



Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

Pastor Dan's Newsletter



February 6, 2015

Dear Saints of GGSDA--

I have read article after article recently--preachers and writers, encouraging us all to get back to the idea of a *sabbath*. Pastors taking Monday off as their sabbath. Even very secular journals--you need a break out of every week, where you put your work aside, and restore, and recalibrate, and remember who you really are--somebody with a *soul*. But they all say--all that God really cares about is--one day in seven. Any day out of the seven. In Dubai they don't have Sundays off, so the Catholic Church keeps Friday. One day in seven.

Not us. We go back to the Original. God is our Father--so we do what the Father does. We are Christians--so we do what Christ did--we keep His day. Not to be saved. Someone asked me last weekend--"But don't Adventists see the Sabbath as the great hinge that decides whether people are saved or lost in the end?" I told him--"No, the Sabbath is not the great hinge. Jesus is the hinge. Yesterday. Today. And Forever." "He who has the Son, has life." Jesus is the Hinge. But we do keep the original Sabbath to honor Jesus. So that's why we keep *this* particular day. This night. This minute. Not any minute. This minute. His Day.

Three special notes:

1. **EVANGELISM--Starts Saturday night, Feb. 21, 7:30pm. Windows on the Word with Elder Robert Edwards. Keep praying and looking for your ONE!**

2. **SINGLES' PARTY: 7pm, Saturday night, Fellowship Hall.** Registration starts at 6:30pm. Desiree Gandeza and her team have planned really a terrific party to start this new fun ministry--just a chance for singles--whether never married, divorced, or widowed, of any age--to come hang out and be with others, for fun and just plain commonality! County-wide program, and they hope the first of many that will rotate around the Conference.

3. **VALENTINE'S: They want pictures of love--for a slide show for Valentine's Sabbath.** Couples. Weddings. Families. Friends. Puppies. Scenes of love of any kind! Bring them to the office, or email them to: office@gardengrovesda.com

Here's the **WEEKEND**:

THE WAY tonight: 7:00pm, Youth Chapel. Music and worship, 7:45pm.

OC GRACE FIRST Contemporary Worship: 9:30am in the morning, Fellowship Hall. Pastor Tony leads the music this week, and I have the message, on "GUIDANCE"--How to know God's will, how to hear the Voice of God more in your life.

DIVINE WORSHIP: 11:30am in the Sanctuary: With Jim Woods and his friends leading the music, and **Elder Penick** giving the message, always good, always powerful. He blesses me every time. And a moment to bless our Academy's basketball teams and pray for them to represent God and "whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of God!"

FELLOWSHIP DINNER: 1:00pm, Fellowship Hall--a great American Adventist potluck--but with a great Vietnamese cuisine table in the middle of it to honor their New Year.

Sabah Mission Trip Meeting: 12:50-1:15pm, Boardroom
Grace University Meeting, 2:30pm, back of the Fellowship Hall
Church Leaders' Conference, 2:45-3:00pm, Fellowship Hall

FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP: After the potluck--Filipino Room and Community Service Room. Zumba exercise, 6:00pm!

VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP: 4:00pm, Youth Chapel

SINGLES' PARTY: 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall. Registration, 6:30pm.

ONE PROJECT--San Diego, Feb. 8-9

COMING:

EVANGELISM--FEBRUARY 21. WINDOWS ON THE WORD--starts Saturday night. Dinner 6:45pm, Music and Worship 7:30pm, Message 7:50 to 8:35pm.

Saturday night, Feb. 21

Sunday night, Feb. 22

Wednesday night, Feb. 25

Friday night, Feb. 27

Saturday night, Feb. 28

Sunday night, March 1

Wednesday night, March 4

Friday night, March 6

Saturday night, March 7

Have a very special, holy Sabbath!

God bless--

Pastor Dan and the GGSDA / OC GRACE Church