

Pastor's Newsletter – October 30, 2009

Dear Saint!

Do any of you remember what happened on October 31, 492 years ago? Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses on the door of the church, maybe the primary symbol that ignited the Protestant Reformation! 492 years later we are still debating about grace and justification! People are always worried about grace going too far, people will take advantage of it, what about transformation, cheap grace, once-saved-always-saved, etc. etc.!

Anyway, 492 years later, we will pry into it one more time tomorrow, looking for answers to those questions through both ancient and contemporary stories, from those Paul told, and those happening all around us. This Sabbath is Romans 4, after taking a break for the "Celebration of Creation" last week. The title is: "ANGELS WIN!! ANGELS WIN!!"

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE: Love to see all of you, but especially youth and young adults, at the Youth Chapel, tonight, 7:30 pm! I heard the group practicing last night, and they sound terrific! I have not heard or met the speaker, but have heard about him, and I'm looking forward to hearing him tonight--Mr. Oliveria. All sponsored by our Triple eX team and Youth Council.

YOUTH / YOUNG ADULTS: Our re-launching of the Youth and Young Adults ministry is tomorrow morning! Pancake breakfast at 9:30, the Praise Band will hit it at 9:45! Two lesson study discussions: One for Young Adults in the Youth Chapel, and one for Youth/High School, in the Library 50 feet away, with Pastor Ruben from OA. Please, please, make sure your kids and young people get up early enough to come. One of the great perks of being young is being part of a happening youth group, but you have to get in the car to come!

WORSHIP SERVICE: We are thrilled to have Jim Woods and some of his Orangewood Academy music with us for worship this Sabbath. Praise singing / Gathering Songs will be at ten 'til 11, and they will have several special numbers in the service. There will be drama and everything as part of the service, don't miss!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: No Children's Church this week because of the Orangewood group being here, BUT there will be a special "TREAT" for all children who come to church, in the narthex, immediately after church. You will not be sorry!

POTLUCK: The Elders and the SS Council will be having a potluck and then meeting separately. The potluck will be at the Youth Chapel and then we will be eating in the Pathfinder Room and Library, due to the other congregation having a banquet in our Fellowship Hall.

RUMMAGE SALE: We are committed to supporting 9 wonderful children at Orangewood Academy, and a group of us are helping have a rummage sale Sunday morning to raise money. Bring something to sell, come to buy! If you need to have somebody pick something up, contact Josh Tameifuna.

KNOCHE MEMORIAL SERVICE: 5 pm, Sabbath afternoon, November 7, next Sabbath. Everybody has agreed to move the traditional potluck from lunchtime to a reception for the family and all guests after the Memorial Service. It will be a great gesture to the family in honor of Keith, so plan to bring something special. It can be in the Light Refreshment category (fruit, cookies, chips, crackers, cheese, etc.), or something more. This is a chance to be Garden Grove at its best in honor of a former pastor for nearly 10 years, even if some of you never knew him. He was one of the most talented pastors I have ever met!

Have a great Sabbath, everybody!

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