

# GARDEN GROVE SDA CHURCH

## Pastor's Newsletter

September 9, 2011

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Dear GGSDA!

An old pastor friend of mine, pastor of a huge church, told me he used to say to his Worship Committee-- "No Sabbath's off!" Every Sabbath's a high Sabbath! You never know when that will be the only Sabbath someone shows up, who needs God, who needs a community. And there are just no Sabbaths off at Garden Grove--every week is filled with things that you just hate to miss! Just read through all that is happening this weekend--not counting 40+ of our women at Women of Faith at the Honda Center today and tomorrow!

**YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS:** The two groups have already grown too large to fit into the Youth Chapel together, and so they have decided to separate, so both can have their own space and place and continue to grow. The Youth will stay in the Youth Chapel, and that will become truly the Youth's Chapel. The Youth Pastor's office is there, that will become the center of all things Youth! The Earliteens will meet with the Youth until time for the Lesson Study discussion, and then separate to the Earliteen Room, where Cindy Monty and Hilda Smith will be the leaders.

The Young Adults will now move up to the Fellowship Hall. They were up there setting it up this morning. Each ministry will have their own food, band, praise teams, and the program and lesson study/discussion will be more closely calibrated for the life situation they are in. Here are the two specific announcements from our two pastors:

**YOUNG ADULTS:** "It's a packed weekend for our young adults! While several of our young adult women are being blessed at the Women of Faith conference, the rest of us will be at our new Young Adult Sabbath School location: the Fellowship Hall. Yes, there will be breakfast at 9:30 am, birthday celebrations, praise music, and all that good stuff to kick off a beautiful Sabbath morning! When the sun goes down, the entire church is invited to Family Movie Night in the Fellowship Hall at 7:30 pm. The entry fee is only \$1 and there will be good food for sale. We're watching Monster's Inc. and it's a pajama party theme so feel free to bust out your onsies! Or not. Either way, all proceeds go towards GGSDA Young Adult Ministry, so we hope you come out and support! On Sunday at 4:00 pm, we're so excited to launch the "All-2-All" Young Adult Bible Studies, meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Finally, young adults are invited to our "College Going Away" party at the Tameifuna's at 6 pm. Contact Pastor Shiphrah if you have any questions! Blessings!"

**YOUTH:** Tomorrow is a huge day for the Garden Grove Youth! We are now officially moving into the Youth Chapel! We're excited about this move and the fact that we need a bigger place for Youth to go! God's really doing some awesome things and we are growing and growing fast! It's a super exciting time! We've got a great Sabbath school planned tomorrow - with delicious food, awesome praise band, crazy/fun activities, and a great study on the story of Joseph! We invite any youth to come out and join us tomorrow morning at 9:30 am in the Youth Chapel!

Some events for Youth to mark down in your calendar are: **Sept. 18** - Pastor Garrett is getting married!!! **Sept. 24** - Youth Bowling Night (More details to come!), **Oct. 2** - Beach day at Huntington, **Oct. 8** - Broomball, **Oct. 15** - Glow in the dark dodge ball. Be sure and get a Youth Event Calendar from Pastor Garrett tomorrow! They will be at the Kiosk or you can also request one via email! Also, if you'd like to

be kept up to date with what's going on at Garden Grove for the Youth you can - Sign up to be on the Youth emailing list, find us on Facebook, and sign up to be on the GGSDA Youth texting list!

**POTLUCK:** We are having our monthly regular Potluck tomorrow--even if 40 of our women are at Women of Faith! Everybody bring something, bring a relish tray, fruit tray, anything--and we are supplementing it with three trays of spaghetti and sauce already prepared!

**DEDICATION:** We are also dedicating the Skywalk tomorrow at the beginning of the potluck, so we hope that many of you will come upstairs for a brief dedication of what is a truly incredible gift to God and GGSDA.

