



Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

Pastor Dan's Newsletter



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My friends--

I am so sorry that this is so late this Friday night. I had to switch cars with a son in order to solve some things, and then when I got home no one was home, all my keys and garage door opener were in the other car, and so I could not send anything out!

Here is a very brief summary of this first weekend of ADVENT and the Christmas season! The church has been decorated, and they have planned a lovely opportunity to put a wish or a prayer on an ornament and place it on front on a tree or on a garland, and the prayers and wishes will rise with the merits of Christ to the throne of God (Rev. 8).

We are all grieving over the horrible thing that happened this week, in one of our Adventist communities, or at least very close by. Paris and Turkey and Iraq and Egypt--those are all terrible--but this is right here. Our hospital. Some of you have connections to people killed or hurt. Tonight there is a prayer vigil at the Azure Hills Church in Grand Terrace, and our Pacific Union Conference president, Elder Ricardo Graham, has sent out a letter (attached, below), asking all of our churches and a quarter of a million Adventists in this Union, to use tomorrow as a day of Prayer for the families, for those still recovering, and for our broken world in general.

Our Family Ministry team is asking everybody to either go buy a lap blanket (\$5-\$10), or bring the money for one, to be given to the people at a nearby nursing home. It is a lovely project, they have 100 patients there, and how cool would it be for our church to provide one for every single person there. Bring the blankets to the Concierge Desk, or put the offering in an envelope and mark it "Blankets" or Family Ministries.

We have a beautiful Fellowship Dinner tomorrow after church, with great decorations, strolling carolers, and food befitting the Season!

I have the message for OC Grace First, on "DOES PRAYER REALLY CHANGE GOD?" and Pastor Sara-May preaches for Divine Worship at 11:30, on the story of the Shepherds and the Angels. I will also speak for the Vietnamese Fellowship at 4:30 pm in the Youth Chapel.

Tomorrow night at 7 pm several Korean choirs will be giving a Christmas concert in our Sanctuary.

Orangewood Academy will have their high school choir Christmas program at the Costa Mesa SDA Church next Friday night at 7:30 pm.

Happy Advent, everybody!

God bless--

Pastor Dan