



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



December 6, 2013

**ADVENT IS HERE!** We hope that you will feel the real Christmas the moment you walk into our Church this weekend! Not what you feel in the Mall or during Black Friday. But Christmas--at Church! It's been decorated beautifully. We have four Advent Sabbaths plus Christmas Eve, lighting another Advent candle each Sabbath. We have great music every Sabbath, plus the Christmas Breakfast Banquet--circle them all on the calendar in your heart!

**JIM MCDONALD!** We are always blessed to have recording artist Jim McDonald come to sing for our first Sabbath of Advent! He will have all of the music for the second service at 11:30, and share an update of their ministry for children in France and around the world. If you're new to us, you will love this Sabbath service!

**TONIGHT:** 5:30 pm, **Orangewood Children's Home. 401 The City Dr. S., Orange. 714-935-7584.** Special young adult event, you have to be 18 to come. Always a special night to go in, give the kids (10-18) food, craft, games, love! Be on time to be able to go in with the group.

**THE WAY:** 7 pm, **Youth Chapel, with Pastor Sara-May.**

**INTERNATIONAL BANQUET:** Next Saturday night, Dec. 14! A tremendous night every year, 20 booths from all over the world, with their best food! I get full with 15 countries still to go! Costumes, great music, reflecting Christmas from all over the world! One of the best things we do at GGSDA every year, always full!

**OHANA GROUPS:** Many have signed up to be in an Ohana small group. Ohana stands for "family" in Hawaiian, not just physical family, but a group of people in your life that function "like" a family. Ohana. If you could use some more Ohana in your life, join a group! Or join mine--Thursday night, Fellowship Hall! Take the sheet home from Church--that's your small group study sheet with questions that take the Sabbath Christmas sermon to the next level.

If you want to check out more groups, check at the Concierge Desk tomorrow.

**SANCTUARY WORSHIP (9:30) Pastor Sara-May** will crack open the new series on "HOPE!"

"We want to remind you this December the meaning, glory, and wonder behind that old, old story which we celebrate this season.

Because it is about **Jesus**, the only one that matters, and who continues to give us the one thing we need the most . . . **HOPE"**

Watch the promo video, [HERE](#).

**YOUNG ADULT SS: 10:30 a.m. the Sanctuary Study**

This week we continue our study of the 28 Fundamental SDA beliefs. We are excited to discuss Belief #2: the Trinity! To prepare for our discussion, please review the scriptures and material at this link: <http://www.adventist.org/beliefs/god/trinity/>

Think about the following questions:

- What is your interpretation of what the Trinity is?
- How would you explain the idea to someone?
- Why do you think it's important to understand this mystery?

Bring a friend and join us at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall! Breakfast will be provided.

**YOUNG ADULT PASTOR:** The Search Committee has voted, the Board has voted, AND the Conference Executive Committee has voted, to extend an official call to a young pastor. They are hoping that we will get a definitive answer back perhaps by the middle of next week if not sooner! Keep praying, he is a terrific young pastor, a great speaker, but calls are always hard, to know what God's will is, and to uproot your family and move. We have done the best we can to make everything just right for them, we have checked out housing for them, we have gone through all the interviews, references, and much, much prayer--and now a young family is in the Valley of Decision. So pray for them with much love that they will hear God's Voice for them, for our sake, for the sake of where he is at now, that God's Master Plan will bring all things together for His glory for everybody and each church involved!

**POTLUCK:** Our December potluck in our beautiful Christmas Fellowship Hall, right after church!

**HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE:** Meet with Dr. John Cole during and after the Potluck to plan for CHIP2014 and other plans!

**FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP WORSHIP: 2:30, Youth Chapel**

**VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP WORSHIP: 4:00, Youth Chapel**

**ORANGEWOOD BOYS' BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT: Saturday night, OA gym.**

**TEA PARTY:** The Tea Party has been cancelled/postponed this week, but will come back in the Spring bigger and better than ever!

**CHRISTMAS ANGELS: Kimber Park:** "This Christmas season, we'll be decorating with paper angels. Each week there will be a limited number of angels to sign, so please take a moment to go by the kiosk and claim your angel. We encourage you to write your name, the names of your family members and/or a praise. As angels are completed, they will be prayed over and then hung on the trees and garland throughout the church. For special prayer requests, there will be paper ornaments and a decorated box at the kiosk for your use."

**FAMILY LIFE:** Last event of the year. Family Life Ministry and the Youth Ministry will be sponsoring a night out at Camelot GolfLand. Saturday night December 28 at 6 PM you can sign up for two games laser tag for only \$10 per person. You have the option of 2 laser games or two games of golf, or one of each for \$10. There are other options at your cost; go-cart racing, arcade, and there is a concession stand. Sign-ups will be held at the kiosk after church. You can also sign up with Pastor Michelle Kiziak and Pastor Sarah-May.

### COMING UP:

Orangewood Christmas Concert: December 12, Thursday night

Young Adult Christmas Party: Sunday night, December 15

Christmas Breakfast Banquet: 8:30 to 10:45, December 21

Christmas Eve Service: 6-7 pm, Christmas Ice Cream Bar right afterwards!

Filipino Christmas Service, Vietnamese Service--Saturday night, Dec. 21

Youth Party Sleepover, Dec. 21 Saturday night, Fellowship Hall

God bless!

Pastor Dan