



Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

Pastor Dan's Communiqué



April 12, 2013

My friends--

I have been called to race to the hospital to visit somebody who is possibly dying, so let me send out a very tight and short Pastor's Newsletter!

THE WAY--Pastor Garrett is a bit sick this week, and so THE WAY has been canceled for tonight. Please spread the word!

SANCTUARY--9:30. We will rock your soul with our contemporary worship service, and then hopefully get you thinking with my message on our series, "THE WAITING ROOM." Virtually everybody in the Bible had a period of time where they knew that God had called them to do something great--but they had to wait. Weeks, months, 3 years in the desert, 40 years in the wilderness. Even Jesus waited 18 years in the carpenter shop before exploding into the consciousness of the world, and yet in 3 years He changed the world forever.

How do you know when to "be still and wait on the Lord," and when smash through the barriers and obstacles and get it done, force the issue, make it happen, and claim what you believe is God's destiny for you?

DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICE (11:30): This will really be like a second Easter service, with our Covenant Singers singing 4 of the very best, classic Easter songs--this will be terrific, I assure you! Children's story, the best praise songs--a great worship service. The sermon is about the story by Jesus in Matthew 20 on the owner giving the same wages to people worked one hour and twelve hours!
"IS GOD SOMETIMES JUST TOO GOOD?!"

SABBATH SCHOOL (10:30): Classes for everybody, everywhere! My Pastor's Bible Class will join the rest of the small groups in the church and discuss the issues in *What's So Amazing About Grace?* for the next four weeks, in the Pathfinder Room.

AFTER CHURCH!! Haystacks by the Refreshment Stand.

MINISTRY FAIRE, a table for each ministry in our church, a chance to see all the ministries in our church, ask questions, maybe find a place to fit in to give back and make a difference!

SINGING IN A NURSING HOME: Many of us are then going to take one hour (2:15 to 3:15) to sing for the patients in a close by nursing home. If you've been missing that glow feeling that comes when you do something for others--come get it back this Sabbath afternoon!

Here is the official ann: GGSDA Serving OC--Do you know many Care Center patients go months or even years with no visitors? Bring God's sunshine and love to them by spending an hour with them. We will be visiting the Chapman Care Center on Chapman and Buaro here in Garden Grove. If you would like to join us in spreading God's love and word, we will meet in the Board Room right after the Ministry Fair and Haystack Dinner at 2:10 pm .

VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP: 4 pm, Youth Chapel.

SPORTS: Sports night at GGSDA, Fellowship Hall, 7:30 pm right after sundown. There is also an event for a few teams at Orangewood, fundraiser for the senior class.

Mexican Fiesta: Do you know how to throw a successful Fiesta? The Social Committee certainly does! You are invited to attend one of GGSDA Church's biggest social events of the year: the Mexican Fiesta. It will be held on **Sunday, May 19, 2013** at 5:00 PM at the Fellowship Hall. Join us for great food, fellowship, live Mariachi music, colorful dancers, contests, raffles, and much more. Don't miss out! Registration is only \$10 per person. For more details and to register, please visit our table by the Elevenses.

ADVENTURERS: Director Julia Gibbs is gently pleading for some help from the larger congregation for the FUN DAY at the Conference April 21. If we can get the food donated, then when it is sold at the booth the Club will receive enough money to keep doing its wonderful ministry!

Here is what they need:

4 large bags of frozen mixed vegetables; 10 bags Veggie meat, Morning Star, grillers recipe crumbles. 1 large can of nacho cheese; 2 large bags of tortilla chips; cheese (for veggie empanada), white rice, bell peppers, 6 large cans of pinto beans, 6 small cans of kidney beans, 1 box of chili powder, empanada dough, 5 cases of water (24 bottles), juice (lemonade powder); takeout containers (bowls, paper plates); forks; napkins. Contact Julia Gibbs, 714-471-8821. Thanks! Money also helps!

SPECIAL PRAYER: Terry Cookman passed away this week, so please remember Peggy, and Chris Leon and her family, and Michael. Also pray for Earl Trainor, son of Beth Trainor, who has been in crisis mode for almost two weeks at Loma Linda Veterans.

God bless you all!
Pastor Dan