Pastor Dan's



Communique

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Dear Saints!

HAPPY NEW YEAR again! We hope that you have been able to maintain a little of the momentum of Christmas and New Year's, even as lights come down and decorations are put away and school starts again! We got one more half day of skiing in with the Young Adults on Wednesday, skiing under blue skies in 65degree weather! Only in CA!

Here are the events coming up!

THE WAY!! This actually starts in just a few minutes, something Pastor Garrett and his Youth Council have been planning for months. 7:00 pm, Friday night, 1st and 3rd Friday nights, in the Youth Chapel, something designed specifically for the hearts and minds and culture of high school and earliteen young people. They have designed a wonderful logo, have worked hard to upgrade the Youth Chapel to fit 2012 kids, and these should be "insanely great" events, to quote Pastor Garrett (and Steven Jobs!)

SABBATH:

SABBATH SCHOOLS: 9:30 am for all except Youth and Young Adults, which are at 9:50 am and 10:00 am. PASTOR'S BIBLE CLASS: 9:30 am Pathfinder Room. Daniel 11 Powerpoint Presentation that didn't work last week will work perfectly tomorrow! 9:30 am in the Pathfinder Room, a very compelling presentation researched by our own Dr. Hugo Leon, Jr! Clear, irrefutable links between Daniel 7, 8, 11 AND the last-day Antichrist in 2 Thess. 2. Just great stuff!

DIVINE WORSHIP: The first Worship of the New Year, fine-tuned, with a first-rate Praise Team leading worship (heard them practicing last night, just filled the Office suite with worship). The homily message, from the book of Daniel and Daniel 6, is, "WHEN YOU CAN HEAR THE LIONS ROARING!" What does it take to keep the lions' mouths shut and face modern lions' dens without fear? We will celebrate the Lord's Supper at the conclusion of the worship service.

ORDINANCE OF HUMILITY: For those who would like to prepare by sharing in the footwashing service, that will be available in the North Room and Fellowship Hall and Board Room from 10:40 am to 10:55 am between SS and Divine Worship.

SMALL GROUPS: 2012 is going to be the Year of Small Groups at Garden Grove. We just believe in them--I will never go without being part of one ever again. In February many of us will be doing 40 Days of Purpose together, 40 days of reading this classic and iconic book, *The Purpose-Driven Life*, and meeting 1x a week to study and pray through it, finding your purpose in life. IF you are open to being a leader or a host of a group, we'd love to have you join us for a light potluck in the Fellowship Hall tomorrow right after church. The training will start at 1:45 pm, and will be fast-paced and very, very relevant and right to the point of how to lead a group. It will be a fun and godly afternoon with a great group of people who I know are planning to come.

PATHFINDERS AND ADVENTURERS MEETING: Lunch in the Pathfinder Room immediately after church, meeting between 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm. Parents are invited to a meeting with Sandra Caldwell 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm to discuss upcoming activities. Plans for January include: Jan. 28-29 Camping right at GGSDA! Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser Sunday morning Jan. 29. Pinewood Derby for Sunday has been cancelled.

VIETNAMESE GROUP: 4:00 pm, with Pastor Vinh coming again from the El Monte church: "Quyết Định Đầu Năm: Thân Thể Quân Bình" and the Scripture texts are 1 Cô-rinh-tô 6:19, 20.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH FAIR: 10 am to 1 pm, Sunday, at the Fellowship Hall--all kinds of kid-oriented, fun ways to learn about health--very cool stuff!

YOUTH: Saturday night, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Rock Climbing, Rock City Climbing, 5100 E. La Palma Avenue, #108, Anaheim Hills. Kids under 18 need a waiver signed by a parent. You can sign it there, or download and sign before you go: http://www.rockcityclimbing.com/gym/index/php. \$10 to climb and for the gear. Some sponsorships available! Any questions, call Pastor Garrett, 530-518-6270.

THIS WEEK:

COUNCIL MEETING: 7:30 pm, Tuesday night.

CHOIR/COVENANT SINGERS: 8:15 pm Thursday night. **POTLUCK:** Next Sabbath after Church, January 14!

RECIPE: In case you didn't get it, here is the recipe for the incredible "comfort food" by Carol Meckstroth Christmas Sabbath!

CAMEL GRAHAM CRACKERS. Line 10 x 15 inch cookie sheet (with sides) with 46-50 graham crackers. Melt 2 sticks of salted butter with 1/2 C. sugar in small pan, bring to boil and boil gently for 2 minutes. Pour over crackers, smoothing to cover with back of spoon. Sprinkle with 1 heaping cup of chopped pecans. Bake 13 to 14 minutes in 350 degree oven. "Optional"--sprinkle top with chocolate chips while hot and spread around--or make a chocolate ganache and spread. Remove--cool for about 5-10 minutes. Break apart and put on cooling rack. *Use a Slipat to line your cookie pan for easier removal of crackers. Thanks, Carol!

GOD BLESS!

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