

GARDEN GROVE SDA CHURCH

Pastor's Newsletter

April 22, 2011

Good Friday to all of you!

We go about our day, working, shopping, cooking--but on this day the pivotal, decisive event of history happened. Thrilling and heartbreaking and moving and horrible. That was on Friday. But like the famous sermon says, "It's Friday, But Sunday's Comin'!"

One of my favorite quotes: "When Jesus was laid in the grave, Satan triumphed. He dared to hope that the Savior would not take up His life again. He claimed the Lord's body, and set his guard about the tomb, seeking to hold Christ a prisoner. He was bitterly angry when his angels fled at the approach of the heavenly messenger. When he saw Christ come forth in triumph, he knew that his kingdom would have an end, and that he must finally die." Desire of Ages, 782:4. That moment is what we will celebrate tomorrow!

Invite somebody. Sometimes people will go to an Easter service when they won't go any other time. The Worship Committee has planned a magnificent service, with brass, and timpani, and drama, and a processional, and lilies, and the Hallelujah Chorus--it will be very, very special!

SABBATH:

9:30 am - SABBATH SCHOOLS in every room in the Church! The Filipino group is multiplying, we are wrestling with the whole Investigative Judgment issue in the REVELATION Class, the Young Adults are always on some hot topic--find your place and dive into the conversation!

10:50 am - DIVINE WORSHIP: Rainbolt will get our Worship started, but don't be late! Beside the fact that our sanctuary and parking lot will be close to capacity--there will be a grand processional right after 11:00 am! Don't miss any of it! The Message and theme: "ROLL AWAY THE STONE!"

After Church--Easter snacks!

12:30 pm - FILIPINO POTLUCK, Fellowship Hall. Just one guideline that they have requested: Everybody is welcome at the Filipino potluck, Filipino or not! BUT--if you're Filipino enough to eat Filipino, then you're Filipino enough to stay for the Fellowship meeting afterwards! It's a package deal! The music and the testimonies were just terrific last time. And they're planning the next mission trip, to the Philippines in 2012. Let's go!

1:30 pm - FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP Meeting, Fellowship Hall

4:00 pm - VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP, Fellowship Hall

5:30 pm - TO SEE A MIRACLE! Fellowship Hall - You will not want to miss this very special musical put on by the Garden Grove Children's Choir. Young Jason and blind father search for the man called Jesus, but what they discover along the way is so much more than they ever dreamed! Music, drama, and moving message about the power of Jesus. Praise at 5:30 pm, Strings group at 5:45 pm, Drama 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm.

NEWS:

THAILAND: We have turned in the money for 70 going to Thailand! This week was the cutoff date. It's not too late if anyone else would like to join later, we have often been able to add people later without it being terribly more expensive, but we have a solid, great group going, and we thank everybody who contributed at the various fundraisers!

SAVE THE DATE: We have saved one last night--a special, catered dinner at our house in Riverside, Sunday night, May 22! We have room for 50--the first 50 to sign up! We will sell tickets, and they won't be cheap, but all the money will go to pay for extra project costs for the building and evangelism projects over there. We are going to have a great dinner, entertainment, a slide show with highlights from Thailand, and Thai dancing! It will be an exquisite night! All are invited and welcome, but only the first 50 get in, so let us know if you would like to come!

TONIGHT: "A Service of Shadows," a candlelight vesper service featuring the Orangewood Academy Choirs, will present, in word and song, the dramatic events leading to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. This second annual Good Friday service will be presented at the Fullerton SDA Church, 2355 W. Valencia Dr., Fullerton, tonight, Friday night, April 22, at 7:15 pm.

GGSDA GRADUATION SERVICE, May 28: Every year we have our own "Graduation Service," honoring all of our own GGSDA graduates, from Kindergarten, 6th grade, 8th grade, HS, College, and University, here, there, Orangewood, anywhere. We need the names of all graduating, as soon as possible!

SABBATH BAGS: Our wonderful Children's Ministry team has put together Sabbath Worship bags for kids and families to take into the Sanctuary to play and work with during Church. BUT--we need them to come back to the Kiosk after church, so they can be there for the next week! Those are on loan. New things will be added as often as possible, so that things are fresh. If a few slipped home, because nobody really knew for sure, bring them back, full amnesty(!), so that we can have enough for every child that comes every week! If you can help with this ministry, collecting great items, helping hand them out, etc., talk to Katherine Ahn.

SAVE THE DATES - THIS WEEK:

Tuesday night:

3:30 pm Orangewood Academic Expo and Awards Night for Middle School (6:30 pm)

6:30 pm Worship Committee

7:30 pm Church Board

Thursday night:

7:00 pm Revelation Revealing

8:00 pm Choir

Friday night, April 29:

7:30 pm Friday Night Live

Sabbath, April 30: New Sermon Series: "SO WHAT?!" So Jesus rose from the grave--SO WHAT?!

May 28: GGSDA GRADUATION SERVICE

June 18: PASTOR INSTALLATION!!! SECC Leadership will be here, and newly graduated Pastor Garrett and Pastor Shiphrah!! Worship Service, Potluck, and more! And Dedication of our Thailand Mission Trip team.

September 12: CHIP

POTLUCK SCHEDULE:

April 30: Evangelism Committee, in the Park

May 7: Regular monthly potluck

New Members--we want every new member since I came--baptism, transfer, Profession of Faith to come that week, stay afterwards, for an Orientation. 45 minutes to an Hour. Q & A

May 14: Bible Study Group--all those who came last time and others, who want to learn how to give Bible studies. The Manual will be given free to all those who come

May 21: CHIP. Hopefully all the Participants' Manuals will be here.

May 28: Filipino Fellowship

June 18: Regular Potluck AND WELCOME TO OUR TWO NEW PASTORS!!!!

July 16: Regular potluck, and Thailand Report at Church

Have a great Easter weekend! God bless you all!

Pastor Dan

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