



Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

Pastor Dan's Communiqué



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MERRY CHRISTMAS to you, from all of us who get to "work" at Garden Grove!

One of our recent visitors who has begun to come regularly said to me last Sabbath, "I can't believe how much goes on at your church!" Most of us only go here, and so we don't know how to compare to others. But we hope that you will find something this weekend that will be Christmas at its best for YOU!

It starts tonight, with **Steve Rivera & the Junior Performing Arts Society** performing at THE WAY tonight, 7 pm. Then the **Christmas Breakfast Banquet** in the morning, then the **Cantata**, then the **Filipino Fellowship** and the **Vietnamese Fellowship** have their Christmas programs tomorrow night. Then the **Young Adults** have their event at the Coetzee's Sunday night. It's beautiful everywhere in the Church tonight, and the music at each of these programs will be very special.

THE WEEKEND SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY NIGHT:

THE WAY (7pm): Junior Performing Arts Society will put on the program for the Youth, & for their own parents. 7 pm is food and fun, then comes the program. We invite all the parents to come, of course, and all who just want to support the kids as they put on the program they have been practicing.

SABBATH MORNING:

Christmas Breakfast Banquet, 8:30-10:30 am, Fellowship Hall. You will be greeted and prayed for as you come in both front doors. You will walk into a gorgeous fantasyland in the Fellowship Hall, decorated by Tom Neslund and his team, and Roselie and her team. Waffles, and all the other Christmas treats, pictures and music, and great fellowship. Dress up in your Christmas clothes and just enjoy this. No Sabbath Schools--everybody comes to the Banquet!

If you go down to the Sanctuary to get a great seat for the Cantata and Worship service, there will be two terrific videos to watch as you wait and worship.

Christmas Cantata: 11:00-12:30, Sanctuary. Our Choir (led by Valerie Tambaon, our drama team, led by Sonny Boloico, and our set design, Tom Neslund) will present "**From Heaven's Throne**", a powerful Christmas cantata, singing about the Christmas story from the point of view of the Angels, leading to the Message: "**Go Change the World!**" Because we only have one service this Sabbath, we'll be full, so get in and get a seat!

SATURDAY NIGHT:

Filipino Fellowship (5:00-9:30 pm): Christmas party and program, Fellowship Hall.

Vietnamese Fellowship (7:00 pm): Christmas party and program, Youth Chapel and Pathfinder Room.

SUNDAY NIGHT:

Young Adult Christmas party, Coetzee's

CHRISTMAS EVE: Wednesday night--6 pm, a one hour **Candlelight Christmas Eve** program in the Sanctuary--great music, Pastor Tony and a Christmas story for the kids, and singing the classic carols with the best praise team anywhere! Start Christmas Day with Jesus, and then take that mood with you to the rest of the Day!

Christmas Reception: 7-9 pm, Fellowship Hall. It just doesn't get any better than this! Come and see. Chocolate towers, ice cream with toppings, soups, desserts--and fabulous decorations. Presents can wait for Christmas morning--they just cannot compete with Gigi Bonang and her Christmas party!

CHRISTMAS SABBATH, DECEMBER 27: More of the best Christmas music--"O Holy Night," "Mary, Did You Know?," "Joy to the World!"--drama, and the last of the Angels Series, "**WORTHY IS THE LAMB!**"--and a craft gift for every child who is there.

YEAR-END GIVING: In all your giving--put God and the Kingdom at the top! Proverbs says to give your "firstfruits"! All tithes and church budget offerings that you want to be part of 2014 need to be postmarked by December 31, or at the Church. God will bless you for every dollar you give to Him, and we, as the Church leaders that have the responsibility and honor to distribute it to the ministries who use it, pledge that we will make it stretch and use it to accomplish the most ministry we can.

Have a great Christmas weekend! God bless!

Pastor Dan