



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



December 27, 2013

Dear GGSDA Saints!

O Come, all ye faithful! Come let us adore Him!

We have one more "Christmas" Sabbath, with all the decorations, and Christmas carols, and preaching from the Christmas story. Come dressed with your new clothes, look up the texts with your new gadgets--and come love and be loved by your home church! We have 4 beautiful new people joining our church tomorrow, we have a great children's story and drama planned, and then our Praise Team singing carols again--hard to get any better than all of that.

All the programs and events were a great success last Sabbath. 400 plus went through the Breakfast Banquet. 600 came to Church. A large Filipino group had potluck, a program and party. The Vietnamese Fellowship were dreaming, hoping, for 100 to come to their service, and had 180! They were just thrilled, and the Youth Chapel was jammed with happy people eating and just enjoying being together after the service. Then 25 youth pitched their tents and built forts in the Fellowship Hall overnight for their Christmas party! Christmas Eve we had a lovely service with great, great music, and then an unbelievable festive reception upstairs, decorated to the hilt by Arcy, Gigi, Joel, and Tom Neslund! This reception has become a pretty special tradition, put it on your calendar for next year! Not many left to go home after the service--hundreds were milling around the FH, just hanging out, enjoying the desserts and just reveling the Christmas atmosphere. Pretty special!

YEAR-END GIVING: We are praying and trusting everybody to be faithful and generous with God as we come to the end of our church financial year. We have done our best to have a Church that preaches the Gospel, that honors the best of all our Adventist beliefs, that is growing, and we hope that at least most of what GGSDA honors God! We have a treasurer that keeps absolutely perfect records. We have a Master Strategic Plan to reach some pretty faith-stretching levels in the next three years! We hope that you will feel that you can give your tithes and church budget offerings with a totally cheerful heart, knowing that you are a part of a church that is praying constantly to be the kind of prevailing church Jesus was talking about when He said, "I will build My Church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it!"

We teach 10% tithing and at least 3-4% Church Budget, which covers all of our ministries, church maintenance, salaries, and support to Orangewood Academy. Other ways to help include Tuition Aid for about 30 of our young people, helping with the salaries of our terrific local pastors, and our mission trips. We will trust that whatever God whispers to each person will all add up to match the vision that the church leaders prayed about at the beginning of the year 365 days ago!

Several ways you can give: 1. At Church tomorrow! 2. Mail it, postmarked by Dec. 31--12702 9th Street, Garden Grove, CA 92840 (or use the envelope we sent to everybody); 3. Online giving: www.gardengrovesda.com; 4. Call me and I will drive to your house or take you out to eat! God bless as you help make this church great!

WEEKEND SCHEDULE:

THE WAY (8pm)--Music, message, and food, Youth Chapel, high school youth!

SANCTUARY CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP (9:30am): Praise band, Communion, and my message: "All I Want for Christmas Is You!"

DIVINE WORSHIP (11:30am): Christmas carols, baptism, children's story by Audry, drama, and the message, "All I Want For Christmas Is You!"

FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP: Immediately following the worship services.

VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP (4:00pm): Youth Chapel

SATURDAY NIGHT: Family Life / Young Adult Event.

Laser Tag & Mini-Golf. Camelot Golf Land, 3200 Carpenter Ave., Anaheim, 92806. 5-9pm, Saturday night. \$10.00 gets you two games--2 Lazer tag, or 2 miniature golf, or 1 each! You can also play the arcade, go-karts, or eat, but those costs are extra! Sign up at the Concierge Desk, or Pastor Michelle or Pastor Sara-May, or come to the event and settle up there with Rose or Briceno or Jeff Terreros.

Young Adults: Garden Walk Mall. Sunday night, 5pm and on.

Garden Walk Wall, 321 W. Katella Ave., Anaheim.

Details: Come and hang out one more time before we close out the year!

Also, **Gym Night, Orangewood, 7-10pm, Thursday night, Jan. 2!**

"Have you ever asked yourself, "What should I do before the end of the year?" Now you don't have to ask... GYM NIGHT! Come enjoy the 2nd to last day by playing basketball, frisbee, and hanging out at Orangewood Gym =) COST: FREE!!! (... and we all love FREE =)

CHILDREN MINISTRIES: Children's Activity Newsletter

Enjoy December's Children's Activity Newsletter. You may obtain a copy at the church's concierge desk. We encourage all children to write a short spiritual story/testimony to be included in upcoming issues. Any ideas the children may have please forward them to childrensministry@gardengrovesda.com or at familylifeminister@gardengrovesda.com.

And see attachment for Sermon Activity worksheets!

COMING UP:

January 4, Elder Gerald Penick's first Sabbath with us!

Welcome Elder and Mrs. Gerald and Linda Penick to GGSDA for his first sermon with us, and enjoy the drama that is planned based on Leonardo da Vinci's famous Last Supper painting! Then join us for our regular January potluck, but which also be the welcome for the Penick's.

SMALL GROUPS: One at the church, Wed nights, 7:30pm to 8:30pm, starting again January 8.

JANUARY 1-21, 21-Day Daniel Fast, Prayer Ministries.

February 15, Pastor Tony Wuerfel's first Sabbath with us!

Happy Holidays!

Pastor Dan