



Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

Pastor Dan's Communiqué



December 20, 2013

Merry Christmas to you All!

May the glow of Christmas come into your soul as you leave the Malls, get offline, walk out of your final tests, and leave the office! The glow is waiting for you--open up to it and let it in!

it starts with **THE WAY**--tonight in the Youth Chapel, 7:00pm, with Pastor Sara-May--Christmas, high-school style.

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST BANQUET: Our traditional Banquet, 8:30am to 10:30am, in the Fellowship Hall. It will look fantastic, the food will be terrific. Every seat is taken. My extended Smith Family will be leading the Christmas carols, at about 9:30am. You will have a chance to have a great photographer take a picture of your family up on the stage if you would like that, right after the carol-singing. There will also be slips of paper on the tables for you to write down any prayer requests you have for you or your family this year, and they all be put in a box and taken down and prayed over during the Worship Service. There are also angels you can write your family name on or someone you are praying for, and hang those on one of the trees.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE: 11:00am to 12:30pm, Sanctuary. Christmas carols as you enter and wait for the service to begin (get a seat, we usually have nearly 600 for this service). A grand processional, choir, drama--and a message--"THE ANGELS HAD IT RIGHT!"

This is probably the best chance in the year to invite somebody to church and actually get them to accept. We will do our very best to give them the best picture of God we can give. We will have special gift bags for every first-time guest, with a gift of homemade bread or cookies, our Church Resume, a sample DVD of our sermons, and a Christmas card.

SABBATH AFTERNOON:

Our Filipino Fellowship is inviting everybody to their Christmas program, 3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall--they have a rocking good time together, they always make you feel loved and welcomed and you become a Filipino when you're with them!

Vietnamese Fellowship--are putting on a very special program for their group, for you, and for the community, at **7:00pm in the Sanctuary**. They have advertised everything, and have been practicing all week for this!

Youth--their Christmas party will be a party and sleepover, in the Fellowship Hall--starting at 7:00pm and going all night, ending with breakfast in the morning! (Yes there will be Lights Out at about midnight!)

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: 6:00pm to 7:00pm, SANCTUARY. This has become a wonderful Christmas tradition for many families, to come and sit together for the first hour of Christmas before going out or doing their family Christmas afterwards. One hour of our best musicians, story for children, and our Candlelight Silent Night. Then a Ice Cream Bar / Soup Bar / Candy Bar on the way out in the Fellowship Hall!

SNOW DAY: Young Adults, Youth, Pathfinders--Skiing and snowboarding and sitting in the Lodge for those who don't do either one, Monday, Dec. 23, Snow Summit. Check with Sandra Caldwell or Jeff Terreros.

LAZER TAG: Saturday night, Dec. 28.

YOUNG ADULT NEWS:

1. Our new pastor, Pastor Tony, will be here to preach February 15!
Pray for them as they try to rent their house and pack up and do all the things you have to do to move, with two young children! But they are excited to come, and we are blessed to have this date get settled today.
2. Garden Walk Mall: Starting at 5PM on Sunday the 29th we will go to "Garden Walk Mall" and have dinner and then go watch a movie or bowling as a group.
3. Gym Night, OA, Thursday night, Jan. 2, at 7:00 pm.

YEAR-END GIVING: We encourage you to put God totally first in your life and signal it by giving Him your first and your best financially! We need about \$89,000 more in tithe to get to our goal, and about \$60,000 in Church Budget to be completely caught up for the year. But don't do this for us, or for the Church--do it for God! It is a very powerful way to make it clear to yourself and to God in heaven, where your heart really is!

God bless!
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