

GARDEN GROVE SDA CHURCH

Pastor's Newsletter

August 5, 2011

Dear GGSDA People!

It has been a glorious southern California summer day! Our sons and I snuck out very early for a quick round of golf to replace the vacation we had planned in Hawaii, and just had a great time, before heading into the day of meetings and laying plans. The Youth and Camp 3G team are meeting tonight at 7:30 pm, and then there is a full Sabbath planned. I hope you find something in it that will be a great spiritual blessing to you!

YOUTH TONIGHT: Pastor Garrett and the Camp 3G team are there tonight, with music, a powerful testimony will be shared, and Bible study. 7:30 pm, Youth Chapel.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS SS: 9:30 am, Youth Chapel. The biggest change, starting tomorrow morning, is: The Youth SS and the Young Adult SS will join forces for the first half of Sabbath School, but then divide up. Here is the actual announcement from Pastor Shiphrah:

"This Sabbath we are so excited to launch a joint Sabbath School in the Youth Chapel! We'll be jamming together for Praise & Worship over a breakfast worth waking up for, before breaking out into various groups for High School, University, and Young Professionals. Pastor Garrett & Pastor Shiphrah can't wait to kick start every Sabbath morning with all our Youth and Young Adults at Garden Grove SDA Church!

DANIEL STUDY / PASTOR'S CLASS: 9:30 am. The Revelation group asked that we move right on to studying the book of Daniel without missing a beat! OK! So we invite anyone who would like to take a new, modern, contemporary, but thoroughly Adventist verse-by-verse study of the book of Daniel, to come up to the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 in the morning. It's my favorite book of the Bible, and I love finding new layers of meaning each time through.

SABBATH SERVICES:

SABBATH SCHOOL: 9:30 am.

- **YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS:** Joint Breakfast, Praise, worship--9:30 am, before dividing up for discussion groups in the Youth Chapel.
- All HS Youth will meet in the Youth Chapel tomorrow instead of the Library!
- **DANIEL:** 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall.
- Filipino, Vietnam, Spanish, North Room, and Lopez Proverbs class, usual locations.

DIVINE WORSHIP: 11:00 am, Praise 10:50 am. We have a great guest speaker, Dr. Roo Mckenzie. He is Jamaican, he has been the principal for Loma Linda Academy for many years, before recently becoming an "evangelist for Christian education" for our Conference, speaking every week all over our Conference. He is a very dynamic speaker with many powerful props and illustrations, and I think you will be blessed with this message and the worship service. There will be great music and a Children's Story.

SABBATH AFTERNOON:

microCHIP: after Church.

Sabbath School Council: After Church. Board Room.

Committee to Nominate the Nominating Committee: North Room after church

VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP—4:00 pm--I will be speaking and sharing more about Contagious Christianity.

Congratulations to Robin and Sue Arlic on the wedding of their son Kevin this weekend!

PATHFINDERS / ADVENTURERS: "Great News !! The Adventurer Club and the Pathfinder Club are about to start a new year full of activities and exciting events and it is open to all the kids from pre-school to High school students. You are invited to join our clubs and register every Sabbath during the whole month of August 2011. Registration slips will be available at the kiosk. The Adventurer and Pathfinder Club staff are looking forward to have a good time with you as a family. We have a fun program for you and you don't want to miss it!"

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CHOIR NEWS: The Search Committee for a new choir director interviewed three terrific people last night, and there will be rehearsals Tuesday and Wednesday nights, Aug. 24-25, when anyone can join and come be part of the selection process and sing great music along the way! Save the date. There was also a powerful meeting among all the Praise Team leaders, developing a theology of music and worship, and creating a shared set of values. It was just great stuff!

THIS WEEK:

Council Meeting, Tuesday night, 7:30 pm

POTLUCK: August 13.

PUBLICATIONS: A committee has been working for months on new designs for all of our publications. They will come out of secrecy next Sabbath and show off all the incredible work they have been doing. The package is going to be spectacular!

VBS: We raised \$650 for Vacation Bible School last week--thank you all.

TUITION AID: Tomorrow we begin praying and focusing on Tuition Aid. We have between 18-20 young people who will need some significant help in order to be in Orangewood Academy starting in just two weeks! The last projected figure was about \$18,000 that we would need. We have \$6,800 on hand already. Of the \$11,200 left, a wonderful couple has anonymously pledged to match everything the church gives in the next two weeks, up to \$5000! So we need \$6,200 somehow, somewhere! If you can fill out a pledge card and commit to something, we would thank you, in the name of Christ, and as representatives for those 18 youth that will get a Christian education. We will also take a special offering at the end of church August 20, the Sabbath when we dedicate the entire Orangewood Academy faculty and staff, and all teachers who teach anywhere!

Have a great Sabbath!

Pastor Dan