

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



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HAPPY SABBATH to each of you, as the Sabbath slips past your house on its way around the world! Our theology is that God fills the day with His Presence, sitting there waiting to see if you will show up to be with Him. "Draw near to Him and He will draw near to you."

FULL CIRCLE EVANGELISM: Put February 8-23 on your calendar! We are going into high alert for this, we are bringing in a wonderful young speaker, Michael Tuazon, and we believe this will be a landmark series in the history of GGSDA. It will be intense, no question, but it is just 2 weeks--we hope you will block everything else out, and just find a way to give your spiritual life the whole two weeks, every night. Tomorrow we will have flyers you can give to the 5 people you have been praying for.

THE WAY: The Sabbath begins at GGSDA with THE WAY, led by Pastor Garrett for primarily high school and jr. high youth. 7:00pm tonight in the Youth Chapel, 50-60 kids coming most Friday nights for a great band/worship and a message by Pastor Garrett and a meal afterwards. Here is Pastor Garrett's note about tonight:

"In a twitterized and instagramed world, what does it mean to follow? We claim to be followers of Jesus but are we really? Have we labeled ourselves followers or have those around us labeled us that because of the way we live? Are you a follower? Join us TONIGHT at The Way as we try to answer these questions! Come enjoy some great music, food, and hanging out! Begins at 7pm."

DIVINE WORSHIP (11:30am): Our main worship service is at 11:30am in the Sanctuary. Do what you can to be there right at 11:30am--don't slip into thinking that the sermon is all that matters! God is longing for your worship! The Praise Band will be ready to lead in great worship, and God will be there to receive your heart of worship.

The message continues in 1 Corinthians 13, "LAST-DAY LOVE!" Does the Good Samaritan story in Luke 10 imply that everyone in the last days will be a Good Samaritan? Will there ever be a time when churches are filled with only 1 Cor. 13 love? Or is that only in heaven?

THE SANCTUARY (9:30am): Our contemporary worship service, with Pastor Garrett speaking again this week: "At times forgiveness is the last thing we want to do, am I right? But sometimes the last thing we want to do, is in reality the first thing we need to do. What I have realized about forgiveness through my study this week is that forgiveness isn't weakness. But forgiveness is the very portal through which we access God's power. When we forgive we give someone the gospel. We give them what Jesus gave us. And that my church family, means something... I don't know about you, but I could use some of that power to forgive. To be free. To find life once again... Maybe you could too? Hope you'll join us for The Sanctuary, Sabbath morning - 9:30am as I share an absolutely life changing passage of Scripture from the gospel of Matthew and as we continue together on this journey of forgiveness."

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11:30am, FH): Every 3rd Sabbath of the month we have a special service for kids in the Fellowship Hall, led by Malitza Browne and Nikki Suhr and Children's Ministry. Tomorrow our intern lay pastor Filemu Filemu will be having the short message on Josiah, the boy king, and there will be great music, craft, and snacks!

POTLUCK: Grace University, Evangelism Committee, and the Filipino Fellowship are joining together tomorrow upstairs.

ADVENTURERS: Julia Gibbs, our leader, is back from her mission trip, and there is a meeting this week right after church.

PATHFINDERS: Pathfinders will be meeting Sabbath afternoon from 2:00-4:00pm in the Pathfinder room. Lunch will be served in the Pathfinder room immediately following the church service. Teen swim check off is set for Sunday, January 27, 2013, at 10:30am at the Drayson Center in Loma Linda.

VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP: 4:00pm, in the Youth Chapel.

YOUTH LASER TAG: Saturday night, get details from Pastor Garrett!

Have a great Sabbath!

Pastor Dan