



Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

Pastor Dan's Newsletter



October 30, 2015

Dear GGSDA / OC GRACE—

Happy Sabbath to you, and may you hear Jesus is saying to you, personally, what He offered to the disciples 2000 years ago—"Come unto me, if you're tired and stressed—and I will give you rest." Take the week—and wrap it up and put it on the shelf—it's done, you can't do anything about it anyway, so let it go, as the song goes!

There is NO "THE WAY" tonight, being the 5th Sabbath of the month, and neither is there CHOIR PRACTICE tonight.

GARY BONNER SINGERS: The big event this Sabbath is, the Gary Bonner Singers are coming. It is always one of the high, great Sabbaths at GGSDA, with a group of 30+ Christians who just love singing, who volunteer to take their weekends and travel all over southern California singing with Dr. Bonner. He has been a giant in Christian music, the chair of the Music Department at first Azusa Pacific and then Cal Baptist universities. Everywhere he goes huge things happen, buildings are built, and kids come from everywhere to sing in his choirs and groups.

Be on-time, get a seat, and don't miss a minute of the concert they will bring. We will also have a short report on Bob Maukovich's experiences helping take care of the 4500 refugees that showed up in his home town the week he got back to Serbia. He and Marianna ended up on the Channel 7 ABC News at 11 o'clock Wednesday, a wonderful witness.

Elder Penick will finish up with our 6th Deadly Sin—"SLOTH!" And then Pineapple is our Fruit this week, and so we are offering pineapple ice cream sundaes after church!

OC GRACE FIRST at 9:30am with Pastor Tony still on "Jesus Uncensored."

ELDERS, DEACONS, DEACONESSES Lunch in the Board Room right after church, meeting with Elder Penick.

VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP: 4:30pm, Youth Chapel, and I have the message.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT: 6:30pm, Back Parking Lot. A great, safe, clean, and very much fun alternative to trick-or-treating down dark streets, bring your families, come yourself, we'll all coming—the last two of these have just been terrific.

STUDIO: For the last few weeks Tom Neslund and his team have been putting a huge effort into converting our Library, which was not being used as much as it could be, into a Studio. The dream is to produce many different series of short video clips, by each of the pastors and other speakers in our church who can speak in another language. Because of the Social Media phenomenon, there are all kinds of ways to spread the message that don't have to cost millions in buying TV time. The books and shelves have been moved to the North Room, the room has been painted, carpeted, the electrical has been upgraded, and soon there will be lights and green screen and wiring to the control room/editing booth in the Fellowship Hall. We have submitted a grant request to the Pacific Union Conference for the last amount of money Tom needs to get this new ministry up and running, and we hope to have a dedication on November 21.

PICK UP SOME BOOKS!: "You may recall that our Church library was giving books away to people in return for donations two weeks ago. Well, there are still some books available, and Julie McCoubrey will be conducting another give-away in return for donations this Sabbath, October 30 after divine worship. Please bring your book appetite along with wherewithal to make a donation. All donation proceeds will go to the Adventurer's Club to provide scholarships, so that cost is not a barrier to families with kids!"

SANCTUARY: Don't forget to try to take in the live Sanctuary at the Los Alamitos Church this afternoon or tomorrow, 1-7.

THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP DINNER after church next week, plus Cherry pies, Cherry jellies, cherries everywhere.

PATHFINDERS AND ADVENTURERS INDUCTION, next week, during Divine Worship.

WOMEN'S TEA, Sunday, Nov. 8.

DRAMA NOV. 14, Dick Stenbakken, "The Dorchester Story", both services, no Children's Church so everyone can see this drama.

Happy Sabbath, everybody!
Pastor Dan