

GARDEN GROVE SDA CHURCH

Pastor's Newsletter

March 4, 2011

Dear Saints!

Much to share, and not much time--have to race down to OC for a staff "interview" with one of our prospective Youth Pastors who is flying in as we speak! Greet every young adult tomorrow morning as warmly as possible tomorrow--might be the next youth pastor you're talking to!

We interviewed three wonderful young adults Wednesday morning. Next weekend we will have one more here, and then Monday night, March 14, at least two more will be interviewed. And then we will see where we stand. I interviewed one this morning, just a terrific person, with so much heart and potential. So pray for God's will to be clear to the Committee.

SPANISH FIESTA: The next huge event in our church is the Spanish Fiesta. 6:00 pm next Saturday night, March 12, in the Fellowship Hall. It will be decorated incredibly, wonderful dinner--and the musical program will be world-class. We have some great friends who are coming who are just loved everywhere they sing. A great night, sign up for it at the kiosk tomorrow!

WEEKEND EVENTS:

NEW YOUTH BIBLE STUDY CLASS: starting this Sabbath at 9:30 am – 10:00 am. Open to any young people who are interested in preparing for baptism or simply want to learn more and ask questions. Led by theological student Amanda Johnston, held in Pastor Dan's office. Hope to see you there!

PATHFINDERS: Many will be camping in San Diego this weekend, leading up to the Conference Kite Day on Sunday. They will also be working on the Marine Invertebrates honor. Their next meeting will be Saturday, March 19, 6:30 pm.

JOB READINESS WORKSHOP: After all the planning and marketing, the first one is finally here. 6:00 pm -7:00 pm Saturday night, in the Youth Chapel, with our own Paula Hollmon leading out. If you or someone you know needs this help, Paula is a recognized expert in this field, we are blessed to have her, and this is a great opportunity for those who need it.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS MOVIE NIGHT: This is open to everybody, but sponsored by YAM. 6:30 pm is TOY STORY 3, and 8:30 pm, RATA TOUILLE. I think it is \$1 per person, \$5 for a family, plus you can buy snacks there. It's a full, huge screen, the picture is gorgeous, and for a great cause, helping our young adults get to Thailand.

THAILAND: We are down to needing only \$188 left out of our \$17,000 for the evangelistic series and construction costs. If anybody can't go, but would like to be part of this, mark it: THAILAND BUILDING. Thanks to everybody who has helped us with this!

WEEKEND SERVICES:

SABBATH SCHOOL: 9:30 am. REVELATION REVEALING will be in the Fellowship Hall, studying the 4 HORSEMEN of the Seven Seals, Revelation 6-8. We had a great discussion and study of it Thursday night. Plus wrestling with the questions about why God allows suffering that come up from this passage.

DIVINE WORSHIP: 10:50 am, Praise Team, Children's Story, See how our plants are doing.
MESSAGE: "DECAFFEINATED CHRISTIANITY!", from Matthew 13 and the Sower and the Soils!

POTLUCK: Right after Church in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome, invited. Bring something if you can, for yourselves and some extra for our guests! It's a huge part of why our church is growing!

PAUL LANDA LECTURESHIP: The LSU School of Religion hosts a major lecture every year in honor Dr. Paul Landa. It will be tomorrow, March 5, at 7:00 pm, at the La Sierra University Church. Dr. Jack Miles, a major Christian author, will be speaking on, "THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF GOD'S BIOGRAPHER." His most famous book is, "God: A Biography".

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: meets this Sabbath at 5:30 pm in the Board Room (located underneath the Fellowship Hall). Auditions for solos and acting parts, as well as continuing to prepare for the Easter Musical, "To See a Miracle." Plan to stick around for Movie Night afterwards. If you are unable to make it, but would still like to audition for a part, contact director, Amanda Johnston at amanda@gardengrovesda.com.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR NEWSLETTER: If you are not currently getting updates and reminder emails for the Children's Choir and you would like to be, email amanda@gardengrovesda.com to be added.

YAM CHOIR and IRVINE YAM SMALL GROUP are joining forces this Friday night at 7:00 pm for rehearsal, potluck and fellowship. Peter and Katherine have graciously opened their home. For more information, directions, or to be added to the YAM Newsletter, contact ggsdayam@gmail.com.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: There is only one more date available for picture taking for the Directory. We truly want every single one of our active families in the directory. We cannot turn around and do this again every 6 months! It is now or not at all for a bit! March 7, Monday, will be the last day to take pictures and get them in. Sign up at the Kiosk after church. We need 20 reservations to keep the day!

CHIP: A major focus this year will be on CHIP, a health program that has been held hundreds of times all over the US, with terrific response. People change their lifestyle, get healthier, AND come into contact with the Church and our message. The main program will be in September, but the training is now. Wayman Nelson, the leader of this new ministry here, will be gathering the team together right after the Potluck in the Fellowship Hall for another short training video and session. Everybody interested in supporting a great health ministry is invited to stay for that session.

SAVE THE DATES:

- March 8 & April 5: Homeless Shelter Ministry, 5:00 pm, sign up at the kiosk.
- April 2, 7:30 pm: Challenge Basketball Game, GGSDA and Pastor Dan challenging the OA Varsity, Fundraiser for Thailand. Food, everything.
- April 3, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm: OC SUNDAY FUNDAY, sports games and food booths, GGSDA will be putting out teams.
- April 10: Rummage Sale, also for helping GG Youth and Young Adults go to Thailand

Got to go! God bless you all!
Pastor Dan