



# Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

## Pastor Dan's Communiqué



January 3, 2014

**HAPPY NEW YEAR** to you! A clean sheet. An open road. A new mountain to climb. Go for it!

**FLAG DAY!** We have flags ready for virtually every country represented by our Church! If you have a clear connection to a particular country, dress up in some part of your national costume, gather in the Lobby just before our Divine Worship service, and either help carry your flag or march behind the person who is carrying yours. Yes, you're in America and you may be totally American now--but we still love celebrating the diversity in our church, so be proud of the heritage you have!

**Don't be late!** The procession is very close to the beginning of the worship service, so if you're in the parade make sure you are in place by 11:25am, and if you're not, be in the Sanctuary so that you and your family can see the whole parade while the Praise Team sings!

**A special Welcome to Elder and Mrs. Gerald Penick**, who are joining our staff and church family this Sabbath! We've been looking forward to this for over 2 months since the decision was made for them to come here. He has planned a very special Communion message and drama, and it will be another highlight Sabbath at GGSDA! Make them feel loved and welcome, and pray for his time here to be the best time of his career.

**SANCTUARY (9:30am):** Our contemporary service will be at 9:30am in the Sanctuary, with Pastor Sara-May Colon flying back from Texas where she has been with her family to be with us this first Sabbath of the year! There is a great Breakfast Cafe on the way in, and Breakfast upstairs afterwards. Isai Moran is leading the band, and it will be a great New Year's Sabbath.

The theme for January is "**REBOOT**," when you feel you've tried everything, it's not working, and then God gives you a great chance to reboot, to wipe the slate clean and you get a second chance to get it right--some of the Bible characters took advantage of it and ended up in the Hall of Faith in Hebrews 11--others passed it up.

**POTLUCK:** This is a combination regular monthly potluck AND our welcome party to Elder Penick and Linda. Bring your best dish, or just come be with us and enjoy the special ethos of being part of GGSDA and help the Penick's catch the spirit of Garden Grove!

**PATHFINDERS & ADVENTURERS:** They will join us for the Potluck, and then have their meetings downstairs.

**FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP:** SS in the Community Service Room, and then we will meet again after the Potluck to discuss the mission trip this summer.

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

**ORANGEWOOD BOY'S BASKETBALL GAME:** 7:30pm, Sat. night.

**DANIEL FAST:** We hope many of you are taking this seriously, 21-days to getting healthy, eating carefully, exercising, and praying and sitting quietly before God, praying for spiritual power and change, for yourselves, for your family, and for our Church.

Here is a note today from Lesieli, the leader: "If anyone needs a prayer support with their fasting journey, or just need prayer--They can join us Friday night in the library at 7pm. Or they can call me at [714-683-8336](tel:714-683-8336). Thank you. Blessings, Lesieli

**SMALL GROUP:** Join me in the Fellowship Hall, **Wednesday Nights, 7:30pm, one hour, verse-by-verse through Luke!**

God bless you all!

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