

Pastor Dan's



Communique

March 17, 2012

Dear GGSDA Saints!

There are just a few minutes in which to send out a note to all of the saints connected in some way with our magnificent church! After many equipment and other challenges, I still have one functioning email list of my newsletter list! We have been converting everything so that all the equipment will "talk" to each other, and for a time it worked, but yesterday I lost my entire contact list on my desktop at home! Our young superstar tech person from the Academy, Nathanael Moore, believes it will all be resurrected from the infamous "Cloud"—and I hope he's right! In the meantime the list is also on this laptop, so we will see if this will work from here for the first time. We hope we will see you all tomorrow, don't let any rain keep you from being at God's House worshipping our amazing God!

WOMEN IN MINISTRY --The news that has been buzzing for the last few days all has to do with Women in Ministry. Those of you who have been following the news within the denomination know that our North American Division has been voting proposals which would allow a woman who has been "commissioned" to serve as a Conference president, a possibility which certainly exists within our own Conference at some point. The General Conference and its legal counsel determined that that could not be done. The Union president, Tom Lemon, of the Mid-America Union, was giving a report on this matter last week to his Executive Committee, when someone asked the reasonable question, "What keeps us from just taking a stand on it right here at our level?" After some discussion they took a vote, and it passed! The statement that was sent out indicated that while they have no women who are in the "pipeline" for that at this moment, if and when that moment occurs, their ordination would be voted upon "without consideration of gender,....". Amazing!

That of course led some to ask, How can that happen in the Midwest before the West Coast?! And so the letters and emails began to fly towards our own Pacific Union Conference Executive Committee. While they did not vote that exactly this week, they certainly had the most positive and thorough discussion so far, according to brief reports, and plan to take it up in a serious, and hopefully final way, at their next meeting May 9, after careful further review! Again, Amazing! Could it be, that by the time our own two wonderful young associate pastors arrive at the time for their ordination, they would be considered in total equality, with no mention of their gender, and no use of "commissioning" or any other substitute for the full, biblical, HS-ordination?! Save the date!

FRIDAY NIGHT:

7:00 pm - **THE WAY**, Youth, Youth Chapel, continuing their study on biblical and godly sexuality.

SABBATH MORNING:

9:30 am - Most SS classes and Children's choir (JPA) in the Primary Class room, practicing for Easter!
 PASTOR'S BIBLE CLASS—Pathfinder Room, looking at all of the signs of the Times in Matthew 24.
 9:50 am - Youth, Youth Chapel, and Young Adults, Fellowship Hall
 10:00 am - Children's Divisions, and Pastor Duff's class in Pastor's Office

DIVINE WORSHIP

10:50 am - **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**, Youth Chapel, Pastor Garrett has the --short message, then music, craft, etc.
 No Potluck this week.
 10:50 am - Choir Praise Team will lead the way with a great blend of the best hymns and praise songs
 11:00 am - **Worship Service**—Two terrific Choir Presentations, 4 Baptisms, AND:
Message on the final, "PURPOSE #5: YOU WERE MADE FOR A MISSION!"
 One of the best video clips I have ever seen, leading to THE QUESTION...

SABBATH AFTERNOON:

The Dedication of the new Refreshment Stand and the Ministry Faire have been postponed until next week due to the expected rain tomorrow!
 Prayer, North Room
 12:30 pm - Pathfinders, Lunch, Pathfinder Room, followed by their meeting at 1:30 pm.
 4:00 pm - Vietnamese Fellowship

SATURDAY NIGHT:

7:00 pm - Orangewood Academy Talent Show, hosted by our Pastor Garrett, and many numbers by our superstar young people!

THIS WEEK:

10:30 am – 4:00 pm - Sunday, Adventurers to Santa Ana Zoo
 6:30 pm - Tuesday night, Worship Committee
 7:00 pm - Tuesday, Orangewood Academy School Board
 7:30 pm - Tuesday, Finance Committee
 6:00 pm - Thursday night, Sport Night
 7:00 pm - Friday night, FNL (Friday Night Live!), Fellowship Hall, Young Adults

NEXT SABBATH:

Divine Worship: Powerful, moving music 'cantata" on events leading up to the Cross, with gripping pictures and video clips to go with it.
Message: "SITTING DOWN, THEY WATCHED HIM THERE!"
 Dedication, Refreshment Stand
 Ministry Faire
 7:00 pm - Saturday night—PARTY in the Fellowship Hall - Dinner, Show, Games.

SAVE THE DATE:

Philippine Mission Trip—March 26, last date to sign up for the first batch of reservations. Trip is June 27-July 17.
Pathfinder Unionwide Camporee, last weekend of the month, San Bernardino
 Begin to think about who you can invite for our huge event for the spring, Easter Sabbath. We are putting out our very best!
 Friday night, Good Friday—24 hour Prayer Vigil, Prayer Ministries
 Potluck, April 7
 Church Retreat, April 20-22

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

From John Koch: Has anybody seen a dark blue suit coat, last seen in the Fellowship Hall and Sound Room around the time of the Valentine's Banquet? Leave word at the Concierge Desk or contact John Koch.

There are many other projects and ministries in the pipeline, but that is enough for now! Have a great weekend!

Pastor Dan