

## SATURDAY PRAYER MEETING

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7:15-8:45AM // MGMC CONF ROOM

Please join us this Saturday as we pray for our church and other needs in the community and the world around us. Prayer is the backbone to all that we do! If you would like to utilize the free childcare during our time, please contact the church office @ 839.4002 or admin@mgmchawaii.com by Friday.

## HOLY SPIRIT, BREAK OUT CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Register today at the back with a credit card or register at TOWHAWAII.ORG. See them at the back to inquire about the "10 for 10 deal" going on until January 25 (Students: \$50 / Adults: \$85)

**TOW-HI Monthly Supporter Rate** - \$60

**Regular Rate** - \$110

**Regular Student Rate** - \$60

**At the Door (per night)** - Students: \$25 /  
Adults: \$40

**Children's Track** - \$20 for 3 nights

## MMS PARKING GATE CLOSES AT 1PM

We are now required to lock up the gate for the parking lot so please remove your car from the lot by 1pm every Sunday. Thank you!

## YOPROS BINGO MINGO

**THIS WED, JAN 24**

**7PM // MGMC UPPER ROOM**

Calling all Young Professionals who love playing BINGO! The YoPros will be having a fun night of BINGO with a twist. Please bring a "white elephant" item for our prizes and join in on the fun. We will have pupus at 6:30pm. This is a free event and for all those in their 20's and 30's. For more info, please contact Pastor Marion at mwlogan@gmail.com.

# EXPERIENCE THE FATHER'S LOVE IN 2018

Pastor Daniel Chinen | January 21, 2018

We were incredibly blessed to hear from Pastor Spencer Tang last week on the topic of the heart of Father God. He said a lot of good things. One of the significant points that has kept replaying in my mind was on how much God's love is poured out. Quoting from Romans 5:5, Pastor Spencer shared on the continuous outpouring of God's love. The Romans passage, in speaking on the work of the Holy Spirit, **"hope does not put us to shame, because God's (Father's) love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us."** Using the example of the sun, Pastor Spencer said that God's love is continually being poured out and will change us; for that's what love does. What a great word! As I have had a week to ponder this point, I've had moments with Father God and inviting his presence to flow in me to change me and transform me.

This journey of experiencing Father's love the last 11 years has been transformational for our church. We recognized Pastor Cal as our spiritual father and Ed Silvos as our spiritual grandfather. The recognition of experiencing Father God's love has freed up everyone to rest in God rather than keep people at a distance in fear, stay quiet from shame of past hurts, and the need to control others. It has also led people out of spiritual bondage and orphan thinking, thus we have the Sonship Class taught as one of our TLC's. The deeper understanding and experience of the Father's love has also led us to encounter the Trinity in a new way: deeper gratitude for Jesus' sacrifice by his death on the cross through the Transformation Weekend, and getting to know the person of the Holy Spirit through John Bevere's Holy Spirit and teachings by Ken Gott. As we come full circle to another year of experiencing the Father's love, there are 3 points I'd like to share with you to help you in this 2018 journey.

The first point comes from John 15:5 on the call to abide in the Lord. Abiding is a choice to remain in the Father's presence. When you choose to abide in Him, as Pastor Spencer said it means more than visitation, it has to do with making a home in God's heart. You will find out that when you choose to abide in the presence of the Father, changes will happen for the better. You will experience peace in areas you used to get anxious about, joy in the midst of trials, confidence during challenges; this is all because you are resting in the arms of our mighty Father. When you abide in the Lord, you will find this is more than reaching a destination; it's more like a journey towards maturing as his son/daughter. It's a great journey!

The second point on growing in experiencing the Father's heart is being able to see yourself as a little child in need of the Father's love. You and I are constantly having to resist the temptation that we are independent, that we don't need anyone else. But the truth is that inside of each one of us is a little boy or little girl desiring to be loved. And who better to love us than the one who created us and has the biggest heart for you and me? Father God knows how to love us best. One of the ways you can live this out is when you pray before you do your SPA. Envision yourself as a little boy/girl in the presence of Father God and ask Him to speak to you. There's a completely different experience when you come to God as a child in contrast to as an adult.

The third and final point that I thought was so good that Pastor Spencer brought up in his prayer was to open the eyes of your heart in reference to Ephesians 1, which says, **"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe."** Just because you know in your mind that Father God loves you doesn't mean you know it in your heart. Jesus spoke in such ways that offended the mind to reveal what was in people's hearts. It's also the reason Jesus said that although people heard his messages, they were deaf and blind to it because the eyes and ears of their hearts were closed off to him. Therefore, it takes the willingness to be vulnerable to the Lord and allow him to speak into the depths of your soul into your heart.

As we step out into this year in light of the prophetic words spoken over MGMC, take the leap into the arms of our loving Father and experience His love. Choose to abide in His presence daily. Envision yourself as that little child in His presence that He may fill you with His love so that you may fully walk in the manner He created you to walk in. God is doing this to call out His sons and daughters to walk in a worthy manner who will carry the heart of Father God to the world and speak His love over it. God bless you!