience or a change of plans. But Jesus treated what appeared to be interruptions in a far different way. Time after time in the Gospels, we see the Lord stop what He is going to help a person in need.

While Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem, where He would be crucified, a blind man begging by the side of the road called out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” (Luke 18: 35-38). Some in the crowd told him to be quiet, but he kept calling out to Jesus. Jesus stopped and asked the man, “What do you want me to do for you?” “Lord, I want to see,” he replied. Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has healed you.” (vv. 41-42).

When our plans are interrupted by someone who genuinely needs help, we can ask the Lord for wisdom in how to respond with compassion. What we call an interruption may be a divine appointment the Lord has scheduled for that day.

INSIGHT: In Acts 8 there is another example of divine interruption.

Phillip had a fruitful ministry in Samaria (Acts 8: 4-25), so he may have wondered why God would tell him to leave and take “the desert road — that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza” (v.26). In obedience, Phillip took the road few used. But God had sovereignly arranged for Phillip to meet with an Ethiopian — a Gentile who himself had embarked on a long journey as he earnestly sought after God (v. 27). Phillip made contact with the Ethiopian just as he was reading a prophecy about Jesus (vv. 28-34). The man believed in Christ and Phillip baptized him on the spot (vv. 36-38). Imagine how Phillip must have felt when he realized he had been sent out on a divine assignment of leading a person to faith in Christ! Phillip being on the road less traveled was no accident; he was there by divine leading.

What might the Lord be prompting you to do today?
UPCOMING EVENTS

HUALALAI ELDERLY SOUP KITCHEN - Food Distribution Event
(Auntie's Angels Soup Kitchen)
November 18th @ 10:30am-1:30pm at the Phase II Community Center
Volunteers & Food Donations Needed! Sign up in the ante-foyer
For more information please see Linda Allen

MEN’S BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4th
@ 8AM
ON THE CHURCH LANAI
SIGN UP IN THE ANTE-FOYER

A SURVEY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT
presented by Pastor Sean Cowin
Exploring the books and themes of the New Testament for a broader and deeper understanding.
November Topics:
11/05: Hebrews, James
11/12: 1 & 2 Peter, Jude
11/19: 1,2,3 John
11/26: Revelations

Thanksgiving Fellowship
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2017
11:30AM — 2:30PM
It's Potluck, so please sign up and let us know what you're planning to bring.

Kona Baptist Church
TEAM UPDATES

CALLING ALL KEIKI!

Mission Friends, RAs and GAs meet Wednesday evenings @ 6pm. This is a great time for the Keiki to fellowship and learn more about the Lord. Hope to see you there!!

WORSHIP TEAM

If you would like to do a Special during the offering, please sign up! There is a sign up sheet available in the ante-foyer. Please see Kenny Tagavilla if you have any questions.

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth have been enjoying their Wednesday evening meetings so much that they have requested to extend the meeting to 2 hours (6pm-8pm)! It is great to see the Youth enjoying their time together. They are continuing their study on Developing A Biblical Mindset About Money and are developing valuable skills and knowledge in this area.

During Sunday School, the youth are continuing to study the book of John. Please continue to encourage and pray for our Youth.

“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.” 1 Timothy 4:12

Please continue to pray for the Deacons, the Pastor Search Committee and the Admin Committee as they continue to diligently serve the Church, follow God’s will, and pray over the applications that are being submitted.

EVANGELISM-MISSIONS TEAM

“We are currently looking to re-build our Evangelism-Missions Team. Pastor Dean’s wife, Rhonda, was the team leader and I’ve stepped up to lead and keep the team alive! This team reaches out to people with the love of Christ and the good news! The next team meeting will be announced, stay tuned! If you feel led to join the Evangelism-Missions Team or would like more info please feel free to come to our next meeting or contact me directly” - Tia Tagavilla

*Special Update: Iglesia Bautista Ebenezer Carne Asada Fundraiser*

The fundraiser was a delicious event that raised a total of $2,333.33!! The funds will be utilized as follows: $1,800 will be going to support a Pastor Cristino Pereira in a rural Mission called Tecapan. Pastor Cristino is graduating from seminary in July 2018 and will be moving to the church at that time. The donation will be divided up into $300 installments over a period of 6 months and given to him by Iglesias Bautista Peniel, the local home church in San Miguel El Salvador under the supervision of Pastor Luis Sanchez. Pastor Cristino is a member of that church and they will help and support him to accomplish God’s call to that mission and in his life. Another $500 is going to the BVS at Las Lunas and Tecapan to be administered by Pastor Luis Sanchez as well. A sincere THANK YOU to everyone who donated!
ALOHA Church! "Tia Tagavilla here!!" Thank you all for rising to the occasion and BEING the church at our 6th Annual Hallelujah Harvest Festival! It was a true success and came together smooth and efficiently because of everyone’s willingness and faithfulness to serve. God’s light was evident throughout and definitely shined through to our community. We had about 500 people pass through and a good 100-150 that stayed almost all night! Definitely a lot of new faces this year and many familiar returning families! Looking forward to see what the Lord has in store for our outreach next year! It was a pleasure serving as your 2017 HHF Chairman! Mahalo!

