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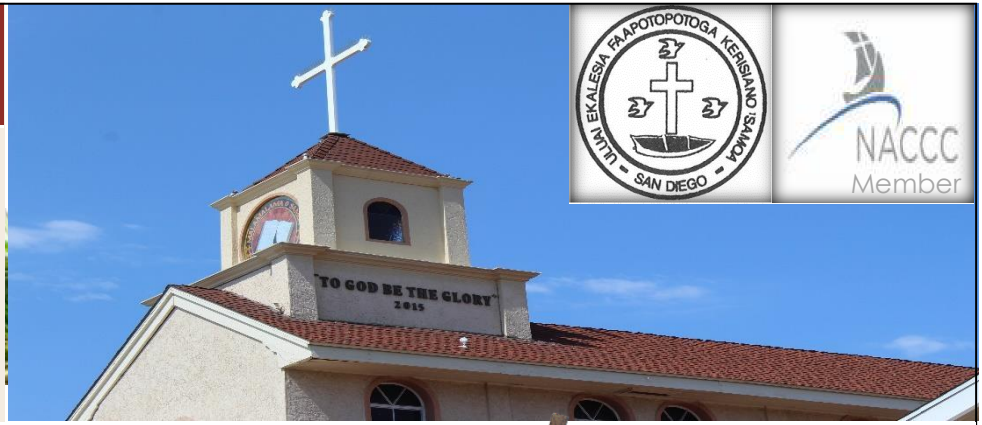
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Member Spotlight: Deacon Aliu Brown

FSCCCSD Little Lambs- big hearts.

Samoan Corner- O Le Vaitau o le Ateveni

In His Service...come join the action!



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A word from our Minister...

Our Beloved Family in Christ!

A Wonderful Beginning to this final month of 2021 be with you and your Family! The Days of December are fast passing, and the New Year is only a matter of days, weeks away. Before we get there though, God calls us into a Season of His Hope, Peace, Joy and Love for us. God calls into a Season of Wonder and Amazement. God calls us into the Season whose Reason, is the Birth of His Son Jesus in a Manger in Bethlehem. It's easy to get caught up and swept away in the world's commercialization and layering of Christmas, so that we can forget the Truths of this time. Peel away all those layers, and these are the simple Truths of every Christmas we celebrate:

“Aua o le aso nei ua fanau ai i le a'ai a Tavita, lo outou Fa'aola, o Le Ali'i ia o Keriso...For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord...”(Luka / Luke 2: 11)

“Aua ua fa'apea lava ona alofa mai o Le Atua i le lalolagi, ua la au mai ai Lona Atali'i e to'atasi, ina ia le fano se tasi e fa'atuatua ia te ia, a ia maua e ia Le Ola e Fa'avavauFor God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have Eternal Life.” (Ioane / John 3: 16).

May the Simple and Beautiful Love of God's Everlasting Christmas Gift to the world of the Christ Child, Bless your Families, Homes and our Church this Christmas. May you all have a Christ filled Christmas and a Spirit led New Year....

Le Malamalama o Samoa e, i lenei vaitau tāua o le Tausaga, o lo'o tatou sauni e fa'amanatuina Le Mea'alofo Sili a Le Atua mo i tatou, ia sauni lelei le lotoifale o tatou agaga, ne'i afio mai le Ali'i o Iesu ae misia e tatou le Fa'amanuiaga a Le Atua. Ia fa'avanoa le Maota o lo tatou fa'atuatua e ulufale ma nofo mau ai le Mesia ina ia fanaufouina ai oe ma a'u e auauna atu ai i le Atua i le Agaga ma le Fa'amaoni. Ia mae'a tapena le ala ne'i otaota ma leiloa atu ai le Mea Alofa tāua ua foa'iina mai mo oe ma a'u, e maua ai le Ola e Fa'avavau.

Ia manuia la'asaga o le Masina fou, ae maise le sauni atu mo le Kerisimasi, ia lagimaina ma soifua maloloina lo tatou aiga lotu i le Alofa o le Atua.

Ia Manuia Lava Le Kerisimasi ma Le Tausaga Fou!!

Rev. Fa'igbuina & Mrs. Tuitagama'atoe Solomonua ma le Fanau.

