

GARDEN GROVE SDA CHURCH

Pastor's Newsletter

November 18, 2011

To all our GGSDA Saints!

THANKSGIVING is here! We will essentially be celebrating it over both the next two weekends, knowing that some will be traveling next weekend, while others will have family and guests joining us next week! Our display will be up, and the music and the sermons will honor Thanksgiving both weeks.

FOOD BAGS: Tomorrow is the big day for bringing food. We are truly, truly desperate for this help, and are hoping for at least ONE HUNDRED BAGS of non-perishable food to be brought to the church tomorrow! We are going to take it all out of the bags and stack it all over the platform, so it should be a beautiful sight. Bring your bags straight to the kiosk, and deacons will take them up for the display. After church they will bag it up again, and take it to Community Services. Combined with what the Pathfinders and Adventurers collect from our community Sabbath afternoon, we hope that not only will be able to give plenty of food for Thanksgiving to our regular guests at Community Services, but also restock our depleted pantry for the future.

PATHFINDER / ADVENTURER INDUCTION CEREMONY: We will have a grand processional of all our Pathfinders and Adventurers at the beginning of the worship service tomorrow, in uniform. They will all be inducted into this year's club in a holy and beautiful service, involving parents, club leaders, pastors, and all Master Guides. At the end of church you will all recess through a "gauntlet" archway formed by our Pathfinders and Adventurers, leading out to refreshments!

They will also have a potluck in the Youth Chapel, along with the Children's Church group, and then go out to collect food bags in the community.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: At 11:15 am or so all children are invited to slip out of church and attend Children's Church in the Youth Chapel. I believe Pastor Garrett will be having the short message!

"NEW" MINISTRIES: We are opening up our Community Services room to two ministries: Vietnamese Group--a new group will be meeting with Pastor David Huynh, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm, tonight, Friday night.

Filipino Fellowship--Sabbath School at 9:30 am, and then their own potluck and group after church. We have purchased new chairs, and indoor-outdoor carpet will be in place December 3.

THIS WEEKEND:

SABBATH SCHOOL:

9:30 am: All Divisions, Adult SS classes.

Pastor's Bible Class, Daniel 9, conclude study of the Investigative Judgment and issues! In the Sanctuary. Recent studies in Daniel 7, 8, and 9 are on the web now.

9:40 am: Youth in the Youth Chapel, Young Adult (University students, and Young Professionals), FH Food and Music, and then Bible study

DIVINE WORSHIP--11:00 am, Sanctuary. Pathfinder Induction, Praise Team, Praise Choir.
The Message looks at the story of Mary and the perfume in Luke 7, and wrestles with some long-debated questions--Does everybody have to worship in the same way?
And is grace really a lie, to proclaim sinners as righteous, when everybody can see that they are not?

CHILDREN'S CHURCH--Youth Chapel, 11:20 am to 12:10 pm, followed by the Pathfinder Arch, then potluck, Food collection.

VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP—4:00 pm, Fellowship Hall, Message by Mr. Boi Luong from Arlington Vietnamese

YOUTH--Roller Skating, details from Pastor Garrett

SUNDAY: Pathfinder Pinewood Derby, Wallace's, 10:00 am.
PRAYER BRUNCH--Lesieli Tameifuna's, 10:00 am

COMMITTEES: Most meetings and committees have been cancelled for Thanksgiving. Church Board will be Nov. 29.

MEN'S MINISTRY: Thanksgiving Day, Filemu Filemu, the new leader of the GGSDA Men's Ministry, has organized a service of giving food to people living in very modest hotels. We will meet at the Church and then drive a few minutes to the motel. The food is being provided, the ministry is simply from 12:00 pm on taking the plates of food to the people in their rooms--just a wonderful ministry, and then you can go back to your family Thanksgiving celebration! We plan to serve 200 people.

YOUNG ADULTS: FNL next Friday night, Nov. 25, Fellowship Hall

YOUNG ADULTS GYM NIGHT: GGSDA YA has the Orangewood gym, Saturday night, Nov. 26!
Go work off Thanksgiving dinner, basketball, volleyball, hangout!

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL: Here is the latest--The Judge has chosen the Catholic Diocese of Orange.
<http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/business/2011/11/bankrupt-crystal-cathedral-sold-to-catholics-for-57m/>

DECEMBER DATES: We will pass out a calendar next week, but you can mark these dates:
Friday night, **Dec. 2, 7:00 pm**--Orangewood Academy Christmas Candlelight Concert, GGSDA
Sabbath potluck, **Dec. 3, 12:30 pm** (preceded by Philippine Mission Trip meeting, North Room, and followed by Evangelism Committee, FH)
Saturday night, **Dec. 3**--Youth Movie Night, Youth Chapel
Tuesday night, **Dec. 6**--Preaching group, 7:15 pm, Board Room. 8:00 pm--Social and Sports Committees
Saturday night, **Dec. 10, 5:30 pm**--Women's Tea, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday night, **Dec. 13, 7:30 pm**--Council and ALL Ministry Leaders
Thursday night, **Dec. 15, 7:00 pm**--Christmas secular concert, Orangewood Academy
Saturday night, **Dec. 17, 4:30 pm**--Children's Drama, Choir, GGSDA
Sabbath, **Dec. 24, 11:00 am**--MESSIAH music during Worship Service, with LA Philharmonic strings!
Plus carols, message, gift for every child!
Saturday night, **Dec. 24, 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm**--1 hour CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT VESPERS, home by 6:15 pm!

Hope I got it all! God bless!
Pastor Dan

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