

message



welcome message from pastor dan

IT IS ADVENT SEASON ALREADY! Lights are up on our street. The Christmas trees are up in our church . . . the poinsettias are out. And we will start singing Christmas carols today!

Yet it does not mean it is actually Christmas all month. Christmas is still just one day, *the day we celebrate His birth!* The day that changed the world forever. The day when the One that the world had been waiting for came. What it does mean is that Advent is the time of expectant waiting and preparation of the celebration of the nativity of Christ.

The Bible says he came when the time was right . . . when the stars were aligned. And so we invite you to use Advent to focus your mind and heart on *the One*. Focus on giving, on receiving, and on having a soft heart. It is not easy with all the shopping, parties, and concerts. Still, if you will figuratively go to Bethlehem again, you will find Him! He said so! "If you will seek for Me with your whole heart, you will find Me."

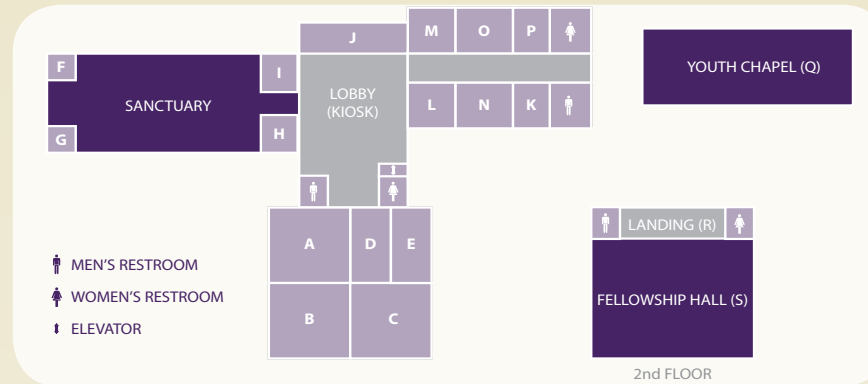
Pastor Sara-May starts off Advent in *Divine Worship* focusing on the Shepherds and the Angels. I have today's message in OC GRACE *First* at 9:30am, looking at the old questions about Prayer. If God already knows everything, has the power to do everything, and surely wants to do the best, what good does it do to still pray?

JOIN US FOR OUR *WINTER WONDERLAND FELLOWSHIP DINNER CELEBRATION* AT 1:00PM! This is our first Christmas celebration and it is upstairs in the Fellowship Hall!

Happy Advent to you all!

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 | OC Grace First Study (Young Adults Class) |
| | Sanctuary | |

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December 5, 2015



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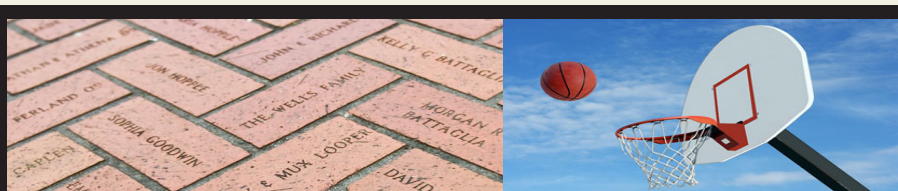
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prayer requests

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| Amman, Travis | Lawrence, Glorene |
| Bravo-Escalante, Alicia | Malos, Norine (JoAnne Wall's Sister) |
| Cutchlow-Brooks, Pam | McCoubrey, Julie |
| Harman, Judy | Ruiz, Ethel (M. Kiziak's mother) |
| Haskins, Dolores | Smith, Ruth |
| Jolly, Linda | Von Freya Aesir, Thorbalduria |
| Bertie, Krell | Willis, John |

upcoming events

| Dates | Event |
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| Today | Contemporary Service @ 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall Sabbath School Classes @ 10:30am <i>Divine Worship</i> @ 11:30am in the Sanctuary |
| | Christmas Celebration Fellowship Dinner @ 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall Vietnamese Worship Service @ 4:30pm in the Youth Chapel Earliteen Christmas Party @ 7:00pm in the Youth Chapel |
| 12/6 sun | Art Life Group @ 4:30pm in the Youth Chapel |
| 12/12 sat | Youth and Young Adult Christmas Party @ 7:00pm (See Pastor Tony or Pastor Sara-May for details.) |
| 12/19 sat | Christmas Brunch @ 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall Christmas Celebration Service @ 11:00am in the Sanctuary Vietnamese Fellowship Christmas Celebration @ 4:30pm in the Youth Chapel Filipino Fellowship Christmas Party @ 6:00pm |
| 12/24 thu | Christmas Eve Candelight Service @ 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall |
| 12/28 mon | Youth and Young Adult Ski Trip |



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worship 9:30am and 11:30am

OC Grace First

Contemporary Worship Service
9:30am

Message Series: **Jesus Uncensored**

Divine Worship

11:30am

SONG OF GATHERING GGSDA Praise Team
WELCOME Dan Smith
HYMN OF PRAISE Hymn 142
Angels We Have Heard on High

WORSHIP IN ART GGSDA Drama Team
WORSHIP IN PRAYER Ed Carceler
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE The Sitala Family
WORSHIP IN GIVING Andrew Browne
WORSHIP IN MUSIC GGSDA Ensemble
WORSHIP IN WORD Sara-May Colón
PRAYER ORNAMENTS Congregation
BENEDICTION Lesieli Tameifuna
POSTLUDE Carol Meckstroth

2015 Church Budget: \$263,520
2015 Year-to-date Church Budget: \$201,785
GGSDA Capital Expense: \$8000
Amount Needed: \$68,736

Worship Planner: Sylvia Urbina

Sabbath Rest Ends: 4:43pm
Sabbath Welcome Starts: 4:43pm Friday, December 11

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The bounty of Christmas is not in the presents, but in His Presence.
—Unknown

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