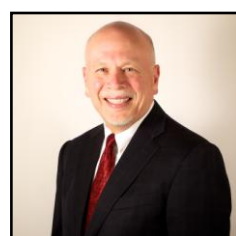




Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church Pastor Dan's Communiqué



April 19, 2013

Dear Saints of GGSDA!

As I write this, I am looking out the window at a gray, drizzly day--in Reedsport on the coast of central Oregon! Hilda's brother has a beautiful home he has remodeled up on the hill overlooking a bay. We are here for the wedding of his son, Hilda's nephew. We came up yesterday morning, and our sons are at the gate at John Wayne as we speak to fly up tonight. The rehearsal is in a few minutes, and the wedding that I am officiating is at 6 tomorrow night, and we will fly home Sunday night.

BUT--There will be a terrific worship services at GGSDA all weekend! As I listen to the plans for each sermon and message how much I wish I could have stayed there and flown up afterwards--I hate to miss anything! But we just could not make it work!

THE WAY: THE WAY is at Orangewood Academy tonight, part of their Vespers and 30-Hour Famine. 7 pm. Saturday night is the Self-Defense Class, 7:30 to 9 pm, Fellowship Hall. Pastor Garrett has just flown back himself today from Paradise in northern California, where he has been speaking for the Week of Prayer at his own alma mater, speaking for three chapels a day! You know that God has blessed him there, and it is our gift to share him once in a while with the broader church! Just not very often!

JOHN'S MINISTRY: Tonight at 7:30 in the Fellowship Hall is the monthly worship service the Men's Ministry are holding, a "Welcome the Sabbath" service right at sundown. It has never been when I could attend yet, but I will not miss the next one, as I have heard that they have been terrific worship moments with the families who have joined for this service. It's not too late to plan to slip down to truly transition from our crazy lifestyle into the peace of the Sabbath with a group of Christian brothers and their families.

SANCTUARY (9:30 AM): Sabbath morning **Pastor Shiphrah** comes back for her second message in our great series, "IN THE WAITING ROOM!" To be a young adult herself, and speak out of her own life experience is an amazing gift to our church, waiting and wondering how to handle waiting on God for the fulfillment of your life purposes and dreams! But a lot of others are finding it a totally relevant series for them too!

DIVINE WORSHIP (11:30 AM): Pastor Garrett takes the lead for this, our main worship service at GGSDA, focusing still on the book *What's So Amazing About Grace?* His title is, "**THE SCANDAL OF GRACE,**" looking at all the "elder brothers" from the Prodigal Son story who can have such a hard time accepting the whole idea of forgiveness and grace in a world where everything is based on you get what you deserve. You know this will be a terrific message! Plus a momentous baptism of two tremendous young adults by Pastor Shiphrah, and Covenant Singers.

SABBATH SCHOOL (10:30 am): Sabbath Schools everywhere, in every room, for every group and age. For my Pastor's Bible Class, my brother, **David Smith**, will come with his best material on grace! He worked for the Adventist Media Ministry for 20 years, writing the scripts for Voice of Prophecy and It is Written and has been writing books for a long time. You will be blessed and totally enjoy his style!

Vietnamese Fellowship: 4 pm, Youth Chapel.

REVELATION: Fearless Revelation, Wednesday night, 7:30 to 8:30 pm. We had a great group out Wednesday night, but there is room for more. We will iron out a few kinks but will move into the Seven Churches, Revelation 2 & 3. Yes, we will try to slow down and not cover quite as much and make sure everybody can keep up with the teachings from this incredible book!

ADVENTURERS: Message from Director Julia Gibbs: Thank you for supporting GGSDA Adventurer Club. Come join the FUN on Sunday, April 21, 2013 from 10am to 2pm. See you there!!

PATHFINDERS: "There will be a regular Pathfinder meeting this Sabbath from 2-4 p.m. Lunch will be served immediately following the church service in the Pathfinder room. Cynthia Figueroa will be making a delicious lunch for us. Also, on Sunday, April 21, 2013, I need some help with cutting things out and packing boxes for the Tonga Mission Trip. If you would like to help with this wonderful community service, please come to the church at about 11 a.m. While you're there, you can enjoy a lunch/fundraiser for some of the young people who are going to Tonga. They are asking for a donation of just \$10 for a very delicious meal and movie!"

April 21, 2013
12:00 pm

Mission Trip
2013

Sunday Afternoon
GGSDA Church
Fellowship Hall

Have an Enchilada Lunch and
Watch a Movie

Lunch includes:
2 Enchiladas
Specialty Rice and Beans
and Salad
For only \$10.00

Movie:
BRAVE

Ice Cream Sundaes
Root Beer Floats
Bake Goods and Popcorn
Will be sold at movie time

For tickets contact
The church office @ 714-534-1987
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We've got to go! God bless you all, and see you next week!
God bless--
Pastor Dan