



# Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

## Pastor Dan's Communiqué



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Dear Friends--

For some of you this is your first newsletter from us--because either you just started coming because of our UNCOVERED meetings with Pastor Michael, OR you were baptized this last Sabbath! What an incredible day that was, to see 11 baptized! Saturday night you could just feel the "buzz" in the room, as we came to the last night of being together almost every night for 2 weeks, with terrific food, great praise music (we will all miss singing "Worthy Is the Lamb" every night)--and just tremendous, powerful, God-anointed preaching. Pastor Michael and Candice are visiting all of the other sites that are holding UNCOVERED meetings this week (Mentone, Beaumont, Hemet, etc.), and then will be flying to the Big Island of Hawaii next week to start another series almost exactly like ours! Pray for them!

Here are the main events of this weekend:

**THE WAY: Tonight, 7:00pm, Youth Chapel:** Here is Pastor Garrett's announcement: "TONIGHT we start our brand new series at The Way - What's Your Story? Hope you'll join us as Cambria kicks off our series and shares her stories and struggles and walk with Christ! Have you ever been ashamed of the things you've done? Do you ever feel like if Jesus is going to do anything with you, you need to cover up what you've done? Why are we so scared of our stories?

Could it be that Jesus actually wants to use all that stuff? The stuff we cover up and hide and pretend isn't there? What if in owning all that junk in our lives, it's then and there that Jesus can make something beautiful? What's your story

### TOMORROW:

**LEGACY:** Those of you with a long history in the church remember **Elder Morris Venden**. He pastored most of the large Adventist churches in the US, and spoke for hundreds of weeks of prayers and campmeetings around the world over his ministry of 50 years. He had a huge impact, really revolutionary, on bringing the gospel and righteousness by faith to the church, starting a great revival on campuses in the early '70s. He passed away recently, the memorial service is Sunday, at the Loma Linda University Church. The pastoral staff of GGSDA and the Worship Committee decided to dedicate the sermons for the month of March in both services to highlighting some of the great themes he championed as we honor his Legacy.

This Sabbath, then, I will speak in both services on the one sermon that I heard Morris preach several times, and he told me that if he had only one sermon to preach to encapsulate his whole lifetime message, it would be this one: "**THE MAN WHO WENT NAKED TO THE WEDDING!**" from Matthew 22.

So SANCTUARY, 9:30am, and DIVINE WORSHIP, 11:30am.

AND--at least one more will be baptized, with others scheduled for virtually every week throughout March!

**PASTOR'S BIBLE CLASS: 10:30am, Pathfinder Room.** Our class for all seekers and those anxious to study and discuss at a cutting-edge level meets in between the two worship services. Tomorrow is on the "**Close of Probation and Revelation 15**". All of a sudden it says the heavenly sanctuary is empty and filled with smoke. So where does Jesus go? Does that mean that there will be a time when there is no more grace and forgiveness? How can we know when that time will be? Is it an arbitrary time set by God, or how is the time set?

**POTLUCK:** This is our monthly potluck, so come, welcome our new members, and keep the buzz going that's been in the Fellowship Hall for the last two weeks!

### TO ALL WHO RAISED THEIR HANDS LAST WEEK PROMISING TO WIN ONE SOUL THIS YEAR!

We don't know who you are, but you and God do! We have 70 people who at one level or another indicated they were searching for what Next Step they should take with God, and we really need everybody's help, especially with my trip coming up!

**After the potluck, GRACE UNIVERSITY / EVANGELISM COMMITTEE AND ANYONE ELSE WHO RAISED THEIR HAND!--are invited for a short but powerful 45-minute minute to decide what to do next, and to see who can help us pray for, call, visit, and nurture all our new friends.**

**VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP: 4:00pm, Youth Chapel.** We have some wonderful new people coming, several have been baptized recently.

**SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP: SUNDAY, 4:00pm.** This is a great new ministry, led by our Small Groups Ministry, with Arthur Tupai, Dori Coetzee, and Pastor Shiphrah. It is a terrific option for everybody who just got baptized, who are searching and stretching for the next level in your journey with God. They will dig into the Bible, and be very practical at how to become "fully-devoted disciples of Christ". 90-minutes, I've seen the material, great stuff, great people. **It is also especially for all Small Groups Leaders, current and those who would like to start one. Just 4 sessions!**

**PATHFINDERS: 2:00-4:00pm after Church and the Potluck.** The club will work on kites for **Kite Day**, workbooks, drumming, and drilling & marching. Kite Day is Sunday, March 3, 9:00-4:00 pm, Mariner's Point in San Diego. Class B uniform mandatory. The group is leaving the church at 7:30am. Lunch, snacks, and water will be provided. This is always a very cool day, with hundreds of kites up in the air!

**SPEAKING TRIP:** I will be flying out Tuesday afternoon for a 2-week speaking trip that has been in the works for a year--to Singapore (one day speaking for a school), Myanmar, and Bangladesh, where I will be speaking to church leaders about the Gospel, leadership, and evangelism. it's a long ways, and a lot to do, mostly which I will have to prepare in route! So pray for me! Our two other pastors will be here if you need a pastor, supported by our head elder and a long-term pastor, **Elder Tom Neslund**, and our other church leaders. I should have email periodically if you need to stay in touch with me!

I get back March 22, and will speak for both services that Sabbath, March 23, with new stories, and we will baptize some very cool people that day!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**EASTER, March 30--A Resurrection Breakfast again from 8:45am to 10:45am, and then a grand joint Easter worship service in the Sanctuary with the best of GGSDA! A great time to invite somebody.**

And a **Easter Sunrise prayer service** at the beach Sunday morning, March 31, led by our Prayer Ministry, 6:00am!

**God bless you all!**  
**Pastor Dan**