

GARDEN GROVE SDA CHURCH

Pastor's Newsletter

May 27, 2011

Dear GGSDA Saint!

So you are all still here?! We're all still here! May 21 has come and gone. We have five more months to get ready, until October 21. When will we learn, once and for all, that if God doesn't want us to know the time, He really doesn't want us to know? Somehow many who study the Last Days think they can work around God and figure out the time anyway!

So what would happen if that was true? We had 5 months to get the gospel to the rest of the world--could we do it? What would you need to do, to feel completely ready and secure about being part of the 200 million that are going to be raptured? If there are 7 billion people in the world, that means you would need to be in the top 3% of the world, spiritually and morally--are you good with that?!

Anyway, since we are still here, we may as well go ahead and have church this weekend!

WEEKEND CALENDAR:

No FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE Tonight--They joined with Orangewood for the beach vespers last Friday night.

SABBATH SCHOOL: 9:30 am for most, 9:50 am for Young Adults in the Youth Chapel.

REVELATION: In the Fellowship Hall, 9:30 am, Battle of Armageddon, Rev. 16-19.

DIVINE WORSHIP: GRADUATION SERVICE, 11:00 am, with Praise beginning 10:50 am.

This is the week where we have our annual local Graduation Service, honoring our own GGSDA graduates, wherever they graduate, whatever they are graduating from--Kindergarten, 6th grade, 8th grade, 12th grade, University, and even a doctorate! Everybody graduating should meet at the Kiosk at 10:35 am, to be organized into the right lineup for the Processional. After the Processional and celebration of our graduates, they all have special seats reserved for them and their families in the front pews, because the worship service and message are especially for them!

Message: "NO DOUBT ABOUT IT!"--from Romans 8:32--"He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all--will He not graciously give us all things?" We will show how the Cross and Resurrection really can answer most of the questions young people ask as they move from their parents' faith into having their own faith.

Bring your questions!

THAILAND GROUP: Please meet right outside the Board Room, to receive your Green T-shirt, bring us passport pages, etc. etc.! Also, the Music Group is meeting. If no place else, use my Office!

FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP: Our Filipino Fellowship will meet for potluck and their monthly meeting/worship in the Fellowship Hall, right after church. All are welcome--IF you are committed to being part of the Fellowship, helping gather the larger Filipino community of Orange County, and helping to sponsor evangelism and ministries to the Philippines! I will be sharing pictures and stories of some of our experiences, projects, and evangelism in the Philippines, and then a short message. There will also be music, Bible games, and testimonies.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY: There will be a short committee meeting after church, in the Board Room.

VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP: 4:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Songs in both Vietnamese and English, so all can join in, interview with Pastor David, recently brought into our church from the Baptist church, and I have a short message from Revelation 4/5.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT: Sunday night, May 29, 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Bring a dollar and a snack or dessert! Volleyball, table games, a rocking time! I'll be there the second half! Sponsored by Family Life Ministries.

MINISTRY COUNCIL: 7:30 pm, Tuesday night. All leaders, of every ministry in the church, are invited and requested to come to this new Ministry Council, to give a brief 1-page report on their ministry, what they have been doing, are doing, and plan to do this year. In the Board Room, if we all fit!

GRADUATIONS:

8th GRADE, ORANGEWOOD: 7:30 pm, Thursday night. I have the message, and we have several from our church graduating.

12th GRADE: Consecration Service, 7:30 pm Friday night, Anaheim Sunkist Church. Class Night, 7:30 pm, Saturday night. Commencement: 3:00 pm, Sunday afternoon.

LSA: And One More! Our son, Eric Smith, and Kendra Wildvank, also from our church, will be graduating from La Sierra Academy. I will be speaking for their Consecration Service, Friday night, 7:30 pm, at the La Sierra University Church. If any of you would like to slip up and support these two, we'd love to have you. Commencement is at the University gym, the Alumni Pavilion, at 9:00 am Sunday, so we can go to both!

MEMORIAL SERVICE: There will be a memorial service for Gladys Clarke, long-time member at GGSDA, but recently at Los Alamitos, at 3:00 pm, June 3.

SAVE THE DATES:

SABBATHS:

June 4--Speaker, Dr. Sheri Sinaga. microCHIP Meeting/Potluck, FH. Also Social Committee Meeting

June 11--Speaker, Dan Smith, New Sermon Series--"MY GOD IS BIGGER THAN YOUR GOD!"

Pathfinder Investiture within the service

DEDICATION OF NEW FELLOWSHIP HALL immediately after Divine Worship

Followed by Bible Study Class / Potluck.

June 18--NEW PASTOR INSTALLATION / THAILAND GROUP DEDICATION PRAYER

Regular monthly potluck, Welcome new pastors!

Welcome parties in the evening, Youth for Pastor Garrett, Young Adults for Pastor Shiprah

MINISTRY COUNCIL: Tuesday night, June 7, 7:30 pm. North Room.

REVELATION: Thursday night, June 9, 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall.

PREACHING CLASS: Tuesday night, June 14, 7:30 pm, Board Room

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Wednesday night, June 15, 6:30 pm, Board Room

CHURCH BOARD: Wednesday night, June 15, 7:30 pm, Board Room

THAILAND MISSION TRIP: June 21 - July 7

LONG-TERM:

July 9--Pastor Dan and Mission group return / Regular monthly Potluck

July 16--Pastor Dan

INTERNATIONAL BANQUET NIGHT: JULY 16: In the Fellowship & Banquet Hall with the new look, 6:30 pm Dinner, 7:30-8:00 pm Christian sacred program, 8:00-9:30 pm more secular entertainment from different countries represented at the booths (Mexico, Philippines, Vietnam, Korea, Tonga, India, Japan, Venezuela, Brazil, Cambodia, Peru, Samoa, France, Germany, Romania, Czech Republic, Fmr. Yugoslavia, North America.) You may choose people of that specific country to help you. If you are in contact with musicians, vocalists, comedians, etc., from a specific country, please contact Marianna Maukovich at (714) 534-2434, or email: mbmaukovich@sbcglobal.net, with the name and contact information.

That's all of it for now! God bless us all!
Pastor Dan

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