



Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

Pastor Dan's Communiqué



December 5, 2014

Dear Saints!

We are proud to invite you to a very special weekend at Garden Grove—the first Sabbath of Advent. The trees and wreaths are up. The Fellowship Hall is going to be spectacular for the Fellowship Dinner—the team has been up there working on it all week! It will really be another Christmas Banquet tomorrow. If you can bring something, great, if not, still join us!

And our special guests—The **William Chunestudy Men's Chorus** will be with us, singing a wonderful set of Christmas carols. We do our best to take no weeks off at GGSDA—our dream is, that every week, if any guest drops in to worship with us—they would feel—“Wow, good thing I didn't miss this Sabbath!”

The biggest weekend will be **December 19-20**—

Friday night, Junior Performing Arts Society

Sabbath morning, 8:30 am—Christmas Breakfast Banquet, led by Roselie Wildvank

11:00 am—Christmas Cantata

Filipino Christmas Fellowship—5 pm, Pathfinder Room

Vietnamese Christmas Program—6 pm, Youth Chapel

TONIGHT:

THE WAY, Friday night, 7 pm, Youth Chapel

SABBATH MORNING:

FIRST SERVICE, **9:30 am, Sanctuary, Pastor Tony**

SABBATH SCHOOLS, 10:35 am, everywhere

SECOND SERVICE, **11:30 am, Sanctuary, Chunestudy Men's Chorus**

SABBATH AFTERNOON:

Christmas Fellowship Dinner, 1 pm

Adventurers & Pathfinders, 2 pm

Filipino Fellowship—after Fellowship Dinner

Vietnamese Fellowship—4 pm, Youth Chapel

SATURDAY NIGHT:

Youth Sleepover, Fellowship Hall

Orangewood Academy Christmas Programs

Thursday night, 7 pm—Elementary, Chapel

Friday night, 7 pm—Academy Christmas Vespers

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE:

Our Community Service ministry provides 500 bags of food a month to individuals and families who desperately need it. We heard at the OC Cares Walk that without these food programs 1/5 children in OC would go to sleep hungry—just an astounding and very troubling number.

BUT—the ministries that provide their food to us to pass on are short, and especially short of special holiday items like turkeys. We are asking that as many as possible put \$10 into “Community Service”, if at all possible, or as many multiples of that that you can afford, to help us not run out as we try to give people some special moments in December even while they are struggling with their housing, work, and food.

CD'S—Just a friendly reminder to send in your payment for any CD's you took from Gary Bonner Singers and Jim McDonald. Jim and his wife showed me pages and pages of names from all over America who have never paid them—money that could have helped many, many kids. I assume there were no GGSDA people on the list—but we don't want any to be on there next year when they come back!

As you listen to music, as you go to the various parties you are part of, as you go to see the lights in the area where you live—may you somehow keep enough time set aside to do some extra spiritual reading, listen to some great Christmas sermons on your phone, some time to just walk the mall and enjoy the colors without buying, and some time to be with your favorite people--so that you don't get to the end of the month and wonder where your sense of wonder went?! We mean to do it every year—so really do it this year!

God bless you all!

Pastor Dan