### **SABBATH SERVICES:**

- 9:30 am Youth and Earliteens in the Youth Chapel, Young Adults Fellowship Hall.  
Filipino Fellowship is in the Pathfinder Room, Lopez Class in the Library  
Spanish Group in the Boardroom.
- 10:00 am Pastor's Class / Daniel Seminar--in the Sanctuary for the time being! Daniel 3.
- 10:50 am **DIVINE WORSHIP:** The Theme is of course "Remembering 9-11!" We will have a moment to remember and give respect to those who gave their lives on that day, and the sermon will wrestle with the Question Youth and everybody else asks: '9-11--WHERE WAS GOD?'  
Thailand Report--We have one of our favorite people in the world in our church tomorrow--Pastor Phamor. We have done many projects with him, and he has a huge private ministry that he has been doing for 40 years, in No Man's Land between Thailand and Burma. He is a very special man, and is here in the States doing some fundraising from his Karen church groups across the US. But we got him for tomorrow--8-minute report during church, and then 45 minutes with pictures right after the potluck. This will be one of the best mission stories you have ever heard in person!
- 12:30 pm **POTLUCK**
- 1:45 pm **THAILAND REPORT**

No Vietnamese Fellowship this Sabbath--everybody is invited to our sister church, the El Monte Vietnamese Church for the Moon Festival, an event they are hosting for the church and community. 11601 East Bryant Road, El Monte, CA 91732.

**YOUNG ADULT MOVIE NIGHT:** 7:30 pm, Fellowship Hall, \$1 each!

**CHIP:** For the 48 or so who have signed up for CHIP--don't forget the Health Testing from 7:00 - 9:45 am Sunday morning, in the Fellowship Hall (no food for the previous 12 hours!)--and after you are tested there is a Free Breakfast! Then the first meeting for CHIP is Sunday night, 6:00-8:00 pm.

**CHOIRS:** Choir Season starts up again this week! We have added a new "Praise Choir," that will sing a different variety of music and will be led by Duff Gorle, will practice from 7:00 - 8:00 pm this coming Thursday night, Sept. 15. And the regular choir will meet from 8:15 - 9:15 pm or so with their new director, Nancy Beach!

Duff Gorle will also be directing a Children's Choir, and they will begin their organization right away also.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Parking Lot Sale, Sunday, Sept. 18, 7:00 am and on--all proceeds for Tuition Aid!

**PATHFINDERS / ADVENTURERS:** "We are off to a fantastic start! Thank you for attending our kick-off meeting...while our time was a little crunched, we were still able to accomplish quite a bit! Pathfinders will continue accepting applications until October; however, the 10% discount cannot be honored unless you made prior arrangements with me. You can make payments of \$10 per month or make special arrangements with the directors. Those of you paying cash and unable to give your money to Greg Hogan, our Treasurer, at our first meeting, please hold your payment until September 24 (the next time I will be at church) or you can give it to us at one of the October meetings."

Following are some calendar reminders and updates:

**President's Physical Fitness Award and Fitness Lifestyle Award:** This program will begin in October. Testing and booklets will be distributed. We would like all of our Pathfinders, Staff, and parents to achieve these awards. Information will be distributed in October.

**Miniature Golf** - Saturday night, September 24, at Boomers in Fountain Valley. Cost is just \$4 per person plus \$4.99 for a personal pizza and soft drink for those that wish to eat. Our reservation is set for 7 p.m. Try to get there by 6:30 p.m. to take advantage of the group rate.

**Adventurer Beach Day** - Pathfinders and Adventurers will be attending Beach Day at Bolsa Chica on September 25. Pathfinders can help out or just hang out and enjoy the beach, and we may do an honor. More details to come.

**Pinewood Derby Cars** - We are postponing this Pathfinder activity so that T.J. Wallace can come to our next meeting to teach us about the cars and how to use the patterns that were distributed last week. Bring your patterns to the next meeting. We will have extras.

**Car Wash Fundraiser** - Sunday, September 25, at Crystal Cove Car Wash, 12592 Chapman Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840-4020. The Pathfinder and Adventurer Clubs will receive a percentage of funds for each car that turns in a flyer when they get their car washed. We will pass out flyers prior to that date. Plan to give them to your friends and family. The more funds we raise, the more savings we can pass along to you for activities.

**Next Meeting** - October 1, 2011, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm, in the Pathfinder Room.

That's all the news! Have a terrific, blessed weekend!  
Pastor Dan

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