

## message

### welcome message from pastor dan



HAPPY NEW YEAR! Do you remember the old legend about the man who, hating his life, begged God to take him away to the Golden City of his dreams. Eventually an angel came and led him away, up into the mountains. When night came, he had to sleep on the trail. Afraid he would forget the way to the Golden City

because of the surrounding woods, he put his shoes in the trail pointing in the direction of the Golden City. After he fell asleep, the angels came and pointed the shoes back towards the town from which he had come. All of the next day he hiked towards the Golden City. As he approached, he was thrilled at its beauty. He greeted such beautiful people at the front gates, who looked strangely like some of his former neighbors, but were so much more alive and aglow. The streets were familiar but much more beautiful, and he gave God thanks for making the new Golden City so much like, but also so much better than his old one. Then he knocked on the door of the house that looked something like his old house, and sure enough there was a beautiful woman inside who looked vaguely like his former wife, and four wonderful children. Pouring out presents for his new family, he gave God thanks! It is all in your point of view!

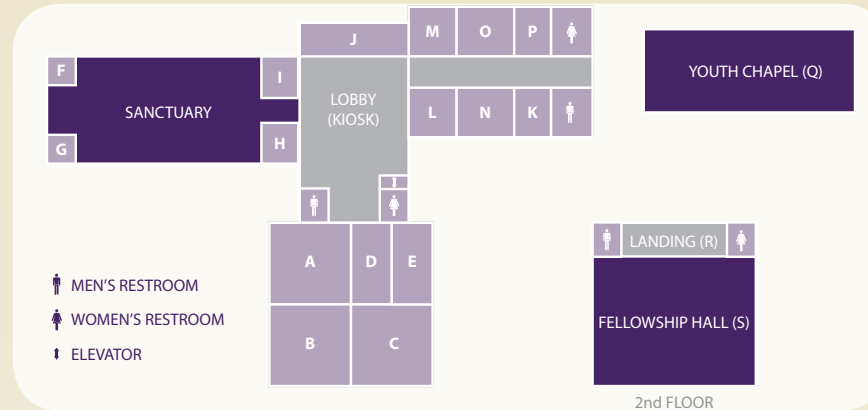
It is a New Year. In one sense, the days are just the same. Your house, car, family, work, and school are probably pretty much the same. However, like the story, the way you see this new year is all in how you choose to look at it. Your perspective determines which direction the shoes are pointing! May the angels bless you with a wonderful new version of your life in 2015, but with the same people and same God you had in 2014!

We are starting 2015 with a new series in the 11:30am service: *See You at the Top!* It is based loosely on Deuteronomy 28, where it talks about being the top and not the bottom, the head and not the tail, everybody owes you and you owe nobody! This week's discussion begins with John 1:16's message: Jesus came to give us grace and "one blessing after another". May God pour John 1:16's grace and blessings upon you as we receive Communion today to wipe away what we want to forget about 2014, and to *seize the day*—carpe diem—for 2015!

God bless!

Pastor Dan

## general information



loc	name	sabbath school (10:30am - 11:25am)
A	Pastor Dan's Office	
B	Community Service Room	Filipino Class
C	Pathfinder Room	Pastor Dan's Class
D	Board Room	Spanish Class
E	Library	Brazilian Fellowship
F	Choir Room	
H	Mother's Room	Friends in Prayer (Adult Class)
I	Deacon's Room	
J	North Room	Tom Neslund's Adult Class
L	Cradle Roll Room	Cradle Roll Class
M	Kindergarten Room	Kindergarten Class
N	Primary Room	Primary Class
O	Junior Room	Junior Class
P	Earliteens Room	Earliteen Class
Q	Youth Chapel	Youth Class
S	Fellowship Hall	<i>the Sanctuary Study</i> (Young Adults Class)
	Sanctuary	

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welcome to  
garden grove  
seventh-day adventist church

January 3, 2015



grace | everyone | everywhere | every time

## announcements and church news

### prayer requests

Bravo-Escalante, Alicia	Jolly, Linda
Carriger, Brian	Krell, Bertie
Cutchlow-Brooks, Pam	Nation, DeNyse
Edberg, Ed	Ruiz, Ethel (M. Kiziak's mother)
Evens, Ryan (Bob Evens' Nephew)	Smith, Ruth
Gibbs, Julia	Sneed, Carol
Harman, Judy	Storment, Michelle
Haskins, Dolores	Von Freya Aesir, Thorbalduria

### upcoming events

Dates	Events
Today	Communion: Foot Washing @ 10:25am (Please see details below.)
	Communion @ 11:30am in the Sanctuary
	CHIP Volunteer Meeting @ 1:00pm in the Board Room
	Filipino Fellowship @ 1:00pm in the Community Service Room
	Vietnamese Fellowship @ 4:00pm in the Youth Chapel
1/6 tue	Special Board Meeting @ 8:15pm in the Board Room
1/10 sat	Contemporary Service Relaunch @ 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall
1/11 sun	Pathfinders' Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser @ 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall
	Parenting Workshop @ 4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
1/17 sat	Fellowship Dinner @ 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

### communion: ordinance of humility/foot washing locations

Men - North Room

Women - Board Room

Families - Fellowship Hall

### Portuguese, Korean, Spanish, or Vietnamese Translation Is Available.

Radios for Portuguese, Korean, Spanish, or Vietnamese translation are available at the Concierge Desk in the Lobby.

