

## message



### welcome message from pastor dan

WELCOME TO GGSDA TODAY . . . and a special welcome to you if you came for the *40th Reunion of the Rescue from Saigon*. We have looked forward to this day for a long time: 40 years. The famous pictures of people trying to climb the walls of the

Embassy, people running for the planes, and people leaving on tiny boats are etched into our minds. Many of us remember when the group of refugees came to the United States, staying in Camp Pendleton, and then Loma Linda, and then spreading across the country to Portland, Florida, or Texas to begin building new and better lives in their new country! Many of those people are here today, and some are getting back together for the first time in 40 years. Thank you for coming today . . . we are totally blessed that your reunion is happening at Garden Grove!

We also welcome Elder Ralph Watts, Jr. and his wife to our church and to our pulpit to share this incredible story with us. I have known him for most of my life. I was in his home in Singapore, he was a huge person in my career when my life was at a crossroads, and since my father died Elder Watts has been like a surrogate father and a great mentor to me. We have partnered on numerous mission projects all over the world. And next month he, his son, and I will travel together up and down Vietnam for a whole week. It is a great, great honor to have him here with us today!

Please stay with us for our fellowship dinner, so you can be sure to be here when the afternoon *Stories and Testimonies Program* begins with Elder Watts telling the rest of the story he began in *Divine Worship*. Do not miss a word! I have heard him tell the whole thing, and it is just one of the greatest stories I have ever heard, by the person who was at the heart of it. As the young Union president, he flew from Singapore into Vietnam, gave up his ticket back to Singapore to someone else who needed it first, and then stayed until he got the last of this group on a plane and out of the country. 40 years ago! May it not be that long until Jesus flies in and rescues the rest of us from a world falling apart!

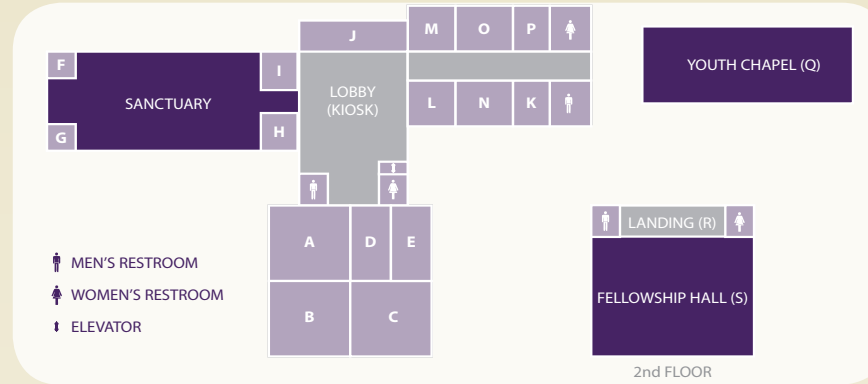
**THE REUNION SCHEDULE** *All-Church and Guests:* 11:30—Divine Worship (first half of the story), 1:00pm—Honoring Refugees Fellowship Dinner, and 3:00pm—Stories and Testimonies. *Reunion Participants and Special Guests:* 5:30pm *Mingling Time* in Church Lobby, 6:00pm Vietnamese 40th Reunion Banquet. Sunday: 9:00am — 40-year *Reunion Breakfast Picnic* at Mile Square Regional Park.

Thank you again for blessing us with your presence today!

God bless,

Pastor Dan

## general information



loc	name	sabbath school (10:30am - 11:25am)
A	Pastor Dan's Office	Adult Class With Arthur Kiziak
A	Pastor Tony's Office	Friends in Prayer (Adult Class)
B	Community Service Room	Filipino Class
C	Pathfinder Room	Pastor Dan's Class
D	Board Room	Spanish Class
E	Library	Brazilian Fellowship
F	Choir Room	
H	Mother's Room	
I	Deacon's Room	
J	North Room	Tom Neslund's Adult Class
L	Cradle Roll Room	Cradle Roll Class
M	Kindergarten Room	Kindergarten Class
N	Primary Room	Primary Class
O	Junior Room	Junior Class
P	Earliteens Room	Earliteen Class
Q	Youth Chapel	Youth Class
S	Fellowship Hall	<i>the Sanctuary Study</i> (Young Adults Class)

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welcome to  
garden grove  
seventh-day adventist church

April 25, 2015



grace | everyone | everywhere | every time

# announcements and church news

## prayer requests

Bravo-Escalante, Alicia	Lawrence, Glorene
Carriger, Brian	Ruiz, Ethel (M. Kiziak's mother)
Cutchlow-Brooks, Pam	Smith, Ruth
Gibbs, Julia	Sneed, Carol
Harman, Judy	Storment, Michelle
Haskins, Dolores	Von Freya Aesir, Thorbalduria
Jolly, Linda	Willis, John
Krell, Bertie	

