



# Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

## Pastor Dan's Newsletter



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To all of you with a connection to GGSDA / OC GRACE!

STOP. Just, please, stop. That's what God is saying, right now! "Could you just please stop—whatever you're doing—and look at Me?" "You've been in your world all week—can you just switch over—now—to MY World? Just look away from those other screens, and look at Mine. I'll make it worth it to you! I'll bless you. But I can't bless you—if you don't—just—stop!"

As the Sabbath slides across our time zone, the Sabbath comes to your house, it flows all around you—and He quietly whispers and knocks. And He says, "If anyone hears My Voice, and opens the door, I will come in, and eat with you and you with Me." Listen for it!

**THE WAY**—The weekend starts, as it always does, with THE WAY. Our long-lost Pastor is back from speaking in Ireland, and she will be there tonight at 7 pm, ready with Heidi-food and worship and a message and hang-out time. Get your young people in the car and bring them down! The kids in Ireland had to go to a camp and sleep in tents in the cold to hear her! This is easy.

**TUITION AID:** As long as we're talking about young people—tomorrow is our BIG offering for Tuition Aid. Orangewood Academy is doing so many good things—many rooms were painted, some great new teachers—now it's up to us to get our kids there. We have **over 20** who will need our help to make it. Parents are putting in \$400 to \$700 a month themselves to do this. We are that last bridge to make it possible. **If you can save something after the main tithes and offerings--\$20 a person, \$50, \$100, or at least make a pledge for the rest of the year—we would be thrilled.**

There is no cause, no building, no mission project—you can put your money into—that will make more of a difference long-term than helping kids get a Christian education. The statistics are crystal clear—a much higher percentage stay with God and the Church, AND do better academically!

**TITHES AND CHURCH BUDGET:** We also ask you this—If God has been faithful to you—one of the best ways to honor Him back is to be faithful back to Him. Don't give to help the Church pay its "bills"—do it to honor God, to give thanks to Him. For grace, for life, for family, for prayer, for heaven, for whispering wisdom all day every day.

Tithe, 10%, you know. What not everybody knows is—The Tithe doesn't stay at Garden Grove and help with our ministries and facilities. That all comes through Church Budget. Our core members are all giving 10% Tithe and something around 3-5% for Church Budget. That takes care of our Sabbath Schools, youth, Young Adult, music ministries, Orangewood Academy, our office, all of it.

The Budget Committee met this week, and revised the budget for 2015, and we have a Budget to present to the Board this week. There were cuts that hurt, but our best and most important ministries were all kept. If you can just join our group and stand shoulder to shoulder with us to help take GGSDA / OC GRACE to the next level, we would be very, very thankful!

### **SABBATH SERVICES:**

**9:30—OC GRACE FIRST, with Pastor Tony and Nathan Smith, upstairs, Fellowship Hall.**

**10:30—Sabbath Schools, everywhere (Visitors, Pastor's Bible Class, Pathfinders Room).**

**11:30—Divine Worship (Second Service) in the Sanctuary.** Campmeeting feel this month, with toe-tapping praise, songs you've known all your life, and a message dealing with one of the most controversial but exciting subjects—"THE JUDGMENT!" **Is there really a Judgment going on right now, and do you have anything to worry about?**

**DEAD SEA SCROLLS EXHIBIT:** We have sent the information out to everybody who has signed up and paid to go. Be on the bus before 1 pm! If you would still like to go, a group has tickets for 10:30 Sunday morning, Sept. 6. Contact Rose Briceno or Pastor Ed Carceler.

**VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP: 4:30 pm, Youth Chapel**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:** The Committee finished its work this week, the report will be printed and be passed out hopefully next Sabbath, and we will schedule a time when we can get everybody together to get some coaching to get ready for the best year ever at GGSDA / OC GRACE. We thank each of the Committee members for the 2 months they spent on this, AND we especially thank everybody who said YES to serving Jesus with their gifts. The little boy gave his loaves and fish to Jesus, and He fed thousands. May God bless what you give!

### **COMING UP:**

**VERSPERS CONCERT: Master's Trio, next Saturday night, 7 pm, FH.** A offering will be taken for the Balkan Ministry, Bob Maukovich is leaving September 16 for his annual ministry to his home country that we have supported for many years.

**COMMUNITY MINISTRY TRAINING:** We are feeling led of God to do much more in our Community. Last week we raised over \$1500 for the Back Pack giveaway to families. 40 Families came, their children got backpacks, all the school supplies were taken, and many received free cell phones for their children and were able to trade in their too-small clothes for larger. The organizers from our community were thrilled with the response from our Church and with our facility, and we hope that we can add hundreds of these events. Pastor Toan, Lan Quach, and our Vietnamese group have been teaching English as a Second Language on Wednesday nights, and Citizenship, and several have come to church and are having Bible studies now as a result! Fantastic!

The weekend of **SEPTEMBER 18-20** we are flying Pastor Sara-May's parents out from the East Coast to give us a Seminar on how to engage with our community, how to make sure that if we were gone they would notice and miss us! This is their field, they teach this all over the world, and we them to come do it for us for free! This is especially for all Church Elders, Church Ministry Leaders—BUT ALSO EVERYBODY is invited! **Friday night, Sabbath afternoon (haystacks lunch), and Sunday morning.(pancake breakfast).**

**100-YEAR-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, Southeastern California Conference. October 4, 11am-3pm, La Sierra University**

**INTERNATIONAL DINNER—Saturday night, October 10**

**MUSICAL THEATER**—Some of the group last week are part of the large Bolivar clan, putting on a Musical Theater, "Latin and Broadway Spectacular!", Sunday, September 13, 4 pm, Benedict Castle, Riverside. Tickets—[951-232-2619](tel:951-232-2619).

**Sam Bolivar**, a college student at La Sierra, is putting on his own concert, Sunday, November 1, 5 pm, "Fly Me to the Moon"

**MAY THE SABBATH BE A BLESSING TO YOU!**

**Pastor Dan**