



Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

Pastor Dan's Newsletter



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Happy Valentine's Day to you all!

Pastor Sara-May, Pastor Tony, and I got to spend most of Sunday and Monday at the "ONE PROJECT" down in San Diego. It was just a rich blessing to be preached to, and to hear 7 or 8 of the best preachers in the Adventist Church get up and just preach their heart about Jesus. Their theme was the Sermon on the Mount, and each took the next few verses and preached. Great music. My brother and I ended up in Pastor Shiphrah's group. John Ortberg was the featured guest from Menlo Park Presbyterian Church in the Bay Area, and preached two fantastic messages. They should be available on YouTube in about 6 weeks, but by then we will have used all their stories and best points!

EVANGELISM: One more week! The two-week series kicks off next Saturday night February 21. It goes Saturday night, Sunday night, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday. Two weeks, three weekends. Food every night, great music, and a 45-minute message by a terrific preacher, with great passion. If there is somebody you really would be disappointed if they weren't in heaven with you--invite them!

Here is **THE WEEKEND!!**

THE WAY tonight, 7 pm, Youth Chapel. "Disruption Night"--and Pastor Tony, Pastor Sara-May, and Pastor Brett from the Orange Church will sit and answer every single anybody asks from the audience!

OC GRACE FIRST / Here for the ONE: Contemporary Worship at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall Sabbath morning. Pastor Tony wraps up the "Elephant in the Room" series with a message on Celebration and how that fits into the Christian life.

DIVINE WORSHIP: 11:30 am--a very special Valentine's Day service--with a slide montage of scenes of love of all kinds from our own congregation--and a special gift for the couple married the longest, and the one married the shortest! And a special Valentine's Day gift for every single person who comes tomorrow as you leave! The songs, the message (from John 14:1-3), everything--will put more love into your life!

FILIPINO AY WORSHIP: Something new--2:45 pm, Youth Chapel--AY worship Sabbath afternoon is just about everywhere in churches in the Philippines--so we're adding it here! Music, drama, testimonies, a short message (I have it this first week)--the Fellowship is very excited about this new service, every other Sabbath afternoon--just 45 minutes to an hour.

VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP: 4 pm, Youth Chapel.

Motion Picture Life Group: Thursday night, 7 pm. Focusing on college students, with junior and senior high school students welcome with permission slips--a chance to look at movies that have a message to make you think and wrestle. With Pastor Sara-May as the host, in the Youth Chapel.

There is progress on many fronts--Video package upgrade / Lighting in the Sanctuary / 2015 Church Budget / Computer upgrades / Website construction. But the priority over all this is--**Finding the people that God has prepared to come to these meetings, at this time, in Orange County.** God doesn't prepare everybody at the same time. But there is a group that because of their situation or life experiences are hungry and questioning and searching right now--and we hope that one of us is hearing the whisper of the Spirit and will somehow connect with them. That's all we want--whoever God wants us to reach this time!

If you can help financially with the Crusade--do that. If you can pray for the preacher and the Bible workers and those giving studies--do that. If you can help Lesieli with the food, do that. If you can bring your family and just be there, learning, saying Amen, hearing the message one more time as a witness to our visitors and guests--do that! There is just a power in hearing the Gospel in a group, with 200 other people, with great music, terrific food--and God moves people in a way that doesn't really happen any other way in quite the same way.

God bless you all!
Pastor Dan