

Pastor's Newsletter - July 19, 2013

Dear GGSDA Saints!

For some reason an old Irish Blessing is in my head for all of you, a song a singing group I was in used to sing at the end of every concert:

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

We are blessed to be at home, and blessed to see all of you tomorrow!

YOUTH PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE: We are down to the last two weeks of our two years+ of terrific and Spirit-filled youth ministry with Pastor Garrett. We have been blessed by every day from his first to his last. August 3 is the grand finale, with his preaching his final sermon, and the farewell potluck in the Fellowship Hall. If the Spirit leads you to whisper him a thank-you for what he has done, or to send him a little email, do it. Take him out to dinner. Make his last 2 weeks here unforgettable!

The Search Committee is meeting every week. It has youth, youth sponsors, and several key leaders of our church, fine-tuning the job description, and all the things search committees do. We have no way of predicting when they will be able to bring a name to the Church, but just know they are doing their best, pray for them, there are some godly and powerful youth pastors out there, and God has one of them designated for GGSDA! In the mean time we have a great team that has been put together for the interim transition, and we are determined that all the good things that God has used Pastor Garrett to do will continue and a new pastor will come into a flourishing ministry and take it to the next level for God!

THE WAY: 7 pm tonight! Don't miss out on one of these last 3 with Pastor Garrett!

SANCTUARY (9:30 am): Pastor Shiphrah will continue the series "WRECKLESS GOD!"

DIVINE WORSHIP (11:30 am): "OPERATOR? GET ME JESUS, ON THE LINE!" Paul says in Acts 20:22 that he was "bound in the Spirit" to go to Jerusalem, even though he knew it might be too good for him there. How did he know? What does it feel like? Can we have that kind of absolute certainty that we are right where the Spirit wants us to be?

Plus--great praise, 2 baptisms, a superstar musician loaned to us for one Sabbath!

VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP: 4 pm, maiden sermon by our new young Vietnamese pastor, Toan Quach!

CONCERT: 4:30 FELLOWSHIP HALL. Javier Gonzalez.

VESPERS: 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall.

SUNDAY: Six Flags. All full, Youth and Young Adults going with Westminster and SECC Youth Department.

REVELATION: Wednesday, 7:30 pm, Revelation 13 and the Sea and Land Beasts! What does all this have to do with Christ?!

BEACH VESPERS: Next week, Saturday night, 5 pm, Corona del Mar.

God bless you all!
Pastor Dan