

## message

### welcome message from pastor dan



CHRISTMAS SABBATH! We have a highlight Sabbath for you, and we thank you for the honor of letting us give you the gift of worship today! It is all about THE MESSIAH--the best Christmas choruses and solos, all leading up to the Hallelujah Chorus! Every child will get a gift, and a chance to win another gift! The message is, "BLOW-THEIR-MIND-GIFTS!" How many

gifts have you received that just took your breath away, you danced around the room, and just stopped opening any other gifts--you were done?! And how many have you given like that? The text today, 1 Cor. 2:6-16, claims to have THE SECRET. We'll see!

May you feel the Christmas blessing from The Messiah Himself today. And may you bless Him with gifts worthy of Him! And we invite you back tonight, for our CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT VESPERS, from 5-6 pm (carols start at 4:50), with great Christmas cookies and cider afterwards. Why not start Christmas this year with Jesus?! God bless, and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" (the composer, Hugh Martin, was an Adventist, a friend and church member of mine, and died this year!). Pastor Dan

### what we believe

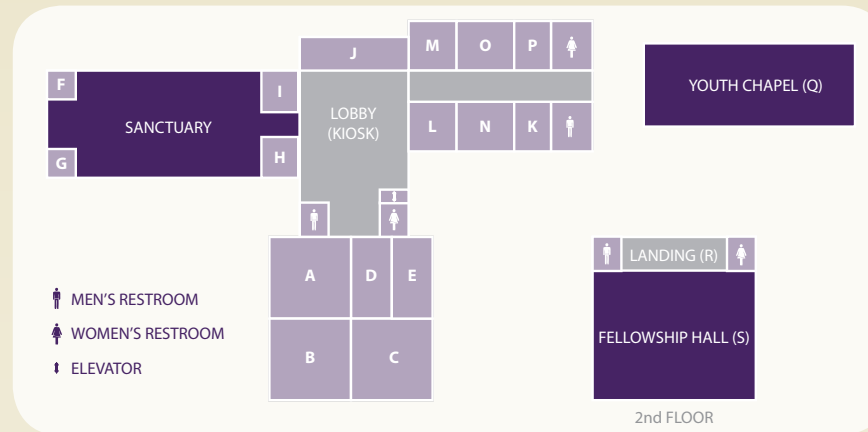
I believe that the most important of all Christian beliefs is the one that brings joy and assurance to God's friends everywhere -- the truth about our Heavenly Father that was confirmed at such cost by the life and death of His Son.

God is not the kind of person His enemies have made Him out to be -- arbitrary, unforgiving and severe. Jesus said, "If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father." God is just as loving and trustworthy as His Son, just as willing to forgive and heal. Though infinite in majesty and power, our Creator is an equally gracious Person who values nothing higher than the freedom, dignity, and individuality of His intelligent creatures -- that their love, their faith, their willingness to listen and obey may be freely given. He even prefers to regard us not as servants but as friends.

This is the truth revealed through all the books of Scripture. This is the everlasting Good News that wins the trust and admiration of God's loyal children throughout the universe.

Like Abraham and Moses -- the ones God spoke of as His trusted friends -- God's friends today want to speak well and truly of our Heavenly Father. We covet as the highest of all commendations the words of God about Job: "He has said of Me what is right." --Graham Maxwell

## general information



| loc | name                   | sabbath school (9:30am - 10:45am) |
|-----|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| A   | Church office          | -                                 |
| B   | Community Service room | Filipino class                    |
| C   | Pathfinder room        | Pastor Dan's class                |
| D   | Board room             | Spanish class                     |
| E   | Library                | Friends in Prayer                 |
| F   | Choir room             | -                                 |
| G   | Elder's room           | -                                 |
| H   | Mother's room          | Vietnamese class                  |
| I   | Deacon's room          | -                                 |
| J   | North room             | Tom Neslund's class               |
| K   | Storage                | -                                 |
| L   | Cradle Roll            | Cradle Roll class                 |
| M   | Kindergarten           | Kindergarten class                |
| N   | Primary                | Primary class                     |
| O   | Junior                 | Junior class                      |
| P   | Earliteens             | Earliteen class                   |
| Q   | Youth Chapel           | Youth                             |
| R   | Landing                | Contemporary Adults (future)      |
| S   | Fellowship Hall        | Young Adults                      |
|     | Sanctuary              | -                                 |

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welcome to  
garden grove  
seventh-day adventist church

December 24, 2011



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## announcements & church news

### prayer requests

Harman, Judy  
Sneed, Ted

### incoming members

### outgoing members

### upcoming events

| Dates          | Events  |
|----------------|---|
| 12/24/11 (sat) | Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (5pm)           |
| 12/25/11 (sun) | Merry Christmas!                                  |
| 12/30/11 (fri) | Friday Night Live (7:30pm, Fellowship Hall)       |
| 12/31/11 (sat) | Youth New Year's Eve Party (6pm, Fellowship Hall) |
| 1/6/12 (fri)   | "The Way" (7pm, Youth Chapel)                     |
| 1/7/12 (sat)   | GGSDA Youth @ Rock City (TBA)                     |
| 1/11/12 (Wed)  | Eat Pray Go (6:30pm, Board Room)                  |
| 1/14/12 (sat)  | Mission Concert (TBA)                             |
| 1/17/12 (tue)  | C.H.I.P Alumni (7pm, Fellowship Hall)             |

