



Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

Pastor Dan's Communiqué



April 25, 2014

Dear GGSDA Church Family--

So what? Sunday night, they were all back together again. They were only apart for two days. Our prisoners of war were gone for six or seven years! Only two days. No, everything was different! He looked different. He spoke different. The greatest miracle since Creation had happened--someone had beat a death sentence and come walking out of the grave! And in the hallways and around the tables they were all processing--what in the world did it mean? They were sure He was the One, the Messiah, the One they had all been looking for. Now He had done this. What did it mean? Be with us for the next few weeks, as we process that question together!

SAVE THE DATES:

Potluck, after church next week, May 3

Grace University, potluck, meeting, after Church, May 10

Spaghetti Dinner, Sunday, May 4, 6 pm. Fundraiser for Pathfinders to go to Oshkosh, then **CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING, 7 pm.** We will be looking at some possible new Church Logos (which we will send out for everybody to look at first), and answering all questions about GGSDA Church finances and budget!

GGSDA Graduation: Our special traditional graduation for all our own graduates is June 7. If you have a graduate, from any level from Preschool to Ph.D., let the Office know, and plan to be there to get honored with a special medal and gift, and a message just for graduates!

FRIDAY NIGHT: THE WAY, 7 pm tonight, in the Youth Chapel, food first, and then the program about 8 pm. Orangewood Academy is joining us tonight and are putting on the program. Pizza, drinks, send your young people down for this!

Note: 3 youth joining the church tomorrow--Jacob Cifuentes will be baptized, and Bryce and Braden Tupai will join by Profession of Faith, baptized on their baptism a while ago at EXCEL Church. We are thrilled for these three to make this transition!

SABBATH:

SANCTUARY (9:30am): Pastor Tony finishes up the series on the Character of God, looking at the story of Pilate in Matthew 27:11ff, choosing who to give to the crowd.. Next week the May series starts, "FREE: A study in Galatians".

DIVINE WORSHIP (11:30am): It's not Easter, but it's going to be a very special week, with the Cross and Tomb still with us, as we begin to think through what it all means, looking at the story of the disciples and the empty tomb, and the two who met Jesus on the road to Emmaus. Why didn't they recognize Him? How do you handle it when you bump into something that doesn't fit what you already believed? Open? Closed? Guarded? Play hard to get?

Special perks for the day: Jay DuNesme again with his fabulous trumpet. A baptism, two Professions of Faith, and our awesome Praise Team.

Special guests: 24 seniors from Lodi Academy and 5 staff on their senior class trip! We are the new "must see" stop for senior class trips! Make them feel welcome, and see if we can't get them to send us the same kind of thank you notes that we got from San Diego Academy--they said incredible things about GGSDA and how we treated them!

SABBATH AFTERNOON:

FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP: Community Service Center, potluck, fellowship, Bible study

VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP: 4 pm, Youth Chapel.

YOUTH: Scavenger Hunt, 7:30 pm, Youth Chapel.

SUNDAY: Adventurer Fun Day, Parade starts at 10:30, line up at 10, in Riverside, by the Conference Office off Riverwalk and Pierce. I'm going to be there marching, there will be great food at the booth.

BIBLES: Last change for any extra Bibles that can go to the typhoon-devastated churches! We're going to ship by the end of the week.

God bless you all!
Pastor Dan