



# Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

## Pastor Dan's Newsletter



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Dear Saints!

**CAN YOU IMAGINE** what that first Sabbath after the Resurrection must have been like? The atmosphere in the Upper Room or out by the lake must have been electric--the Person in the middle of their group had been dead last week--now He's standing right there. 500 people knew Jesus was alive--because they had seen Him themselves. First time they had ever heard of that. The veil in the Temple had been ripped--from top to bottom. Some people who had been dead for centuries were walking around alive. And for 40 days they had Jesus to themselves--no crowds, no miracles, nothing--just being with Jesus--like the 1000 years WE will have with Him someday!

May you feel something of that same electricity as we eat and drink the symbols of that weekend. And, as Ephesians 1 says, may the same Resurrection Power that raised HIM from the dead, lift YOU from whatever is trying to kill you this week and make you feel more alive than you have ever felt before!

### FRIDAY NIGHT:

**THE WAY:** Tonight, 7 pm pizza, 7:30 Worship, with Pastor Sara-May

**YOUNG ADULTS:** Vespers, Pastor Tony's house, 7 pm

### SABBATH MORNING:

**OC GRACE FIRST / Contemporary Worship Service:** The message is based on Daniel 8-10, and how to "to truly wait on God in a teaching entitled "Drop Your Decoder Rings, Pick Up a Shovel." We'll openly discuss the positives and negatives of attempting to decode the future as well as view a different perspective on what to do while we're in-between the two advents. Is it more important to decode the future or learn to live that future now? Should our time be spent waiting or actively growing the Kingdom of God? What do we do as Seventh-day **Adventists** whose identity once revolved so heavily around prophetic history do in the present?"

**DIVINE WORSHIP (11:30am):** We will follow up a great Easter weekend with the Lord's Supper, with the disciples in costume creating a wonderful tableau scene as serve these symbols, and the gift of the offering of Jesus' life that we watched last Friday night and Sabbath morning becomes part of *your* life. Hebrews it "does away with sin". Revelation says we are "freed from our sins". Hebrews says our consciences are completely cleansed. *Steps to Christ* says we stand before God "just as if we had never sinned". If all that sounds good to you--come and receive the sacrificed and risen Christ into your soul!

Elder Penick will give the Communion homily leading into the tableau with the disciples of Christ coming out of the congregation to serve the church.

**FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP:** Potluck, and then AY meeting, 2:30, Youth Chapel

**VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP:** 4pm, Youth Chapel

### NEXT WEEKEND:

**Sabbath morning**--Great worship service, with a great, true, first-person story from the Vietnamese war, how a mortar shell just missed personal friend of ours--pictures, the shell, and the actual person will be here to tell the story! Plus 2 great baptisms.

**Saturday night--Benefit concert, Sanctuary, 6-8:30**, county-wide, to raise money for our sister church, Emmanuel Spanish, which meets for now at Orangewood Academy. Great music from all over the county, plus the Bolivar brothers and family--a great night, and a chance to truly do something with a few dollars. Pray all week for God to bless you with something extra you can give. If you're used to giving to all kinds of charities--why not this time give something significant to our sister church, and soon there will be a church preaching the message in that community until Jesus comes. You can't multiply your money any better than that!

Have a great Sabbath!

Pastor Dan