

Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church Pastor Dan's Newsletter

January 30, 2015

Happy Sabbath to you all--

May the Sabbath truly be the Sabbath to you tonight! Do at least one thing tonight or tomorrow afternoon that is purely for your soul! If the craziness of traffic and 1000 texts/emails/Facebook messages and tests and deadlines all get swept away as you get back in tune so you can hear the Voice of God again!

Pastor Sara-May is up at Pine Springs Ranch with the Junior-Senior Bible Conference this weekend, but there is still a full program in the Youth Chapel.

THE WAY tonight, food at 7, but you can still make it to the Meeting at about 8 pm--the Orange youth group is leading the music, and **Pastor Tony** has the message tonight.

Super Bowl Party Sunday, 3 pm, snacks and fun people, kick off at 3:30! Great group at Laser Tag Saturday night!

OC GRACE FIRST/ Here for the ONE: 9:30am, upstairs in the Fellowship Hall--with our band leading worship, a place for children in the corner, breakfast food and drinks at the back, and **Pastor Tony** with another terrific message: Here is his intro. to it: "This week we will discuss how Jesus and Paul are often (mis)used in the New Testament to promote state violence and the wrathful understanding of God. To prepare for this week take some time to read through some of these texts: Ephesians 6, Luke 22:36, 38; Matthew 10:34, Mark 11:15-19 and Romans 13."

DIVINE WORSHIP: 11:30 in the Sanctuary--and we have some just terrific music this week--special guests that were part of the Gary Bonner Singers last Fall, and then Javier Gonzales, a great tenor who teaches at La Sierra. He is part of an SDA group that will be putting on an opera about the Passion of Christ, written by an SDA composer, that will be performed this summer at the Disney Hall downtown Los Angeles! It is an incredible and terribly ambitious dream, it's going to happen, and the composer and this singer will be with us tomorrow.

GRACE UNIVERSITY: Will meet in the Board Room for 15 minutes. Very, very urgent.

FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP: All Sabbath afternoon, in the Community Service Room and the Filipino Room. They will be adding an afternoon AY-style worship service starting next Sabbath afternoon, 2:30, in the Youth Chapel.

VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP: 4 pm, Youth Chapel. I have the short message tomorrow, on "The Rich Fool!"

SAVE THE DATE: Huge 40th Reunion of the Rescue from Saigon--April 24/25. We are inviting those who were part of the fantastic rescue/airlift 40 years ago this April to come to GGSDA (and El Monte Church) for a reunion. Elder Ralph Watts, Jr., who was a key figure in that rescue, will be here for both the Sabbath morning message, and for the huge program that night in the Fellowship Hall. The stories that you will hear are just incredible. Just the stories we hear on the Planning Team would make a bestseller book.

THIS WEEK:

Super Bowl Party--3 pm, Sunday, Youth Chapel
Parenting--postponed this week in favor of the Super Bowl!
CHIP--7 pm, Sunday night, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday night 7 pm
Thursday night, 7 pm
Vision Council--7pm, Thursday night
Fellowship Dinner, Sabbath, February 7, 1 pm
SABAH Mission Trip Meeting--12:45, Board Room, February 7

SPECIAL NEED: Children's Ministry needs volunteers who love kids AND love evangelism--to help with special programs for kids during the Evangelistic Meeting. The curriculum is ready--just need help with doing it! Let me know or Pastor Sara-May

EDWARDS EVANGELISM: Please pray for these meetings. Circle all the dates--**February 21-March 7**! Just two weeks--Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, then Friday-Sunday, Wed, and the final Friday and Saturday nights. Pray for people you might bring. Pray for the people our teams are visiting. We will have flyers to pass out starting next week.

LIFE GROUPS: Many of you signed up to be in a Life Group last week. Go by the table tomorrow, and get plugged in! It is such a blessing to me to be in mine on Monday nights. Join mine, join one of the others, start a new one!

God bless and Happy Sabbath again! Pastor Dan