

## **Pastor's Newsletter – January 1, 2010**

Dear GGrove Saint!

2010 is here, I watched the numbers count down, then went to bed. I've been surfing, skiing, and shooting, and have sore spots all over! In my next life I will have my sons a little younger!

From the emails and rumors I have received, I think, hope, and believe we made budget! The final numbers won't come in until next Tuesday or Wednesday once all the mail sent yesterday has been received, but I think we're going to be there. Thanks be to God and to all of you for your sacrifice, and may God replenish all that you have given to Him.

### **WEEKEND SERVICES:**

**YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS:** If you haven't been getting all of your children and young people to SS, why not make that one of your Resolutions? We just say, "As long as we are in this house together, we're all going to SS and Church!" The leaders will do their best this year to make it interesting, fun, spiritual, and meaningful. Between 25-30 are coming every week, which is just thrilling. Our son Alex is choosing on his own to drive down to GGrove in time for the discussion with the Young Adults, it has been that interesting. Breakfast table is at 9:30 am, Praise at 9:45 am, Study / Discussion at 10:05 am.

**NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** All children and families will be joining us for Divine Worship. There will be a drama/Children's Story feature, so we think it will still be age-appropriate for them! The next Children's Church will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of the month, January 16.

**DIVINE WORSHIP:** This starts a new series from the Book of Acts, a switch from Romans because of the vote of the Church Board to have a major series of public evangelistic meetings starting in April. This Sabbath begins with: '50 DAYS!' Acts 2:42, "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching." We will have copies of ancient Bibles in the narthex; we will have all kinds of bread after Church, the symbol of the Word. The Communion Service that had been scheduled for January 2 will now be on January 16, thanks to the advice of our church leadership, because we want to have a spectacular, holy service planned for that day.

**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We will have our monthly fellowship dinner/potluck in the Fellowship Hall right after church, always the first Sabbath of the month.

**EVANGELISM COMMITTEE:** Because of the urgency of the coming evangelistic meetings, the Committee will be meeting right after the Fellowship Dinner. Even if you

are not officially on the Committee but have a passion for this, stay afterwards for the prayer and planning session, 2-3 pm.

**WALDO BOOK:** We ran out of the book my brother wrote about our father. We have ordered 30 more for those who signed because they were there but didn't receive one. Hopefully the books will come next week. Hope you will all enjoy reading about his life in the Little Rascal's and his conversion.

Enjoy your holiday weekend, but hope we see you in church tomorrow!

God bless you all!

Pastor Dan