



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



October 19, 2012

Dear GGSDA Saints!

This weekend is rich and full--but it is also full of events that take various teams in our church to bless other ministries! There is a large Youth Ministry seminar in Ontario, Alumni Weekend at Orangewood, and a choir festival. And Children's Church in our Church! And don't forget THE WAY tonight, 7 pm!

But there will still be hundreds of us left to worship together at Garden Grove, and we have messages prepared that we think are spot-on on some of the deepest and most relevant questions Christians and Adventists have to face in their daily life, and one or two that are very "hot" in the Adventist world right now.

11:30 DIVINE WORSHIP, in the Sanctuary: The message for the 11:30 Divine Worship Service is: "THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE." Do we really want God's Kingdom to come? I ask couples all the time, "If Jesus asked if He could come the night before the wedding--would you say Yes or No?! Is it still possible to know God's will? Does anybody actually hear voices when they say, "God told me...."? How do you pick out the Voice of God from all the other voices? Can't Satan deceive the "very elect"? In the church world, there was some drama at the General Conference meetings this week. Do the higher levels of the church hear God's voice more clearly than the lower levels, or individuals? If so, then how come most of the improvements in the history of the church happened away from Church Headquarters--like the Reformation or even the Adventist Church? Do the lower levels or individuals have the freedom to choose for themselves when the Church is hearing God right and when they think they are hearing God more clearly at their level?!

SANCTUARY: 9:30, in the Sanctuary. Pastor Shiphrah is speaking on "RECRUIT!", the third of the 4 R's. Looking at the story of the Woman at the Well, and asking some truly important questions. Where and how did God recruit you? Is God still recruiting you to another level? Are there ways God is recruiting that we don't notice? Are there things that the church does that get in the way of God's recruiting? How far should we go in integrating with the real world (like Jesus did at the well and with publicans and sinners!)--in order to speak their language and be their friends, and where does that become risky to our own faith? When does that become compromise with the values of the world?

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We have a new team, under Dr. Malitza Browne, but the same general format--music, craft tied to the message, and a short Bible story message about KIDS IN THE BIBLE--this week's message will be by David Rodriguez, and be based on the story of Jeremiah, very young when God called him. Ends with great snacks!

SABBATH SCHOOLS: 10:30 am. Of course we have classes everywhere for everybody, including my Pastor's Bible Class in the Pathfinder Room, looking at all sides of the Sabbath and Sabbath keeping as it relates to the issues in the Last Days.

THE WAY: 7 pm tonight, Youth Chapel. "Our latest series at the Way has been amazing - we were really moved by Pastor Toya's sermon last Friday and I can't wait for this week's! One of my best friends will be ending our series with a bang! **Doug Stowers** - Bible teacher at LSA! We're so blessed to have him and I can't wait to see what he shares with us tomorrow! Hope you can join us!"

PATHFINDERS: "Pathfinders will not be meeting this Sabbath, October 20, 2012, as most of the leaders will be attending the Leadership Convention. Instead, we will be meeting on Sunday morning, October 21, at 6:00 a.m., for community service. We will start with cleaning out the Pathfinder closet and then head over to the beach at 6:30 a.m. for clean up. Fruit, juice, and bagels will be provided. Also, those involved in the drama will meet on Sunday, October 21, 2012,, at 3 p.m., followed by drum line practice at 4 p.m."

COMING UP:

INTERNATIONAL BANQUET: Next Saturday night, October 27. Always a huge event at GGSDA, with booths and food from all over the world, reflecting the wonderful multi-cultural diversity in our church. Doors open at 6 pm, Food Booths open at 7 pm, Program at 7:30. Sign up in the Narthex after church this Sabbath!

CALENDAR:

Financial Peace University, Sunday, October 24, 4 pm, FH

Church Board, Tuesday night, 7:30

THE WAY, Friday night, 7:00 pm

Next Sabbath:

Sanctuary, 9:30--Pastor Dan, "RECHARGE!"

Divine Worship, 11:30--Pastor Garrett, "GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD!"

International Banquet: Saturday night, October 27, 6 pm

Potluck, November 3

OC Elders, Sabbath afternoon, November 10

BACKGROUND CHECKS: If you received one of the emails asking for a background check, please know you don't need to pay for this! The Church pays for this! It is a very simple form, the Conference pays a company to do this check, and within a few hours we are ready to go. We cannot print the Nominating Committee report until this is done! We have never had anybody rejected, but we want to do all we can to assure every parent that all our kids are safe with us!

ORANGEWOOD ACADEMY ALUMNI: The weekend is full of worship services, class reunions, Alumni basketball games Saturday night, and the golf tournament Sunday morning, 8 am, Black Gold course in Yorba Linda, \$160 each. Join where you can!

Have a great Sabbath! God bless!

Pastor Dan