

Pastor's Newsletter – November 13, 2009

Dear Saint!

Happy Sabbath to each of you! I am very late in the day with this, but we have been trying to be more complete with our email list before we sent this out. But there are still many more to collect, and we will have to pass that to next week!

WORSHIP: We have several special features planned for tomorrow, and it will be a very family-friendly service, with Audry telling a children's story, a gift for each child, and a special ceremony outside right after church for all the children (and everybody else!). Bring a camera, you'll be sorry if you and your children miss this! Sermon is on Romans 6, "DEAD MEN WALKING!"

SABBATH SCHOOL: In order to try to standardize all of the SS, the Council voted to start all the classes and divisions at the same time, 9:30. This way they can have a full program, and yet be ready to come into the Sanctuary to worship with our Praise Teams for Gathering songs at 10:50. The leaders who are working so hard to prepare special programs for the children would really appreciate it if those of you with children would push things up just a little so that no child misses the sequence of the material. I know the people who designed this curriculum, and they worked very, very hard for many years to have a sequence where each message built on the one before, and so it is truly a loss if too many of the stories and lessons are missed. Do your best!

KNOCHE MEMORIAL: I want to thank all of you who came to the service, for the stories and memories told, and especially for the food brought by everybody for the reception afterwards. We had much more than enough, an amazing testimony to the love and grace of this church to one of its former pastors. It was terrific to see Pastor Duff Gorle and Pastor Rudy Torres there, and many others with history at Garden Grove. Phil Knoche, Keith's father, was very thankful for the blessing of love and care given to the family in honor of Keith.

TUITION AID: Our church has come through magnificently in giving towards the \$9900 that was committed during the summer for 9 students to go to Orangewood Academy. We have cash and pledges of right at \$7000 so far, and so we need \$2900 in pledges tomorrow and we can fulfill our commitment! We wrote the check to get caught up year-to-date this week. We want to thank Josh Tameiuna, his family, and everybody who contributed to the sale 2 weeks ago, which raised \$950, just a terrific contribution. We will do it once more on the 22nd of November, so bring anything that would bring a contribution, make a difference for somebody else, and come by and see what you could use!

YOUTH / YOUNG ADULTS: The calendar is jam-packed!

SS: Breakfast at 9:30, Praise Band at 9:45, One lesson in the Youth Chapel for Young Adults, and one in the library (Oscar Oliveria, Bible teacher at OA) in the Library. There have been 17-20 Young Adults each week, so plan to come, or pass the word to your young people!

Youth Church: 11 o'clock, Youth Chapel

Game Night: 7:30 pm, Stanish Home

FNL (Friday Night Live): Open Mic Night, in our Fellowship Hall, next Friday night, Nov. 20.

Everybody is working hard on many fronts, programs during December, gym nights, collecting cans, adding equipment to the Youth Room.

FUTURE EVENTS:

November 21, Adventurers will be "installed" during our Worship Service, so Children's Church will be merging with our Divine Worship service.

December 5--Dr. Bill Chunestudy and his Men's Chorus will be joining us and adding an outstanding mini-concert of Christmas music. The church will be fully decorated, and so this will be a very special high Sabbath!

NEWS: Several congregations are negotiating with us to rent our church. We lost a long-term renter last April, and so we are very anxious to get the right congregations back into our church, that will be blessed by being in our superb facility, but also will be joint partners with us in being the Body of Christ and Kingdom of God together in Garden Grove. We have met some truly incredible pastors in these discussions, and hope we will have firm proposals for the Church Board very soon.

God bless you all!

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