



# Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

## Pastor Dan's Newsletter



December 11, 2015

Dear Members and Friends of GGSDA!

Sabbath is here. Connect with it. Put some music on. Read something. Give the Sabbath a chance to get past all of the “week” you have had and enter into your soul!

People ask us all the time how you can give something during the Christmas season.

Here's a few ways

1. Buy or donate to buy some lap blankets for patients in the nearby nursing home, a great project by the Pathfinders, with Rose Briceno leading out. \$3 each! They need 100 total.
2. Gifts for the children of the 500 people who come every month to get food from our Food Bank. Add one more child to your Christmas list, wrap it up, bring it to the Concierge Desk—and you will make at least one family happy!
3. Come and help serve breakfast to them with the Pastoral Staff, 8-10 am, Wed., Dec. 23.
4. Buy a brick for the basketball court and give kids a chance to play for the next 50 years! If you can't afford one by yourself, get a group together, and put all your names on there!
5. Put something in for Tuition Aid, and know that at least one of our kids gets to graduate from a Christian school because of you!

OFFERINGS: And of course we hope and pray that you will give God your best and first gifts from your heart! Faithful tithe 10%, and Church Budget which is what keeps GGSDA/OC Grace going, 3-4%. We need about \$58,000 in Budget by the end of the year to cover all the ministries of the church and our support for Orangewood. There are several ways you can give:

1. Checks and cash in the envelopes in church
2. Online Giving—[www.gardengrovesda.com](http://www.gardengrovesda.com), Click on “Giving,” register, and then put the amounts in the list of accounts there, click “update” on the bottom, put in your credit card information, and it's done. Once you register, you can do it again in 1 minute or less!
3. PUSHPAY—this is new, mostly for cellphone users! Once you register, you can give to tithe, Budget, and 6 other funds in 10 seconds or less, right during church or whenever! Key word: “gardengrovesda”, and the number is 77977.

Give to God, it is a very powerful symbol straight to the heart of God of where He stands in your priorities and worship!

WEEKEND:

YOUTH: No THE WAY tonight, in favor of the Orangewood Academy Christmas Concert at the Costa Mesa Church tonight 7 pm, 271 Avocado Street, Costa Mesa.

It is their 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade concert. The elementary program will be at GGSDA next Thursday night, 7 pm.

WORSHIP SERVICES TOMORROW: OC GRACE FIRST at 9:30, with Pastor Tony giving the message. Sabbath Schools everywhere at 10:30am. Divine Worship at 11:30, with Silvino and Melissa Briceno bringing the special Christmas music, several getting baptized and joining by Profession of Faith, and a message on Joseph and Mary—“LETTING GO OF THE SCRIPT!”

In the Afternoon:

FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP 2:45 PM.

VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP, 4:30 pm.

Youth Christmas party, Saturday night.

COMING UP:

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST BANQUET: 8:30-10:30 next Sabbath. Only one joint worship service at 11:00.

CHRISTMAS EVE: 6-7 pm, Thursday night, December 24, Fellowship Hall, with model trains, great music, a joint service with Los Alamitos Church. Reception, 7-8 pm.

God bless you all!

Pastor Dan