

# GARDEN GROVE SDA CHURCH

## Pastor's Newsletter

August 19, 2011

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Dear GGSDA!

We're coming to the end of summer, but I am on the way to Orangetown's beach vespers, thanks to the great gift of being near the ocean. We are helping 25 students into Orangetown, and it was very moving and thrilling as many of the OC pastors went over for a prayer with all the academy students around the flagpole, and then we all divided up to go into the classrooms to have a little worship and prayer--I had 1 & 2--and you get the waves and smiles from those from GGSDA who know their pastors. Very special.

**TUITION AID:** Tomorrow we are taking up a hugely important "second offering" for Tuition Aid to get all of these kids into school. We need almost exactly \$5000 to cover it all for the rest of the year--either in pledges, or cash. We are going to take up an offering at the end of the sermon, and are hoping that most of you will bring \$20 per person in your family--we know that that is a lot, and not all can do it--but we hope that enough of us can do it to make this happen. We want to make sure that the donor who pledged \$5000 if we matched it gets it completely matched this weekend! Do what you can--the kids I saw yesterday are worth it.

**EDUCATION DAY:** We have all of the faculty and staff and their families from Orangetown coming to our church tomorrow for our annual Dedication. Lesieli has planned a holy and sacred moment for them. Children's Church will be delayed for 30 minutes so that the children can all be part of it, and see their teachers set apart for this year. We also want every single other teacher who teaches in the public sector to come forward and be set apart for that ministry also.

### **WEEKEND SERVICES:**

**OA BEACH VESPERS:** 5:30 tonight, Corona del Mar, worship at 7:00 pm.

**SABBATH SCHOOL:** Again we have Youth and Young Adult meeting together at 9:30 am in the Youth Chapel, then separating for the study.

DANIEL / Pastor's Class in the Fellowship Hall, 9:30 am, Daniel 1 and then on to Daniel 2.

Lopez Class in the Library, Filipino in the Pathfinder Room, the rest in their usual places.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** In the Sanctuary until 11:30 am, then to the Youth Chapel for Pastor O's message!

**DIVINE WORSHIP:** 10:50 am, with the Youth Praise Team, Dedication Service, Don Singh with our music.

The Message is: "GET IT RIGHT!", the "Wise" part of "HEALTHY, WEALTHY, AND WISE!"

Based on the story of Mark 5:1-20 and the healing of the man in the tombs.

I think, and hope, that the material will be hugely important.

**MINISTRY FAIRE:** Right after church, we will have a Ministry Faire, with tables all the way out the East back door to the parking lot. Many of our ministries will have information on their ministries, along with a topping for the ice cream we are serving out there!

**FACULTY DINNER:** We are serving our faculty a special lunch. If you would like to join us and have a chance to meet the teachers, and help us serve them, bring some food and stay for the potluck upstairs.

**VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP:** No meeting this week, due to the wedding Saturday night.

**WEDDING:** David Garcia and Ramona Modiga will be getting married in our Sanctuary at 6:00 pm. You are all welcome to celebrate them at the wedding, but the reception is invitation only.

**ONELIFE:** "This weekend, 11 of the Garden Grove Youth are heading up to Camp Cedar Falls with Pastor Garrett to the first ever OneLife Conference! We are so excited to be a part of this conference, because here at OneLife it is all about Jesus. It's not Jesus, and...but rather, Jesus. All. We could not ask for a better way to start off our year in Youth Ministry than to put all our focus and attention on our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It's going to be a great weekend and we plan to come back and share all we've learned with our home church! The group will be leaving right after church this Sabbath (August 20) and return Sunday afternoon. We are so sorry for those who wanted to go, but did not sign up in time...We wish we could just pack you in a suitcase and sneak you in! But I'm sure this will be a conference Garden Grove Youth will continue to be a part of in the years to come, so keep your hopes up for the next one! As for this year, we are still in need of financial support. Garden Grove Youth has already paid for these 11 kids to go, so we are taking a leap of faith and hoping and praying our church family will support us in this journey! Please keep us in your prayers this weekend as we seek to encounter Jesus in exciting and new ways!" Pastor Garrett

**CHURCH PICNIC:** Next Sunday, August 28, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm, Huntington Beach Central Park. Games, food contest, great food, volleyball--sponsored by our Family Life Ministry team!

God bless you all!  
Pastor Dan

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