

GARDEN GROVE SDA CHURCH

Pastor's Newsletter

November 11, 2011

Dear Garden Grove Family!

The SEARCH III has happened, a wonderful Heritage Sabbath 115th Celebration is over. Now we move into the Holidays, the Choirs are practicing for their big events, Pathfinders are collecting food, and all the traditions of the next 6 weeks start to roll!

A deeply felt THANKS to Barbara Peck and the entire Heritage Committee for a high, high Sabbath last week. Lisa Bethen and her team with the magnificent banquet, Dolores and her decorations, Esther Harper for the printed program, Barbara Schmidt for the awfully nice Sabbath School and Pastor Norman Versteeg for a great message on grace, Tom Neslund for all the historical figures walking around and for bringing our guest speaker, Dr. Jim Nix, Carol Meckstroth for the afternoon concert, Beverly Hill and Yolanda Leon and all the others who poured their body and soul into everything it takes to put something like this together. I'm sure to have missed some, but please accept our collective thanks for the collective group that put it all together!

Rose Briceno and the Family Life Ministries graciously postponed their big fundraiser until December 3, when it looked like the Heritage Sabbath weekend was already filled to the brim. Save the date!

1844 AND INVESTIGATIVE JUDGMENT: If you have ever wondered about the whole 1844/Investigative Judgment belief--this is the Sabbath to come to the Pastor's Bible Class, in the Sanctuary, 9:30 am to 10:45 am. Daniel 8 and 9, and we'll try to take an honest look at every hard question you have ever had!

THIS WEEKEND:

9:30 am--**SABBATH SCHOOL**--Every class in their usual places, EXCEPT: Tom Neslund's North Room Class will meet in the front of the Sanctuary. My Pastor's Bible Class will meet in the back of the Sanctuary.

11:00 am--**DIVINE WORSHIP**--Praise and Worship, Children's Story, Covenant Singers--

MESSAGE: "HIGH FIVES!" Luke 17:11-19, the One Leper who went back. Are you part of the 10% who go back and thank everybody--or part of the 90% who just go right on?!

12:30 pm--**PATHFINDERS AND ADVENTURERS**--Will eat quickly and head out to place bags at 1000 homes in the community, for people to fill up with food, to be picked up next Sabbath afternoon.

POTLUCK--SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL COMMITTEES, Fellowship Hall

3:00 pm--**Witness Training Program**, Anaheim Spanish Church on Romneya, Elder Sandy Roberts and Elder Brian Neal, from the Conference--in English, translated into Spanish.

--Sabbath School Training Program, for teachers and superintendents of Adult SS--Anaheim Sunkist Church, 3:00 pm.

THIS WEEK:

Finance Committee, 7:30 pm, Tuesday Night

EAT PRAY GO--Wednesday night, 6:30 pm, Board Room, supper, and then visiting THE SEARCH people.

Choirs--Thursday night, 7:00 pm and 8:15 pm

Next Sabbath--Pathfinder Induction, Children's Church

SAVE THE DATE:

Orangewood Academy Concert, Friday night, Dec. 2, GGSDA

Potluck, Dec. 3

Children's Ministry Drama, Saturday vespers, Dec. 17

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Dec. 24, 5:00-6:00 pm

THANKSGIVING FOOD: Our Community Service ministry is desperate for food! The Second Harvest Food Bank, where we get much of our food, is really struggling to find enough for all the ministries in OC. Our Pathfinders will be fanning out all over GGrove tomorrow to pass out bags to get food from our community. BUT they will also be passing out bags to all of our GGSDA family. It would just be terrific if somehow on Nov. 19 our own members could come back with at least 100 bags full of food to share with our community, those who are just really struggling right now. Bring it to church Nov. 19, bring it to the kiosk, we will cover the platform with it, and then give it out Thanksgiving week, and feed people for weeks. What a gift, and the books of James calls it "true religion"!

YOUNG ADULTS: "This weekend is a full Sabbath for young adults. In the morning, we're back in the Fellowship Hall for Sabbath School before worshipping together in the Sanctuary with the rest of our church family. Then after lunch, young adults from all over OC, LA, and the Inland Empire have been invited to Laguna Niguel SDA Church for a Young Adult Revival. We'll be meeting at our church parking lot to carpool at 3:00 pm. The whole ordeal is free. The guest speaker is David Johnson from Oakwood plus a free dinner afterwards. Hope to see you for a great weekend." Pastor Shiprah

God bless you all!

Pastor Dan

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