

GARDEN GROVE SDA CHURCH

Pastor's Newsletter

October 7, 2011

My dear GGSDA Church--

What an absolutely huge weekend! There is so much packed into this, so many cool things just somehow came together into one totally amazing weekend. Here it all is:

GARY BONNER SINGERS: The huge highlight is the music for Sabbath. Dr. Gary Bonner is the Chair of the Music Department at Cal Baptist University in Riverside. We had his choir come to my church for many years, first for vespers, but finally we decided it was just too good to not share without entire church. It immediately became the biggest Sabbath of the year--100 singers, wonderful Christian kids who just sang their hearts out, 40+ orchestra. We can't fit that all into our church, so he is bringing a 45-50 voice choir, the Gary Bonner Singers. He is just a giant of a man, funny warm, brilliant--a great, great man. Church will begin at 10:50 am, and the choir will be singing by 10:55 am--so this is not the Sabbath to be late!

PARKING: Because our church has basically filled up, and we haven't worked out the issues about two services or other options--we are asking that as many of our regular members as are willing, consider finding a spot on the streets, have a 1-5 minute Sabbath morning walk, and don't let any of our visitors drive away because they can't find parking. It would be a great gift to them, to God, and to the growth of the Kingdom at our church.

POTLUCK: On top of everything else, we also have our regular monthly potluck--EXCEPT that it is also a second WEDDING RECEPTION for Pastor Garrett and Cambria! Most of our church could not be accommodated, of course, at the wedding and reception--and so we planned this moment. During the potluck, we will have a mini-wedding, with full wedding regalia--a wedding song gift to the couple, a short video of the highlights of their wedding--and wedding cake and ice cream! We will have a table for cards or small gifts you may wish to give to Pastor Garrett and Cambria to help celebrate their wedding!

We are also celebrating a BABY SHOWER for Skyler Smith and his parents, Trevor and Leah, and maybe you would like to bring something he can use as he grows up!

LOBBY/NARTHEX: Tomorrow is the unveiling of a brand new Narthex! A decorating committee (Carol and Bob Meckstroth, Tom Neslund, JoAnne Wall, but primarily Linda Uy, a wonderful designer who has also joined our church recently)--have put together a whole new set of furniture, plants, lights, etc. that will revolutionize our lobby! It will be beautiful, it will be functional, and it just going to be terrific! It is all being unloaded and installed as I write this, but some of it was in place yesterday, and it is just gorgeous. It is all the gift of a Trust that was given to GGSDA by the Schmidt's years ago, and the Board has been waiting for the right project to honor them for their gift, and this is it.

THE SEARCH III: Tomorrow is the last Sabbath before we begin THE SEARCH III. It begins next Friday night, October 14. The doors open and a light dinner begins at 6:30 pm, Praise Team, 7:20 pm, and the Program 7:30 pm to 8:40 pm. The whole series (6 nights, 3 weekends, only 2 weeks) is upstairs in the Fellowship Hall, and all comes out of the book of Exodus and the story of Moses. Pray for it, and please find at least one person to bring! More below.

We can use volunteers for Registration, Children's Ministry, and the dinners--sign up in the Narthex.

And you can get your CHIP miles and spread the gospel at the same time--come help the Pathfinders pass out flyers at 2:15 pm right after the Potluck.

SABBATH SERVICES:

SABBATH SCHOOL:

9:30 am - All classes will be back in their normal places, EXCEPT Mine!! My Pastor's Class will have to meet on the landing to the Fellowship Hall, because our guest choir will be in the Sanctuary practicing and setting up. We will study Daniel 6 this week. Tom Neslund's class will be back in the North Room this week.

9:40 am - Youth in the Youth Chapel, with their new lights and everything, and the Young Adults in the Fellowship Hall, after their successful relaunching last week! Over 30 young adults were up there last week.

DIVINE WORSHIP:

10:50 am - Gathering songs, Welcome, and by 10:55 am, the Gary Bonner Sings will begin their Worship Concert.

Homily: "JUST DO WHATEVER YOU WANT!" from the story of Philip and the Ethiopian in Acts 8, looking again at the question, Is it possible to still hear the Voice of God today?

