

## **Pastor's Newsletter – September 10, 2010**

Dear GGSDA Saint!

This week we move into high gear with a new church and ministry season. School is back in session, the Choir started up again last night, most vacations are over, and we are ramping up towards the next level for our church!

**APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY:** After our POTLUCK tomorrow, we will have our Appreciative Inquiry meeting in the Fellowship Hall. We have Dr. William Loveless coming for the whole day to help us with what is called Appreciative Inquiry (AI). He will preach for Divine Worship, and then after the potluck, he will lead us in this process which helps the entire congregation be part of long-range planning for the church. Rather than focusing on shortcomings or flaws, it focuses on what is going right, strengths, Spirit-led opportunities, where God is blessing, as indicators of where we should be going as a church. It is not a lecture—it is interactive with everyone involved from the first minute to the end. Come and spend the day with us—there is no “The Gift Goes On,” etc.

We hope to have videos for kids, and refreshments, so don't be afraid to stay with your kids!

We are really hoping for most of the church to stay for this. We want every voice heard. Young and old, youth, young adults, everybody.

### **SABBATH:**

9:30 am - SABBATH SCHOOL (Don't forget Sabbath breakfast out in the Youth Chapel!)

10:55 am - DIVINE WORSHIP: Rainbolt will be leading our praise, we have a great Children's Story, we will remember 9-11, and then Dr. William Loveless will give his message. He has been the pastor of the Loma Linda University Church two different times, President of the Pennsylvania Conference, and of Columbia Union College. He has been a personal friend for many years, and is still very active in many ventures, counseling, mentoring, consulting, leading in seminars, on LLBN, everywhere!

12:30 pm - POTLUCK

2:00 pm - APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY

**Beach Vespers – Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm** Join Pastor Dan “down by the seaside” to enjoy the last of summer with your church family. Bring your favorite beverage and something to sit on. Haystacks and dessert will be provided. **VENUE CHANGE! – Peninsula Park-near Balboa Pier. 100 Main Street, Newport Beach 92661.** Take the **55 Fwy South**, it becomes **Newport Blvd./Balboa Blvd.** Turn right on Main Street for main parking area; smaller parking lots are off A Street and B Street. **Parking is metered; bring quarters.** Vespers will be near the B Street parking area. The fire ring area is handicap accessible. See you there—join the fun and tell a friend!

**BOSNIAN MISSION:** Bob Maukovich will be leaving Tuesday for their annual mission trip to their homeland and Bosnia. Our church has committed to trying to raise \$3000 for their projects

over there: #1—Lending Library van, where the Slovakian government provides the Adventist literature. A number of baptisms already, 60 interests! #2—Finishing a home for a family (windows and doors), that we have been supporting for a number of years; and #3 Tuition aid for several at our school there. Make your check to the church with “Bosnia Mission” on the Memo line.

**LOS ALAMITOS**—Our sister church, made up of Garden Grove members, is having a Grand Opening, October 30, at 2:00 pm. SAVE THE DATE, and let’s all go cheer them on as they plant a new church in an area not already covered by an Adventist Church.

**TRANSPORTATION:** GGSDA has had a ministry of helping provide transportation to individuals who had no other way of getting to church and back home. But that ministry team has pretty much run its course, and we need a fresh team to take a turn of helping organize this. The Nominating Committee is coming up to its last meeting this Tuesday night, and is just wondering if there is anybody out there who might be interested and feeling the prompting of the Holy Spirit to help out in this ministry. Let me know (951-236-7262 or answer this email), or speak to Lance Cantos at church.

**PATHFINDERS AND ADVENTURERS:** “Pathfinder and Adventurer registration was a huge success!!! We had a great turnout on Saturday night and are looking forward to working with all the new and returning families during the 2010-2011 year. The Pathfinders and Adventurers have many great activities planned for this year, including staying in the cabins at Pine Springs Ranch, camping in San Diego, and going to the mountains for our annual skiing/snowboarding trip! So keep your calendars open, because we would really like to see you all there!

We will be having our first official Pathfinder and Adventurer Club meetings on September 25, 2010 at 6:00 pm, so it's definitely not too late to sign up. Make sure to stop by the Pathfinder/Adventurer table in the foyer at church, contact a director, or come to a meeting ASAP, to ensure you are a part of all the fun!

We are also still looking for volunteers to help teach classes and honors this year, so please let us know if there is anything you would be interested in teaching. The help is greatly appreciated!

The Saturday afternoon hikes will be cancelled for the next few weeks, due to the Pathfinder and Adventurer Club leadership conventions. We will resume hiking starting September 25, 2010, so make sure you have your hiking boots ready to go!

For more information or to sign up today, Please contact Alex Caldwell-Pathfinder Club Director [Phone: (562) 899-1925; Email: [Acwaverun@MSN.com](mailto:Acwaverun@MSN.com)], or Sandra Caldwell-Adventurer Club Director/Pathfinder Club Secretary [Phone: (562) 773-9450; Email: [scaldwell262@YAHOO.com](mailto:scaldwell262@YAHOO.com)].”

God bless you all!

Pastor Dan