

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

November 23, 2012

HAPPY THANKSGIVING WEEKEND!

Thanks!! To everybody who helped with the Food Distribution yesterday. It was an awesome turnout, amazing. Some were there cooking at 3:00am, others got there at 6:00, 7:30am. The first cars went out with 50-60 plates of terrific Thanksgiving food before 9:00am. 350 dinners were prepared and sent out, with a little flyer telling them that it was from our church in the Name of Jesus and the times of our services. Build this ministry into your future holidays!

PICTURES: If you took a great picture of something your family did yesterday or today to give thanks--can you email it to us? We'd like to put together a little slide show for a minute of the best Thanksgiving moments for tomorrow! Cell phone pictures just great!

The Way | THIS Friday Night!

Pastor Garrett: If you're wondering if The Way is happening this Friday because of the holidays--the answer is YES. Are you looking for more joy in your life? Do you want to live a life that shines? Could you tell people about Jesus just by the way you live? No words... Could they see Jesus in your smile? The way you love? How you care for your friends and family? It's been a great series so far. Pastor Dan preached to over 50 youth last Friday night on the difference between the joy the world presents and the true, unending joy found in a life filled with Jesus! What a message. I will be speaking this Friday night. You don't want to miss it. I will be sharing how to have joy in a jail cell! It's going to be awesome. Here's a link to our intro video from last week's sermon. I know you'll get a good laugh! http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxEMliKVdz4&feature=plcp Can't wait to see each of you there THIS Friday night, 7pm.

theSANCTUARY (9:30am): I have the message this week, on "GRACE: EVERY TIME!" This has always been the most controversial of the three phrases: Grace: Everyone. Everywhere. Every time. If people sin, and keep on sinning, and know what they are doing is wrong--most people have assumed, and preachers have taught--that that was just not covered. Not until you repented. And if you died during that gap--off THE LIST, and your mansion reserved and designed for you would be given to someone else! Is that true--or is our Motto true?

DIVINE WORSHIP (11:30am): Great music, our first drama scene with our own Sonny Boloico, back from Hawaii as our new Drama Director. And a Thanksgiving message on the last phrase of The Lord's Prayer: "AND THINE IS THE KINGDOM, THE POWER, AND THE GLORY!" With Kimber Parks leading us in singing The Lord's Prayer one final time. And our first two baptisms from our Vietnamese Fellowship!

FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP: Potluck, Community Service, after Church.

VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP: 4:00pm, Youth Chapel.

YOUNG ADULTS OPEN GYM NIGHT: 7:00-11;00pm, Orangewood Academy. "After the OA girls' great games this week--now: get on the court ourselves at our last Open Gym Night for the year 2012! After sundown. Saturday night, November 24. Orangewood Academy Gym. Yes, bring all your friends! Our Sports Director, <u>Becky Krell</u>, has been such an amazing person with <u>Alex Smith</u> to make all our gym nights a success this entire year. Thank you guys!

YOUTH: As of last night, there were rumors of a Movie Night in the Youth Chapel, 8:00pm! Confirm with Pastor Garrett!

COMING:

Tuesday Night: Worship Committee 6:30pm, Finance 7:00pm, Church Board 8:00pm.

December Potluck: December 8.

Rita Smith Mission Report, during the Potluck. GRACE UNIVERSITY, 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, December 24, 6:30pm.

SUNDAY: YOUTH PAINTBALL:

Ever wanted to play paintball? Well now's your chance! This Sunday, November 25, we will be playing paintball at SC Village! Here's the address - 8900 McCarty Road, Chino, California 91710

We will meet at SC Village at 10:00am. Each youth is responsible for his or her ride to and from SC Village. Price is \$50 per youth which includes a gun, mask, paint, air, and entry fee in to the park! I know it may seem like a lot, but this is an absolute steal. You can RSVP for the event on Facebook by clicking this link -http://www.facebook.com/events/519104648101494/. If you have any questions whatsoever, or need some help with the paintball fee please email me!

CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES: Thanks to Melitza Browne and all of you who put together a box: Here is her report: "We delivered the boxes on Sunday. It was very exciting. We collected a total of 103 boxes! The staff prayed over the boxes with us and shared that they will be sending boxes to Central and South America. We are going to make 103 kids around the world happy this Christmas!" Melitza Browne.

Happy Thanksgiving weekend, everybody! Pastor Dan