

## **Pastor's Newsletter – April 2, 2010**

Dear Saint!

Obviously we're back from a fabulous cruise! Many of you have experienced this before, but it was a first time for us. We kayaked in Cabo San Lucas, did a jeep tour and saw the cliff diving in Mazatlan, and did ziplines and cliff rappelling outside Puerto Vallarta! But the best was the ship, the food, the programs, the gym, reading on the deck with the ocean going by—what a gift the week was! Someday we'll organize a Garden Grove cruise for all of us—where would you rather go, Mexico or Alaska?

This is Easter weekend, one of the two times a year when the whole Christian world actually focuses on Jesus, and churches are full. We have a wonderful service planned, with brass and timpani, the Hallelujah Chorus, the Triumphal Entry, with all the stops pulled out. An Easter gift has been put together for all of the children who come, available right after church! The sermon homily is, "Is the Stone Rolled Away?" The Sanctuary will look gorgeous, and so this is a great service to invite that one person you have longed to get to come to church.

The Countdown is on for THE SEARCH! It all starts next Saturday night, April 10. People have been working at church all day stringing cable. The brochures have been printed, and thousands will be mailed out Monday, in 4 languages! Radio spots will hit the airwaves on FISH. We have tried every way we know to get the word out—now we are down to the deadline, and we hope that God will lead each of you to somebody you can bring to hear the truth about our Awesome God.

1. There will be brochures you can take after church. 2. You can give somebody a DVD promo clip. 3. We will send an email announcement out next week that you can forward to your whole email list or selected friends. 4. We will give you the radio spot as an email attachment you can email people. 5. The Spanish group has literature in Spanish you can hand someone, including a brochure. 6. But the bottom line is always a relationship, where God has prepared the way, you have a relationship, you feel a prompting, and you make the invitation. We think that each night will be something you will be proud to invite someone to.

### **WEEKEND SERVICES:**

**FRIDAY NIGHT:** "A Service of Shadows," a candlelight service at the Fullerton church put on by our Orangewood Academy middle school and high school choirs, under the direction of Jim Woods. 7:30 pm tonight! 2355 W. Valencia Drive.

### **SABBATH MORNING:**

**Youth and Young Adults:** 9:30 am breakfast (Hilda this week!), Music at 9:45 am, Lesson at 10:05 am.

Classes all over the Sanctuary, some at 9:30 am, others at 10 am. Don't forget to check out the new one looking at the Character of God in all 66 books, meeting at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

**DIVINE WORSHIP:** We are going to begin with the Praise Team at 10:45 am. The full Easter Program will begin right at 11 am, be absolutely sure you have a good seat before the children come parading in as part of the grand Triumphal Entry!

**POTLUCK:** Bring your favorite dish to our monthly potluck, but with the full-blown Easter celebration flavor! A highlight will be including a baby shower for Steve and Moenau Rivera, celebrating their beautiful new daughter, Nanihi.

**EVANGELISM COMMITTEE:** Immediately after the potluck, we will meet to nail down every detail. Please don't miss!

**SURVEY / GRACE TEAM:** Winsley Hector and our team will go out for a short period of taking community surveys. They had a terrific time last Sunday, did over 70 surveys, and made some great contacts. The team will also meet and go out Sunday morning at 9 am sharp at the church.

**THE GIFT GOES ON:** The Vietnamese fellowship meets in the Fellowship Hall at 4 pm.

**SUNDAY:**

**GRACE TEAM:** Surveys in the community at 9 am.

**JOB SEMINAR:** 4-6 pm, Fellowship Hall—The focus is on helping our Vietnamese community, but the lectures will be in English and then translated, so anybody can attend. Help with writing resumes, networking to find jobs, how to prepare for an interview, resources, etc. If this works well we can repeat it for other ethnic groups and other groups who are searching for positions. We are blessed to have Paula Hollmon who has special training in this area, and I will have the closing.

**CONTAGIOUS CHRISTIAN Dinner:** 6 pm, Cheesecake Factory, for everyone who has read the book and filled out the worksheets! Don't miss this special night!

**THURSDAY:** *Experiencing God*, 6:30 pm, Thursday night.

**FRIDAY:** 6:30 pm--Dress Rehearsal for EVERYBODY involved in THE SEARCH: Music, Food, Reception, Audio Visual, Drama, Child Care, Health Talks—Everybody! We will run through every element to be sure there are no kinks, and then a time of worship and inspiration and prayer.

GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU!

Pastor Dan