



## Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church Pastor Dan's Newsletter



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Dear Saints of Garden Grove,

Most of you know a group of us are less than two days away from flying literally to the opposite side of the world, to India. And it is has been a great lesson for me again about being *ready*. I tell everybody else to get ready. I send out lists. I put my suitcase out weeks ago, and put stuff into it. I do a few things every day to knock off the checklist. And still—it comes down to racing around to finish everything before the doors close on the plane and you can do no more! We used to sing the songs—"I Wanna Be Ready" "Is My Name Written There?" "Do Lord, Oh, Do Lord, Oh Do Remember me." It's why we are doing a series on Steps to Christ!

**LIGHTS!!** The lights that we raised the money for almost 4 years ago are finally, finally up! I'm sure that there will be more adjustments, but a group of fantastic men have slaved away all week to put up the new smartlights, and we are very excited about the potential. They had to pull back the pews, put up scaffolding, drill holes, put in lag bolts and hang the trusses, hang the lights, attach safety cables, run the electricity, tune the lights—and it all worked! If you see them—bless **David Kharns**, who has led the project. **Josh Tameifuna**. **Tim Parks**. **Craig Wildvank**. And **Carl**, our electrician. And our new friend, a great human being and our consultant, **Dave DeLay**, who I think will be with us tomorrow.

**First Service with Pastor Tony, 9:30**, with his great new series on Genesis, **Origins**. And then you have the chance to join the Discussion and be part of the sermon itself! In our 2<sup>nd</sup> service Worship Celebration we do the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Steps to Christ—"Repentance." Drama, special prayer for the 9 going to India, and a couple pretty special choir songs that will stir up your soul!

There will be **Children's Church with Pastor Sara-May** tomorrow at 11:30 in the Youth Chapel, so take advantage of that. And sneak in a Happy Birthday to her!

**Daniel's 21-day Fast:** We really do hope that many of you are keeping the 21-Day Fast in some way. Everybody can keep it in their own way, listening to the Holy Spirit for yourself, saying "no" to some things in order to say "yes" to more time and heart for God. Read the chapter in Steps to Christ. Read the chapters in Genesis again. Try a new version. Stream a sermon from a favorite preacher from the Internet or listen to a praise set on Pandora. Jesus said, "My Words are Life." It works.

### SAVE THE DATES:

**Pastor Sara-May's Ordination**—Sabbath afternoon, 4 pm, February 27, light reception to follow. In Protestantism ordination doesn't so much "confer" something on somebody, but it "confirms". It is when we say to her—"We can see that you have been called, no one can deny it, God has called you, we have been blessed by who you are and by your ministry"—and you can all come and be part of the crowd that lays hands on her and blesses her for the rest of her life in ministry.

**EASTER REVIVAL: Circle March 25-26. Friday night Passover Service in the Fellowship Hall.** Breakfast Banquet and Worship Celebration Sabbath morning, and a truly Resurrection Hallelujah service at 6 Saturday night celebrating the Resurrection.

Pray for the 10 of us going to Dubai and India. I will speak in Hyderabad next weekend, and then we are at a college and hospital church for a week doing a week of prayer, evangelism, and medical clinics. We're excited, but scared and wanting to do well in lifting up an awesome God of Grace. Our Mission is always to Make God Look Good!

God bless you all!  
Pastor Dan