



# Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

## Pastor Dan's Communiqué



October 5, 2012

Dear Friends!

First a couple highlights:

1. This Sabbath we have the **Gary Bonner Singers** at our church for the 11:30 Divine Worship Service. They are directed by Dr. Gary Bonner, the Dean of the Music Department at Cal Baptist University in Riverside. This is a private group that he also has, and they are just terrific and you will enjoy this service. They will have a total of about 40 minutes of powerful, gospel songs, and then I will start a new series on the Lord's Prayer: "THE WORLD'S GREATEST PRAYER!" with a homily.

2. Pastor Shiphrah and I were invited to a special banquet at the Mission Inn in Riverside Wednesday night in honor of the women in ministry in our Conference. In light of the recent vote by the Pacific Union Conference August 19 to authorize the ordination of women in our Union where requested, all of the women who have been only "ordained-commissioned" in the past were now given full ordination by the Union Committee recently. And so they organized this banquet for all of these women to come and receive their full "Certificates of Ordination". A number of guests were invited who like me had had some role in the process over the last 20-30 years, and so it was quite a group to be with. It was a holy moment, and I'm sure some terrific pictures will be on Facebook and the Pacific Union Recorder. Quite a large number of them either were students at La Sierra, worked for us at the church, or were pastors there, and so we had a connection with many of them. Even some of the women who have left to go elsewhere were flown back. All of the young women who are currently on ordination track, like Pastor Shiphrah, were also included in some of the pictures.

WEEKEND PLANS:

**THE WAY:** Tonight at 7:00 in the Youth Chapel. Pastor Garrett is speaking. THE WAY is now going to be every Friday night, so that you never have to wonder if it is on or not! Get your young people in the car and get down there, the Chapel is always full, the music is great, and Pastor Garrett never misses!

**THE SANCTUARY:** 9:30 am in the Sanctuary with the Band, Pastor Garrett leading out, and then Pastor Shiphrah with her message cracking open a new series on the four R's that are the core values and goals of the SANCTUARY Young Adult Ministry: *To retain, reclaim, recruit, and recharge this generation for Christ.*

**SABBATH SCHOOL:** 10:30 am, in all venues. Pastor's Bible Class: Pathfinder Room, Last Day Events.

**DIVINE WORSHIP:** 11:30 am, Sanctuary. Gary Bonner Singers. Message: "THE WORLD'S GREATEST PRAYER!"

**POTLUCK:** Fellowship Hall

**FULL CIRCLE:** Presentation by Justin Khoe, Full Circle Coordinator, 15 minutes, before the end of the potluck.

**RELIGIOUS LIBERTY PANEL:** Immediately after the Potluck--Q & A regarding the hottest religious liberty questions.

**VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP:** 4 pm. I have the message.

**SUNDAY:** 4pm Financial Peace University, Fellowship Hall

### ADVENTURERS:

Here is the schedule for this Sabbath:

1:00 - Join the Potluck at Fellowship Hall. Try to get in line fast.

2:00 - Opening exercise at Kindergarten SS Room.

2:20 - Class session

3:00 - Art and Craft - combine. Clean up. (Little lamb will have their own program - stays in their classroom)

3:45 - Closing exercise.

4:00 - Staff meeting ( to discuss fundraising).

\*\*Please wear your Field Uniform (blue t shirt) to all club meetings. It gives us a sense of belonging. Be proud of your club.

Pastor Garrett: "We'll be beginning our new series "Crazy Love"! Have you ever wondered how God could love you when all you seem to do is mess up? Or perhaps you wonder why God sent His son Jesus to die for you and me? Or maybe you struggle with keeping your faith on fire and you just seem to feel lukewarm? This series is for you. Come find out what God's "Crazy Love" is all about next Friday at The Way."