



# Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

## Pastor Dan's Communiqué

October 18, 2013



Dear Friends!

It is a big weekend for Garden Grove, as we invite in one of our very short list Young Adult potential pastors to speak in our church. Pastor Jesse Seibel is the Youth Director of the Hawaii Conference, but because he went to La Sierra and married one of my young people we have known them for a long time. He preached for us in June, but who know that this situation might open up, and so we are all praying that God's will will be done. His wife Shilhi grew up in La Sierra, her brother Sonny is our Drama Director, and their parents are members of our church and leaders in the Filipino Fellowship.

Pastor Jesse will preach for both services, two different sermons--1 at 9:30 for SANCTUARY, and again at 11:30.

PLEASE find a way to come to one of these services! Even if you need to go support Jim Woods and Orangewood for their Alumni Day, try to come here for the early service first before going, or come back for the sermon at 12:10 or so. We want all of you to hear him, and we want him to meet and experience as many of you as can be here as possible!

**BREAKFAST! 9:15.** IF you are a young adult, or have young adults in your family, or high school--do your best to get everybody here right at 9:30. We are laying out some special food at 9:15, both doors, so that you don't have to choose between breakfast and church! Get to bed at a decent time, and hear the first not as the praise team heats up at 9:30!

**ROUNDTABLE: 2:30 pm.** While the official Search Committee will have their interview Tuesday night, there will be an open Roundtable interview opportunity for all young adults who want to come, 2:30 Sabbath afternoon. In the Fellowship Hall, but it may then move to the Library. **LUNCH:** There will be lunch served in the Fellowship Hall for those young adults, for Pastor Jesse and his family, and their families, and visitors who come tomorrow, so nobody has to go home inbetween or go find food! Come hang out with our potential young pastor!

**SANCTUARY (9:30):** Praise at 9:30, food beforehand and after, drama, and Pastor Jesse's message: "Wounds from a Friend" Proverbs 27:6--Everyone is looking for acceptance, companionship, and intimacy. These are experiences we were made for! The way we define our relationships will determine how they refine us. What kinds of relationships are you investing in?

**DIVINE WORSHIP (11:30):** His message for the second service is: "**A House Divided**", Luke 15:25-32. A house divided cannot stand. When we waste time arguing about our little differences, we may be missing out on the great difference God is making in this world. While we all demand fairness, don't you think we need much more?

**YOUNG ADULT SS:** "We are looking forward to another thought-provoking, faith-deepening Sabbath School study and discussion this week. "[I]f you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your transgressions." - Mark 11:26 **What did Christ mean when he made this and similar statements? Does the meaning create tension with the principle that salvation comes from grace, not works?** Robert Escalante leading the discussion!

Meet us at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall! Refreshments will be served."

**HEALTH LECTURE (Diabetes prevention and care, etc.)--Special Guest, Elder John Williams, from New York, will be here for a one-hour lecture, 3:30 to 4:30, Fellowship Hall.**

**PATHFINDERS:** There will be a regular meeting this Sabbath, October 19, 2013, from 2-4 p.m. Lunch will be served in the Pathfinder room right after the church service. Drum Corps will have their first practice from 4-4:30 p.m., so please bring your practice pads and sticks. We will also review practice materials. Master Guide candidates will meet from 4-4:30 to discuss strategies and for an introduction on the Gospel of Matthew by Pastor Arthur Kiziak.

**ASK-A-PATHFINDER:** Does your yard need some work? Perhaps some digging, gardening, or weed pulling? Are you considering painting before the holidays? Do you need help with cleaning your home or organizing paperwork, a closet, or your garage? The Garden Grove Pathfinder Club members can help you with your cleaning projects. We are raising funds for 25 Pathfinders to attend the International Camporee in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, in 2014, and you can help by letting us help you with your projects! Our goal is to raise \$25,000. If you would like to help us out, please contact Sandra Caldwell @ [\(562\) 773-9450](tel:5627739450) or email @ [scaldwell262@yahoo.com](mailto:scaldwell262@yahoo.com) to discuss the project and to set a date and time. Donations are appreciated!!!

**VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP: 4 pm. Youth Chapel.**

**FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP:** The Filipino Fellowship will be helping with praise for the Divine Worship service--BUT are getting ready to launch an every-other-week worship service in the afternoon, 2:30 to 3:30, in the Youth Chapel. The first one will be next Sabbath, October 26! Open to all and in English!

**VESPERS: No Vespers this week.**

**SINGLE PARENT SUPPORT GROUP: Friday night, tonight, 7 pm, my office!** Richard Gayle and other single parents, several who have students at Orangewood Academy, are meeting 1st and 3rd Friday nights to be a support to each other to discuss issues and challenges single parents have who are trying to raise great kids for God!

**MISSION REPORT!** Last March we brought in guests who have a flying and medical outreach ministry in the Philippines, and we contributed money to a fund for a new helicopter. He had been shot by a thief and had just recovered. This is a great mission story, just FYI!

Wendy Harris <[wrguptill@gmail.com](mailto:wrguptill@gmail.com)> October 14:

A few years ago we learned of a medical mission group coming to Puerto Princessa to do free cleft lip/palate surgeries. We sent word out and were able to help several children and teenagers get the life changing surgery. One of the biggest life changes was for Aina, a teenage girl from Balabac, the remote, southern islands of Palawan.

She had serious deformities and her face especially was severely misshapen. One of our student missionaries, Allison accompanied Aina as her "mom", since her own mother had died some years back and her father was unable to go with her. Allison stayed with her day and night and even cared for her for several weeks during her recovery. We did not expect the surgeon to fix all of the deformities on her face, but what a surprise when she came out of surgery! Aina was the most surprised of all! She was so happy. She wrote Allison a very sweet letter thanking her for helping her to have a new life. Allison decided to sponsor Aina to Palawan Adventist Academy, which she has been attending for the last couple years.

One day, during a recent medical mission trip (with Dr. Norbert's group from the States) we did a free clinic near the academy, and we were privileged to see Aina again! She had come to avail of our free dental work. She was just as excited to see us as we were to see her, and she squeezed us tight as if we were family. It was great to see her beautiful smile! She is doing well in school, despite the difficulties she faces. (We continue to support her tuition and books and sometimes lodging and a little food but there are many other needs that come up). It is amazing how she has survived and we never hear a complaint from her! She struggles with headaches and eye problems and she recently lost her father, so now she is a real orphan. But, she now stands with her head held high and she no longer covers her face with her hair. She has managed her way alone through the trials of her life. She even somehow found a way to earn enough money to get some dentures

for her missing front teeth! This helped her looks and self-esteem even

more. Best of all, through the influence of her Godly teachers and

classmates, Aina chose to be baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church and she gives God all the glory for her new life.

God bless you all!

Pastor Dan