

Dear Saints!

I'm excited about tomorrow, because two special friends of mine are coming as our special guests. Wendy and DuWayne Harris are a young couple I met in Thailand in February. They are self-supporting missionaries in northern Philippines. Wendy grew up there, her parents are still missionaries in Manila. She was a nurse working up with the indigenous tribes up in the mountains, when DuWayne showed up with his old, used helicopter and started helping the ministry. They ended up falling in love and getting married, and work together, he flies her into the remote areas, they see patients, try to start up churches, and have quite a ministry getting started, relying on God every month to send what they need. Now they need a newer, bigger, better helicopter--it is beyond what we can do, but we will take up an offering to try help them along the way. They will have a short report and slide show during the Divine Worship hour tomorrow. DuWayne is the one who was shot the very day that I was emailing them to negotiate this weekend. He was quickly taken to the local SDA hospital, and is pretty much healed, so we are very blessed to have them here. They are in Southern California for a few weeks to visit their family and to raise some of their support for their PAMAS ministry over there. Please don't miss this, we are very lucky they chose us over all the Filipino and other churches that expected to have them tomorrow!

This is all part of our FAITH Series, leading up to FAITH CAMP, June 22-23. We are looking at the story of Noah this Sabbath, from Hebrews 11, "CRAZY FAITH!"

CONGRATULATIONS: As we move into Graduation season, we want to honor all graduating. Paula Perez is this Sunday from her degree in Civil Engineering, Alex Briceno is on Wednesday. And thanks to Orangewood for a great Spring Concert last night.

BAPTISM: Many of us are heading to the beach at Corona del Mar in a few minutes for the Orangewood Academy beach vespers. You may think that that doesn't include you--but it does, because one of our own, Hannah Monty, will be baptized in the cove at 7:00 pm! Leslie Aragon and I will be sharing going into the water with her, and we would love for as many of you as possible to come start the Sabbath with a sundown baptism!

Vietnamese Study: 6:30 pm, Community Services room.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: 10:50 am, Youth Chapel, Pastor Garrett has a great message planned for kids about a secret Bible Hero, and there will be a terrific craft.

WEEKEND SERVICES:

SS--All of the usual classes at 9:30 am, Youth and Young Adults are at 9:45 am.

Pastor's Bible Class--9:30 am, Pathfinder Room. Matthew 24 and how to tell the difference between False and True Prophets in our world today--Talk Radio, Rumors on the Internet, pastors, etc.

Junior Performing Arts--9:30 am, Primary Classroom--Come early and learn new music, and get involved in church ministry through music.

DIVINE WORSHIP: 11:00 am, Sanctuary--Gathering Praise Songs, and our special guests, the missionaries from the Philippines, and the message from Hebrews 11, '**CRAZY FAITH!**'

YOUNG ADULTS: "Exciting momentum is building up for young adults at Garden Grove! This Sabbath in the Fellowship Hall, our Breakfast & Bible Study at 9:45am dives into a new topic for the rest of May: "Not A Fan". Immediately after church, an important YA Council will briefly take place. All young adult leaders & sponsors please attend! Potluck begins at 1pm with Jam Session II shortly after! Musicians are invited to enjoy the afternoon with OC's talent in the house! This is our way of plugging-in musicians to our Garden Grove faith community, particularly young adults for the new worship service we plan to launch on September 8, 2012. How would you like to be a part of the momentum?"

No Vietnamese Fellowship this Sabbath.

ORANGEWOOD AWARDS CEREMONY: Saturday night, gym.

GGSDA GRADUATION: Celebrate the Class of 2012: The time of year that we celebrate our member's educational milestones is here once again. If you know anyone in our church family who is graduating from Preschool, Kindergarten, Junior High, High School, or any level of College please notify the church office by Monday, May 21.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL: The Strawberry Festival will be held next weekend, May 25-28. Please plan for extra traveling time to church due to road closures. All streets crossing Ninth Street north of Garden Grove Boulevard will be closed. In order to reach the church, you must enter Ninth Street from Garden Grove Boulevard. See you next Sabbath!

PATHFINDERS: "Come to the Pathfinder Fair this Sunday may 20, 2012, at 9:00 am, and support your Pathfinders as they march in the parade with Pastor Dan and Pastor Garrett. Thank you for your food and cash donations to help support our food booth at the Fair. We will be selling delicious vegetarian potato tacos, rice, beans, and Mexican drinks. Food will be served from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. This fundraiser will go towards replacing canopies that were damaged at the Camporee and help with our summer trip to Catalina! Cash donations are still being accepted!
Also, there will be a Pathfinder meeting this Sabbath afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Lunch in the Pathfinder Room at 12:30 pm/right after church.

God bless, see you tonight or tomorrow!
Pastor Dan