**GOD IS SPIRIT,
AND THOSE
WHO WORSHIP
HIM MUST
WORSHIP IN
SPIRIT AND
TRUTH.”
JOHN 4:24**



O Le Tapuaiga i Le Atua/ Worshipping God

- 12/5/21 at 10:00am – O Le Fa'amanatuga/ Communion. Second Sunday of Advent: PEACE.
- 12/12/21 at 10:00am – O Le Tapua'iga / Worship. Third Sunday of Advent: JOY.
- 12/19/21 at 10:00am – O Le Tapua'iga / Worship. Fourth Sunday of Advent: LOVE.
- 12/24/21 at 7:00pm – Christmas Eve Worship.
- 12/25/21 at 9:00am – Christmas Day Worship.
- 12/26/21 at 10:00am – O Le Tapua'iga / Worship.
- 12/31/21 at 10:45pm – New Year's Eve Worship.

Worship Services are live Streamed on our Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/MalamalamaGina>

Pastoral Matters

Confirmation Class



What A Blessed Joy it was before The Lord to Celebrate the following Candidates who had completed their Classes and were Confirmed during Communion Worship on Sunday, 5 December 2021:

***Linda Auimatagi *Zipporah Brown *Millie Faiai
*Kayomi Faumuina *Allana Porter
*Alofasau Porter *Elaine Tauti.**

May God Bless their Faith Journey as they continue to Grow in their Relationship with The Lord and Serve Him!

-Fa'afouina.



FSCCCSD Little Lambs

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."
3 John 1:4

What does Christmas mean to you?

- What Christmas means to me is celebrating the Birth of Jesus.

**Troy Niumata, 12 years old*

- Christmas means to celebrate Jesus' birth. And although we receive gifts and thank Santa during this time, we should be praising God for giving us Jesus. So, Christmas to me means that God gave us someone so we can be saved.

**Honesty Fa'alave-Johnson, 14 years old*

- Christmas is a time to celebrate God's love for the world through the birth of Jesus. It's also about giving and sharing not just gifts but giving of your time and love and God's Word.

**Johnboy Brown-Roe, 18 years old*



God's Blessings and Happy Birthday to our Church Family Celebrating Birthdays in December:

4th: Rev. Fa'afouina Solomon

5th: Lemuel Sotoa

16th: Zack Fa'alave

17th: Loretta Sotoa

20th: Davina Niumata

22nd: Matua Ale

23rd: Sarona Sotoa

24th: Solia Auimatagi

26th: Griffith Brown

29th: Komisi Savaiinaea

31st: Lokeni Porter

Email your birthday to fscccsd@gmail.com to include in future Connect issues..



PRAYER
MEETING

FONO TATALO

Every Saturday Morning in
the Sanctuary 8:00am



WE PRAY FOR:

*The Needs of our Nation and World...

*That in anything and everything we face in This Season of The Christ Child, we would be Blessed and Encouraged by The Hope, Joy, Peace and Love that He and He Alone Brings....

*Our Government and our Armed Forces...our First Responders...Law Enforcement and All who keep our Communities safe...

* Healing, Hope and Help in this time of Pandemic... *Unity in this time of

Fracture... *Faith in this time of Doubts....

*The Work of The Church around the world....

***Our Mission Focus for this Month of December*
"FISHERS OF MEN MISSION - MEXICO"**

Our Congregation:

*Every Household and our Membership:

Our Elders, our Families, and Children

New Born babies and Expectant Mothers

*Those who are facing Health Challenges:

Lagituaiva, Matavai, Tiana, Liva, Rosemarie, Matua, Moeifaga, Fagalima, Fa'afiu, Mase, Brenda, Vitolio, Carol, Julia, Elaine, Nora, Loretta, Taotafa, Jade.....Merapi, Manusamoa, Leiloa, Ulisese, Tufanua, Taotafa, Afoafouvale, Etenauga, Grace, Karite,

*Those who are Grieving the Passing of Loved Ones....

*Those who are Traveling over the Christmas Season...

*Those who are facing troubles, stress and issues that cause pain and hurt...

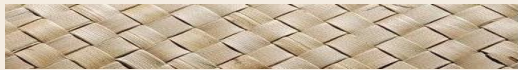
*Those who are alone and feel lost...

*The Work of our Church as we end this Year of 2021

Dear Jesus, as we celebrate Your Birth may we begin to see the world in the light of the understanding You give us. As You chose the lowly, the outcasts and the poor to receive the Greatest News the world had ever known, so may we worship You in Meekness of Heart. May we also remember our brothers and sisters less fortunate than ourselves in the Season of The Christ Child. Amen.

Click [here](#) to submit a Prayer Request on our website. Your prayer requests will be received by Rev. Solomon

Around Town at FSCCCSD...



