



Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

Pastor Dan's Newsletter



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Happy Sabbath to you all!

As the Sabbath creeps over the hills and onto your street, may a great sense of "God with us" fill your house and your heart! Someone I was having a Bible study with today told me that someone at work said that people who keep the Sabbath can't go shopping, can't watch sports, *can't eat*, can't do nothing! I couldn't stop laughing--can't eat? Where do people get these ideas? Satan hates the Sabbath, somehow spreads these lies! God meant for the Sabbath to be the best, the most awesome day. It's up to us to claim it back, make it what it was supposed to be, until those stories stop once and for all!

BENEFIT CONCERT: 6-8 pm, Saturday night, Reception afterwards, Fellowship Hall. This is a huge event, and we're thrilled to get to be the host for this all-Orange County concert to help our sister church, **Emmanuel Spanish**, from down the street at Orangewood Academy, get into their new church. Great music, marimbas, choirs, the Bolivar Family--and then a chance to leave a legacy by writing a check or giving something--from the heart. Do something special--and every day for the next 50 years you'll know that whatever that church accomplishes for God, you had a part in it!

You can give several ways: #1--Write a check to GG SDA Church, memo Emmanuel Spanish, and you'll get a receipt from our church. #2--Write a check to the Emmanuel Spanish, and you'll get a receipt from them. #3--Put cash into an envelope, and mark it for Emmanuel Spanish. God promises to bless, and He promises to fill the jars of oil back up when we empty them out for God. Try it! *Put it on Facebook, spread the word to your friends, invite them to this!

And don't forget about the very special event next weekend, with the 40th REUNION of the Escape from Saigon by hundreds of our Vietnamese members now here in the US. Elder Watts will celebrate his 80th birthday that weekend by being with us to tell the story--half during Divine Worship, and half right after the potluck upstairs. I've heard it and read the book--it's just a great, great story! AND people who came out with him are coming from across the country to be HERE!

THE WAY: 7:00 tonight, with Pastor Brett and the group from Orange leading praise at 7:30, then worship and food.

OC GRACE FIRST (9:30am):, Fellowship Hall, with Pastor Tony.

DIVINE WORSHIP (11:30am): Sanctuary. Just a wonderful service is planned, with two fantastic young adults (Stephany Pantigoso and Ashley Pineda) getting baptized by Pastor Tony, a wonderful young Indian couple dedicating their first son (Arlic family), and Bob Smith telling a riveting personal testimony about the mortar shell that just missed him in Vietnam. The message is in the form of a TED 18-minute talk: **"IT'S NOT ABOUT GOD!"**

FILIPINO POTLUCK, 1 pm, Community Service Room

VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP: 4pm, Youth Chapel.

CONCERT: 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

BROOMBALL / YOUTH! Saturday night.

Have a great Sabbath!
Pastor Dan