



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



August 2, 2013

Dear GGSDA Church!

The weekend we have anticipated and dreaded and have planned for is now here--when we get to celebrate and give thanks for Pastor Garrett and Cambria, and at the same time we have to say goodbye! We hope that if at all possible you not miss, pack all our services, and send this terrific young couple away with wonderful memories of the love from GGSDA!

Here is the announcement the leadership team for THE WAY:

"Join us THIS Friday Night as we say FAREWELL to Pastor Garrett! He will be sharing with us one last time a few of the things he has learned from The Way and how this vibrant, young, creative ministry has shaped and formed him into the person and pastor he is today. It's going to be such a special night - great praise, a video featuring many of our own youth, and a time to join together as a faith family one last time! We will also introduce the team that will be stepping up to take this ministry to new levels as the church looks for a new youth pastor. We want to pack the house - so if you've ever wanted to invite a friend to The Way? Do it! Absolutely all are welcome - young and the young at heart! If you've ever wanted to check out this ministry, we hope you'll do so tomorrow night!

Food will be served at 7pm in the GGSDA Youth Chapel - 12702 9th St. Garden Grove, CA 92840. Hope to see you then!

Also tonight:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: 6-8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall. Helen Tovar and their team have done a terrific job, with over 50 kids there virtually every night, high energy, great programs, crafts, dinner every night, etc. Make sure to give each leader you see a heartfelt thanks and high-five!

SMALL GROUPS: Great small groups training session at the Fullerton Church, 2355 W. Valencia Drive, Fullerton. 6-8 pm. Don James has been teaching and been the champion for small groups in the Adventist Church and at the Seminary for over 20 years, and we are very excited to go to this weekend. 2-6 pm Sabbath afternoon, and again Sunday morning.

SABBATH SERVICES: Pastor Garrett will speak at both services, preaching on Elijah and Elisha: "**STRIKE THE WATER!**" Our main farewell will be during Divine Worship at 11:30 am. Pictures, love, special prayer, final praise set with a huge praise team--and then we will listen to the final message from his heart.

POTLUCK: Then we hope you will all come upstairs for the Potluck--Mexican theme for most, but all kinds of food appreciated! Find a moment to slip up to the Speyers and bless them! It is also still possible to put something in a regular envelope to be included in our farewell gift to them.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: We will elect the Committee to Nominate the Nominating Committee. There will be cards in the bulletin or pews in the morning, and we ask you to take two minutes to put in the names of people who can meet for 30-40 minutes Sabbath afternoon to select our Nominating Committee for 2013. We will pick them up at the Offering time, and then tabulate and find the people after church to meet with us. We are asking the church leaders who are often on these committees to be ready to stay for 30-40 minutes, at 3 pm, in the Board Room, to do this, but be ready--it could be you!

TUITION AID: We are in the final 2 and 1/2 weeks before school starts. If you need help, fill out the form that will be at the Concierge Desk. We will also have a card in the Bulletin so that you can begin thinking and praying about what you could give this year to help 20-30 kids go to Christian education. The statistics are pretty clear, the difference between those who stay in the church and those who don't, between those who went to Christian education and didn't--the ratio is about 80% to 50%. And the statistics are also clear, that children in SDA schools do about 1/2 a grade to 1 whole grade better academically than those in public schools. So the blessings are there, and we want to be there to help when we can!

VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP: 4 pm, with our new pastor speaking again. Next week is his official installation there, big event in the Fellowship Hall, August 10, 4 pm.

VESPERS: 6:30 pm, Saturday night, Fellowship Hall.

KARAOKE NIGHT: 7:30 pm, Fellowship Hall. Sponsored by Family Life Ministry!

God bless, everybody!
Pastor Dan