

Pastor Dan's



Communique

December 23, 2011

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!

There is only time to pass on all of the events for this weekend. Our Christmas letter is being mailed to everybody as we speak. Just know that it is a rich blessing to part of GGSDA with each of you, a treasure, and a magnificent pleasure! And we're really still just getting started, building a great base for what we believe God is about to do here!

(And don't forget that all year-end giving needs to be postmarked by midnight, Dec. 31, or at the church. We will announce a location where you can also drop it off in person next Saturday night! We'll party until midnight somewhere if that helps finish the Church Budget! Give what you can to make sure that every ministry we have is completely funded for 2011 and starts ready to go for 2012)

FRIDAY NIGHT:

PRAYER VIGIL--24 hours, going on right now. If you want to be part of it, join my hour, 5:00 to 6:00 pm tonight, or any part of it. I slipped into the Fellowship Hall last night to see it, they have created just a beautiful "Prayer Chapel", that just makes you feel like praying.

AGAPE SUPPER--closes the Prayer Vigil. 6:30 to 7:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall--soup, bread, fellowship, and prayer.

SABBATH:

SABBATH SCHOOL--Christmas Sabbath Schools everywhere!

PASTOR'S BIBLE CLASS: My class is eating together from 9:30 to 10:00 am before our class in the morning.

***CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST--9:30 am, Pathfinder Room, potluck (bring whatever comfort food you want)

Class--10:00 to 10:45 am--Studying Daniel 11, AND the questions about the Role of Israel and Islam in the Last Days

DIVINE WORSHIP: 10:50 am. Please come early to get a good seat, and the Children's Choir will sing early--between 10:50 and 11:00 am.

WORSHIP SERVICE: THE MESSIAH. We are thrilled to share this with the church--the best Messiah Christmas choruses and solos. With video, and the Hallelujah Chorus. It should be just amazing!

Message: "BLOW-THEIR-MIND GIFTS!"--give gifts that make people dance around the room, and forget all their other presents!

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE VESPERS: 5:00 to 6:00 pm, Saturday night. Carols will begin at 4:50 pm. Great, great music, a gift for every child, and a gift for the whole congregation from each of our three pastors! We will close with Silent Night and candles right at 6:00 pm, you can go straight home or out to dinner or whatever your family tradition is, or you can stay for cookies and cider from Family Ministries!

(No Vietnamese Fellowship this Sabbath, everybody is coming to the Candlelight Vespers.)

SUNDAY: Christmas Brunch, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, for anybody who would like a terrific dinner with great people on Christmas Day. Plus a group will be taking food to people who are staying in motels and would have no other Christmas dinner if we didn't bring it.

MONDAY: SNOW DAY with the Pathfinders at Snow Valley, cheap group tickets if you want to come--ski, snow board, play in the snow, or just eat one of the picnic lunches I have ever had! This was just a great day in the sun last year. Contact Sandra Caldwell. We're all coming!

If others of you would like to go up to Snow Summit during vacation, we have tentative groups going Thursday, Dec. 29, and Wednesday, Jan. 4. Let me know if you are interested. If we get to 15, we get a much better price.

THURSDAY NIGHT: SPORTS NIGHT, 6:00 pm on, Fellowship Hall, volleyball, ping pong, table games. A new tradition is being started, thanks to Josh Tameifuna and the Sports and Recreation Committee!

FNL: Friday Night Live, next Friday night, 7:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

SATURDAY NIGHT: My understanding is that the Youth will be part of a lock-in with other youth groups at La Sierra Academy New Year's Eve, and that the Spanish Group is planning a party/meeting that night. Details later.

God bless you all, and Merry Christmas!
Pastor Dan