



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



August 22, 2014

Dear Saints!

It is absolutely hard to believe that in one sense the summer is coming to an end--because Orangewood started up this week! But the weather is still summer, and we are having both a Beach Vespers tonight and a Beach Baptism tomorrow!

And we are giving you a chance to feel the summer by having a HAWAIIAN worship service, and you can wear your Aloha/Hawaiian shirt or outfit, or anything close! And you will be amazed by something Hawaiian special at both the beginning and benediction of Divine Worship.

TONIGHT: THE WAY is joining Orangewood's Beach Vespers, some will be there be 3, food and snacks (bring your own meal) at about 6, worship at sundown, Corona del Mar.

Youth Chapel update: The renovations are nearly complete, after various dramas this week! We hope to have it done and have dedications both Friday night and after church next week! It's going to be very special when it's done! Much thanks to Pastor Sara-May, Josh Tameifuna, Ralph Smith, Bob Maukovich, Bob Meckstroth, and several of the youth who have made this all happen.

### SABBATH MORNING:

CAMPMEETING 2014: We are moving Campmeeting back into the Sanctuary this week--more seats, better air conditioning (!), and it opens up the Fellowship Hall for a lunch we are hosting for all of the Orangewood faculty after church.

That puts all of our Sabbath Schools back to their normal place--except the Youth, who will either be outside or a location to be announced by a sign on the door.

SANCTUARY / Contemporary Service (9:30): Sanctuary, Pastor Tony speaking on their August series, "KINGDOM NOW!"

DIVINE WORSHIP (Sanctuary, 11:30am): You will love the Indonesian women's quartet that we have this Sabbath--they were the key hit of the concert many of us went to up in LA a few weeks ago, and we all raced over to get their phone numbers afterward! Plus drama, plus welcoming 4 young people who got baptized last week at Oshkosh. Plus our Teacher Dedication service for our wonderful Orangewood Academy faculty.

TUITION AID: it is our tradition to help our kids get into Orangewood and other Adventist schools with a big tuition aid offering and/or pledges on the Sabbath when we dedicate the Orangewood faculty. We will take a second offering at the end, while the incredible Indonesian quartet sings! You can give tomorrow, you can pledge a lump sum, you can make a pledge for a monthly donation, you can pledge to give online.

### SABBATH AFTERNOON:

FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP: 1:00, Community Service Room

BAPTISM!!! A wonderful man, Bob Evans, married to Linda Uy, our interior designer, will be baptized out at Corona del Mar at 3 pm. This man, from Iran originally and now a translator for Farsi-speakers in the court system, is special to many of us, and we hope you will join us at the beach for this holy moment and then hang out for awhile with our Filipino Fellowship and others to celebrate him and enjoy a summer Sabbath at the beach!

VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP: 4 pm, Fellowship Hall

CONCERT: 7:30 pm, Fellowship Hall, a great group of musicians singing and raising money for our Balkan Mission in September with Marianna Maukovich. If you want to support this annual ministry our church and the Maukovich's support, you can put it in your tithing envelope and mark it Balkan Mission! They will help finish a small church, help kids in the school there, and provide some relief to victims of the terrible flood there earlier this year.

### NOTES AND NEWS:

SIGN: The City Council of Garden Grove voted to approve an amendment to their laws about digital signs in residential areas, which means that we should finally be able to build our sign! We still have to submit our request, but we satisfy all the criteria and there should be no problem! Much thanks to Katherine Ahn, who worked with her friend, Janet Nguyen, a Supervisor in the County, to work with the City planners and manager to make this happen. Josh Tameifuna has also been working on this for years, and it was thrilling to sit there and watch the green lights go up as they voted to approve the Amendment!

THANKS from the Tongan Group: Our Church came through big-time in raising more than enough money to get our 9 Tongan guests all the way to Oshkosh and back. We all fell in love with them, they were delightful guests, and they are very, very thankful to our church. Thanks to all of you who donated!

NOTES from Michelle Kiziak:

A HUGE THANKS!!! First I would like to thank God for His many blessings and leading on the Oshkosh trip! We were greatly blessed by the presence of our Tongan Pathfinder friends who joined us on this memorable trip. A big thanks goes to Pastor Dan, our church family, our amazing Pathfinder kids, our Pathfinder leader, our Pathfinder staff and all the parents! You all are super awesome! We wouldn't have been able to make this trip a possibility without your help and support! Please show your love to our four children who made the decision to get baptized in Oshkosh; Jun Ma, Rachele Osorio, Joseph Osorio and Matthew Osorio!!! Hugs and love to you all! -Michelle Kiziak

A BIG SHOUT OUT TO GARDEN GROVE'S VBS TEAM!!! VBS was a great success! With God's leading VBS was again a huge blessing to us all! We were sad to say goodbye to our great VBS leader, Helen Tovar, and her family. A big thanks goes out to Helen for her hard work! VBS wouldn't have been a possibility this year without the help of our wonderful church family, VBS staff, volunteers and parents!!! A huge thanks goes to my amazing right hand gang; Shana Naranjo, Rose Briceno, Arthur Kiziak and Conner Eckburg! You are the best! Our children had a lot of fun! It was truly a memorable week of exciting games, delicious food, great music and every evening loaded with Jesus! Looking forward to VBS 2015! - Blessings, Michelle Kiziak

God bless, everybody!

Pastor Dan