



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



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HAPPY SABBATH to you all! The sun is down, God stands knocking on the heart of every person in the world, hoping to spend the Sabbath with them--but only those who have put their hearts into the same rhythm with God open the door and get the blessing of being with God Himself on the Sabbath! People say that they don't have to keep the Sabbath, they stay with God all week. Yes. But we learn from the story of the Burning Bush--God can be everywhere, omnipresent, but he is also especially in one particular place. And so, yes, God fills the whole week with His Presence--but He also fills the Sabbath with a level of His Presence that no one else can experience without keeping His Sabbath with Him!

THANK YOU: "Hello All! Sara-May, here. I can't even begin to explain the amount of love that I felt from all of you for my 30th birthday! I have never been part of a church that so early in my stay has gone SO out of their way to make me feel welcomed and loved! I know that mere words can't express the appreciation and joy that you all have brought me in my 3 months at Garden Grove SDA Church...but here are words sending hugs your way. YOU have succeeded in making me feel special...THANK YOUUUUU! Couldn't have had a better entrance into my 30's! Love, Sara-May"

WEEKEND SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY NIGHT: THE WAY, 7pm, Youth Chapel: For all high school and junior young people! Great food, hot music--and whatever Pastor Sara-May has planned for tonight!
And, parents, note that there will be a movie night at 7:30pm tomorrow night for youth, in the Youth Chapel.

SABBATH MORNING:

SANCTUARY / CONTEMPORARY SERVICE (9:30am)

We have a terrific guest preacher with us tomorrow, an "old" friend of all of ours at GGSDA in my early days here--**Pastor Ritchie Pruehs**. He was the young adult pastor for a tremendous start-up congregation at Arlington, Texas, taking the young adult ministry from 0 to over 400 in about 4 years. He has a unique ability to dial in his message to young adults, and is the father of two himself. Since he was involved with us before, he has finished a graduate degree at Loma Linda and has a counseling ministry. We are blessed to have him back with us, speaking as part of our REBOOT series, focusing on the story of the Prodigal Son.

"It's not altogether impossible to have a new beginning. Learn from the epic failures found within the Bible how a complete turnaround is possible, what guarantees its success, and how a reboot can change your life for good."

DIVINE WORSHIP (11:30am): After being led to the heart of worship through our Praise Team and the choir, we will go to the next chapter in Luke, chapter 4, on Christ's own "Battle of Armageddon" in the desert, one-on-one with Satan, for the absolute future of the whole universe.

Every Sabbath a sheet is being provided that you can take home, and use for further study, or, primarily, as part of a Small Group study. "Ohana" stands for "family" in Hawaiian, so these are small groups that many of us are part of all over the church during the week. One is at the church on Wednesday nights, the others are in homes. We'd love to help connect you with a small group, or even help start your own! We will give you everything you need!

YOUNG ADULT SS: "This weekend we will discuss the great controversy, its purpose, and how the effects of the controversy lead us to achieve that purpose. Specifically, how the great controversy helps us understand the character of God, his law, and His sovereignty over the universe. To read more about the Great Controversy (Fundamental Belief #8), check out this link:

<http://www.adventist.org/beliefs/salvation/the-great-controversy/> Meet us in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30am for breakfast, fellowship, and a great discussion!"

DANIEL FAST DINNER: A special invitation is being given to all who have been doing the Daniel Fast, in any way, at any level: we are grateful for those who participated in it. You are invited to a celebration lunch at church tomorrow after the worship service, in the Fellowship Hall.

"Our purpose is to draw near to God. There are mystery about God's goodness that are reveal in fasting, and during your trial you still experience God's presence regarding the difficult of the journey, and your faith is ground in Jesus no matter you're experiencing. And trust that He is always with you no matter what the cause. and know without a doubt He loves you. Blessings, Lesieli

FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP: Potluck and Bible study in the Community Service Center all afternoon!

VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP (4pm): Youth Chapel. I have the message, "Sitting Down, They Watched Him There!" and two special numbers by the Montessa brothers!

SATURDAY NIGHT:

Movie Night for Youth: 7:30pm, Youth Chapel. "Despicable Me 2"

YOUNG ADULTS:

PASTOR TONY: Danielle Wuerfel was down this week lining up housing. They will load the van Feb. 4 and start down here. Pastor Tony will preach both services, and there will be a special prayer of dedication in both. Don't miss it!

POTLUCK FOR FEBRUARY: Has been moved to February 15, and will be our Welcome Potluck for the Wuerfels!

Young Adult Party to welcome Pastor Tony & Danielle: Saturday night, February 15, 5-9pm, Carmen Terreros' home.

YOUNG ADULT CAMPING, JOSHUA TREE, Feb. 21-23

OTHER NEWS: There are things happening everywhere! All of our church records, everything, should be ready to go into the "cloud", and we will graduate into a whole new level of existence! It is very exciting, and we will hopefully be able very soon to create many more ways for the church congregation to connect with everybody else through this tremendous new program. 3000 churches are part of this, but we are among the first five churches in Adventism to use it.

Our new website team should be able to give us their first draft of our brand-new website by February 18. You will be very proud of GGSDA as we make a great leap forward in presenting our brand to Orange County and the world!

God bless!
Pastor Dan