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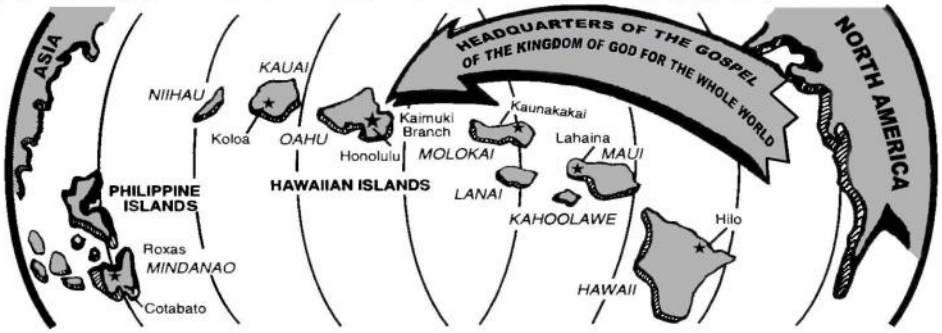

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And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. John 1:14

Gospel Message

The Author of Eternal Salvation

By Associate Pastor Ivan Spotkaeff

There are many people in the world today who have studied the bible but have yet to come to the knowledge of the truth *(II Timothy 3:7)*. Some churches say that you need to be born again *(John 3:3)*, but then they stop right there and don't go further into the scriptures to explain about how to be born again, saying that all you need to do is believe *(Mark 16:16)* without carrying out the works of baptism. Some churches understand that you need to be baptized, but they baptize using the titles that God is known by instead of using his name, Jesus *(Matthew 28:19)*.

Here in The Apostolic Faith Church, we don't stop at *John 3:3,* we continue. In *John 3:4,* when Nicodemus asked *"How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb and be born?"* we find the meaning of being born again in *John 3:5,* "*Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."* We know that being born of the water means to be baptized by immersion, fully under the water *(Mathew 3:16)*, in the name of Jesus Christ *(Acts 8:16; Acts 10:48; Acts 19:5)*. We know that Jesus is the only saving name: *"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved (Acts 4:12)."* We know that being born of the spirit means to be filled with the Lord's Holy Spirit which is only evidenced by speaking in that unknown tongue or language *(Acts 2:1-4)*. We also know that we need to live a life free from sin until Jesus returns for us *(Romans 6:18-23; Titus 2:11-13)*.

This Gospel of Eternal Salvation was provided to us thru much pain and anguish by our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus had to overcome his suffering to be obedient to his plan of salvation *(Hebrews 5:8)*. He established our eternal salvation when he died on the cross as the perfect sacrifice for all those who would obey him *(Hebrews 5:9)*. He became our unchanging eternal high priest making intercession on our behalf should we sin *(Hebrews 5:10; Hebrews 7:24-25; 1 John 2:1)*. There is much to learn about Jesus, but some are slow to hear *(Hebrews 5:11)*. There are those who have been learning about Jesus for so long that they should be able to teach others about him by now, but instead, they need someone to teach them the true meaning of the gospel of salvation. They need to be baptized the right way according to *John 3:5* and *Acts 2:38*, which states, *"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost"* before they can comprehend the deeper words of the Lord *(Hebrews 5:12)*. Until you are saved the correct way, you will still need to hear the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, like a baby in need of milk *(Hebrews 5:14)*. Once we have been baptized in Jesus name by immersion and filled with his Holy Spirit, we will be able to grow in the knowledge of Jesus, whose Holy Spirit will help us to correctly comprehend the deeper words of the Lord and judge between good and evil *(Hebrews 5:14)*. Jesus is truly the author of eternal salvation who provides the way for us to be free from our sins and who will also preserve us until his coming *(II Peter 1:4-11)*!

Editorial

Shaking and Rattling!

By Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr.

At times we feel like our bones are shaking and rattling. Perhaps they are! A young man or woman has approximately two hundred bones, forming the human skeleton. Are you in awe over the number of bones in your frame? You should be! The Psalmist tells us, *"For thou hast possessed my reins: Thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: Marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well (Psalms 139:13,14)."*

For our bodies to function properly, all our bones are needed, working in perfect harmony. So, too, is the "body of Christ." The "body of Christ," that is the church, is a many-membered body. *"For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many" (I Corinthians 12:12-14).*

With that in mind, one then can assume, presume, or deduce that, we need every member of the "body of Christ," and the church needs the help of everyone. While that is true, the Lord needs the help from all those, whose hearts are right and those willing to put their shoulder to the "Gospel Wheel" in progressing the Lord's work forward.

The importance of the heart is stressed throughout the *Word of God*. It is from the heart that the mouth speaks. A child of God is only able to keep his/her heart with all diligence through the Holy Spirit that dwells within. *Proverbs 4:23*, tells us, *"Keep thy heart with all diligence; For out of it are the issues of life."* Jesus, in relaying one of His many parables, said, *"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh" (Luke 6:45).*

In ones' workplace, at home or church, one can definitely relate to the four different bones I'd like to share with you. Here they are:

1. The "WISHBONES": Those who spend all their time wishing others would do the work.
2. The "JAWBONES": Those who do a great deal of talking, but do little or worse, nothing at all.
3. The "KNUCKLEBONES": Those who knock everything others do or are trying to do.
4. The "BACKBONES": Finally, those who get under the load and do the work!