SAMOAN CORNER:

“SAMOAN BIBLE VERSES FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS”

O LE VAITAU O LE ATEVENI

“O LE FA’AMOEMOE”

“a o e faatalitali ia leova, e toe faafouina lo latou malosi; latou te si’i ae apa’au e pei o aeto; latou te femo’ei, a e le vaivai; latou te savavali, a e le tigaina.” Isaia 40:31

“Ua leva le po, ua lata mai le ao; o lea ia tatou fa’ate’a ese ai galuega o le pogisa, a ia tatou o’ofu i ofu tau o le malamalama.” Roma 13:12

“O LE FILEMU”

“Aua ua fanau mai mo i tatou le tama, ua foa’iina mai mo i tatou le Atali’i, e i Lona Ua le Malo, e igoa fo’i o Ia, o le Silisili Ese, o le Faipule, o le Atua malosi, o le Tamā o le Fa’avavau, o le Ali’i o le Filemu.” *Isaia 9:6*

“Ia pule fo’i le Filemu mai Le Atua i o outou loto, o le mea lea ua vala’uina ai outou e fai ma tino e tasi; ma ia outou saga fa’afetai.” Kolose 3: 15

“O LE OLIOLI”

“Le Tama Fafine a Siona e, ia e alaga, ma ia olioli; auā fa’auta, Ou te alu atu, ma Ou nofo i totonu ia te oe, ua fetalai mai ai le Ali’i.” Sakaria 2:10

“Ia outou ‘olioli i le Ali’i aua le aunoa; ‘ou te toe fai atu: ia outou ‘olioli” Filipi 4: 4

“O LE ALOFA”

“O Le Alofa o le ALI’I ua le fa’aumatia ai i tatou, ona ua le mavae o Lona Alofa Mutimutivale; e fou mai ia i taeao uma; e tele Lou Fa’amaoni.” *Auega 3: 22-23*

“Aua ua fa’apea lava ona alofa mai o Le Atua i le lalolagi, ua la au mai ai Lona Atali’i e to’atasi, ina ia le fano se tasi e fa’atuatua ia te la, a ia maua e ia Le Ola e Fa’avavau.” *Ioane 3: 16*

O LE ASO KIRISIMASI

“E fanau mai e ia le tama tane, e te fa’aigoa fo’i ia te Ia o Iesu, auā e fa’aola e Ia i Lona Nu’u ai a latou agasala.” Mataio 1:21

“Aua o le aso nei ua fanau ai i le a’ai a Tavita, lo outou Fa’aola, o Le Ali’i ia o Keriso” Luka 2:11



Member Spotlight *Deacon Aliu Brown*

This month’s Member Spotlight is on our very own Deacon Aliu Griffith Brown. Aliu was born on March 7, 1939, in the village of Fagasa, American Samoa. When Aliu was very young, his family moved to Sapapali’i, Savaii then at the age of 7, Aliu and family moved back to Fagasa where his grade school education began.

In 1950 and at the age of 11, Aliu and family uprooted and moved to Leone. Aliu was selected out of many student applicants to attend the Leala Brothers School from 5th to 8th grade. He then moved on to attend the 9th and 10th grades at the Vocational Tech School in Fagatogo. In early 1959 at the age of 20, Aliu left home and headed for Hawaii where he stayed with his Aunt and Uncle as he worked at the Hickam Air Force Base. Later on in 1959, Aliu made the decision to join the U.S. Navy and became a Machinist Mate in the engineering field. While in the Navy, Aliu served in different capacities from up and down the coast of California to the south country of Vietnam; from repair ships to guided missile heavy cruisers; from a Machinist Mate to a Company Commander shaping and molding new Navy recruits. After 20 years of service, Aliu retired from the U.S. Navy in 1980 as a Chief.

Aliu met the love of his life, Ann, in Hawaii in 1966. When asked how they met, Aliu chuckles and says Ann can tell the story better and he hands Ann the phone. Ann’s account: It’s 1966 in Hawaii and Ann and her girlfriend Rose went out to a nightclub in Honolulu where the local boys from Haleiwa frequent. Aliu walks into the club with his buddy, Mao King and 2 beautiful blonde ladies. Ann recalls how Aliu and Mao were dressed to the teeth with shiny shoes, alohas tucked in their pants with leis around their necks. Ann wasn’t quite sure what kind of Hawaiians they were because all the local boys wore baggy pants and slippers. As the night went on, Rose managed to get Mao to forget the blonde and dance with her. It wasn’t until the blonde ladies left the club that Aliu finally came over to Ann’s table and they paired up and started dancing. After a fun night at the club dancing and getting to know each other, Aliu asked Ann for a ride home and of course Ann couldn’t say no. With fondness and a hint of laughter in her voice as she relives the memory, Ann recounts how Aliu leaned in to give her a kiss and then started to do the slap dance on the sidewalk because he was so happy to have met the love of his life. From there, the 3 year long courting season began until Aliu and Ann were married in San Diego on May 10, 1969. Their beautiful family consists of 3 children, 4 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren of which one son and one grandson have gone to be with the Lord.

