**Dear Saints!** 

The month is filled with specialness, and we hope that you will be blessed with all that is being planned! And then graduations and the summer hits, with the Mission Trip, Summer Camp, Faith Camp, VBS, Beach Vespers, Picnic, Luau! BUT first!

PHILIPPINE MISSION TRIP \$20 OFFERING: The Board has voted to ask the congregation to support the Mission trip by taking a second offering tomorrow. The goal is \$3000. All of the participants going (about 100) have put in \$200 each in order to pay for the 17 evangelistic crusades we will be having. The Conference over there is putting in several thousand, and Quiet Hour and other donors have contributed to the building materials and Bibles. But we desperately need this \$3000 for the Crusades. Half of the speakers are from our church--the 3 pastors, plus a number of lay people--Mu Filemu, Rose Briceno, David and Yennie Rodriguez--with the rest being pastors from around our Conference. This money goes to rent the halls or basketball courts, get chairs, provide transportation for the interests to come, and for the Bible workers who work for 3 months ahead of time giving Bible studies to get people ready for the mass baptism after we hold our meetings.

We are hoping that most of you can bring \$20 per person. We know that that is a lot if you have a large family! But do whatever you can. Give your regular tithe and Budget offerings at the first offering, and then after the sermon we will give you a chance to give to the Mission Trip.

**MEXICAN FIESTA**: The Social Committee has planned a magnificent event for tomorrow night, Saturday night—6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Doors open at 6:00 pm,meal at 6:30 pm, the program will begin immediately after sundown. \$10, there is still room for about 50 more to sign up I believe. This group (Lisa Bethen, Leon's, etc.) always put spectacular programs--don't miss!

**MAY 12 POTLUCK:** Please plan to come to our main monthly potluck next week, May 12, and bring a dish for your family and to share with others! We will immediately go into RELIGIOUS LIBERTY PANEL DISCUSSION, where I will host and lead a discussion with our expert panel members and the audience in wrestling some of the hot topics about Church and State this year--Sabbath issues, healthcare and individual mandates, Supreme Court decisions, etc.

**THE WAY:** Friday night, tonight, 7:00 pm, in the Youth Chapel, with Pastor Garrett. Here is his announcement:

"We're so excited about this month at The Way! Tomorrow night we have Mattie Lake and Ariana Casiano (Two extremely talented girls from RAA) leading us out in worship! So we're excited about that and about our topic this month - YOLO. YOLO is an acronym popularized by the rapper Drake, which stands for - You Only Live Once. Our society uses this as an excuse to drink and smoke and sleep around because after all, you only live once, right? Well it's true you've only got this life but there are way better ways to make use of your life than wasting on what this world has to offer. We're going to look at what Jesus had to say about living your life for a purpose bigger than YOURSELF! Don't miss out - Tomorrow night, May 4 and the very next Friday, May 11 at 7:00 pm! See you there!"

## **SABBATH MORNING:**

SABBATH SCHOOL: 9:30 am everywhere, 9:45 am for Youth and Young Adult Sabbath Schools PASTOR'S BIBLE CLASS: 9:30 am, Pathfinder Room, Matthew 24, looking at the issue of "Once Saved Always Saved"--once saved, can you lose it, or has God guaranteed your salvation?

## **DIVINE WORSHIP:**

11:00 am Sanctuary, with Pathfinders and Adventurers front and center, with a grand processional with flags and uniforms, and highlighting their achievements for the year. Great praise, choir. Message: "Rock Solid Faith!"--starting a series on Faith and Hebrews 11, all heading towards Faith Camp, June 22-23.

Vietnamese Fellowship: 4:00 pm, Youth Chapel

Mexican Fiesta: 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

**COMMUNITY MINISTRY:** Bring items for Babies--There is a great ministry we can support tomorrow and be a part of our OC community. There will be a box (it's pretty small) at the Lobby this Sabbath to help support the HomeAid OrangeCounty's Essentials for Young Lives 5th Annual donation drive? Drive is from May to May 11. When it's full they will come and pick it up. They can bring any unused diapers, baby wipes, baby food, baby hygiene products. Pick up a few things and drop them off tomorrow, what a gift this could be to young mothers and parents who have no other way to handle this!

ADVENTURERS: Zoo trip, Sunday, 10:30 am.

God bless, everybody! Pastor Dan