

Pastor's Newsletter – June 25, 2010

Dear Saint!

GENERAL CONFERENCE REPORT: We are only one day into the General Conference Session in Atlanta, but, as is traditional, the Nominating Committee has already nominated a new General Conference President, and he has been approved by the delegates. It is Elder Ted N. C. Wilson. He is 62, and is currently a Vice-President of the General Conference. While I know virtually nothing of the deliberations, there was a rumor that the current president, Elder Jan Paulsen, had indicated that, even though he is 75, he is in good health and was willing to continue. Evidently the Committee chose to go in this direction. I'm sure more will come out over time.

Elder Wilson comes from a long line of church leaders, as you will see below. His father was the president of our North American Division for about 12 years, I think, and then General Conference president for another 12. He is still alive, about 90 years old, and has been very active until fairly recently. Elder Wilson's grandfather was also a major church leader.

The following is a brief paragraph from *Adventist Today* about Elder Wilson. Pray for him! Elder Wilson is "a vice president and son of former GC president Neal Wilson. He received nearly as many votes in the nominating committee at the 2005 session as did Paulsen. At age 62 he is a decade younger than Paulsen, but many fear that he would be a throwback as president with a more intrusive style of leadership and possibly championing ultra-conservative causes. Wilson has deep roots in the traditional Adventist leadership system. His grandfather, N. C. Wilson, was a missionary in Africa and later in Indonesia, division president in Southern Asia and later in the South Pacific, a union president in the U.S. and GC vice president for North America. His father was later to hold the same North American leadership position before becoming GC president. Ted Wilson directed Metro Ministries in New York City and then went as a missionary to Africa. He spent the 1980s at the General Conference as an associate secretary, went to Russia as division president from 1992 to 1996 and then was elected president of the Review & Herald Publishing Association where he served until 2000 when he was elected a GC vice president. He has an earned PhD from New York University."

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS: (From Moenau and Steve Rivera)

June 25th ~ Friday Night Live: It starts at 7:30 pm in the Youth Chapel at the Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church and will probably end around 9 pm. There will be lots of fun as usual, including praise, music, and food, of course, will be served....You can't ask for more than that and it is all free... so hop in your cars and drive down to have some fun. I hope you all come.

June 26th ~ BBQ at Joel Tameifuna's house: After church is over, we will meet at 1:30 pm at the Tameifuna's place where there will be a BBQ, lots of food, and fun in the sun... It would be appreciated if you would bring a side dish or dessert. The rest will be provided by the wonderful "youth". If you have any questions or need directions, please ask any of the Tameifuna's at church. It will be lots of fun so we hope to see you there.

Please send any questions or comments to: youth@gardengrovesda.com. Or if you know anyone who would like to be on our email list, please give them the email address.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE:

YOUTH BAPTISMAL CLASS: 9:30 to 10:00—We will be back to our class, please get everybody there on time, and having done their lesson, if at all possible, because that leaves more time to discuss the lesson, instead of looking up all the texts the entire time.

SS: There will be transitions as each SS level graduates one group to the next level and receives a new group. Cleo Hector and Michele Lopez will be leading in Earliteen, and Melissa Olson and another group are moving up to YOUTH (High School) in the Library. Winsley Hector and a group will be leading the Young Adult SS in the Youth Chapel.

DIVINE WORSHIP: There will be music in the Sanctuary starting about 10:40, but the Praise Team will begin the Worship Service right at 11 am. Several terrific moments have been planned, leading up to the message, "GRACE—EVERY TIME?" This message looks at some of the most controversial questions about grace in the last 40 years in Adventism—What happens to your salvation when you slip and sin? Does it matter whether it is an "accidental" sin or a "known" sin? Come help us wrestle with how far the boundaries of grace can stretch! We will finish the service by celebrating the Lord's Supper with the emblems of bread and grape juice.

MEETINGS:

Head Deacons, right after church

Young Adult, Youth, and Earliteen Leaders' Potluck in the Fellowship Hall

Youth/Young Adult BBQ, Tameifuna's, 2 pm

The Gift Goes On!, 4 pm.

STEPS TO CHRIST: Thursday night, 6:30 pm, Chapter 7, "The Test of Discipleship"

SUMMER CAMP: Again, we could use several more children/youth, and sponsors for campers from the community!

God bless you all!

Pastor Dan