Aliu has been a member of the Samoan Golf Club since 1988 and was president for 6 years and treasurer for quite some time. Aliu likes to keep busy and some of his favorite hobbies include gardening, planting, and building things and he proudly recalls how he overhauled and fixed his own car. And in a confident and proud tone, Aliu reveals the most important and favorite thing he enjoys doing while in retirement are the Honey Do Lists from Ann, because he loves her so very much! Aliu joined FSCCCSD in 1994 and has been an active member since. Aliu is a Deacon and has served in various capacities within the Church throughout the years. As the interview comes to a close, Aliu imparts his wisdom for our church family and anyone reading his story. He pleads with and advises all to make God the foundation and center of your lives so that when you go through the different seasons of life, you’ll know exactly who your guide is and who is in control. God is so amazing and He will be your help, strength and peace through it all.



In His Service...



Auā o lana lava galuega i tatou, na faia i tatou ia Keriso Iesu, in ia faia galuega lelei, na saunia anamua e le Atua, ina ia tatou savavali ai.
Efeso 2:10

DECEMBER 2021 Sanctuary Cleaning Schedule



12/5: Nu'u Faumuina
12/12: Tia Tafao
12/19: Lokeni Porter
12/26: Amu Jr.
1/2/22: Ionatana Eli

Note: Please make arrangements if you need to swap weekends with a fellow church mate and then notify the Secretary. The complete cleaning schedule for 2021 can be found on the bulletin board in the Church foyer.



CHURCH WALKING GROUP

BACK IN MOTION
Saturdays
6:30am-7:30am
FITNESS & FELLOWSHIP
COME JOIN US!



SUNDAY SCHOOL "NIGHT OF CAROLS"



**Saturday, 18 December 2021,
Beginning at 4.00pm.**

The Sunday School will be visiting the homes of our Church family to sing Carols this year. If you are interested in being visited or taking part, please let the Superintendent or one of the Staff know.

Choir Practices

Come join us and offer your voice and talents to the Lord

**Chancel Choir Pese: Sat at 10am
Youth Choir Pese: Thurs at 6:30pm**



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY:

**Sunday, 19
December 2021.**

Following Worship in the Church Hall



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE COMPLETED FOR 2021 BUT PLEASE PARENTS, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILDREN ARE ABLE TO BE PART OF THE EVENTS THAT REMAIN IN OUR PROGRAM FOR 2021!! THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR LOVE, PRAYERS AND SUPPORT!! A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!!

Women's Fellowship Christmas Potluck and Gift Exchange

- Sunday 12/19/21
- Following Sunday Worship
- Suitonu Fellowship Hall
- Bring a dish to share
- Bring your Secret Santa gift

CHURCH PROJECTS LIST

Below is our running list of Church projects. Thank you to those who have funded some of the projects, your gift is received with a grateful heart. For more information on the projects please contact Tulia Tafao, Vice Mod and Chairman of the Grounds Committee, at fscscsd@gmail.com.

Project	Estimated Cost	Funded?	Date Project Completed
Fence Repairs	\$400	Funding received, thank you!	
Church Carpet Cleaning	\$400	Funding received, thank you!	6/18/2021
Security Gate	\$10,000	Funding received, thank you!	7/3/2021
Hall Kitchen Oven	\$8,000 (estimate)		
16 Security Cameras	\$8,000		
Property Perimeter Fence	\$90,000 (estimate)		
8 Church Stained Glass Window Repair	\$6,000 each	Funding recieved for 1 window, thank you!	
Solar	Balance of \$62,000	Church Fundraiser/ additional \$1500 donation received, thank you!	10/13/2021
Sanctuary Camera / Media System	\$10,024.00		
Sanctuary Flowers	\$400 per month (or \$100 per Sunday)		

Ekalesia New Years Eve Celebration!

12/31/21 7:00pm-10:15pm



Suitonu Fellowship Hall

*Let's get together to close out 2021 with fellowship, fun, food and games.
Hope to see you there!*

CHURCH BINGO IS PERMANENTLY CLOSED...

...as passed by the Congregation in the monthly Church meeting on 7/11/21. Click [here](#) to read the full memo.

Support and Resources

Kingdom Work

At the end of every month, we donate the plate offering from collected from the month to a Mission. God bless your giving for missions local and around the world.

