

# GARDEN GROVE SDA CHURCH

## Pastor's Newsletter

August 26, 2011

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May God's grace come upon you in a special way as you step over the invisible line from your secular world into the sacred world of God and the Sabbath!

Yes--this is our Father's world, and God is God everywhere and all the time. But the Sabbath has a special grace that will come to you if you ask for it!

**CHURCH PICNIC:** The Big Event for the weekend, besides our Worship services, is of course the Church Picnic on Sunday. Huntington Beach Central Park. 11:00 am – 4:00 pm. There will be all kinds of games, for every kind of person. Group games, races, children games, adult games, table games, and two volleyball courts. I will get an All-Star team of old people together, and see what the kids can do about it! Food contests--many of us will be the judges, but ultimately you can all be the judges as our cooks bring out their very best! 18000 Goldenwest Street--take any street west then go south on Goldenwest. Look for all the canopies and people that look like Adventists!

**FNL TONIGHT!** 7:30 pm Tonight, Youth Chapel, Friday Night Live, always on the 4th Friday night of the month.

Besides the great music and food--tonight the speaker is Pastor Meshach Soli. He's a friend of mine, but he has been invited by Pastor Shiprah. I will never forget the chapel he and his cousin gave when they first started at La Sierra--amazing story! Make him tell it tonight!

### **SABBATH SERVICES:**

**YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS**--Starting out together at 9:40 am, for two more Sabbaths. Youth Chapel--breakfast, and the Praise starts at 9:40 am. Then separate Bible study groups for high school Youth and Young Adults.

**DANIEL**--Daniel 2, adding whole new perspectives on an old traditional Bible story--9:30 am, Fellowship Hall

**DIVINE WORSHIP**--10:50 am, Young Adult Praise Group--Sheri and some of her family from Indonesia doing special music-- "MAGIC MONEY" is the message, the third of 3 sermons on "HEALTH, WEALTHY, & WISE!"

Does God give more than He takes away? If God can multiply bread and fish, and change water into wine, why He can't He turn paper into money? How come it's OK for Him to make a whole city of gold up there, but not make more of it for us down here?

### **SABBATH AFTERNOON:**

**CHOIR MEETING**--North Room, right after Church

**CHIP**--Booth in the Lobby, AND a meeting for all the people helping with CHIP, in the Boardroom

**ORDINATION**--One of the pastors at our sister Garden Grove Korean Church is getting ordained at 3:00 pm Sabbath afternoon. The church is on Trask. His name is Pastor Chin Kim, and he was on our Thailand trip, and just a tremendous person. It would be terrific for some of you to come and celebrate that together. Many of our Thailand group are planning to go. He has given me the honor of offering the Ordination Prayer.

**VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP:** 4:00 pm, Fellowship Hall. A very special full service, with six special music numbers, and Pastor Thoai Duong will speak. Pastor Duong is visiting from Vietnam, and he just had three evangelistic meetings at San Jose Vietnamese SDA Church last weekend.

**CHIP:** CHIP goes into high gear from now on. Please drop by the table after church, and let us know that you are seriously interested in being part of CHIP, starting Sept. 11. It is the cheapest but fullest Health program you can get, compared to live-in centers where you would pay thousands of dollars for what you will get with this. THEN attend one of the following Information Programs where you actually sign up and get started: SUNDAY, 4:30 pm, or 6:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall; WEDNESDAY, 6:30 pm or 8:30 pm. The Testing program will be at 7:00-10:30 am, Sunday, Sept. 11, followed by a breakfast (tests have to be on an empty stomach!)

**PATHFINDERS:** It's not too late to register for Pathfinders and Adventurers. There will be a table in the foyer after church tomorrow where you can turn in your forms or fill one out. Tomorrow, August 27, will be the last day! If you won't be at church tomorrow, please email me your address, and the number of applications you will need, and I will be happy to send them to you. The final deadline to turn them in is on September 3. Our meeting times will be from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm on the first and third Sabbath of each month, unless otherwise indicated on our calendar of activities. We will meet in the Pathfinder room and lunch will be provided in the Fellowship Hall on non-potluck days prior to each meeting. Our kick-off meeting will be September 3, 2011, in the Pathfinder room. The registration fee is \$100 for your first child and \$75 for your additional children and may be divided into payments. If you pay the entire fee up front, we will give you a 10% discount. We can also work with you if financial constraints make it difficult for you to take advantage of one of our payment options. The fee goes towards uniform shirts, patches, work books, craft supplies, outings, camping supplies, and lunch. What a deal at about \$10 per month for the Pathfinder/Adventurer year! We will make a huge effort with some pretty simple fundraisers that will help with the cost of outings as well. Your leaders are unpaid volunteers committed to making a difference in the lives of the Orange County community youth! Please give your children an opportunity to grow into responsible adults in these Christ-centered youth organizations!

That's the news! God bless you all--  
Pastor Dan