



Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

Pastor Dan's Communiqué



April 5, 2013

My Friends--

May the glow of our Easter Sabbath stay with you as you glide into the first Sabbath *after* Easter! As we start a month filled with reading and studying and discussing and living the book *What's So Amazing About Grace?*, may you literally be surrounded and filled with a sense of being graced. For real. Actually. Not in the book of Romans or Galatians. Out here. In your house. At church. Everywhere!

A special thanks to everybody who put together an incredible Easter weekend last week. **Tom Neslund** and the incredible Last Supper reenactment with Jesus and the 12 disciples on Friday night, with well over 200 people there. **Roseli Wildvank** and her tremendous crew who set up a banquet overnight and were there from 6 am on to give us the Easter Breakfast Banquet. **Melissa Briceno** and the Worship Committee, musicians, drama, and everybody who put a glorious Easter worship service together, and especially the four who made the commitment to be baptized on Easter Sabbath! Almost 600 people worshipped with us in the one service Sabbath.

And to **Lesieli Tameifuna, Desiree Gandeza, and our Prayer Ministry Team** for a new annual tradition, a Prayer Sunrise Breakfast and Worship at 6 am Sunday morning at Corona Del Mar, with over 100 showing up that early in the morning! Thanks again, everybody!

What's happening for the weekend?

THE WAY: Here is Pastor Garrett's announcement for tonight:

"Really excited to begin our brand new series Adventism For Dummies TONIGHT! If you or your youth have ever wondered what's so special about your faith? Or why you believe what you believe? Or perhaps you're new to all of this and wonder what Adventism has to do with anything anyways? Be there.

Don't miss Amazing Music by the Tupai Twins & Family // A Powerful Message // And our second ever The Way Short Film! See you 2nite. 7pm."

SABBATH MORNING:

9:30 am: SANCTUARY, our contemporary worship service comes back full force after a break for our joint Easter service with both Greg Batla back leading worship, and Pastor Shiphrah preaching the message. It's a great new series, "**In the Waiting Room**," those times when you know you're waiting for something, it's not quite there--a relationship, a career, the next level--and you're waiting. Who are you, while you are waiting? Why does God let us wait? How do you know when to jump in, move ahead--and when to wait? It's a great series for everybody, but right on for young adults, and all of us who know that God has at least one more higher level to take us to.

10:30 AM: SABBATH SCHOOL. There is a class for everyone: Kids of every age, Earliteens, HS Youth (Youth Chapel), Young Adults (Fellowship Hall), Seekers (Pastor's Class, my class, Pathfinder Room), Filipino Fellowship (Community Service Room), Vietnamese Fellowship (Mother's Room), Adults (North Room and Library).

11:30 AM: DIVINE WORSHIP, Sanctuary, our main service for every age and every culture! We are also starting a new series, based on the book by Philip Yancey, *What's So Amazing About Grace?*, which all our small groups will be studying for the next few weeks. If you want to get a book, go by the Concierge Desk in the Lobby. I will bring this first message, "**HOW SWEET THE SOUND!**", looking at the first 4 chapters of the book and the great grace stories in our culture and in the parables of Jesus and what they say about God. Jesus didn't say it theologically--He told stories, and did grace rather than talked grace. So maybe we better look one more time at those stories!

POTLUCK AND NEW MEMBER TOWN HALL: After church we will have our regular monthly potluck upstairs, a great time to mix and get to know and be part of the Church. All new members who have been baptized or have transferred to GGSDA or are in the process of joining or thinking about transferring are welcome to sit in the reserved section, meet the pastors and some of the church leaders, and stay for a short meeting to give you the secret inside scoop on GGSDA!

ADVENTURERS AND PATHFINDERS: Both meeting this Sabbath after the potluck. Even though some of our Pathfinders are on the annual River Trip this weekend, we will still be having our regular Pathfinder meeting for everybody else from 2-4 tomorrow.

VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP: 4 pm, Youth Chapel.

VERY COOL TONGA FUNDRAISERS:

Garage Sale: Sunday, April 7, from 7:00am - 5:00pm
12112 9th Street, Garden Grove

Food Sale: Sunday, April 7, pickup time between 1 and 2
Pasta Plate (Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Smoothie)
\$10 a plate
Pickup at the church in the Fellowship Hall
Order your meal this Sabbath

Both Fundraisers are for the Briceno and Tameifuna families that are part of our core Tonga mission trip. The Garage Sale is right down the street from the church, bring something or come up a hidden treasure. But the \$10 dinner is a very cool to get a cheap terrific meal and help a young person give 2 weeks of service building churches in Tonga!

There are hundreds of other projects and ministries and plans in the pipeline, but we will take more time to bring you the news about them next week. Next Sabbath is another great "Easter" music Sabbath with more of the best Cross and Resurrection music, baptisms planned just about every Sabbath, GGSDA is rocking!

God bless you all!
Pastor Dan