

GARDEN GROVE SDA CHURCH

Pastor's Newsletter

January 21, 2011

My dear friends!

HERITAGE SINGERS: The big event, on top of our regular worship services, is the Heritage Singers concert Saturday night, 7:00 pm, in our Sanctuary. A highlight of every year, and we are blessed to be the church in Orange County where they come every year. Call somebody and invite them to come with you!

WELCOME KIOSK: There is a special highlight for tomorrow--our long-awaited Welcome Kiosk is finally here and installed, and everybody who has seen it calls it fantastic! Wesley Ramkissoo did an absolutely masterful job on the carpentry, and it is going to be a beautiful piece of furniture in our narthex, besides all of the ministry it is going to do. We will have a brief dedication of it right after church, so gather around for 5 minutes as we pray over its ministry, and then there will be a reception with some great refreshments to celebrate, right outside on the back patio.

ORANGEWOOD WORKBEE: Don't forget the Orangewood Workbee, Sunday, January 30, 8:00 – 12:00 pm. Light breakfast snacks beforehand, lunch provided by Home and School at 12:00 pm. Come join the pastors of the county and hopefully 50-100 volunteers giving back to Orangewood. Painting, cleaning, raking, something matched to everybody!

WEEKEND SCHEDULE:

9:30 am - SABBATH SCHOOLS everywhere. Pastor's Class upstairs at 10:00 am.

11:00 am - DIVINE WORSHIP--Our Praise Team will begin singing up-tempo hymns and Praise songs right at 10:50 am, so come in and sing some of the classics with us! We have a great drama planned.

But the feature for the morning is ANOINTING PRAYER--if you have a special need, of any kind, in any direction--spiritual, physical, family, financial--the elders and I will be spread around at different points of the church, and we will be ready to have a special private anointing prayer for each person who gets in line. I've done this many times, and it is just a holy and rich time. The choir and praise team will be singing quietly as we send our prayers straight to the throne of the King of the Universe.

MESSAGE: "THE BLESSING!" One of the great, classic passages of the Bible--the Beatitudes, Matthew 5. What do you really have to do if you want to be "blessed"? Does God really have a Plan in how He passes out His Blessings?

KIOSK DEDICATION AND RECEPTION

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE: Next Friday night, Pastor Iki Taimi--he's the best, don't miss this!

COMMITTEES THIS WEEK:

- Budget Committee, 7:00 pm, Sunday night.
- Search Committee, 7:00 pm, Monday night (Supper at 6:30 pm, Board Room)
- Church Board, 7:30 pm, Tuesday night
- Evangelism Committee and Board of Elders: Potluck next Sabbath, Fellowship Hall, planning for 2011.

PATHFINDERS / ADVENTURERS:

Saturday, January 22, 2011: Join us after church for a trip to the LA Natural History Museum! All Pathfinders and Adventurers are encouraged to attend, as this trip will fulfill a requirement for the Fossil Honor. Please see Alex Caldwell or Sandra Caldwell for more information, or meet in front of the Pathfinder Room after church.

Sunday, January 23, 2011 - This is the date of the Teen Swim Check-off at Loma Linda University. This activity is mandatory for any teen planning to attend the Teen River Trip which is set for the first weekend in April. All teens have been signed up. Any staff planning to attend the trip and go canoeing on the river must also be checked off by the lifeguard staff at Loma Linda University.

Sabbath, January 29, 2011 - We will kick off our annual Valentine's Day (or Special Person's Day) flower fundraiser. Make sure to stop by and pick up a rose or carnation for your special person this year!

Sunday, February 13, 2011 - Annual skiing and snowboarding trip. Please reserve the date. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available. **Contact Info:** Alex Caldwell: Phone-(562) 899-1925, Email-Acwaverun@MSN.com; Sandra Caldwell: Phone- (562) 773-9450, Email-scaldwell262@yahoo.com

THAILAND UPDATE: We have 68 planning to go at this time, but we still seem to have people interested. If you are still thinking about it, this Thursday is the next deadline for us to submit another group of names to the airline, at the same price. If you have any questions, let me know! Email me: pastordan@gardengrovesda.com

We are building a Faculty House on the campus there. It will cost a total of \$12,000, of which our church's share is \$6000. We have raised \$1250 so far. If you have any extra mission money after tithe and church budget, it will be a blessing to the project! There will also be various fundraisers individuals and families are doing to help with their own ticket to go--some are offering dinners, etc. Go when you can, have some fun, and help somebody go have the trip of a lifetime and make a difference on the other side of the world.

God bless, have a great weekend!
Pastor Dan

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