The question is, "What kind of bone are you?" Prayerfully, one can answer without reservation, "I'm a BACKBONE!" The Lord needs faithful workers, willing and able to do His work. One must have the bones of optimism, industry, and Spiritual patience, with the train of thought that, *"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13).*

As Aaron and Hur lifted up the hands of Moses during the battle with the Amalekites *(Exodus 17:8-12),* so, too, must all God's children, lift up the hands of His servants and all those who are baptized into the body of Christ. Jesus exhorts and encourages all to be in unity, one heart, one mind, and one accord, for where there is unity, there is strength and where there is strength, there is victory!

Ezekiel received a vision from God of the valley of dry bones *(Ezekiel 37:1-14).* Today, these bones are widely known in songs and verse, which in part say, "Dem bones, dem bones gonna walk aroun, now hear the *Word of the Lord!"* For all those who will not hear and heed the *Word of the Lord,* one can be sure that on "Judgement Day" not only ones' heart will be failing for fear, but in all probability, ones' bones will be shaking and rattling!

Soul baptized in Jesus Name

Hope Kealohanui
9-6-2026
Oahu

"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."
Acts 2:38

Babies Blessed

JEVEE C. ESCOPALAO was born on December 23, 2024 at Rotorua Hospital, New Zealand. He weighed 5.7 lbs and was 18.5 inches in length. Parents are Bro. & Mrs. Jeremias (Vanessa) Escopalao. Paternal grandparents are the late Bro. & Sis. Prudencio (Merlinda) Escopalao. Maternal grandparent is Mrs. Araceli Casiple. Jevee was blessed on August 30, 2026 by Pastor Hanibal Aspera at the Balogo Branch Church, Cotobato, Philippines.

Balogo Branch Church

Bi-Annual 89th Youth Service

By Sis. Deborah Aspera

September 27, 2026, Sunday, the day of the Balogo Branch Church Bi-Annual 89th Youth Service. The service opened with the "Lord's Prayer" led by Pastor Hanibal Aspera and followed by an opening song. Our Youth Announcer was none other than Bro. Gian Carl Reyes Cepeda, a Hi Teen student, 1st year College student taking up Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Biosystem Engineering and is the son of Sis. Annabelle Cepeda, doing a great job in announcing the program.

The Youth Orchestra selections were "Jesus Will Give You Rest" and "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes." The Youth Choir sang, "No Night There" and "Sing To Me Of Heaven." Our Instrumentalist was Sis. Kezia Aspera playing "Look To The Lamb Of God." Our Vocal group consisted of Bro. Jayvee Ynion, Bro. Gian Cepada, Bro. Daniel Penaranda, Sis. Lara Ynion and Sis. LJ Ingatan, serenading the saints with the beautiful song "Bless The Lord."

The Youth Preacher for that day was Sis. Keth Jessa Anne P. Cubar, an adult Choir Member, and daughter of Sis. Annabelle Cepeda. Sis. Keth Jessa most inspiring message is guided by God's Holy Spirit as she preached the pure word of God.

Thank you Jesus for the blessed Youth Service, it is indeed the Young People's pleasure to serve the Lord.

L-R: Bro. Gian Carl Cepeda (Youth Announcer), Pastor Hannibal Aspera & Sis. Keth Jessa Anne Cubar (Youth Preacher)

The Sunday School Youth participants with Balogo Pastor Hannibal & Sis. Deborah Aspera

Instrumental L-R: Bro. Charles William Aspera, Sis. Kezia Aspera and Bro. Gian Carl Cepeda

Youth Choir

Vocal Group L-R: Sis. Lara Ynion, Sis. LJ Ingatan, Bro. Gian Cepeda, Bro. Daniel Penaranda & Bro. Jayvee Ynion

Youth Orchestra

President Roxas Branch Church 55th Youth Service

Standing on What is Just and True Until Jesus Come

By Pastor Vesper Aspera

L-R: Pastor Vesper T. Aspera, Sis. Gavrielle Angela Aspera (Youth Announcer) & Sis. Maribel Aspera (Preacher)

The President Roxas Branch Church in the island of Mindanao, Philippines joyfully celebrated its 55th Youth Service, a meaningful gathering filled with music, worship, and the powerful *Word of God.*

The song service lifted the hearts of the congregation through the Church Orchestra, Youth Choir, Instrumentalists, and Vocal trio. songs such as "Our Best," "Loyalty to Christ," "Arise, O Youth of God," "Be Ye Doers of the Word," and "Hallelujah" reminded everyone to give their best to Jesus, remain loyal to Him, rise in faith, and live according to *His Word.*

The highlight of the service was the inspiring message of Sis. Maribel Aspera, entitled "Standing on What Is Just and True until Jesus Come." She reminded the saints that although the world and human opinions may change, *God's Word* remains true and unchanging. Every believer was encouraged not only to hear the Word, but to obey it, stand for righteousness, remain faithful, and endure until the end.

