

Pastor's Newsletter – July 16, 2010

Dear Saint!

So how is your summer so far? Are you getting everything out of it that you planned? How many of the fun things you planned to do have you checked off so far?! How many times have you been to the beach so far?! The sermon tomorrow is "THOU SHALT PLAY!" and is probably the only "theology of play" you will ever hear in a sermon, so don't miss if you can help it! We are in a series looking at different parts of our culture, and asking how Christ makes a difference in that area.

SEARCHplus—Next Sabbath afternoon, July 24, 6:00 pm. Food, great, great piano mini-concert, and then the message, "GOING WITH JESUS TO THE MOVIES: What would Jesus say about Avatar, now that it is out on DVD? How would Jesus want us to navigate all of the media choices—movies, video games, all of it? A night to invite the friends you invited to THE SEARCH. We are planning a shorter 3-weekend emphasis starting October 16 also.

THE REST OF THE WEEKEND:

9:30 am - SABBATH SCHOOL

Especially our YOUTH BAPTISMAL CLASS, 9:30 am, Pastor's Office. Lessons 7 & 8. Come, ready or not!

A new Filipino class will start next Sabbath, July 24, 9:30 am, in the Mother's Room—in English, but made up of Filipino's and those who want to be around them!

10:50 am - DIVINE WORSHIP

The featured group this Sabbath is our Summer Camp Staff, with Lesieli Tameifuna, they will have all the parts of the worship service, we think it will be very special.

Children's Church will join us for the first half, and then go back to the Youth Chapel for a craft.

Praise will be led by "Rainbolt," otherwise known as Pastor Dan's nephews and friends! It's even possible their father, my brother Richard, pastor at El Cajon, may slip away to worship with us and them tomorrow.

Profession of Faith—a number of people who have been attending GGSDA have made the decision to throw in their lot with us, and will join us by Profession of Faith tomorrow. Love them into the heart of the church!

Sermon—"THOU SHALT PLAY!"

Nominating Committee—one more chance to nominate 5 people to be on the committee that nominates the Nominating Committee, if you didn't do it last week.

12:00 pm - POTLUCKS

Children's Ministry, Youth Chapel
Leadership Team, Fellowship Hall

1:30 pm - CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Wesley and Diane Ramkissoon's backyard

4:00 pm - THE GIFT GOES ON, Fellowship Hall

UPDATES:

1. The portable floor for the Fellowship Hall, allowing us to play basketball and volleyball up there again without damaging the carpet, has arrived. We have to get hoops and nets, and then we can have REC NIGHTS again! Thanks to the Youth Council and the Church Board, and to Josh Tameifuna for making it happen.
2. Heating and AC—We have had to dip into Reserves and rental income in order to replace over \$20,000 of heating and air condition units for our church and lobby. The old ones have been removed and the new ones installed on our roof, via cranes, and great work by Bob Maukovich. All are working perfectly.
3. We are working hard to use a power washer to scrub all our sidewalks, and make them pristine again.
4. We have asked each of the churches that rent from us, bringing in over \$15,000 a month that allows us to do much of these repairs and upgrades, to keep each of the rooms, restrooms, parking lot, and our church absolutely clean and exactly as they found them. So, obviously, the Golden Rule means that we have to do the same! Please do what you can to never step over a piece of paper or trash. We have bins everywhere. Never close a SS room without making sure it is perfect. If you borrow chairs or tables from a room, make sure they go back. If trash cans are full, bag them up and empty them. It just takes minutes, but it keeps all our relationships smooth, and it honors God to have our church at its best. We are committed to continuing to upgrade until no one can find a single thing to fix and Josh will be out of work!

God bless you all!

Pastor Dan