

Pastor's Newsletter – January 22, 2010

Dear GGSDA Saint!

We are minutes from the beginning of our Day of Prayer and Fasting. Everyone is choosing their own level of fast—(1) Sundown to sundown; (2) Sabbath morning to the Agape Feast; (3) Water only; (4) Juice and fruit. Whatever clears out space for God to be in your life, and that opens your soul to hear the whisperings of the angels, is the right level for you! We know tomorrow will be a very full day, and we'd love to have you for all of it—but feel free to come and go as you are able. If you can't stay for the whole afternoon, come back for the Agape Feast at 4:30 pm, or the Heritage Singers Concert at 7 pm. I personally am not going to miss a minute of this high day!

DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING / WEEKEND:

TONIGHT:

Lesieli Tameifuna has invited you to join in beginning the Day at 6 pm in the Board Room, praying for our church and praying for THE SEARCH meetings in April.

FNL: FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE, is on tonight, 7:30 pm, in the Youth Chapel, with Pastor Ritchie giving the message. He has been a pastor for young adults for many years, and spoke for ReLive in Loma Linda last Sabbath. He has an uncommon gift of speaking directly to the young adult age group.

SABBATH MORNING:

9:45 am Youth and Young Adults Praise Team swings into their praise set, in the Youth Chapel, leading into Youth SS in the Library and Young Adults in the Youth Chapel.

DIVINE WORSHIP: Our Youth Praise has a wonderful set of Songs of Gathering ready at 10:50 am, and a beautiful, creative service has been prepared by Steve Rivera, even as they anticipate a baby coming at any time! The sermon is "THE RADICAL PRAYER," from Luke 10:2, and will wrestle with some of the most challenging questions many of us as Adventists have wrestled with. There will be an interactive illustration involving all the children at the beginning of the sermon, and we need them all there to make it happen!

AFTERNOON—DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING SERVICE:

From 12:15 pm to 1 pm there will be a time to get some juice or a hot drink, and mingle in the narthex or in the Fellowship Hall. Right at 1 pm the afternoon program begins in the Fellowship Hall, and we hope that virtually the entire church will choose to stay for the whole day. Bring some snacks for your children as you wish. There will be plenty of juice and fluids all around the Fellowship Hall. There will also be a special place for children to go.

From 1 pm to 4 pm the program has been sliced into 15-minute blocks to keep the program fast-paced and moving. There will be short videos that are just terrific in making their point, 3 short homily messages, several powerful praise sets and special music numbers by our GGSDA Men's Quartet and the Parks—but the heart of the afternoon will be the 15-minute prayer sessions all around the Fellowship Hall, as we ask God to radically bless our church, and give us a passion for people all around us, whether our own children, neighbors, Vietnamese, Koreans, Hispanic, young and old, rich or poor.

Between 4 pm and 4:15 pm we will come to the Grand Finale, and then quickly move the tables into the form of a Cross for our Agape Feast. We will break our fast with soups by our very best cooks, fruit, bread, and festive conversation! We're closing with prayer at 5:30 pm.

HERITAGE SINGERS CONCERT: But the day doesn't there—plan to come back at 7 pm—because we are totally blessed to have Max Mace and the Heritage Singers in our church. Invite somebody to come—they have been a fantastic group for over 40 years.

Have a powerful, deeply spiritual Sabbath! Keep Max and Doris in your prayers—
God bless—

Pastor Dan