April 14, 2012

Dear Saints!

Can you imagine what the disciples must have been feeling, one week after Easter?! The roller coaster of an exquisite Last Supper with Jesus--hearing John 14 about the Second Coming, John 15 about the Vine and the Branches, John 17 and His last prayer for them--then the trial, the Cross--the empty Sabbath--and then the Resurrection, the rumors, the doubts--and then the Upper Room! All the negatives turned into positives. Friday-s turned into Sunday's! And may it be so also for you!

WEEKEND SERVICES:

FRIDAY NIGHT

THE CREW: TONIGHT, Friday night, at the Academy: 7:00 pm, in the Auditorium. CREW stands for "Creating Real Experiences of Worship, focused on the Middle School and the Academy, but all are welcome. Pastor Iki Taimi is speaking, and there will be a special baptism (Henry Huynh) at the end!

SABBATH MORNING:

9:30 am: Sabbath Schools everywhere

PASTOR'S BIBLE CLASS, Pathfinder Room, 9:30 am to 10:45 am, studying Matthew 24 and the Signs of the Times verse by verse.

9:45 am: Young Adults, Fellowship Hall (Breakfast and Bible Study)

Youth, Youth Chapel

11:00 am: DIVINE WORSHIP, Sanctuary

Pastor Garrett and the Praise Team, 10:50 am. Children's Story.

Baptism--Pastor Shiphrah's first baptism, Allison Tse, just an incredible young woman who is so excited to take this step.

Message--"THE WINNER WITHIN!" Eph. 1:18-21--How does Jesus' Resurrection Life transfer over to us? Lord's Supper (Ordinance of Humility available between SS and Church)

SABBATH AFTERNOON:

4:00 pm: Vietnamese Fellowship (I have the message)

SATURDAY NIGHT: 6:30 pm, a wonderful Filipino Heritage & Tradition / Cultural Dance, Music & Dinner, Fellowship Hall \$25 per person, fundraiser for the Philippines Mission Trip.

SUNDAY: Adventurer Fun Day, at the Conference in Riverside, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm--parade, booth, food, etc. etc.

CHURCH RETREAT: Next weekend, April 20-22, Camp Cedar Falls. We will still have church and SS at GGSDA, with Pastor Garrett preaching. But we hope that many of you will find a way to slip up to Camp Cedar Falls, for the weekend, or at least for Sabbath, or even for just Sabbath afternoon! Great speaker, food, scavenger hunt, spiritually-themed hikes, Bible Quiz Bowl, Saturday night "Adventist Idol!" Sports, volleyball, basketball. Besides being a great time to get closer to God, your family, and your church family! We'll send out the details and directions first of the week.

Have a great Sabbath!

Pastor Dan