### Volunteers Are Urgently Needed to Serve as Sabbath School Secretaries.

If you have felt the need to participate in our church activities lately, here is your chance! We need several more people to help drop off and pick up the Sabbath School offering envelopes in each class, and then count the offerings and tally the total on one Sabbath per month. Volunteers will be members of a team on a scheduled weekend. If you are interested in helping, please call Lizz Randall at 714 913-3903.

## worship 9:30am and 11:30am



### Contemporary Worship Service

9:30am

Message Series: *The Elephant in the Room*

## Divine Worship

11:30am

SONG OF GATHERING . . . . . GGSDA Praise Team

MORNING HYMN . . . . . #109  
*Marvelous Grace*

WELCOME . . . . . Gerald Penick

CHILDREN'S STORY . . . . .Melissa Briceno and Sonny Boloico

PRAISE AND ADORATION . . . . .GGSDA Praise Team

MORNING PRAYER . . . . .

WORSHIP IN GIVING . . . . . Dan Smith

READER'S THEATER . . . . . Kimber Parks and Sara-May Colon

MORNING MESSAGE . . . . . Dan Smith

COMMUNION . . . . . Congregation

WORSHIP IN SONG . . . . . Mac Bright

BENEDICTION . . . . . Dan Smith

POSTLUDE . . . . . Carol Meckstroth

Today's Worship Planner: Kimber Parks

Today's Deacons Are: Wesley Ramkissoon (lead), Frank Bethen, Cesar Castellanos, Roy Gonzalez, Robert Hirschfeld, and Anthony Ramkissoon.

Sabbath Rest Ends: 4:55pm Tonight  
Sabbath Welcome Starts: 5:00pm Friday, January 9

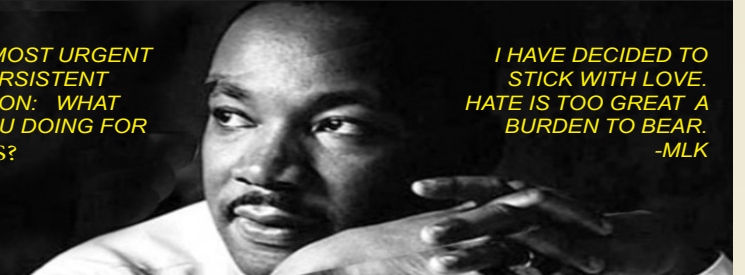
Please remember to put your cellular phones and pagers on silent. Thank you!

## announcements and church news

*Celebrating*  
*Martin Luther King's*  
*call for*  
*LOVE and SERVANT HEARTS!*

LIFE'S MOST URGENT  
AND PERSISTENT  
QUESTION: WHAT  
ARE YOU DOING FOR  
OTHERS?  
-MLK

I HAVE DECIDED TO  
STICK WITH LOVE.  
HATE IS TOO GREAT A  
BURDEN TO BEAR.  
-MLK



JOIN US FOR A DELECTABLE **FELLOWSHIP DINNER**  
HOSTED BY ELDER GERALD AND LINDA PENICK  
COMMEMORATING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND  
CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY AFRICAN AMERICANS  
TO AMERICAN LIFE.

Saturday, January 17 - 1:00PM

*Parenting is Heart Work!*

Program equips parents to touch the hearts of their kids ages 2-18 with this biblically-based, practical training.

Register with Danielle or Pastor Tony - First session: January 11 - 4:00pm-6:00pm

**CHIP**  
**COMPLETE HEALTH**  
**IMPROVEMENT**  
**PROGRAM**

Significant health changes can occur in as little as 30 days into this program, including improved:

- blood pressure
- cholesterol
- triglycerides
- fasting blood sugar

PREVENT, ARREST, AND EVEN REVERSE CHRONIC DISEASE

FREE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION SESSIONS:  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 18  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21  
AT 7:00PM

PROGRAM DATES:  
JANUARY 25 - FEBRUARY 19

DIRECTOR: DR. JOHN COLE

**Enroll Now!**  
Call  
714 534 1987 or 562 799 3630