

# GARDEN GROVE SDA CHURCH

## Pastor's Newsletter

September 30, 2011

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Dear GGSDA People!--

There has been a buzz in all of our committees this week, and the talk in the hallways and parking lot, and on the phone. I'd love to talk about it here--but I'm going to save it for the end of the sermon tomorrow! You're just going to have to come to church to hear about it! Come be part of a conversation about how to listen to God's will--and be part of a huge question where we desperately need to hear God's will.

There is also a special excitement in our youth ministries this weekend:

**#1: YOUTH:** Pastor Garret is back from his honeymoon to Mexico! I have to give him credit for flying back and going right back to work! We'll try to sneak him a little extra honeymoon time when we can. But send your young people on time to Youth SS so they don't miss the excitement that is happening every week in the Youth Chapel. We will be putting in some special lighting and speakers this week, all a part of putting a special "youth" feel into the Chapel. Also pray for Pastor Garrett as he leads out in speaking for Week of Prayer at Orangewood this week, both for elementary and for the Junior High/Academy.

**#2: RELAUNCH OF YOUNG ADULTS:** The Young Adults had to move into the Fellowship Hall really before they could get everything into the highest gear. So this is the week when everyone can be there, and they are going all out--food/breakfast, music, lesson, everything! Someone told me they were waiting for Young Adults to really get going before coming--and I would just encourage you to be part of it from the beginning. We all believe that the Young Adults ministry at GGSDA is on the verge of becoming something awesome and incredible, and there is just nothing like being part of something from the ground up that is obviously a God-thing.

**THE SEARCH III:** The Search III new flyers will be here tomorrow, and will be available at the kiosk and at the doors so that you can take a handful to share with whoever God whispers into your heart. The first night is just 2 weeks away, Friday night, October 14.

### WEEKEND SERVICES:

**OPEN MIC NIGHT:** For youth and young adults, 7:30 pm tonight, in the Fellowship Hall. A special night of music!

### SABBATH SCHOOL:

9:40 am--Youth in the Youth Chapel

9:40 am--Young Adults Relaunching in the Fellowship Hall

9:30-10:30 am--Pastor Dan's ISSUES Class in the Sanctuary, studying Daniel 4 and 5.

9:30-10:30 am--Tom Neslund's North Room Class will meet in the Sanctuary again, to make room for the Choir in the North Room (10:00 am to 10:30 am).

9:30 am--Lopez Class, Library; Filipino, Pathfinder Room

**DIVINE WORSHIP:** 10:50 am to 12:20 pm.

The Praise Team will call the Church to worship at 10:50 am with a mix of the great Cross hymns and just a terrific praise song we practiced last night.

The Homily starts a new series, "CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?" on how to hear the voice of God in the crazy, noisy world we live in.

We end with ten minutes of Holy Communion, celebrating the Cross: Luke 19:10 "For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost." If you've gone from lost to saved, this is the way to say thanks.

**POTLUCKS:** All the Evangelism Committee, Health Ministries Committee, and EVERYBODY who cares about outreach and building up the Kingdom of God, are invited to be with us for a light lunch in the Fellowship Hall. We will be having sessions of prayer, and then go everything we need to cover to get ready for THE SEARCH III which starts in just two weeks on October 14! 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

We will join the Pathfinders and Adventurers in sharing the Fellowship Hall for potluck!

**PATHFINDERS AND ADVENTURERS:** Meet 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm in the Pathfinder Room this Sabbath after the potluck, which will be in the Fellowship Hall.

**VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP:** Our group will be supporting the evangelism in the Arlington Church Vietnamese Fellowship, and so our group will not meet this week at GGSDA.

**COMING UP:**

**CHIP:** Week 4, Sunday night (6:00 pm), Tuesday (7:00 pm), and Thursday (7:00 pm).

**WORSHIP OCT. 8:** CAL BAPTIST UNIVERSITY AND THE GARY BONNER

**SINGERS--**This will be a huge Sabbath that you just cannot miss. This was always the best Sabbath of the year where I was before--they are just terrific.

**POTLUCK:** Next Sabbath, October 8: We will have our regular church potluck--plus celebrate Pastor Garrett and Cambria's wedding with our own GGSDA Reception, wedding cake and ice cream, and a short video highlight and a reenactment of the kiss! And a Baby Shower for Skyler Smith, Trevor and Leah's son!

**THE SEARCH III:** Oct. 14-29, three weekends.

**HERITAGE DAY:** November 5.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** The Committee has finished its report, and will present it to the church tomorrow as a First Reading. If you have any suggestions or concerns, please meet with the Chair, Paula Hollmon, or the Secretary, Melissa Briceno. Otherwise we will vote on the Second Reading next Sabbath. Because we are one week into the new Church Year, we need all the current leaders to serve these first two Sabbaths before turning everything over to the new leaders.

**OIL LAMPS:** If you have any oil lamps we could borrow for one night during THE SEARCH III, please let us know!

Have a great weekend and Sabbath, everybody! God bless--  
Pastor Dan