

GARDEN GROVE SDA CHURCH

Pastor's Newsletter

March 18, 2011

Dear Saints!

We're heading into Spring Break, but the weekend schedule is chock full!

FNL: Friday Night Live tonight, 7:30 pm, in the Youth Chapel. Praise Team, and then Pastor Gilberto Del Vecchio from the Calexico Mission School will speak. Don't miss! Everyone I've talked to is planning to come!

SPANISH FIESTA: Thanks to Lisa Bethen, Hugo and Yolanda Leon, and the Social Committee for an awesome night last Saturday night! We had to set up 28 tables, others were sitting along the back, and others were "turned away" because there was just no more room. The food was great, the decorations and pictures were incredible--but the music and Spanish dancing were just magnificent! Don't miss the next big night, May 21!

SEARCH COMMITTEE: The Committee will be meeting at 8:00 am this coming Sunday morning, and hopefully will come out with a final recommendation to give to our Church Board and then to the Conference Executive Committee. We have gone from a long list, to an Interview list, and now to the "short list", and now it is time to come to a consensus around one name. It is not easy! These are some terrific young people, all eager and ready to get started in doing Youth Ministry. Each one has been interviewed, references checked, met with the staff and youth focus groups, and prayed over. Sample sermons have been watched. But even after that, it is very difficult to "guess" who will fit best into GGSDA. Pray for discernment and consensus! We hope to announce the name next Sabbath.

WEEKEND SERVICES:

SABBATH SCHOOLS: 9:30 am, in every room of the Church.

REVELATION REVEALING: 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall, studying the conclusion to the 7 Trumpets, Rev. 8-11, and then Revelation 12, the Remnant Church and all the questions that go with that controversial subject!

DIVINE WORSHIP: 11:00 am. Praise Team, Children's Choir, Children's Story with Audry, Drama, our Quartet--and: MESSAGE: "DON'T SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF!"--looking at Matt. 15 and the whole issue of traditions that get piled on to our religion, and how Jesus stripped those away. What would He strip away today? Is it possible to have a tradition-free religion and relationship with God?

CHIP: Everybody interested and willing to help with a great health ministry we are planning for this fall, meet in the North Room for 20 minutes, starting at 12:45 pm. We need all our medical people, people who love vegetarian cooking and anyone proud of our Blue Zone fame in the world for our longevity, to meet with us for a few minutes to plan for this. Even former President Clinton has switched to new diet and lost 24 pounds!

VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP: I will be speaking for them, 4:00 pm, Fellowship Hall.

MOVIE NIGHT: This Saturday night, 8:30 pm, THE INCREDIBLES, in the Fellowship Hall. All tickets (\$1!) and profits on the food are helping our own young adults get to Thailand!

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT: The Young Adults and Youth have planned a Volleyball Tournament at Orangewood Academy, Saturday night, March 26. 7:15 pm. There is space for 10 teams. It takes \$100 a team to buy in, or \$20 a player, all the money going to help Youth and Young Adults go to Thailand. Get a team together, and come take us on! Food will be sold; it's going to be a great night! If you want to sign up for a team, connect with Lesieli Tameifuna.

APRIL MADNESS: BASKETBALL CHALLENGE: GGSDA and I have challenged the OA Spartan varsity basketball team to play us for the Championship of Garden Grove! April 2, 7:30 pm. \$5 ticket for everybody who wants in, all proceeds helping kids go to Thailand. I will be playing, and a few other geezers--plus a few ringers I have recruited from here and there, but all with a direct link to GGSDA! This will be the night of the year, don't miss it!

There will be basketball and volleyball for youth and others after THE GAME!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: The Choir will be singing one song for the Worship Service tomorrow. All children in the Choir need to meet in the Sanctuary at 10:30 am. The Choir practices Saturday nights at 5:30 pm in the Board Room.

PATHFINDERS/ ADVENTURERS: Meeting this Saturday, March 19, 2011, at 6:30 pm in the Pathfinder Room. Make sure to come early, so you can participate in the new Honor. See you there!

JOB READINESS WORKSHOP: DON'T MISS OUT! Somebody you know, looking for work, needs this: Interviewing Techniques, Hiring Agencies, On-Line Resources for Job Search, and so much more! Saturday night, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm, March 19, in the Youth Chapel. Paula Hollmon is the presenter.

PINE SPRINGS SCHOLARSHIP: We have two scholarships available for children/youth who would like to go to Pine Springs Ranch this summer for one week. The church, parents, and Conference split it approx. 3 ways. If you want to go, we need the child/youth to write us a 100-word paragraph giving their reasons why they want to go, and the Children's Ministry team will pick the two best and they get to go with the scholarship! You can write it out and hand it to Dr. Katherine Ahn, Mr. Terrill Thomas, or to me (or the Office).

CHURCH DIRECTORY: If you were unable to take your picture for the directory you can still submit a picture of you and your family to be added. You can email one to office@gardengrovesda.com or hand one to Silvino at the kiosk. There is a fee of \$10.00 that can be turned in via a tithe envelope clearly marked as Directory Picture Submission. The cut-off date is March 26, 2011.

THAILAND: We have one slot left for Thailand, at the current rate--someone cancelled, and we need to fill that slot. Let me know if there is any chance!

SAVE THE DATE:

April 3: SUNDAY FUNDAY, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm, Orangewood Academy, sports teams, kids games, and great food. More later!

RUMMAGE SALE: April 10

EASTER: April 23. It will be a great, great Sabbath, the Worship Committee is pulling out all the stops! Get the family members and friends you wish would come to church more, to come to this one.

God bless you all!
Pastor Dan

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