## upcoming events

Dates	Event
Today	Contemporary Service @ 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall Sabbath School Classes @ 10:30am <i>Divine Worship</i> Vietnam Refugee Reunion (Ralph Watts, Speaker) @ 11:30am in the Sanctuary <i>Honoring Our Refugees Fellowship Dinner</i> @ 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall <i>Escaping Saigon</i> Stories and Testimonies @ 3:00pm in the Sanctuary
4/28 tue	Church Board Meeting @ 7:30pm in the Board Room
4/29 wed	Pastor Dan's Small Group Bible Study @ 7:30pm in the Board Room
5/1 fri	<i>The Way</i> @ 7:00pm in the Youth Chapel Choir Rehearsal @ 8:00pm in the Kindergarten Room
5/2 sat	Cinco de Mayo Fellowship Dinner Celebration @ 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
5/5-22	Sabah, Malaysia Mission Trip
5/9 sat	Deacons' Luncheon @ 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
6/14 sat	Filipino Independence Celebration @ 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

**Portuguese, Korean, Spanish, or Vietnamese Translation Is Available.**  
Radios for Portuguese, Korean, Spanish, or Vietnamese translation are available at the Concierge Desk in the Lobby.

### SECC Annual Retirees Retreat Is May 18-20.

The SECC Annual Retirees Retreat is May 18-20 at Pine Springs Ranch, 58000 Apple Canyon Road, Mountain Center. Enjoy a few days in the San Jacinto Mountains with great presenters, friends and music. Features during the retreat will be shared by Gilbert Vega, pastor of Escondido Spanish church; Alger Keough, administrative pastor of Azure Hills church; and Julie Riggs Swafford, rehabilitation director at Linda Valley Care Center. The deadline for registration is May 4. For more information call Ashley Peterson 951-509-2287 or email her at Ashley.Peterson@seccsda.org.

# worship 9:30am and 11:30am

## OC Grace First

Contemporary Worship Service  
9:30am

Message Series: **Daniel**

## Divine Worship 11:30am

SONG OF GATHERING . . . . . GGSDA Praise Team  
MORNING HYMN . . . . . Hymn 509  
*How Firm A Foundation*  
WELCOME . . . . . Dan Smith  
WORSHIP IN PRAYER . . . . . Melanie Burn  
PRAISE AND ADORATION . . . . . GGSDA Praise Team  
WORSHIP IN GIVING . . . . . Andrew Browne  
OFFERTORY . . . . . Yen Le  
WORSHIP IN WORD . . . . . Ralph Watts  
BENEDICTION . . . . . Giao Le  
POSTLUDE . . . . . Carol Meckstroth

Worship Planner: Kimber Parks  
Sabbath Rest Ends: 7:30pm Tonight  
Sabbath Welcome Starts: 7:34pm Friday, May 1

Please remember to put your cellular phones and pagers on silent.  
Thank you!

Jesus died for you, knowing you might never love Him back. That is true love.  
—Unknown

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## community announcements



**DO NOT MISS THIS ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR ELDER RALPH WATTS TELL THIS TRUE STORY OF GOD'S DELIVERY OF CHRISTIANS THROUGH THE FAMOUS AIRLIFT FROM SAIGON WHEN SOUTH VIETNAM FELL 40 YEARS AGO!**

**TODAY!**

**ALL CHURCH AND GUESTS EVENTS:**  
11:30am Divine Worship  
— Elder Ralph Watts, Jr., Speaker  
1:00pm Honoring Refugees Fellowship Dinner  
3:00pm Hear the Stories!  
— Elder Watts and other witnesses tell the dramatic story of escaping from Saigon.  
5:00pm Questions and Answers Session

**40-YEAR REUNION OF WORLDWIDE SOUTH VIETNAM REFUGEES**  
Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church - 12702 Ninth Street, Garden Grove



**All Church Fellowship Dinner**  
honoring  
40-year Reunion of South Vietnam Refugees!

**TODAY! April 25 - 1:00pm**  
Enjoy an abundance of good food and fellowship!



*The Philippine Meistersingers*

**OUTRAGEOUSLY MINDBLOWING PERFORMERS!**

**OUTDOOR COMMUNITY CONCERT**  
A spectacular sacred and secular music extravaganza!  
Save the date!  
May 30 - 7:00pm  
GGSDA Parking Lot



**CINCO DE MAYO**

**Fellowship Dinner Celebration!**  
Indulge  
a spectacular luncheon party!  
May 5 - 1:00pm  
Bring your favorite dish!