



Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

Pastor Dan's Communiqué



December 28, 2012

Dear GGSDA Church Family!

Here is the last Newsletter for this year--hard to believe. This week is our 4th Christmas/New Year's at GGSDA, which is hard to believe, and we are still amazed at what has happened. As I stood at the door Sabbath and just kept shaking hands, the people kept coming. We had people sitting in the Narthex, in the North Room, and the Sanctuary was filled. They think we had 650 in Church Sabbath, and that we served over 400 in the Fellowship Hall. Just amazing! And thanks again to everybody who made it happen. And to Gigi Bonang, her family, and all the others who made the Chocolate Festival so beautiful, and to Melissa Briceno and all our musicians for a exquisite Christmas Eve service for the 240 or so who came out for that.

DIVINE WORSHIP (11:30am): Tomorrow is still part of the Christmas season, and we will preach on another Christmas Carol, "**GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN!**" Drama, a great praise team, a soloist singing "Mary, Did You Know?" It will be a very special Sabbath service.

THE SANCTUARY (9:30am): "I'm wrapping up our series on "The Sundering: On A Hill" , which basically sets out to capture God's heart in Christ on the Cross! So many connections between Christmas and the Cross! I know you'll be blessed to join our band and young adults in worship!" Pastor Shiprah

SABBATH SCHOOLS: Back on the regular schedule after our Banquet last week, all SS at 10:30am. **Pastor Dan's Pastor's Class: 10:30am, Pathfinder Room,** looking at the issue of Creation/Evolution in the Last Days as part of the 1st Angel's Message.

THE WAY is tonight, as it always is, 7:00pm, Youth Chapel, with Pastor Garrett.

Say a special prayer for Pastor Garrett. He has either lost the Church's Mac laptop and his own IPAD, or they have been stolen. All his sermons, everything. It's a very big deal. Any clues, tips, prayers--he'll take anything at this point.

PATHFINDERS: Snow Day, Sunday, December 30. If you want to be part of the group going to Snow Valley, there is a great discount, and always a fun day with great food. Ski, snowboard, or just play in the snow, or even just hang out in the lodge or on the patio and watch the skiers in the sun--it's a great day all around! Contact Sandra Caldwell 1-562-773-9450

NEW YEAR'S DAY: Another group is hoping to put together a group of 15 go skiing / snowboarding at Snow Summit. We have 5 of the 15, looking for more! Under 22, \$48, 22 and up, \$56, a great discount. We took 3 beginners up this Wednesday, they were all sliding by the end of the day, so go for it! Contact me (951-236-7262) or Sandra Caldwell (562-773-9450).

YEAR-END GIVING: You know where we stand by now! But we don't want you to give primarily because we need to pay for all the things the church has built or ministries that have been added! We hope you will give because that is how you feel about God, because of the picture of God this church preaches and teaches, and to help that picture of God and grace get taught to all our children, in our SS, at Orangewood, and around the world. That's where the vast share of our resources goes--to the Next Generation, in one way or the other! It all has to be in the mail or at the church by midnight Monday night! May God bless you no matter what you give, but try stretching beyond your safe and comfort zone, and then watch God do His magic to fill it back up again!

God bless you all, and Happy New Year, everybody!
Pastor Dan