



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



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Happy Sabbath, Everybody!

Here is all the news for the week as summer slides into the Church's peak season.

Launch Date: September 8 is just two weeks away! The Band is ready to go, the sermon series is set, the breakfast is being planned. Spread the word, the first Contemporary Worship service planned by young adults in SDA Orange County. Don't let this incredible opportunity pass by. Put the schedule into your Iphone, post it on your refrigerator, text it to your kids:

Sept. 8, Sabbath morning

9:30 Contemporary Service

10:30 Sabbath Schools (All!)

11:30 Second Service / Divine Worship

The Key Points: Everybody of all ages is absolutely welcome, IF you love contemporary worship! All three of us will be preaching, Pastor Shiphrah is leading off. The service will be primarily praise worship and message. There will be a light breakfast available at the Refreshment Stand from 9:00 to 9:25. The first series is: "JESUS ALL!" Encourage every youth and young adult you know to get up and come. The best music will be right away at 9:30. if they are sleepy when they get here, they will not be tired once the service starts! Pray for Pastor Shiphrah, pray for our young adults as they lead out in this awesome new adventure.

LUAU: The big event of the weekend is the Luau, Sunday night. It starts at 5 pm, doors will open at 4. Tickets are \$9 each, as it is a fundraiser. This is always a great night, with gorgeous island decorations, a terrific menu, and of course the music! Sign up after church tomorrow.

SABBATH SERVICES:

Two more Sabbaths with our traditional schedule:

9:30 most Sabbath Schools

Pastor's Bible Class--9:30 am, Pathfinder Room--Matthew 25--"How do you know if you are doing enough?!"

9:45 Young Adult in the Fellowship Hall, Youth in Youth Chapel

11:00 Divine Worship, Sanctuary

Pastor Garrett's Praise Team will lead worship. There is a Children's Story, and then the message based on 1 John 3:6-9, the controversial verses that say, 'Everybody who is born of God does not commit sin!' What does that really mean what it says?

12:45-2:00 Potluck, Evangelism Committee and Grace University, Library

4:00 Vietnamese Fellowship--Youth Chapel

SUNDAY--LUAU, 5 pm, Fellowship Hall

MONDAY--GRACE UNIVERSITY, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY--

Worship Committee, 6:30

Church Board, 7:30

WEDNESDAY--Nominating Committee, 6:30, Board Room

NEXT SABBATH--Pastor Shiphrah has the message, Dedication, Sanctuary Worship Team for the new service

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: We are down to \$7,000 to go. Some have asked some questions about what exactly are we buying!

1. Sound System--\$155,000. A new 48-channel digital sound board, with excellent speakers that will give us an even sound throughout the sanctuary, 16 wireless mics that will have pure channels, amplifier, and all the cables and the sound booth, etc., that has to go with it, installation, and training. We hope to order next Wednesday.

2. Lighting. \$30,000 approx. This will light up the platform, make it much more alive, add energy and focus to the service, add much color and other effects on the front of the church, and give us a much "picture" for our video ministry that we hope eventually will go out over the Internet in many languages all over the world, plus on cable TV in OC. This will take a few more days to fine-tune our plans, but should be ready mid-October.

3. Video Projectors, screens (\$15,000)--A much higher grade projector and screen.

4. Video Ministry (\$17,000)--Our first upgrade in cameras, equipment, and recording equipment in many years. The cameras we are using are old cameras I was able to bring with me. If we hope to have a much wider impact from GGSDA, we have to make a much quality picture.

5. Congregational Lighting (\$15,000)--The final shape of this has not totally been decided--we just know that we need much better lighting, both in the day time but especially for all night services.

6. Booth, electrical, etc., takes up the remainder of the \$257,000.

We're 97% there! God bless you all as you mull over what you can do to finish this this week!

ADVENTURER CLUB: Adventurer Staff meeting after church and staff potluck, August 25, 1:00pm at Cradle Roll SS Classroom. We need a few more to help teach these terrific kids, the lessons plans are all there, just need love and presence! You do not need to be a Master Guide! The Adventurer Club's first meeting is September 08, 2012. See you there!

God bless, everybody!

Pastor Dan

Here is a summary from Pastor Garrett's THE WAY newsletter:

THE ONE LIFE -

This past weekend a group of us went up to Camp Cedar Falls for the second annual One Life gathering - about 24 of us in all. What One Life is, is weekend a group of us pastors and bible teachers created so that our youth could begin the year focused on Jesus. Up at One Life we speak Jesus, we preach Jesus, we study Jesus, we try to live Jesus, and most of all we lift up Jesus and give Him everything we are. It's an incredible thing and our kids had a great time up there.

I actually had to go up early to set up with the gang so a HUGE THANKS to Jordan Kalmbach, Michael Smith, and my beautiful and incredible wife, Cambria for driving the kids up to Cedar Falls. Praise God we had a safe weekend! Thanks to Wildvanks and Meckstroths for allowing us to use your vehicles! Couldn't have done it without you both! Thanks so much!

It was a great weekend and we're excited about next year's One Life!

THE WAY -

We're back at it with The Way! We began our series a couple weeks ago with Pastor Aren Rennacker kicking off our series "What Am I Worth?" The Way will meet next on Sept. 7! Hope to see you all there.

CALENDAR -

A week or so ago, a group of youth and young adult sponsors met in the Youth Chapel to plan our year calendar for Youth Ministry. I can't even express to you all how excited I am for this next year. We talked about what we did well this past year, what we can improve on, set some goals for our group, as well as planned out a ton of service and crazy fun events for the year.

As you all know, The Way meets on every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month! What we are now adding is that every time we meet for The Way, we will have either a service or social for Youth. So every 1st and 3rd we will meet on Friday for The Way, and then have a service project on Sabbath afternoon or Sunday OR have a social Saturday night or Sunday. I will be emailing calendars out and handing calendars out to each of you, so that you can plan ahead and make sure your youth doesn't miss anything this year! There are some conflicts with OA and Pathfinders and other calendars. But we did the best we could to accommodate other calendars so that we're working together!

BROOMBALL -

We will be kicking off our Youth Socials in a big way - Broomball at KHS Ice in Anaheim on Sept. 8 starting at 9pm.

YOUTH SS -

A huge thanks to Mr. O and Yennie Rodriguez for covering for me the past two weeks in Youth! The youth loved you both.

I will be back and teaching in Youth THIS Sabbath! So excited to be back and at it and with you all again! Can't wait. I know many of our brothers and sisters will be at the OA HS Retreat at PSR, but we'll still have a great group and music and discussion! Can't wait. See you tomorrow morning at 9:50.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE - THE SANCTUARY

So pumped about the new service our Young Adults are hard at work preparing for September 8! With The Sanctuary beginning that means some changes for our church. The Sanctuary will be from 9:30-10:30. That means Youth SS (And all other SS's) will move to 10:35 and go until 11:20. Our Divine Service will then start at 11:30. This change begins on **September 8!** I know all the youth are excited about an extra half hour of sleep! But that's not what this change means! We hope all the youth and youth parents will come out in full force and come support this service! We have heavy youth involvement in the praise, so come support! I'll be leading praise with Ian and Nathan Browne on certain weekends! Hope to see you there - September 8.

By the way, it's Robert Hirschfeld's birthday tomorrow, he's turning 19. Give him a huge hug and tell him happy birthday if you see him!

Pastor Garrett