

Dear GGSDA Saints!

We are in full Graduation swing now, with somebody graduating virtually every day! Tomorrow at GGSDA we will honor every single one of our graduates, regardless of where they have gone to school, or what level they are graduating from--from Kindergarten, to 8th grade, 12th grade, college, and one Ph.D. finishing this summer! They will march tomorrow, and we will celebrate them, give them medals and flowers, and pray for God's blessing on them as they go on to the next level or stage of their lives. This is an annual tradition, and we are proud that all of our graduates want to be part of this side of their graduation season!

**ORANGWOOD HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:**

**7:30 pm tonight, Consecration, GGSDA Sanctuary, Leslie Aragon, jr, speaking, plus surprise!**

**7:30 pm Saturday night, Class Night, Orangewood Academy Chapel**

**3:00 pm Sunday afternoon, Commencement, Orangewood Academy Chapel**

**POTLUCK SABBATH:** Bring a dish, join us upstairs from 12:45 pm to 2:00 pm, a great time to "be church" and honor our graduates!

**GRACE UNIVERSITY:** We have had a huge group attend the first two nights. We continue in the Fellowship Hall this Sabbath afternoon, 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Newcomers welcome, but will need to get past materials and messages if want to complete the program! The purpose is to become a trained official Lay Pastor or Bible Worker. Also Monday night, 6:30 pm.

**OPEN HOUSE AT SMITH'S (5:00 – 7:00 pm tonight):** We don't get to do this very often, so better grab it when you can! Our college-age kids have organized a fundraiser to help some of their friends to on the Philippines Mission Trip. Enchiladas, rice and beans, AND Fresh Strawberries and Ice cream! Plus music, program, and pictures from the Philippines. No tickets, no minimums--just pass the hat, help these kids go do missions for two weeks. 5690 Peacock Lane, Riverside. 22 to 55 to 91, Off Pierce, L. Go all the way to Gramercy, L Gramercy, then R on Peacock Lane, come up to the top, yellow house on the left. Love to have you!

**BIG EVENTS COMING UP:**

**REVIVE! June 9-16. First night: 6:00 pm, Saturday night, June 9.** This is a major evangelistic event coming from Alaska via Satellite. Eight of the best speakers in the Adventist Church will be speaking each night from downtown Anchorage. Other people have paid thousands to go on a cruise to get there--we will have it free in our Fellowship Hall! We are offering a free light dinner Friday and Saturday nights just before the meeting, we will sing a couple praise songs, and switch to the feed from Alaska. I think you can be guaranteed a great sermon if you invite a friend or family to come to this--Dwight Nelson from Andrews U. June 9, and there is Derek Morris (editor of Ministry), Jon Henderson (great young preacher from Oakland), Carlton Byrd (Breath of Life), Randy Roberts from Loma Linda, Jose Rojas, etc. 6:00 pm next Saturday night, Dinner 5:30 pm.

**YOUNG ADULTS:** Young Adult Ministry is rocking, moving quickly towards our new second, contemporary worship service September 8. They are flying in **Dr. Allen Martin**, Young Generation pastor at Arlington, TX, and an advocate for Young Adult ministry for many years, to mentor the team next weekend, June 8-9. Friday night, SS, and Sabbath afternoon.

**Sabbath afternoon, June 9, 1:30 pm approx.:** There will be a special open session with a light potluck right after church next Sabbath in the Fellowship Hall. By 1:30 pm or so we would like to have him speak to all of us about trends in Young Adult ministry, what are young adults looking for in the church, how can we have a world-class Young Adult ministry at GGSDA, etc., including time for Q & A. 45 minutes - one hour.

**FAITH CAMP: June 22-23.** The only Faith Camp being held in southern California, and the first ever in this area of the US! Jon Woods, founder of Jesus for Asia, and Tim Maddocks, the Australian self-supporting missionary I met in Cambodia, will both be here for the whole weekend.

Friday night, 7:30 pm, Fellowship Hall.

Sabbath School — 9:45 am. We will ask all SS classes who would like to hear them close and join us in the Sanctuary.

Divine Worship--the three of us will share the worship service messages.

Sabbath afternoon — 2:00 – 4:00 pm.

These Faith Camps have been growing all over the world, and we are blessed to have one come here!

**OTHER EVENTS** will be announced as the summer goes along. **Philippines Mission Trip, June 30-July 17, Dedication June 30. Youth Summer Camp, July 23-August 3. VBS, first week in August (August 6). Special VBS Community Day, July 22.**

**WEEKEND SERVICES:**

**Friday night--7:30 pm Orangewood Academy Consecration, GGSDA**

**Sabbath School--9:30am, all normal classes.**

**PASTOR'S BIBLE CLASS--9:30 am,** Pathfinder Room, Matt. 24 and Signs of the Times and Last Days!

Will there really be a time without Christ being our Mediator in heaven, and the Holy Spirit will be withdrawn, and you have to stay perfect on your own during the Time of Trouble?

**DIVINE WORSHIP: 11:00 am.**

Praise Team 10:50 am will lead us into worship.

