



## Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church Pastor Dan's Communiqué



July 28, 2012

My Friends!

I have just received an email from the pastor that I worked the most closely with in the Philippines--he has five churches in his district, and my church was his main church. We have been asking for a list of all those who were baptized at the prison and at the pool from his district the last afternoon--and he sent it! 334 precious names! We will pray over them tomorrow. Quite a few of them made it to church that first Sabbath, in spite of heavy rains, and the Church Board met in emergency session to figure out ways to get more of them to church! So I hope all of our efforts towards helping them stay in church are paying off. We left them money to buy chairs for them, money to buy a small laptop so they could project the songs on the screen because nobody has hymnals, we left them 3 motorcycles for the 3 pastors(they had to contribute a portion of it), and Bibles for each of the new members. Jesus died for every one of them, and we refuse to lose a single one!

**Sound System Update:** The Campaign is heading into the homestretch. We have \$45,600 in cash and pledges so far, towards the \$75,000 we need to get the matching donation and complete the entire campaign. We are ready to order the whole sound system package the minute we see the final pledge! Even if your part might seem minor in terms of the whole--that's how the Church does everything we do--aggregating all the littles into something that does huge things for God. If you haven't made a pledge yet, it would be a great blessing if you would fill one out tomorrow, for whatever God whispers to you to put--and God will bless you for it!

**YOUNG ADULTS:** This is a big weekend for the Young Adults, as we continue to ramp up towards the launch of the big Contemporary / Young Adult 10 am Worship Service on September 8. They have invited Chaplain Angelo Grasso, an Adventist working with young people at Harvard University, to be the mentor for another Discipleship Weekend hosted by (the) Sanctuary, our Young Adult ministry at GGSDA.

**Beach Vespers:** It begins with a beach vespers tonight, at 7 o'clock, at Bolsa Chica State Beach. 7-10 pm, bring a beach chair, blanket, sand tools. 17243 Pacific Coast Highway, Huntington Beach, CA. Free parking at Jack in the Box.

<http://www.facebook.com/events/247394565363755/>

The Young Adults will have their SS as usual but with their special guest, and then also have key roles in our Worship Service, and then have a potluck and afternoon sessions upstairs in the Fellowship Hall--1 pm, 3 pm, then a Dinner Break at 5 pm, and then:

**Gym Night:** 8 pm, Orangewood Academy Gym

<http://www.facebook.com/events/139060482899478/>

**SUMMER CAMP:** Pastor Garrett and the youth have had a terrific first week of Summer Camp, and are gearing up for an even bigger group next week. **Children's Ministries** has also had a big week, with their Summer Workshops upstairs, learning French and Spanish, Etiquette, photography, crafts, and games upstairs.

### **SABBATH SERVICES:**

**9:30 Sabbath Schools, everywhere all over campus!**

**Pastor's Bible Class, continuing with Last Day Events and Matthew 25, Pathfinder Room**

### **11:00 Divine Worship, Sanctuary**

Praise Team with Nathan, Leah, and Trevor Smith, Special music from a group of young people

And then, with some special video introductions, we will go on with our 1 John series:

**"NO MORE DARKNESS!"**, 1 John 1:5-2:2. Hopefully something new for you all to think about it!

**Nominating Committee:** The Committee which meets to nominate the Nominating Committee will meet in the North Room briefly to put together the Committee for 2012.

**GRACE UNIVERSITY:** We will join the Young Adults for a potluck in the Fellowship Hall, and then go to the Board Room for our meeting, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

**Young Adults:** Meeting with Angelo Grasso 1 pm, 3 pm, Dinner break at 5 pm.

**Vietnamese Fellowship:** 4 pm, Youth Chapel

**Young Adult GYM NIGHT:** Orangewood Academy Gym, 8 pm.

**Women's Brunch: Women's Ministry** would like to invite our church women to come to a brunch especially made for them. This is our first event and we entitled it "Love In Action." We want to show you how much you each mean to us by providing a scrumptious meal as well as a captivating program. We will have raffle baskets that you can purchase as a donation to Women's Ministry. Contact Lizz Randall (714) 913-3903 or [LizzRandal@aol.com](mailto:LizzRandal@aol.com) if you plan to join us.

When: Sunday, July 29 at 10:00 a.m.

Where: Fellowship Hall, GGSDA Church.

Why: Because you will be glad you did!

God bless you all!

Pastor Dan