Indeed, the 55th Youth Service was a beautiful reminder to stand on what is just, stand on what is true, and stand faithfully for Jesus Christ until He comes. To God be all the glory! Amen!

Youth Orchestra

Youth Choir

Instrumental L-R: Bro. Jhon Earl Aspera & Sis. Alona Provido (ukulele), Bro. Greame Aspera (xylophone) & Bro. Seth Michael Aspera (guitar)

Vocal Trio L-R: Sis. Nathalie Fortin, Bro. Layman Jay Masaglang & Sis. Francheska Cordero

Pres. Roxas Pastor Vesper Aspera with the Sunday School Youth participants

In Memoriam

By Kauai Pastor Leonard K.Y. Asano, Sr.

September 17, 1950-July 23, 2026. Age: 76

Family members, friends, and members of the Apostolic Faith Church, assembled on Tuesday, September 29, 2026, for the Celebration of Life for the late Sis. WendyCheryl K. Akau. The service was held at the Mililani Memorial Park and Mortuary, Mauka chapel, Oahu, Hi., with Kauai Pastor Leonard K.Y. Asano, Sr., of the Apostolic Faith Church, Kauai Branch officiating.

Sis. Wendy Akau passed away on Thursday, July 23, 2026, at the age of 76. She is survived by her former husband James Akau, Sr., Sons; James Kimo (Nova) Akau, Jr., and Jason (Crystal) Akau, two grandchildren Tatum and Keali'i Akau, and Sisters; Lynnette (David) Kanoa, and Cindy (Michael) Yamashita. She is predeceased by her parents Winfred (Sonny) and Harriet Low, and eldest sister and brother-in-law, Sheila (Speedy) Touli.

Sis. Akau endured the hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, *(II Timothy 2:3),* that others may obtain the salvation which is in Jesus Christ alone. She was baptized in the year 1957 at the age of 7, and filled with Holy Ghost in June 1979, overflowingly by speaking in the unknown tongue *(Acts 2:1-4).* Jesus uniquely distributes the spiritual gifts for the betterment of the Church. In her adult life Sis. Wendy was blessed with the Gift of Interpretation purposed to edify, exhort and comfort the Body of Christ *(I Corinthians chapters 12, 13, and 14).* She desired to strive to see His Church live in the Joy of God's spirit and thus she coveted the righteousness of God and desired to be led in the path of a "more excellent way *(I Corinthians 12:31)."* She actively participated to advance the Gospel of Jesus Christ globally and in the State of Hawaii through participation. She was a staff writer for the Kingdom of God Crusader Newsletter. She participated in the children's Sunday School as a Monitor, and substitute teacher. She was a member of the music department and participated in the choir and orchestra that promoted the Gospel through the Kingdom of God Television ministry. She was an active prayer warrior and held a daily hour of prayer at the Kaimuki branch church prayer tower. Along with other saints, she volunteered in keeping the Kaimuki branch church grounds immaculate. She also designed and assembled floral arrangements for the Temple and Kaimuki branch. She labored whole heartedly for the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. She loved to share her life with Jesus with others. Compassion led the way, and she never imposed her will. Jesus was real to her and she hoped others would share in that experience with her. She spoke to anyone that would listen! Hence, she may in her lifetime have walked and talked and entertained angels while sharing Jesus with others *(Hebrews 13:2).* Her generosity in word and deed for the House of God is numerous and leave many in awe! She kept these words of Jesus as frontlets, *"...Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself (Luke 10:27)."* Yes! Heaven came down and God's glory filled her life!

After 32 years of diligent service, Sis. Wendy Akau retired from being employed at the Bank of Hawaii in 2005. Her due diligence as an employee of the Bank of Hawaii set the pace for her new phase in life. She never faltered, became dismayed, gave up or forgot what God has done for her. She dedicated herself to Jesus even the more when times became tough! She embraced the Word even more. Sis. Akau can truly say, without reservation, *"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing (II Timothy 4:7-8)."*

Sis. Akau, loved Art, and found favor with painting. Her life became a self-portrait that was graced with faith, hope and charity, in the hope that God will see her, and others will see Jesus in her.

Jesus will say to her, *"...Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things…enter thou into the joy of the lord (Matthew 25:21)!"* Hence the earnest expectation of the creature waits for the manifestation of the sons of God *(Romans 8:19)!* Come Up Hither!

Monthly Update

From August 17 to October 11, 2026 one soul was baptized in Jesus Name.

Upcoming Events

96th Anniversary

Kaimuki Branch Church
Wednesday, October 21, 2026
7:00 p. m.
1361 Palolo Avenue

Veteran's Day

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
(Honoring all those who served)

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 25, 2026
at Kaimuki Branch Church
1361 Palolo Avenue
7:00 pm.

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Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 26, 2026
Wishing all a very
Happy Thanksgiving and
May the Lord bless one and all
and keep you all safe during this
Thanksgiving season.

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