GGSDA Graduation

Message: "**Saturday Night Fever!**" from Hebrews 11:23-27

**SABBATH AFTERNOON:**

**Potluck (12:45 - 2:00 pm)**

**Grace University (2:00 – 4:00 pm)**

**Vietnamese Fellowship (4:00 pm, Youth Chapel)**

**Smith Open House (5:00 – 7:00 pm)**

**Orangewood Academy Class Night, 7:30 pm**

**Orangewood Academy Graduation, 3:00 pm, Sunday afternoon**

**GARAGE SALE:** Our Filipino Fellowship are having a garage sale next Sunday, June 10, at church, to support the Mission Trip. If you have things you can contribute, get it out of your house but can bless somebody else, PLUS make a difference over there--bring it to the church or let one of the Filipino group know!

I will close here, but am cc: all of you on this great report from **PATHFINDERS:** Sandra Caldwell and Moenau Rivera have done a magnificent job with Pathfinders and Adventurers this year. The clubs have done well, winning every award, just terrific. I have cut and pasted Sandra's report here, so those of you who are interested can read it. Just a model ministry in our church.

God bless--

Pastor Dan

**Pathfinder Report:**

**Pinewood Derby** will take place on Sunday, June 10, at the Orange SDA Church. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

There will be a trip to **Catalina**, so watch for a future newsletter about this trip.

And now, here is my report on the Pathfinder Fair:

Around 7 a.m. on Sunday morning, many of us began arriving at the conference grounds to set up our food and display booths. Martha Chopin's family was just amazing! They unloaded what appeared to be hundreds of potato tacos, several pounds of rice and refried beans, and all the ingredients for a special Mexican drink called Horchata. Our food booth began to look like a miniature restaurant, complete with a stove, microwave, and lots of food trays. The food was amazing!!! Everything tasted so fresh and delicious....I couldn't resist and had 2 plates!!! The salsa was yummy!!! I even tried the special drink and actually liked it...I am very picky! Words just cannot express how grateful I am for all that Martha and her family did for us on Sunday!!! They worked so hard and made sure everything ran smoothly the entire day!!! Thank you also to the Naranjo family, the Osorios, Setaita, other staff members, teen counselors and Pathfinders and any other families who helped out with this booth!!! Thank you also to those of you who donated ingredients for us...every penny we earned was profit!!!

Because we had such great coverage at our food booth, I was able to spend the entire day at the display booth!!! I hope all of you saw what a fantastic job Wes Ramkisson and Steve Kalmbach did setting up everything!!! (If there were others that helped, thank you!) I can't tell you how many people came by to see our New Jerusalem model...they were all so impressed!!! Teens, Setaita, Aaron, and Robert, you did an amazing job!!! Monica, thank you for your original plans. Bryce and Raquel, thank you for your tree of life...it would've been great if the model was quite a bit larger!!! Maldonado's, thank you for your diligence in helping with many aspects of the project!!! Wes, your pearl gates are amazing!!! And I really need to give a special thank you to Charidan for her concept, leadership, and hard work in pulling this model together. She was up very late on Saturday night!!! You guys are real troopers!!!

Another thing everyone noticed about our booth was the number of honors we completed!!! Very impressive!!! Pathfinders, you are awesome!!! Thank you so much to those of you that sat in that hot sun with me, answered questions asked by visitors and judges, and really showed your knowledge of the various honors you earned!!! I enjoyed having some great conversations with Anusha Thomas, Jordan Arano, Carlos Tacalo, Janelle and Ingrid Maldonado, and a few others!!! Thank you all for earning a first place ribbon!!! I am so proud of all of you!!!

The highlight of the day was the parade!!! So we're walking over to the La Sierra Church parking lot to line up for the parade, and you won't believe what happened to me...there was a pothole in the sidewalk, and I fell...completely down and rolled!!! Yep, in front of everybody!!! I'm so thankful I didn't get hurt. (Never text or talk on your cellphone while you're walking! Katherine, now you know what happened for that moment when I stopped talking to you!) I don't remember who picked me up, but thank you for doing that!!! When we arrived at the parking lot, we found out our club would be first in the line up behind the Orange County banner!!! That's a huge privilege!!! As we marched down the street, people yelled and cheered us on!!! I even saw Hilda Smith waving at us and cheering!!! It was so nice hearing Pastor Dan and Pastor Garrett march with us!!! Ellie and Alena did a great job holding our banner and Bryce and Jason held our flags high!!! Our guidon bearers had a perfect line and looked amazing and every pathfinder seemed to be in step!!! I was so proud to be a part of our group!!! And from some pictures I saw, we looked fantastic!!! I hope you were all there when we won the sweepstakes trophy!!! It was a proud moment for the Garden Grove Pathfinder Club to be honored with this trophy, which represents 8 months of attending meetings, completing workbooks and honors, wearing our uniforms, community service, attending conference events, having Pathfinder Sabbath, investiture, and inspection. Thank you to Elyse Briceno for completing our monthly reports and faxing them to the conference on time every month!!!

Well, this brings our year to a close! It has been a great year and a pleasure working with each of you!!! I'm already churning around some plans in my brain, as I know that there's always room for improvement. I am strongly considering your suggestions for a drum corp, drill team, the cool berets, sunglasses, gloves, a master guide program, more community service, more teen activities, and teen activities with other clubs...let's do it all!!! The sky is the limit, because with God, all things are possible...he can help us achieve greatness!!! I don't know what that looks like yet, but I'm willing to do whatever it takes!!!

I am so looking forward to next year!!! Please fill out your surveys, plan to attend the Pinewood Derby, and please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information!!!

Blessings,  
Sandra Caldwell  
Pathfinder Club Director