

Pastor Dan's Newsletter



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Happy Sabbath!

We are trying a bit of a new look for our Pastor's Newsletter! What does it mean? It means that we are in the process of transferring our church database from Church Community Builder to Planning Center Online, which is much more user-friendly AND about half the cost to our church. The newsletter feature is linked through MailChimp, which allows much more creativity. People smarter than me have helped me get this far, and will take us farther soon!

I will try to keep this pretty simple this first time around, but know that there are many initiatives on the verge of happening in 2017, and it is exciting to be part of it:

Our new website is just about ready to launch publicly. The basketball court should start the minute we get a stretch of dry weather.

The planters have been replanted and should be terrific in a few months. A long list of items were put on the repair list this week, and our team is working through that list as quickly as possible. The Vietnam, Philippine, and Mexico mission trips are all in the final stages of preparation.

On that note, pray for the Vietnam trip. Our Mission there has to get a permit for our crusades to happen. The only other permit so far in their history was two years ago for Elder Ted Wilson, the president of the General Conference, to do a four-night series in our downtown church in Saigon. We hear that Elder Dwight Nelson, from Andrews, did not get their permit approved recently, though there was a huge budget ready to be used for that. The church leadership believe that the concept that they have put together for our trip is highly likely to be accepted, and we are praying for that. We have plane tickets, but we have not bought the domestic tickets or made hotel reservations just in case there is a problem, but we may go ahead in faith this week. Pastor Toan flies over there this next week, and will be helping firm up all the plans.

We will just list our services for now and then add more next time around! Pastor Tony is speaking for First Service, in their new ACTS Series, we continue in Second Service on Promises, looking at the fantastic promise to people who give tithes and offerings--The windows of heaven will open and pour out a blessing, so much that you cannot receive it. What does that mean?! "Where's the Blessing?"

Children's Church at 11:30 in the Youth Chapel, Filipino Fellowship at 2:45, Vietnamese Fellowship at 4:30.

If you are thinking of skiing or snowboarding with us, January 22, we'd love to have you--contact us by Sunday morning! The deposit for Mexico has been made, and we would be thrilled for some of you to join us! See more below.

God bless you all! Happy Sabbath!

Pastor Dan