



# Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

## Pastor Dan's Communiqué



November 30, 2012

Dear GGSDA Saints--

If you could have anything you want--right now--tonight--what it would be? Would it be for you--or would you give to someone else? Have you prayed for it? If you were God, would you give it to you?! Have you ever given someone else--what *they* were praying for?! Just a few questions to get you into the Christmas/Advent spirit tonight!

**THE WAY** is tonight, 7 pm. Always full, always full of life and truth dialed in right at HS youth. It's not too late to get in the car and drive your young people down!

**SANCTUARY (9:30):** The Church is all decorated, ready for Advent! Pastor Shiphrah leads off into a new series, "THE SUNDERING"--it's a powerful idea, but I'll let her reveal the secret behind the title when you hear her message. A great band, stand and worship God, a drama that is right-on--and then the message.

**SABBATH SCHOOL (10:30):** Great SS in every room of the Church, one that will fit you and everybody! If not sure where to go, come try mine! Pastor's Bible Class, in the Pathfinder Room, studying the Three Angels' Message of Revelation 14 right now, between 45 and 50 coming every week now, we'd love to have you in our newly upgraded room!

**DIVINE WORSHIP (11:30):** We will start lighting the Advent Candle every week now. Worship starts right at 11:30, praise, hymns, drama, Children's Story, everything--plus we are bringing 4 wonderful people into the church by Profession of Faith! We are trying out a new series for Advent, looking at "secular" Christmas carols from out there "in the world," but looking at them from an exclusively Christian view to see how what we believe contrasts with the values "out there." We start with the Christmas novelty song, "**I WANT A HIPPOPOTAMUS FOR CHRISTMAS**", sung by Gayla Peevey at 10 years old almost 60 years ago and still played all the time today!

**PATHFINDERS AND ADVENTURERS:** Lunch in the Pathfinder Room, 1-2, then their meetings. More details below.

**VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP: 4 pm, Fellowship Hall.**

**TONGA TRIP:** We locked in 60 with deposits today for the Tonga Mission Trip, June 23-July 9. We will be doing evangelism and church upgrading, along with VBS and medical clinics. Pray for this group, and set a little mission money to help one of the young people go! Most of the ones who have gone with us before want to go again, which is thrilling to us.

**NEXT WEEKEND:** Orangewood Academy's Christmas Candlelight Vespers will be at our church next Friday night. They will also be at our Worship Service the next morning, so a huge weekend for us. Potluck after Church, then a mission report on a fantastic evangelistic series by Rita Smith, Ralph Smith's sister-in-law, who after losing her husband went on, kept the appointment, and baptized a huge number! A great, real, personal mission story! Then there will be GRACE UNIVERSITY, 2-4 pm.

**MORE PATHFINDERS:** The Pathfinder Induction Ceremony will be held on Sabbath, December 15, 2012, from 2-4 p.m. in the Pathfinder Room. We will have a candle lighting ceremony to officially induct Pathfinders into the 2012/2013 Pathfinder year! All church members are invited--space is limited, so please be on time. Presentation of the Pathfinders to the church family will take place in January 2013. Get ready for another pancake breakfast sponsored by the Pathfinder Club! Please plan to attend this event on Sunday morning, January 13, 2013, in the Fellowship Hall. The suggested donation is \$5, and we will provide a variety of pancake flavors, toppings, fresh fruit, tea, and juices. Proceeds will go towards registration for the International Pathfinder Camporee scheduled for August 2014 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

God bless you all, Happy Advent!  
Pastor Dan