

# GARDEN GROVE SDA CHURCH

## Pastor's Newsletter

January 14, 2011

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Dear Saint!

One of the great, great perks of being part of Garden Grove SDA is the incredible variety and diversity that is there. Colors, backgrounds, countries, foods, styles--I just love it! And the long-term members of Garden Grove have said to me over and over again how much they are just reveling in the richness that everybody has brought to our church!

And so tomorrow we will celebrate it:

**1. FLAGS**--if you would like to march in with your own country of origin's flag, then line up in the hallway between 10:30 am and 10:45 am. The flags will be marked. Choose one from your country to actually carry the flag, and others of you that would like to be in the parade gather right around them. (Obviously with some groups we can't have everyone go up, so choose those with the best costumes!). When they go to the top of the platform to post the flag just circle on around and go to your seat! If your flag isn't there, then put in a donation and we'll buy yours for next time. I'm picking up two more this afternoon!

**2. COSTUMES**--We'd love to have as many of you as possible come in a costume from your home country. Be proud and as colorful as you dare!

### WEEKEND SERVICES:

**9:30 am - SABBATH SCHOOL:** All the classes start at 9:30 am, except:

10:00 am --Pastor's "ISSUES" Class, Fellowship Hall

**11:00 am - DIVINE WORSHIP.** Worship Starts in earnest at 11:00 am, we hope all of you can collect and come in and be seated during the Praise Gathering Songs, so that you don't miss a minute of blessing God with our worship. The Praise Team will start at 10:50 am. Tim and Kimber Parks have brought in hymns and a worship service that will celebrate "Unity out of Diversity", and I think you will love the colors and sounds, but your mind and heart will also be stretched as we think through what it means to be "church" and Kingdom in the midst of a culture that struggles to know how to relate to our "differences". The media and President Obama's Memorial Service sermon have been discussing all week how we should relate to each other, in light of the Tucson tragedy.

**MESSAGE:** "THE ALL-NESS OF GOD!" Matt. 4:12-25, Matt. 8.

Questions to discuss tonight: Is it wrong to like to hang out with people who are the most like you? Is it better to judge people based on things they have accomplished, or things they had nothing to do with? Or don't judge at all?

**12:30 pm/12:40pm THAILAND MISSION TRIP** - Group Meeting, North Room, 25 minutes.

### TABLES IN THE LOBBY:

(1) Pictorial Directory--we want 100% of you in the Directory, so sign up, the process is very easy, the photographers are great people, and there is no pressure to purchase more than you want or can afford. This will be a great way for us to absolutely know everybody else in the church.

(2) Family Life Ministry--we want a database of all of you and what you would like to see in the church.

**1:00 pm - 3:00pm - BIBLE STUDY GROUP**--If you have longed to be used by God to win at least one person to God, and just needed to learn something about how to give Bible studies, this is the time! The most practical, how-to session you will ever go to. POTLUCK in the Fellowship Hall, 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm, then 90 minutes on exactly how I do it! I have given thousands of Bible studies, and people have asked me to share what I add to give the lessons life and color. Love to have you come! One time event, with handouts!

**PATHFINDERS / ADVENTURERS:** 6:30 pm, Pathfinder Room!

**ORANGEWOOD Basketball:** 6:00 pm Saturday night.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Tuesday night, 7:30, Board Room.

**SEARCH COMMITTEE:** The Committee has been chosen. I met with the Conference leadership this week to go over an initial list of potential youth / young adult pastors. Our first meeting between the Conference and our Search Committee will be Monday night, January 24. Pray for the process, and if you have any names or ideas to suggest please let us know!

**GOD BLESS YOU ALL!**

Pastor Dan

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