

Pastor's Newsletter – August 20, 2010

Dear Saint!

The weekend is here, filled with life and specialness!

LUAU, SUNDAY, 4 PM: The highlight is of course the LUAU this Sunday afternoon. The doors will open at 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall, the dinner at 4:00 pm, and the show at 5:00 pm. You can still sign up tomorrow after church, or even at the door Sunday afternoon. \$20 each, but only \$50 for a family of four. All the money is split between the Young Adults and the high school Youth. It's an awfully fun way to contribute to the best cause we have!

TUITION AID / \$20 OFFERING: This is the Sabbath we are putting everything we have into our kids. We have 20 of our own kids that need some extra help from the Church in order to get into Orangewood Academy. All have paid their registration fees, and are committed to doing their share regularly. We need over \$17,000 total.

We are asking every single person who comes this Sabbath to bring \$20, besides your regular Tithes and Offerings, and put it into the second offering after the sermon. We are hoping for \$6000, which will double what we have now, and get us a long ways towards what our kids need. You can't invest your money in any more powerful way than investing in kids. If just one of these 20 does something incredible for God and the world during their lifetime, it would be worth it. But I'm betting on all 20!

TONIGHT:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: We've had 35-40 children nearly every night, just having a great time. I was there late one night, and the kids just refused to leave, playing kickball in the parking lot with Setaita and Lesieli Tameifuna. Thanks to all the staff who have made this happen, on short notice. The final night is tonight, 6-8 pm! The whole group will be featured during Divine Worship Sabbath morning.

SABBATH SCHOOL: All the SS are in high gear now, at 9:30 am. The Youth are starting to rock, 9 went to Magic Mountain all day Sunday. They tried to leave at 5:00 pm, but couldn't help having to ride 5 more rides on the way out and got home after 9:00 pm! The new Filipino class is already too big for the Mother's Room, and have asked to be in one corner of the Fellowship Hall.

YOUTH BAPTISMAL CLASS: 9:30 TO 10:00 am, in the Pastor's Office.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Always on the third Sabbath of the month, so that's this Sabbath, in the Youth Chapel, 11:00 am.

DIVINE WORSHIP: This is EDUCATION DAY, highlighting and honoring all of our faculty and administrators from Orangewood Academy. As far as we can tell, all of them will be with us tomorrow for a holy and beautiful teacher dedication service. We'd like all the elders and

parents who aren't in Children's Church to be ready to come up and be ready to be part of the Dedication Prayer. We will also be serving them a beautiful banquet dinner in the Fellowship Hall, led by Dolores Haskins. We will have a great Praise Team leading in worship, music from both the Summer Camp kids and staff and the VBS team.

The sermon will move to the second phrase in Micah 6:8—"LOVE MERCY!" Come and see how much theology and life we can wring out together from just those 2 words.

THE GIFT GOES ON: Our Vietnamese group will lead out, 4:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

LUAU: Sunday, 4:00 pm, dinner. Show, 5:00 pm.

SMALL GROUP: 6:30 pm Thursday night, brainstorming about the next study topic!

PATHFINDERS HIKE SABBATH AFTERNOON: Here is the announcement from Alex Caldwell, our Pathfinder Leader: Woah! What is that!? Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's the start of the 2010-2011 Pathfinder and Adventurer Club year!!! The leaders of the Pathfinder and Adventurer Clubs met recently, and planned an awesome year full of lots of fun activities. Have you ever camped under the stars, pitched a tent on the beach, or watched snow fall outside your cabin window in the mountains? If not, then you are in for a treat this year once you become a member of either the Pathfinder or Adventurer Clubs. If you have done all of these things, you're probably already a member of our Club, or at least need no convincing to join, because you know how spectacular all of these activities are.

If you are interested in an opportunity to see what Pathfinders and Adventurers is all about, here's your chance! We will be hiking at the Bolsa Chica Wetland Preserve after church on Saturday, August 21, 2010, and encourage you to join us. Please see the contacts below for information, or find the Pathfinder/Adventurer poster in the foyer of the church to make sure you are a part of this great startup activity. Bolsa Chica is known for having lots of wildlife, so bring your binoculars and camera to ensure you don't miss a thing!

We are currently accepting applications, so make sure to sign up at our table in the church foyer, or come to our Registration meeting on Saturday, August 28, 2010 at 6pm in the Pathfinder Room. We are also looking for people to help teach honors, so if you are interested in imparting some of your knowledge and expertise in just about any field onto the future leaders of our church, please also come see us in the foyer or at our Registration meeting.

For more information, or to sign up today, please contact Alex Caldwell-Pathfinder Club Director [Phone: (562) 899-1925; Email: Acwaverun@MSN.com], or Sandra Caldwell-Adventurer Club Director/Pathfinder Club Secretary [Phone: (562) 773-9450; Email: Scaldwell262@YAHOO.com]

Have a great Sabbath!

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