



Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church Pastor Dan's Newsletter



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Dear Saints!

We are flowing quickly into the big events of Summer, 2015. Here are some of the highlights, and this doesn't include any of the long list of events sponsored by the Youth and Young Adult ministries for young people this summer!

WOMEN'S TEA: 11 am this coming Sunday! Many signed up last weekend, you can still sign up tomorrow!

GENERAL CONFERENCE—All the pastors are going for some portion of the General Conference Session in San Antonio (July 2-11), except for Pastor Tony. Most of us will be there from Monday to Saturday, July 6-11. A Filipino group are going on a road trip to be there for the second weekend. The major debate about women's ordination and ministry is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday. There is also a major issue adding language to the Fundamental Belief on Creation, narrowing its range of possible interpretation to a more "recent," or "young" creation, and to creation days and week that are literal days like our own. Of course there are also elections for all our major church leaders, and 1000 booths presenting all the ministries around the world, and it is the best chance for all of us pastors to get a snapshot of all the trends and new materials happening all over the world. I will also be at the Ministerial Council for 3 days in Austin, Texas this next week. We will try to make one or more of the main messages from General Conference available here at GGSDA.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: July 13-18, evenings, led by sisters-in-law Denise and Shana Naranjo, along with Pastor Sara-May. Sign up your kids, and bring neighbor kids and give them a great, fun week "at church"!

CAMPMEETING 2015: August 8-29, church service with a whole different atmosphere!

BEACH VESPER: Friday night, August 21. Partnering with Orangewood Academy, sharing the same stretch of beach, but bringing our own food and tent, but ready to share with everybody!

DEAD SEA SCROLLS EXHIBIT: Sabbath afternoon, August 29. A very cool Sabbath option has just showed up, and we hope that 50 of you will be the first to sign up for this, because this is a fantastic opportunity. We took two whole busloads for this down to San Diego last time. Dr. Lawrence Geraty, a world-class archaeologist who has been digging in Jordan for 40 years, has agreed to come along with us, give us an orientation before the exhibit, and then stay with us afterwards to answer questions about what it all means. He personally was in the cave as a boy, with his father, and knows personally virtually every person involved in the great story of the Dead Sea Scrolls. We will leave after church, eat a picnic in Exposition Park, hear his orientation, then go through the exhibit, then see the IMAX movie "Jerusalem," then meet for more food and a Q & A Session with Dr. Geraty afterwards. A very special Sabbath! See the details from Rose Briceno, Family Life Director, below, and see the attachment flyer, then come and sign up at the table tomorrow.

BRAZILIAN BARBECUE: Circle the date Sunday, September 13, big event—barbecue, meal, entertainment, auction. More information will be coming soon.

CHURCH UPDATES: The Church Board voted to move forward with the lighting package that will vastly enhance the lighting in our Sanctuary. There is one last piece of research, then the order will be made and the installation scheduled. The Board also voted to move the new website project to a new vendor, who has committed to have it done and up and running by the end of August. We are very excited to get this project finally out of some complications and moving forward. The new Business Cards for all the pastors and staff should be available within a few days, another project we have been looking forward to for a while. There is a long list of other projects that are in the pipeline, as the Church is moving aggressively to take everything we do to the next higher level!

THIS WEEKEND:

THE WAY, 7:30 pm tonight in the Youth Chapel.

OC GRACE FIRST: Contemporary service with Pastor Tony, 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall

DIVINE WORSHIP: The main service in the Sanctuary, 11:30. Special guest Hazel Alvarenga who was our "missionary" to Yap for this last school year, and she will bring a video of her time there. There will also be a video of the highlight from last Sunday's fantastic concert at Disney Hall, Mary singing over her crucified Son—just a great, great moving moment.

FILIPINO FELOWSHIP AY PROGRAM 2:45 pm, Youth Chapel.

VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP, 4:00, Youth Chapel

Here are the details about the Dead Sea Exhibit: Reservations has been made for the Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit for August 29th, @ the Los Angeles Exposition Park. Tickets are \$21.00 (regularly \$26.00 +\$10 parking), includes the exhibit and 3D IMAX movie "Jerusalem". Dr. L Geraty will be with us for a short orientation lecture and for Q & A. We will leave church promptly right after 2nd service (50 min drive). Bring a lunch or purchase lunch there at the food court. We will be eating outside by and meet at the Rose Garden (beautiful scenery) for the orientation.

Exhibit will be at 3:00pm (line up at 2:45pm)

Movie "Jerusalem" begins at 5:00pm (sharp)

Parking is \$10 (Family Ministry will cover the parking cost)

Deadline for all tickets is August 15th, so that a head count can be turned into the Science Center.

God bless, have a great Sabbath, everybody!

Pastor Dan