

# GARDEN GROVE SDA CHURCH

## Pastor's Newsletter

July 29, 2011

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Dear Saints!

For the middle of summer, it is amazing how much energy has been around GGSDA! The International Banquet, the return of the Mission Trip group, VBS, and now the CAMP 3G Summer Camp. The Church Board didn't get out until 11, there were just so many ministries and projects to consider and vote on! The refurbishing of our Foyer is in high gear, all of our new printed materials are about to be unveiled, CHIP is just weeks away, and big plans are in the works for SEARCH III in October. But here's the news for this week!

**FNL: FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE** is on tonight, 7:30 pm, in the Youth Chapel. Pastor Garrett will give his debut message. Starting in August FNL will be at least twice a month. The music, everything, should be very special tonight, planned by our two pastors.

**CAMP 3G:** We had 21 total here Monday, for worship, sports, games, and then Roller Skating in Fountain Valley. The word quickly spread, and we had 29 out for Wednesday, and I tagged along at the beach for a couple hours (just checking and supervising!). The word is out, this is where "Youth" is happening, and we are thrilled for it. We could still use a couple more sponsorships, \$50 each. If you still would like to have one of your young people be part of it, get hold of Pastor Garrett, or just show up Monday morning, 9:30 am! Every day is filled chock full with God and fun and service. The total was \$50 for entrance fees, but will be a bit less now because the skating has already happened.

**ONELIFE:** A coalition of the SDA Youth Pastors in our Conference have been leaders in a new movement in Adventism, One Life--the focus is on making Jesus the total Center of Adventism, there is no Jesus Plus, Only Jesus. They had a convention in Atlanta this year, and this year it will be in Seattle.

However, they have opened up a High School version, for our own Conference, and only 140 slots are available (Cedar Falls Camp).

The weekend is August 20-21--it starts late Sabbath afternoon and ends Sunday night. The best speakers in our Conference--Tim Gillespie, Sam Leonor, etc., are all speaking. Garden Grove, because of our new reputation as a youth center, has been given 10 slots! They are \$60 each.

We have 10 HS young people who would love to go. But most of them can only afford about half of the \$60. We could truly use a few more sponsors of \$20-30 each to help this whole group go with Pastor Garrett up for this inspiration and total emphasis on Christ alone. I am still trying to figure out a way to sneak into the meeting at 58! It really is a terrific opportunity for our HS kids.

**REVELATION:** We are inviting EVERYONE who has been part of the Revelation Seminar for the last few months, both Thursday night and Sabbath morning, to join us for a Finale, where we will summarize the highlights, review the general outline, so that we don't forget the most important points of what we have studied. 9:30 am this Sabbath morning, in the Fellowship Hall.

### WEEKEND SERVICES:

**FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE:** Tonight, 7:30 pm, Youth Chapel, Pastor Garrett speaking.

**SABBATH SCHOOL:** 9:30 am. Young Adults in the Youth Chapel, Youth in the Library, Filipino Class in Pathfinder Room, Tom Neslund in the North Room, Lopez Class on the landing, Vietnamese

Class in the Mothers' Room. Spanish Class in the Board Room. We are working on some possible changes, but need one more week to work all that out.

**REVELATION**--Summary and Review, Fellowship Hall

**DIVINE WORSHIP:** We are honored to have Elder Lincoln Steed, the Director of our General Conference Religious Liberty ministry and editor of Liberty Magazine, to speak in our church tomorrow! He has given his life to this, should be able to give us the best stories and the latest updates on what is happening with the Church/State issue in our church and in the world. We are thrilled to get to have him at our own local church!

**POTLUCK:** Right after church, there will be a potluck upstairs in the Fellowship Hall for an afternoon session, with a special presentation on important global, international, and national issues, along with a Q & A session. Anyone is welcome to come to the potluck, but you need to come also to the presentation, AND bring along something to contribute to the potluck!

You can check out more information at: [www.libertymagazine.org](http://www.libertymagazine.org); [www.churchstate.org](http://www.churchstate.org); [www.religiousliberty.info](http://www.religiousliberty.info)

**VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP:** 4:00 pm. Pastor Yao, a former Mission President in Vietnam, and the father of our leader, Henry Le, will be the speaker--a very rare blessing for our group.

**WOMEN OF FAITH:** All tickets have to be purchased by Wednesday, August 3. The Conference is September 9-10 at the Honda Center in Anaheim, tickets are \$89. Contact Melissa Sajid-Briceno (714-814-0484, or [jasmine8097@yahoo.com](mailto:jasmine8097@yahoo.com)).

**SOCCER:** Little Spartans Sports League coming this fall to Orangewood Academy. For boys and girls ages 5-10. Non-students of Orangewood Academy are totally welcome! Register online at: [orangewoodacademy.com](http://orangewoodacademy.com), or for questions, contact Tanya (714-261-0592), or Soraya (714-617-4315).

**HERITAGE SABBATH:** Nov. 5, 2011: Join us on this special Sabbath as we celebrate 115 years at Garden Grove. There will be an old-fashioned Sabbath School program followed by worship service, luncheon and musical program in the afternoon. Guest speaker for the worship service will be James R. Nix, Director of the Ellen G. White Estate. We will be highlighting church and world events during the 1930's. We need your help in creating a list of our former members, friends and family members who should be invited to join us on this special Sabbath. Jot down the name and address and give it to Beverly Hill (714/639-2739, [Beverly.Hill@STJOE.org](mailto:Beverly.Hill@STJOE.org)), Barbara Schmidt (714/730-4943, [BarbaraJSchmidt33@gmail.com](mailto:BarbaraJSchmidt33@gmail.com)) or Barbara Peck (714/774-4049, [barbpwest@roadrunner.com](mailto:barbpwest@roadrunner.com)).

"CONTRIBUTIONS: to help with expenses would be greatly appreciated. We want this Sabbath to be a means of bringing absent members back to church and to fellowship with members who have moved away. We want to remind the members of our heritage, both Adventist and Garden Grove, and we plan to have a commemorative program for you to remember this special day. Your contributions would help with expenses such as printing, postage, displays and decorations. If you can help us, please place your donation in a tithe envelope and mark it "Heritage Sabbath".

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** will begin next week. We will write down names to be on the Committee to Nominate the Nominating Committee tomorrow, so be ready with 10 quick names!

See you tonight or tomorrow!

God bless--  
Pastor Dan

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