“Let your light shine so people everywhere may see your good actions & praise God in heaven because of it.”
Matthew 5:16
CHURCH WORK DAY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14th

Thank you to everyone who came to the Church Work Day and lent a helping hand! Shrubs were trimmed, grass was mowed, weeds were pulled, faucets were installed and much more. The Church grounds reflect all of your hard work, thank you!

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10

OCTOBER SERMON HIGHLIGHTS:

Preaching for Community Transformation - Acts 2: 43-47
Pastor Roberto Villatoro
Too many churches do not experience community transformation because the people in the pews are not ready to be genuine disciples of Jesus Christ.

Proposition: You will see our community at KBC transformed when more people commit to the spiritual disciplines of an authentic follower of Jesus, as evidenced by continual repentance to the Gospel message.

You must be ready for total life transformation:
- A. We will experience the mighty hand of God when everyone obeys Christ
- B. You must share your life with your church family
- C. You must see the need in your church family

Making the Most of Grace - Titus 2:11-14
Pastor Bruce Pratt
“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, Righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, the He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.”

Grace is God’s unmerited favor; giving us what we do not deserve. G od’s R iches A t C hrist’s E xpense
Making the Most of Grace (cont.)

Four Responses to God’s Grace:
1) Accept Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord (v.11)
   • Even our ability to believe is a function of God’s grace. “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not works, lest anyone should boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9
   • God loves us, but since His love includes His justice He couldn't save us just through His love
   • His grace, His unmerited favor, is demonstrated in that He sent His Son to die for us and be raised again the third day
2) Live a yielded life (v.12)
   • Three avenues in which God’s grace teaches us: Holy Spirit, Scripture, other believers
   • Deny or disown ungodliness and lusty endeavors
   • Pursue living soberly, uprightly, and godly (inward, manward & Godward)
   • Parallel Colossians 3:8-1: “But now you yourselves must put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.”
3) Maintain a Hopeful Outlook (v.13)
   • Looking - eagerness, expectation
   • Bold proclamation to our great God and Savior Jesus Christ
4) Passion for His program (v.14)
   • We are redeemed, no longer slaves to sin (Romans 6:6)
   • Purify and Zealous aka passionate

Preaching Through Resistance - Acts 3:1-10
Pastor Roberto Villatoro

A worldly church has no power to transform people’s lives and had no desire to reach people in need.

How do your daily spiritual disciplines impact needy people?
   • You must use the spiritual power within you to reach out to those in need around you.
   • You must encounter and engage people in need.

Who holds you accountable to your spiritual disciplines and spiritual walk? If you do not have someone, find a believer to challenge your walk.

It’s easy to see the defects or what can be done better. Are you willing to step up and make it better?

The ninth hour of prayer:
   • Jesus taught the disciples how to pray. The Apostles had experienced the power of prayer, the power of the Holy Spirit descends on them as they prayed and they were filled with the great commission
   • Jesus took on the sin of the world in death
   • Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed His last breath. At that moment the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

If you are to make a difference in this world and in this church, start with communication with God in prayer, individually and corporately.

Are you making this place of worship known as a house of prayer? If your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, are you known as a house of prayer?
What is the Church?
Pastor Rob Thommarson

1) The Church is a Family - “…you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of God’s household.” Ephesians 2:19; also 1 Timothy 5:1-2

Q: How well do we love one another? Do we forgive one another? Are we good at encouraging each other? On a scale of 1-10, as a Church, how are we doing with these? As an individual, how well are you doing these?

2) The Church is a Body - “Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We each have different gifts according to the grace given us.” Romans 12:4-6

Q: What percentage of the members are involved in serving in the ministries of the Church? How many members are using their spiritual gift(s) in an appropriate place of service in the church? Does a humble attitude of helping others succeed in their ministries permeate the church? On a scale of 1-10, as a Church, how are we doing with these? As an individual, how well are you doing these?

3) The Church is a Flock - “To the elders among you…be Shepards of God’s flock…serving as overseers.” 1 Peter 5:1-2; also John 10:1-30

Q: Do we expect the pastors and leaders to equip us to do the ministry of the church, or do it all themselves? How willing are we to follow the lead and direction of the pastor and leaders of our church? Are leaders rising up within our church? On a scale of 1-10, as a Church, how are we doing with these? As an individual, how well are you doing these?

4) The Church is a Fellowship - “They devoted themselves to the Apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship.” Acts 2:42. “Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” Ephesians 4:3 “Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those you oppose you.” Philippians 1:27-28

Q: Is there a prevailing attitude of mutual submission toward one another? Do we see acts of servant-hood being demonstrated through the church? Is personal sacrifice for one another a regular part of our church? On a scale of 1-10, as a Church, how are we doing with these? As an individual, how well are you doing these?
WHAT’S HAPPENING WEEKLY

SUNDAY
9:00am  Sunday School
10:15am  Worship Service
6:00pm  Evening Service
        A Survey of the New Testament

WEDNESDAY
6:00pm  Mission Friends
        Girls in Action
        Royal Ambassadors
        Youth Group  (6pm-8pm)
        Prayer Meeting
        Adult Bible Study
7:00pm  Christmas Musical practice

VERSE OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER 2017
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know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance
in the saints.” Ephesians 1:18
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