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: The children will stay in the sanctuary for the first 30-minute concert by the choir, and then will slip out about 11:25 am to the Youth Chapel, where they will have a special Children's Church. We have a special speaker on "Creation-based Science," geared for children 6-12--and it should just be great. Here's the promo: "Learn about our Creator God as we make light, shatter a glass with sound waves, see sound in the form of flames, force a ping-pong ball through a metal can by using the air pressure that surrounds us, etc. Two people will be able to fly in the air--and if you can learn the science trick, you will win \$10.00. Ben Roy is the former News Channel Science Theater Director in Chattanooga, TN, and teaches science methods for the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, He has presented 161 science programs for 3ABN, etc."

The Children's Church group will then join everybody at the regular potluck to honor Pastor Garret and Cambria!

POTLUCK: For everybody, for our guest choir, for Pastor Garrett, Cambria, and her family, for Trever, Leah, and Skyler Smith. Mini-wedding in the middle, with wedding cake, ice cream and everything!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: At 1:30 pm or so everybody who wants to be in the Children's Choir is invited to the Board Room downstairs to sing with Pastor Duff, to get ready to sing for THE SEARCH!

PATHFINDERS: The entire club is coming out at 2:15 pm Sabbath afternoon to pass out flyers for THE SEARCH III in the Garden Grove neighborhood. Children's Church and others of us will all be joining in to spread the Word! May God send us all to the places where God has prepared the hearts for this.

VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP: 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

VIETNAM WALL MEMORIAL: A replica of the Memorial is in Garden Grove this weekend, in the park on the corner of Euclid and Garden Grove, just blocks from the church. Take a few minutes and walk around it, knowing that many of us could have had our names on there. It will close at 4:00 pm on Monday.

FALL FESTIVAL: Orangewood Academy has their annual Fall Festival from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm Sunday. It was just terrific fun last year, and I was able to dunk Cody Leon repeatedly in the dunking

booth! I will be the auctioneer at 12:30 pm, and I have a couple gifts in there for you to bid on! It's my first time, come help me out by bidding!

YOUNG ADULTS: Many are going Paint Ball'ing Sunday morning--check with Pastor Shiphrah for the details.

YOUTH: Some sort of trampoline dodge ball Sunday night, check with Pastor Garrett. I will try to get there in time to show everybody how to do it(!)

CHIP: CHIP is coming to its conclusion--virtually all of the 50 have stayed by the entire time. We have three more meetings this week--Sunday 6:00 pm, Tuesday and Thursday 7:30 pm. Great thanks to Dr. John Cole, Irena, Suzanne Kalmbach, Dori Coetzee, Esther Harper, Rose Briceno, Carmen Stanish, and all the others who have made this a terrific ministry.

MORE "THE SEARCH III": From Lesieli Tameifuna, leading out in both Prayer Ministry and the Dinners each night:

"Hello everyone, Hope all is well with you and your family, and hope your having a great week. I just want to remind you that the Search III is happening in the next two weeks, and I am always excited to see what GOD will do, and who HE will send for us to nurture and care for!! Again, we are asking for your partnership and support of this event with food and in prayer.

MENUS:

Friday Oct. 14, 2011 - - -taco/haystack

Saturday Oct. 15, 2011 - lasagna/salad/bread

Friday Oct. 21, 2011 - - -veggie soup, barley soup, lentil soup, garbanzo soup/flat bread/grapes/grape juice. (This specific menu has to do with Pastor Dan's theme)

Saturday Oct. 22, 2011 - curry/rice/salad

Friday Oct. 28, 2011 - - -bake potato bar (toppings: broccoli, chives, chili, light sour cream) salad

Saturday Oct. 29, 2011- -soup/salad/bread. Fresh fruit/cookies for the end of the service.

PRAYER: We have a sign-up sheet for 24 hr. prayer. We are asking for your partnership in prayer as well. We really need to come together as the Body of the Church and pray for the anointing and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and let's stand and watch and be in awe of the outpouring of His Spirit. "'Not by might or by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord."

Always appreciate your willingness to serve and support.

Always for His Glory and Honor,

Lesieli Tameifuna.

Please pray for THE SEARCH III, as our visitation teams go out, as the flyers are mailed out, as the pastor prepares the sermons, the AV do what, Prayer Ministry, Music, everybody.

God bless you all!

Pastor Dan