

Pastor Dan's



Communique

February 11, 2012

Dear GGSDA Saints!

Here briefly are the highlights of this weekend. This is the one Friday night of the month when there are no Youth or Young Adult events, so an evening for everyone to be home with their families.

SABBATH:

- 9:30 am: CHILDREN'S CHOIR / Junior Performing Arts
SABBATH SCHOOLS
PASTOR'S BIBLE CLASS--Daniel 12, last few verses, and the controversial time prophecies--
Pathfinder Room
- 9:50/10:00 am: YOUTH in the Youth Chapel, with Pastor Garrett back, and the YOUNG ADULTS in the Fellowship Hall
New Group--Pastor Duff, in the Pastor's Office
- 11:00 am: DIVINE WORSHIP, Sanctuary
Praise Team, 10:50, singing the great hymns and the best of the Praise Songs
Special Guests: Chamber Singers, La Sierra University, Earl Richards, conductor
These are of course old friends, and we have waited for this for a long time!
These are all music majors, and it is a terrific music group!
MESSAGE: "WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR?"
Starts the *40 Days of Purpose*
Tremendous video clips from *Everybody Loves Raymond* on the great questions of life
Does God really have a specific plan for everybody's life?
Is it really possible to know what it is for certain?
Is Rick Warren right that God has determined the day you were born and the day you will die?
- 12:30 pm: SMALL GROUP LEADERS--Board Room
YOUNG ADULTS--North Room
CHAMBER SINGERS Reception--Fellowship Hall
- 4:00 pm: VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP
- 6:30 pm: VALENTINE BANQUET, Fellowship Hall.
This is going to be a fantastic night, you will not believe how the Fellowship Hall has been decorated!
There may well be room for a few more, \$18 donation, check at the Concierge Desk tomorrow!
Fundraiser for the Youth Program, specifically for scholarships for the Summer Camp at GGSDA.
- SUNDAY:**
- 6:00-9:00 am: MEN'S MINISTRY at Bolsa Chica beach--a run, and then Bible study. I hope to join them this week!
- 8:00-12:00 pm: WORKBEE at Orangewood Academy--last year a great group of you came to help out a county-wide work bee to help keep our Academy in tiptop shape, so they are doing it again. Painting, grounds, projects for everybody, fun,
And terrific snacks and lunch!
WASC accreditation teams are coming a few weeks, and we want our school to be pristine!
Also--OPEN HOUSE for new Elementary students, Sunday Feb. 26, and Feb. 29, new Junior high and Academy students. 12732 Clinton Street, Garden Grove.

NOTES:

CHURCH DIRECTORY--We are hoping that the Pictorial Directory is finally, after many challenges, is about to be published.

In the meantime, we are about ready to publish our own Directory, without pictures. But before we do, we want to give everyone a chance to make any adjustments in what we publish publicly within our own Church family. We never give out our Directory, we never give our list away. But obviously whatever we put in our Church Directory is a little more public. If you want any part of that information (name, address, phone) kept private, please write us a note. But obviously we hope that most will allow that much information to be available, because that is how you can stay in touch with each other, call each other about various ministries and programs, invite each over for meals, parties, etc. That is what every church does around the world. But we know that there may be some special circumstances in which privacy concerns need to be especially protected, and we want to give you a few days to get in touch with us and let us know.

THAILAND--I was invited some months ago to speak next weekend in my hometown of Chiangmai, Thailand, and the Elders and the Conference have given me permission to slip away for a few days. I will be flying out late Monday night, and come back in time to preach for the February 25 Sabbath. I hope to be able to communicate from there, and still do the Communique and share some of what I am doing. I am preaching five sermons over the weekend, for about 150 leaders of Supportive Ministries in Asia. I will have a few hours on both sides of it to meet with the leaders of our work there that we have worked with for many years and check on the progress of the projects we started last summer.

PHILIPPINES--We are beginning to move into the serious stage of putting a group together for the Philippines Mission Trip this summer. We have over 50 that have indicated they want to go, between our church and Escondido. Another Korean group from the church down the street may also join us. If any of you are still interested in going, please let me know. The dates are June 26 to July 17, and the cost is approximately \$2200, through Quiet Hour Ministries, all tax-deductible.

CONGRATULATIONS! Andrew and Dori Coetzee finished a marathon last Sunday, I think in Huntington Beach. Andrew finished in 3:44, which is just fantastic, and Dori finished in 3:55, which qualifies her for the Boston Marathon! Incredible! They are also training for I think a half Ironman Triathlon--we are very proud of them, and they are setting a great example for the rest of us to stretch towards!

HAPPY SABBATH, everybody!
Pastor Dan