

Pastor Dan's



Communique

February 4, 2012

Dear GGSDA Saints!

May the coming be truly a GIFT to you this week! Shut away the rest of the world and traffic and noise and focus on the higher and deeper levels of your life, and on your family, and bask in the presence of God!

THANKS to all of you who came to the HERITAGE SINGERS concert Saturday night, and invited somebody to come. It was an amazing night, with over 500 people jammed into the Fellowship Hall. Thanks to Leslieli and her team for a great meal, with long lines! And to all the deacons who had to bring up nearly every chair we own, plus bring down the stage! A great night! And congratulations to Jim Rawson who won the Barbecue and John Koch who invited him and won the groceries!

**40 DAYS OF PURPOSE:** Our 15+ Small Groups will start up this week, studying the book *The Purpose-Driven Life* for the next 40 days. We will also preach on the book for the next 6 weeks. Please sign up on the bulletin insert or on the sheets in the Narthex after church. It is a terrific book, and if you put in the time with it, it will change your life.

**YOUTH ROMANTIC VALENTINE'S BANQUET:** We will be sending out another version of the flyer for the Valentine Banquet, next Saturday night, Feb. 11, 6:30 pm. After some discussion, they have lowered the suggested donation to \$12.00 per person, because they want everybody to be able to come. You can respond to the email to register, or sign up at church. Put the donation in a tithe envelope. The food (Brazilian Stroganoff!) will be fantastic (Roseli Wildvank and Dori Coetzee and team), we have some new gorgeous curtains going up Thursday night, a great music and entertainment program, and some fantastic stuff for the silent auction--a weekend up at Big Bear, your own parking spot at church for a year, massages, etc. etc. All of the "profit" is going to go to pay for scholarships for church and community kids who can't afford to come to our Summer Camp this summer--we want to double or triple our attendance this year--it is a great, great cause. We truly want the whole church to come to this. Child Care provided for \$10 so you can enjoy this night! Get a date and come!

Now for what is coming up:

**TONIGHT, FRIDAY NIGHT:**

**THE WAY** has been canceled for tonight. Pastor Garrett is the speaker for the Junior High Bible Conference up at Pine Springs Ranch. He hates to miss GGSDA, but last week he was a key youth pastor in working with the 18-member praise team and band for the Junior-Singer Bible Conference, and this weekend he is the actual speaker. He has four messages to give, so pray for him as he has this huge opportunity to preach grace to this group.

**REVELATION TODAY:** 7:00 pm tonight, in the Fellowship Hall, Elder Bradshaw of It Is Written, speaking from Las Vegas. If you want to watch the other nights, here is the info: [www.revelationtoday.com](http://www.revelationtoday.com). In order to see any of the programs so far in the series, follow directions at the link. [www.ustream.tv](http://www.ustream.tv) To view live, direct your browser to the link at 11:00 am or 7:00 pm each day of the scheduled broadcasts (same program, same topic, different audience). Enter the words – *Revelation Today*. If needed, look for Spanish audio.

**VIETNAMESE GROUP:** Pastor David Huynh's group, 6:30 pm, Community Service Room.

**SABBATH:**

**SABBATH SCHOOLS**--All should be meeting in the usual places and times. The Children's Divisions have gone to 10:00 am, so that the Children's Choir can practice at 9:30 am. Youth 9:50 am, Young Adults 10:00am.

**PASTOR'S BIBLE CLASS**--Pathfinder Room, 9:30 am, Daniel 12, and looking at the time prophecies at the very end of the book!

**DIVINE WORSHIP:** 11:00 am with the Choir and Praise Team leading in great hymns and praise songs at 10:50 am--the spiritual energy is just terrific to have this large group leading out. I was typing out a list of our favorite hymns this week, and was just reminded how incredible some of the great hymns are, and while we also totally embrace the best of the contemporary praise music, we want to keep singing the best of the hymns that have kept the church going and worshiping for the centuries, a link that ties the church together with those who have gone before us!

Our guest speaker this Sabbath is Elder Brian Neal, from our Conference headquarters. He has preached for me many times in the past. Always terrific, he's been the Director for Young Adults in the past, now preaches and teaches on Resources all over the Conference. He is a great, great preacher, and you will be totally blessed!

**PRAYER:** In the North Room for whoever who could use quiet prayer support from one of our Prayer Elders.

**POTLUCK:** This is our monthly regular potluck. We'd love to have you come and contribute. They are asking, if possible, that: A-M bring ENTREES; N-R bring SALADS, and S-Z bring DESSERTS. But either way, come!

**PATHFINDERS / ADVENTURERS:** 1:30 pm.

**VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP:** 4:00 pm, Youth Chapel, Pastor Giao Le will have the message (our leader Henry Le's father, a former leader of our church in Vietnam.)

**ORANGEWOOD ACADEMY:** A big night for the basketball teams at Orangewood, honoring the seniors between the two games. The Girls' game is at 6:00 pm, the Senior Recognition at 7:45 pm, the Boys' Game is at 8:00 pm. Food, souvenirs, a big night!

**SUNDAY: SUPER BOWL PARTY** in the Fellowship Hall, doors open at 2:30 pm, game at 3:30 pm. Other movies will also be shown for those not into the Super Bowl! Rose Briceno and the Family Ministries team making it all happen!

**MONDAY: PREACHING**--the team going to the Philippines will be working on their sermons for the Philippines! 7:30 pm, Board Room.

**ELDERS' MEETING:** Wednesday night, 7:00 pm, Board Room.

That's the news! Have a great, holy Sabbath!

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