



Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

Pastor Dan's Communiqué



October 31, 2014

Dear Saints of GGSDA!

Once upon a time, a rich man was standing waiting for his bus, when a school bus stopped to pick up students. He watched a little drama as he could see a 12-year-old boy racing down the street to catch the bus, backpack bouncing--only to get to the bus stand as the driver closed the door and pulled away. The rich man said, "You should have run faster!" "No," the boy said, "I should have started sooner!"

No other church has talked more about being "ready". We sang, "I Want to Be Ready!". "Is My Name Written There?" "Do, Lord, Oh Do Lord, Oh Do Remember Me!" I have a shelf of books by people all telling us how they think we should be "ready". Theologians have argued for years--Is it by Jesus alone? Or is it by being perfect? Having Christ's character perfectly reproduced in us? It divides the Left and the Right, the Liberals and the Conservatives. So is it "The Old Rugged Cross," or is it "I Surrender All"? So come tomorrow as we have the second message in the series--**11:30am, Second Service--"GO AND SIN....!"**

SPECIAL OFFERING: We have over 30 signed up so far for the Sabah Malaysia Mission Trip May 5-22, 2015--when we thought it would just be the 3 of us! This is Julia Gibbs' home, school, and mission. God has been tremendous in impressing people to help with this project--preaching at 10 sites, doing medical and dental clinics every day, etc.--BUT we really need about \$3000 more to cover all of the Crusades. When it went from 1 crusade to 10, I just plain ran out of money, at \$1500 a crusade. We will be taking a second offering tomorrow--if you can spare a mission dollar or \$20, or can even write a check to help us ("Sabah Mission Trip") it would really help! This will be our only appeal for help for the Mission Trip, we hope and pray and trust! Do whatever you can do, without touching your sacred tithes and offerings!

INTERNATIONAL BANQUET: High praise to Josh Tameifuna and his fantastic team who put together the Banquet. Over 300 people came, 22 countries/groups had food, the music and culture, all terrific! One of the best parties we have ever had! If your country was left out, plan to be in next year!

THE WEEKEND:

(Pathfinders are at their Camporee at Jurupa Park outside Riverside.)

THE WAY is at the Wallace's house tonight, any time from 5-9:
4624 E Blue Bird Ave
Orange, CA 92869-1900

FIRST SERVICE: 9:30am, and Pastor Tony is taking another look at the Cross--he was pretty excited in the hallway this week about what he has found, so I will be on the front row to hear it myself!

The Lead Team and the Church Board have approved First Service moving upstairs starting January 10. The committees are all working hard to bring everything up there to the highest standards we can afford--sound, speakers, mics, carpet, paint, etc. The Board voted to stretch and get the speakers this week--but we need to raise \$1000. If any of you can put in something, just mark it "Sound System" and we'll know! Some other donors have helped a lot--but the rest of us need to our share.

SECOND SERVICE: 11:30am, "GO AND SIN....!" We have made some new commitments to keep our services between 11:30 and 12:45. Elevenses will pause for a period of time at 11:30, so that everybody can get into church and worship God. Worshipping is much more than just a message--God loves hearing the hearts and voice of His people in praise and worship!

PASTOR'S BIBLE CLASS (10:40am, Pathfinder Room): Our video team is going to start video-taping our Pastor's Class, which is always on some aspect of the Character of God, and we will open up our own YouTube Channel so that SS's or individuals around the world will have a chance to have our SS Lesson if they have little else available. Tomorrow: "THE JUDGMENT--SHOULD THE CHURCH LOVE IT OR LEAVE IT?"

OTHER SABBATH SCHOOLS: Neslund Class, North Room; Lopez Class, Mothers' Room; Kiziak Class, my office; Filipino Fellowship, Community Service, 2 rooms; new Brazilian Fellowship, Library; Pastor's Bible Class, Pathfinder Room; Young Adult, Fellowship Hall.

POTLUCK: Upstairs, Fellowship Hall, right after church. We hope you can come, and contribute something. Last Saturday night's International Banquet was so fantastic, such a great party--that's what we want the Potluck to be, just a terrific time to party and hangout with some of the best people in the world--and with your pastors, hungry for more time with every one of you!

FILIPINE FELLOWSHIP: Community Service Rooms, right after the potluck.

VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP: 4 pm, Youth Chapel--I have the message this week.

OC CARES WALK: If you have felt God whispering that you really would like to do something more in the community, here is a great chance: Dr. Katherine Ahn and her OCCARES Foundation and Board have planned a WALK as their PROJECT 2014: Reducing Hunger in OC.

The OCCARES WALK will be Sunday, Nov. 23, 7 am, at Mile Square Park. For Youth up to 13 it is a \$15 donation, 14 and up is \$25. It is for a fantastic cause--it is scary how many people struggle for food even in one of the richest counties in the world. There will be a table where you can sign up tomorrow, and we have sent you a flyer by email. The best way is to go online, register, and donate, but you can also do it after Church the next 3 Sabbaths. We would love to have the largest team there be from GGSDA, and make a huge difference in support of this project. And the Walk will be good for you!

Room Needed: We have a new member who is moving into OC, has a good job, but not very high pay, and really needs to rent a room for about \$300 a month, but will help with cooking, chores, and/or care to supplement her rent. If you could help with that, please give me a call or text: 951-236-7262

UPDATES:

1. Voted to upgrade the speakers and mics upstairs, for the January 10 launch of First Service up there.
2. The Video team are just about ready to finish their bid for that upgrade, part of the money raised in the original Sanctuary Enrichment campaign.
3. The large video projector should be in place in the balcony shortly, and greatly improve the picture and the lyrics in the Sanctuary.
4. There will be a workbee in the Fellowship Hall Sunday morning, Nov. 9, to get it in excellent shape--clearing out all the corners, organizing the balcony, closets--everything.
5. A new Brazilian class has joined our church recently, meeting for SS in the Library, and we will soon be adding Portuguese to our translations available. We are thrilled to add this tremendous group of people to GGSDA!
6. Next week: the Gary Bonner Singers. Nov. 15, Jim McDonald. Nov. 22, Filipino's Men's Chorus. Dec. 6, the Bill Chunestudy Chorale. Dec. 20, Christmas Banquet and Cantata. Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Service and Reception

Got to get out to the Camporee!
God bless you all--
Pastor Dan