

GARDEN GROVE SDA CHURCH

Pastor's Newsletter

September 23, 2011

Our friends!

The weekend begins in a few minutes, and we want you all to know everything that is happening! Say a little prayer for Pastor Garrett and Cambria, on their honeymoon somewhere in Mexico. Their wedding was truly magnificent, in a remodeled Redlands church. Many of our youth had a chance to come, and we all sat together as a GGSDA cheering section. We had some great pictures together out by the fountain. Pastor Garrett sang to Cambria as she came down the aisle, his father and sister sang a duet, and of course his father and grandfather officiated the wedding. We will have our own celebration at our potluck October 8!

YOUNG ADULTS:

FNL: Tonight is Friday Night Live, with Pastor Shiphrah, in the Fellowship Hall, 7:30 tonight. Worship in song, drama, and Word--"I am not but I know I AM!"

Other Young Adults happenings: SS in the morning, "Plugged In", John 5:39-40, 9:40 am, come early for breakfast!

Movie Night Fundraiser, Saturday night, 7:45 pm doors open, movie 8 pm.

"Mark your calendars because everyone is invited to the Garden Grove SDA Church Fellowship Hall on the evenings of Sept. 24, and Oct. 8 for fun-filled movie night fundraisers. Bring your family and friends along to enjoy an evening of entertainment and delicious food sponsored by Young Adult Ministries. Admission price is only \$1 and refreshments – pizza, popcorn, cheese nachos and drinks - will also be available for purchase. All proceeds will go to the Young Adult fund to support programs and activities. The Sept. 24 movie is Star Wars and the Fellowship Hall will be filled with black lights so be sure to dress in white. Watch for more details on the October movie nights. We hope you support!"

October 1: "Of all the happenings buzzing among our young adults, the most exciting one kick starts on the 1st of October! Young Adult Ministry will be re-launching Sabbath School that link Sabbath afternoons in order to reach Garden Grove, Orange County, our country, and the world at large - just as Christ commissioned us on a revolutionary level. As part of the October 1 re-launch, our GGSDA Young Adult Ministry will officially go live online with their own facebook page and website. We hope to make Kingdom changes for HIS glory! Watch for more details on how you can support!"

BALKANS MINISTRY: Tomorrow is our last chance to send Bob Maukovich overseas with enough money with him to really make a difference. He is self-employed, so it is a major sacrifice for him to take three weeks every year and give back to his home country. Our church has supported this ministry well over the years. Their main projects are supporting the literature ministry, helping this volunteer who drives around loaning and selling literature full time; helping build a house for a newly converted family; and helping several students at our school who could not attend otherwise. If all of us slipped a little into a tithe envelope tomorrow, we could send him on Monday with several thousand dollars. Do whatever you can, mark it "Balkans Ministry".

WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS:

SABBATH SCHOOLS:

9:30 am / 9:40 am--All the classes begin.

PASTOR'S CLASS, DANIEL 4--In the Sanctuary, 9:30 am to 10:40 am.

TOM NESLUND'S CLASS--Moving from the North Room to the front of the Sanctuary this one Sabbath.

10:00 am - CHOIR--practice in the North Room

DIVINE WORSHIP: 10:50 am, Young Adults Praise Team, Children's Story, and our new choir (Covenant Singers) and new choir director, Nancy Beach!

Sermon: Finishes the series on "Questions Young People Are Asking", the message is: "ADVENTIST HOT POTATOES!" We will take on some of the Church Standards questions young people wrote down, about Sabbath keeping, diet, alcohol, etc. Should be plenty of stuff for you to talk about over Sabbath dinner this Sabbath!

FILIPINO QUARTERLY POTLUCK: Fellowship Hall after church, followed by the Fellowship Meeting.

PREACHING / PHILIPPINE MISSION TRIP: 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm--The group that is interested in going to the Philippines next year to hold evangelistic meetings and remodel churches will meet after the Filipino Fellowship.

VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP: 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm, with the youth groups from the Vietnamese groups from El Monte and Arlington Churches joining us.

MOVIE NIGHT: See above.

"LET'S MOVE DAY"--This Sunday, September 25, has been designated "Let's Move Day" by the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. The goal is to get Adventists and their friends to walk/run a million miles across the United States and Canada. The CHIP people are all walking every day, but we'd love to get the whole church out walking or running or swimming or something. Go for a hike, do something! If you don't know where to go, come with us, 7:00 am Sunday morning!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: The Committee has largely completed its work, but the report cannot be completely and accurately typed up until the first of this week. The first reading will be next week. Thank you to Paula Hollmon and Melissa Briceno for leading out, and to all the committee members. I think you will be amazed by the expansion of all the ministries, and the number of people getting involved in our church!

ORANGEWOOD ACADEMY EVENTS: Senior vs. Faculty Volleyball Fundraiser, Wednesday night, 7:00 pm. Fall Festival Sunday, October 9, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. Alumni Weekend October 22-23. Golf Tournament Oct. 23.

Have a great weekend, and see you tomorrow!

God bless--

Pastor Dan