



# Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

## Pastor Dan's Communiqué



December 7, 2012

Dear Everybody!

THE WEEKEND IS HERE--the Second Week of Advent. The Traditions are starting, with red poinsettias in the church, Christmas cookies after the concert--and great Christmas music tonight and tomorrow!

**ORANGEWOOD CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** 7:15pm tonight, in the Sanctuary at GGSDA. Director Jim Woods and the groups always put on a lovely concert, and he has added a couple special wrinkles tonight that I think you will love. Refreshments afterward. Great Christmas music, terrific people, our own school--all for free! THE WAY has been cancelled to defer to the concert, but the Youth Chapel will be open afterwards for the youth to hang out with Pastor Garrett and enjoy the cookies!

### **SABBATH:**

**SANCTUARY (9:30am):** The Band, Drama, and the message--"MARY, MARY, NOT CONTRARY!" How can you know, when to go for it and when to hold back? When to risk, and when to keep the cards you have?

**DIVINE WORSHIP (11:30am):** A huge Sabbath morning, with Orangewood Academy coming back with bells, all their choirs, and the best of everything--and our own Covenant Players will merge their music with OA. And a special baptism, as Nikki Suhr takes this huge step, and all of us who know her are thrilled to celebrate this moment in her life! She has been helping everywhere in our church already, is going to Tonga with us--and now is stepping over the line and following her convictions! Welcome her into the Church! AND Pastor Garrett's sermon on another secular Christmas Carol, "ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS--IS YOU!"

**POTLUCK:** 1:00pm, Fellowship Hall.

**MISSION REPORT:** 1:40pm, Fellowship Hall. Rita Smith, who lost her husband, Elden, just weeks ago, went ahead and kept their appointment in the Philippines, ended up preaching the whole series, and they baptized hundreds! Come hear the story and see the pictures and say "Amen" and give her a high five--just a terrific story.

**GRACE UNIVERSITY:** 2:00-4:00pm, Fellowship Hall

**VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP:** 4:00pm, Youth Chapel

**YOUTH HOT CHOCOLATE MINISTRY:** 3:00-6:00pm, get the details from Pastor Garrett tomorrow. They are going into the community to serve people hot chocolate.

**CHRISTMAS DAY MINISTRY:** A group are hoping to duplicate what happened for Thanksgiving, and take food into the community. There will be signup sheets at the Concierge Desk.

God bless,  
Pastor Dan

### **PS--Announcement from the Pathfinders:**

**PATHFINDERS:** This Sunday, December 9, 2012, Pathfinder Teen Counselors will be helping out with the Orange County Special Olympics from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Location for this event is 6400 Brookhurst Street in Fountain Valley.

Pathfinders will be having their annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 13, 2013, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up at the concierge desk, so that we will know how many of our church members to expect. Suggested donation is \$5 per person. We will have a variety of pancakes, toppings, fruit, juices, and tea. Proceeds will go towards registration for the 2014 International Pathfinder Camporee. Thank you for your support!