



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



November 9, 2012

Dear Saints!

There's a buzz everywhere in OC this weekend, with all kinds of options! There is really, literally, something for everyone, so I hope that you will get to something that will turn you on and bless your soul! I hope I don't leave anybody's announcement out!

**YOUTH RALLY:** "The Way will NOT be meeting in the Youth Chapel tonight, but we'll be joining many of Orange County's youth and young adults at The OC Youth Rally held by Westminster Good Samaritan SDA Church. Starts at 7pm. You don't want to miss this if you're free. Pastor Eddie Hypolite will be speaking and I guarantee he's got an awesome message prepared! Heard him speak up in Seattle and he's extremely good. Some great gospel music too! Would love for you to come out! Here's the address for Westminster SDA - 14362 Willow Lane, Westminster, CA 92683.

Next Friday we'll be back in the Youth Chapel to begin our series "Joy Genome" - If you've ever had a bad day, you won't want to miss this one!" Pastor Garrett

Sabbath afternoon Pastor Garrett and Art Morales will be workshop speakers over there, and then a concert at 5 pm.

**Orangewood Academy Girls Volleyball team** are in the playoffs, and will be playing at 7 pm, so the day is packed with very cool events!

**SANCTUARY (9:30):** Come get your soul stirred by our awesome band, and then see how far your theology of grace goes, as I take on the challenge of this question: **"IS IT TOO LATE FOR SATAN?!"** Pastor Shiphrah will then lead a discussion in **Young Adult SS, and here are her questions:** "If God's grace is truly for everyone, what about Satan? Is there an exception when it comes to the devil or the worst of sinners? How far does God's grace reach on the roster of sinners? These are crucial questions that go beyond philosophical theology or speculation because if God's grace can extend even to a fallen Lucifer, then for certain, God's grace can extend to imperfect you and me." Pastor Shiphrah

**DIVINE WORSHIP (11:30):** We have special guests with us this Sabbath, a wonderful Men's group, Heralds of Hope, from Loma Linda. We have had them before, and they were just terrific. I am preaching for both services this Sabbath, with two separate messages. This one continues studying The Lord's Prayer: **"AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL!"** We are in a world-class battle with demonic geniuses, so why not pray the prayer that Jesus prayed that kept Him undefeated?

**ELDERS' MEETING:** Our Conference has invited all the elders in OC to join us here at GGSDA this Sabbath afternoon, 3-5 pm in the Fellowship Hall, for a high-level in-service meeting. We hope that every single one of our GGSDA elders will be there, if at all possible. I have the devotional, then we will get into workshops on the best and latest on being spiritual leaders with the challenges and changes going in the church today.

**ADVENTURERS:** There is a meeting tomorrow. Sunday, Nov. 11, we will distribute bags for the Canned Food Drive. Wear your Field Uniform T-shirt. Next Sabbath, Nov. 17, we will go pick them up, wear Class A Uniform.

**VOLLEYBALL CANCELLED: Because of the Orangewood Girls Playoff Game!**

**DOG SHOW:** "Family Life Ministry will be having a Dog Show, Sunday afternoon, November 11 at the Huntington Center Park. Corner of Edwards and Inlet at 1pm. A great afternoon to fellowship and show off your Dog. Categories: Best Appearance, Best Personality, Most talented, Most Obedient, Best Bark, and the Cutest. Please RSVP at [familylife@gardengrovesda.com](mailto:familylife@gardengrovesda.com) if your dog will be participating. (you're welcome to bring your own picnic lunch)." Rose Briceno, Chair.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** Our own George Fletcher slipped into a coma this week, and suddenly passed away. It is a great shock to all of us. The Memorial Service will be next Wednesday, Nov. 14, 11 am, at Forest Lawn, Hollywood, on Forest Lawn Drive off the 134.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** This is the last Sabbath to bring back your box/gift for Operation Christmas Child. Bring them to the Concierge Desk, don't forget to include the \$7 for the shipping, and we thank you in the name of all the kids around the world who will get a box this Christmas!

**YOUTH PAINTBALL:** "We'll be headed to SC Village Sunday, November 25. We'll meet there at 10am. Cost is \$50 per youth - I know it's expensive! But the fee includes all day entry, all day air, a gun, mask, and 200 starter rounds of paint. I'll have more paint on hand. Don't worry, we won't run out! This is going to be the event of the year! Seriously, when else do you get to shoot your pastor with paint? Maybe we'll even get Pastor Dan out there... Hope you'll make it out!" Pastor Garrett

**LOS ALAMITOS:** Congratulations to our daughter, now sister Church, Los Alamitos as they become an official "company" tomorrow, Nov. 10! They will officially become completely distinct from us, and their charter members from GGSDA will transfer their membership there. In 3 years they have come a long ways, and we pray for them and honor them on their big day!

**COMING UP:** We voted a Christmas Eve service this year, Monday night, Christmas Eve, tentatively at 6:30 pm. As you make your Christmas plans, we hope you can build your Christmas Eve and family plans around starting the day celebrating the One whom the day is all about! One hour, with a great dessert feast right afterwards!

Also, Christmas Sabbath, December 22, we are planning a joint service at 11:00, with a huge Christmas Breakfast Banquet at 9 am. The plans laid this week for this Sabbath are going to be fantastic!

Happy Sabbath, everybody! God bless--  
Pastor Dan