\*Details on events available at kiosk & church office

### church budget 2011

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|--|--------------------------|
| 2011 Church Budget                                     | \$180,000.00             |
| As of December 15, 2011                                | <del>-\$164,805.00</del> |
| Needed to Make Church Budget.                          | \$15,195.00              |
| Funds Borrowed from Reserves for Capital Improvements. | +\$36,574.00             |
| Total Needed to Rectify All Accounts                   | \$51,769.00              |

Today's Worship Planner: Kimber Parks

Conductor: Nancy Beach

Children's Choir Conductor: Duff Gorle

Deacons: David Rodriguez (Lead), Armando Miranda, Chito Montessa, Glen Monty, Tuan Nguyen, Mitchell Phillips, Wesley Ramkissoon

Offering: Local Church Budget

Sabbath Rest Ends: 4:45pm Tonight • Sabbath Welcome Starts: 4:48pm Friday

Please remember to put your phones and pagers on silent. Thank you!

## worship 10:50am – 12:15pm

PRELUDE..... Children's Choir  
Christmas Medley

WELCOME ..... Dan Smith

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE ..... The Caldwell Family  
*O Come, O Come, Immanuel* - David Ahn & Elise Newen  
Accompanied by Nathan Chung, Justin Chung, Alyssa Chung

MORNING HYMN ..... Hymn 132  
*O Come All Ye Faithful,*  
Brass: Bob Meckstroth, Dan Smith, David Smith

THE MESSIAH  
Scene I: Isaiah's Prophecy of Salvation

SINFONY..... Armadillo Quartet  
COMFORT YE..... Silvino J. Briceno  
EV'RY VALLEY ..... David Kharns  
AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD ..... Covenant Singers

Scene II: The Coming Judgment

THUS SAITH THE LORD ..... Josh Stansfield  
BUT WHO MAY ABIDE ..... Dan Smith

Scene III: The Prophecy of Christ's Birth

BEHOLD A VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE..... Cheryl Kharns  
O THOU THAT TELLEST ..... Melissa Briceno & Covenant Singers  
FOR BEHOLD, DARKNESS SHALL COVER THE EARTH ..... Josh Stansfield  
FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN..... Covenant singers

CALL FOR OFFERING..... Dan Smith

Scene IV: The Annunciation to the Shepherds

PIFA (PASTORAL SYMPHONY)..... Armadillo Quartet  
THERE WERE SHEPHERDS;  
AND LO;  
AND THE ANGEL;  
AND SUDDENLY..... Cheryl Kharns & Ramona Garcia  
GLORY TO GOD..... Covenant Singers

Scene V: Christ's Healing and Redemption

THEN SHALL THE EYES  
OF THE BLIND BE OPENED..... Marriana Maukovich  
HE SHALL FEED  
HIS FLOCK ..... Cheryl Kharns, Marriana Maukovich, Ramona Garcia  
COME UNTO HIM..... Kimber Parks

MORNING PRAYER..... Garrett Speyer  
HOMILY..... Dan Smith  
*Blow-Their-Mind Gifts!*

Final Scene: God's Ultimate Victory

HALLELUJAH CHORUS ..... Covenant Singers & Congregation

BENEDICTION ..... Dan Smith  
JOY TO THE WORLD ..... Covenant Singers & Congregation  
Brass: Bob Meckstroth, Dan Smith, David Smith

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### community announcements

#### Your 2011 Contributions

All 2011 contributions need to be turned in or postmarked by December 31, 2011.

#### Church Office

The Church Office will be closed from December 25, 2011 to January 3, 2012. May God bless you with a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

#### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Come and enjoy an evening of music and be a part of celebrating the birth of our Savior during Garden Grove SDA Church's Christmas Eve Candlelight service. Service is from 5 to 6:30pm in the main sanctuary.

#### Christmas Children's Contest

**Coloring Contest:** THE MESSIAH coloring sheet is the only coloring sheet that will be judged. Coloring sheets must be turned in directly after church at the kiosk to qualify for judging. Crayons will be provided, but you may use your own crayons or markers. Prizes will be awarded in each of the following age groups: 6 yrs. and under, 7 yrs. to 9 yrs., 10 yrs. to 13 yrs. and 14 yrs. to 18 yrs. Winning pictures will be displayed the following week on the main screen in the church sanctuary. Prizes will be awarded the following week. You do not need to be present to receive your prize. Make sure your name, age and telephone number are on your Coloring Contest sheet. Please print clearly.

**Counting Contest:** Count each time you hear the word GLORY being sung throughout "THE MESSIAH" portion of the service. This includes the solos and the choir choruses. You may count either by using slash marks or numbers. If you use slash marks, please put a grand total on your sheet. If you don't put a grand total, the judges will count for you, but the total will be left to their decision. If you use numbers, please circle your grand total number. The winner will be the person getting the closest to the accurate number of times the word GLORY is sung throughout THE MESSIAH portion of the service. If there is a tie, a winner will be drawn randomly from those guessing the same number. The winner will be announced the following week. You do not need to be present to receive your prize. Make sure your name, age and telephone number are on your Counting Contest sheet. Please print clearly.

#### Christmas Eve Treats

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is tonight and we are in need of cookies or similar-sized treats to serve after the service. Please stop by the Concierge Desk (formerly the Kiosk) in the Lobby and add your name to the signup sheet if you can provide some cookies or other treats.

#### Snow Trip

If you are interested in joining Pastor Dan and Pastor Shiphrah skiing or snowboarding during Christmas vacation, email one of them (see contact information on the back). The more that go, the better group we can get.