



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



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My dear Friends!

We are very excited today, for many reasons--but one is that this is our first church-wide email from our new service, known as Church Community Builders (CCB)! We have worked for months to get all of our lists ready to be put onto this service, which is state-of-the-art, #1 in its field, and being used by over 3000 churches across the country, including Loma Linda, Tucson, and the entire Potomac Conference. We are just learning about all of its capabilities, but it will allow all of us as pastors and leaders to access all of our people, in every group and SS in the church, easily, any time, from anywhere! And that is just the beginning! I have had to send my email out 7 times every time to cover everybody, and usually had to use two different services to send it all because of spam limitations. Now we can easily send it to all at one time. We owe David Kharns a huge thanks for all he did to get our lists ready for the "migration," and Paula Hollmon, Silvino Briceno, Elyse Briceno, and many others who prepared their lists for us.

BUT--the biggest news is--PASTOR TONY WUERFEL IS HERE! Tony and Danielle moved into their home today, which is not more than 2 minutes from the church! It is a lovely home, and we hope that they will soon be very comfortable with it. Their beds are up, and they're there! They may be around here and there over the next few days, but we won't expect them to fully take the reins until late next week and when he will preach for both services February 15. Don't forget the POTLUCK that Sabbath, and the Young Adults have a welcome party that night, 5-9, at Carmen Terreros' home. Give our new pastor a huge welcome and a spiritual "home" for he and his beautiful family.

PROJECTS--just to give you a quick snapshot of the projects that have been worked on--just this week--installing our video projector, part of our last capital campaign; completing the remote control video camera upgrade for our video ministry; having an engineer come to research our youth chapel remodel; working on an upgrade to our ancient phone system that no one will work on anymore; storage for our rubber floor for the Fellowship Hall--marketing and branding our church to attract more visitors to GGSDA--and much more! All trying to stretch out by faith to be the very best church we can be, all by grace, for the glory of God.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY NIGHT: THE WAY, 7 pm tonight, Youth Chapel, for our junior high and high school youth, from public school, from Orangewood, from anywhere.

And: 7 pm, Young Adult Lead Team for the SANCTUARY SERVICE

And: 7 pm, Music Group practice

SABBATH:

SANCTUARY (9:30): Our contemporary worship service. Yes, we hope that many young adults will find it dialed in for them, but EVERYBODY is absolutely welcome, as long as you enjoy and can worship with contemporary Christian music! Pastor Sara-May will give the message, on the month's theme of LOVE--comparing the world's love with the love Christians can have, where Jesus says, that is how you can tell when someone is a disciple of His.

DIVINE WORSHIP (11:30): Elder Gerald Penick will give his second sermon at GGSDA this week, as I am flying up to Portland to be a part of the funeral service for my senior pastor when I started in ministry almost 40 years ago. Elder Don Gray was my mentor, a giant in my life, and I cannot miss this chance to be part of his memorial service. Elder Penick is preaching from Luke 4 and 5, and I think you will be blessed with what he has been studying this week. We are finding it a great blessing to have his experience and judgment at all of our meetings and committees, and we're just getting started!

We also have as our special guests a singing group from La Sierra University, so this is another very special day of worship at GGSDA!

FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP: Sabbath afternoon, in the Community Services Center.

VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP: 4 pm, Youth Chapel. They are still glowing after the tremendous turnout and support for their New Year's Eve program last Saturday night, with over 350 there! It was just an incredible program, created within one month! Now the Filipino Fellowship wants to meet that bar and raise it for the program coming soon!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWSLETTER: Print off the attached newsletter below, or get one at the Concierge Desk tomorrow at Church!

2014 BUDGET: For those of you who would like to get at least a general idea of how the finances work at GGSDA, I have attached a 1-page summary of our 2013 results and the 2014 Budget. We will try to attach the full budget next week. We will have a full Church Business Meeting on February 24 to show everybody everything, and to answer any questions, along with presenting a couple of major decisions based on recommendations from the Church Board.

May God be with all of you this weekend, I will miss you, pray for my flight to Portland--they have received over 4 inches of snow today! On Sunday I drive up to Seattle and will meet Pastor Sara-May for the OnePROJECT convention there for Monday and Tuesday.

God bless you all!

Pastor Dan