



# THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

## events

**Aloha!** We are glad you are here. Please visit the welcome table for more information.

### **Nursery and Kids' Church:**

Sunday mornings - sign-in each child at the back table.

**Salvation Army Food Drive** today.

You are invited to our **Back to School Bash** on August 15 after the service. It's going to be a fun one - details later.

**Men's Breakfast** Saturday, August 14 at 8 am.

**Celebration of Life** for Irene Dong is Saturday, August 14.

**Child Protection and Curriculum Training** August 22. See Michelle for details.

### **Ways to Give:**

- Online on our website or app
- Giving box on Sundays
- Mail a check to the church

### **Giving for January - July**

Budgeted - \$195,417

Actual - \$210,971



## SERMON NOTES

Andrew Severinsen - Zephaniah  
Judgment that Purifies

**Big Idea:** The Universal Day of the LORD

• "The word of the LORD that came to Zephaniah... **in the days of Josiah**, the son of Amon, king of Judah" (1:1) — 2 Kings 22-23

***So Zephaniah, do we dare to hope?***

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## DIVING DEEPER

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- 1:1 — intro
- 1:2-18 — Judgment to all the earth and to Judah
  - 2:1-3 — hinge: a call to seek the LORD
  - “Seek the LORD... perhaps you may be hidden...”*
- 2:4-3:7 — Judgment on surrounding nations and Jerusalem
  - 3:8-9 — hinge: a determination of what the LORD is going to do
  - “Therefore wait for me,” declares the LORD...*
- 3:10-20 — restoration of the faithful and purified remnant

### ***Some discussion and application questions from Hebrews 1:1-4***

- God’s plan for speaking, part 1: “Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets” (Hebrews 1:1)
- God’s plan for speaking, part 2: “but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son...” (Hebrews 1:2)
- How did God speak long ago?
- What did God speak about long ago?
- In what sense were these the “last days” in which the author wrote?
- In these “last days” God has spoken through his Son, and then the author of Hebrews goes on to describe him. What does the author mean by...
  - “heir of all things”?
  - “he created the world”?
  - “the radiance of the glory of God”?
  - “the exact imprint of his nature”?
  - “he upholds the universe by the word of his power”?
  - “making purifications for sin”?
  - “sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high”?
  - “having become as much superior to angels”?
- How would you summarize what the author is trying to convey by this long list of descriptions of the Son?
- The author seems to be comparing and contrasting the way God spoke through the prophets with his speaking through His Son. How is God’s speaking through the prophets different from His speaking through His Son?
- Do you think the author wants us to read the Old Testament, including the prophets?
- How do you listen to Jesus now?
- What has been Jesus been saying to you lately?
- What would motivate you to listen to Jesus more often?
- What might help you hear Jesus more clearly? How do we find encouragement in the great cloud of witnesses and what are ways we look to encourage us in this race? How do we let those other runners know the weights in our life in order to help us run faster? Is that uncomfortable? How can we lean in to that discomfort?