Mission Giving:

October 2021 – Happy Life Children’s Home
\$1486.00 gifted

November 2021 – Our Neighboring Samoan Churches
\$1500.00 gifted
(\$500 to 3 Churches)

December 2021 – Fishers of Men, Mexico

Click [here](#) to visit the Missions page



GIVING THANKS.... LOVE THY NEIGHBOR COOKOUT

Praise God for a successful Love Thy Neighbor Mission on Saturday, 11/27/2021. A special thanks to all who supported the mission by the offering of prayer, time, skills, and resources. We made 150 BBQ plates. Some people came to the park, and we were able to serve them but mostly we distributed the plates out around town. Not only were we able to offer food but we were blessed to be able to share our Jesus with people.

Offering a gentle reminder that there is Hope in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The best thing we can do is plant a seed and share our faith. One lady and her toddler daughter came to the park to get a plate and she commented how hungry they were that before they left her apartment, she said a prayer letting God know the issues of her heart. She and her daughter got to eat, and we got to pray together. Church Family, in addition to our Monthly Missions Giving, please look forward to more Kingdom Work in the coming year to serve our communities, to help others but above all to further God’s Kingdom. May our Good Lord continue to bless you and your family now and always. Have a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

SUPPORT

Our Church Membership and their Businesses.

Some of our Church Family have their own Businesses/Services that are available to help our Congregation if the need arises...

(email fscscsd@gmail.com to include your Business/Service information in future Connect issues)

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By appointment only

Seeking donors for our Sanctuary Flower Fund

Our weekly flower expense is approximately \$100 and we could use your help. If you feel led to donate to our Flower Fund, donate flowers for a specific Sunday, Occasion or in Memory of a loved one, please Venmo @Mele-Tafao with a comment of "Flower Fund" and details or contact any of the Church officers.



Your donation is greatly appreciated



The Steadfast Love of the Lord never ceases; His Mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your Faithfulness. Auega / Lamentations 3:22-23

Just as God’s Love and Mercies are new every morning, may His beautiful creation of flowers be fresh and new every Sunday Worship as well.



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ASO SA Sunday	ASO GAFUA Monday	ASO LUA Tuesday	ASO LULU Wednesday	ASO TOFI Thursday	ASO FARAILE Friday	ASO TO'ANAI Saturday
Our Mission Giving at the end of December will be donated to: Fishers of Men in Mexico Julie Claasen www.fishersofmenmexico.org 			1  7.00pm: *Zoom Bible Studies* (Senior / Youth)	2 6.30pm: 'Au Talavou Pese.	3 6.00pm: Sunday School Practice. 7.00pm: Play Practice.	4 *8.00am: Prayer Mtg. 9.00am: Confirmation Class. *10.00am: 'Au Faipese Tele
5 ADVENT 2 10.00am:  Fa'amanatuga/ Communion *Confirmation* *Tiakono / Deacons Mtg*	6	7 6.00pm: Sunday School Practice. 7.00pm: Play Practice.	8	9 6.30pm: 'Au Talavou Pese.	10 6.00pm: Sunday School Practice.	11 *8.00am: Prayer Mtg. *10.00am: 'Au Faipese Tele. *10.45am: Combined Choir Practice
12 ADVENT 3 10.00am: Tapua'iga / Worship. After Worship: *Church Elections* 3.00pm: Sunday School Practice.	13	14 6.00pm: Sunday School Practice. 7.00pm: Play Practice.	15	16 6.30pm: 'Au Talavou Pese.	17 6.00pm: Sunday School Practice. 7.00pm: Play Practice.	18 *8.00am: Prayer Mtg. *10.00am: Combined Choir Practice **4.00pm: Sunday School Christmas Caroling**
19 ADVENT 4 10.00am: Tapua'iga / Worship. *Lafoga / Maintenance Offering* After Worship: *Sunday School Christmas Party *Mafutaga Tina Gift Exchange	20	21 6.00pm: Sunday School Practice. 7.00pm: Play Practice.	22	23 6.00pm: Sunday School Practice. 7.00pm: Play Practice.	24 CHRISTMAS EVE  7.00pm: O Le Tapua'iga / Worship.	25 MANUIA LE KERISIMASI  9.00am: O Le Tapua'iga / Worship.
26 LAST SUNDAY OF 2021 10.00am: Tapua'iga / Worship.	27	28	29	30 6.30pm: 'Au Talavou Pese.	31 New Year's Eve 7.00pm – 10.15pm: New Year's Eve Fellowship 10.45pm: Worship	1 JANUARY 2022! 