



Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

Pastor Dan's Newsletter



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Dear Saints of OC GRACE!

As Sabbath holy time slides over us, maybe you will let me share some of the gifts and blessings of this week, and give some updates on progress.

Video Ministry—the studio is up and running. We are tentatively calling it “OC GRACE TV”. We have taped 8 10-minute messages, “GODTALK,” and will start with other languages this week. Elder Penick and I will begin a series on various aspects of ministry. We had a fantastic meeting with over 30 there last Sabbath, of people thinking of being a part of this very exciting new ministry. **Website**—I saw a “almost there” copy of the new website, and this Tuesday the staff will be coached on how to design their individual ministry pages and we should be ready to launch soon! **Basketball Court**—nearly \$8500 was raised over the last week to cover some of the extra costs that have showed up. We have about 12 more slots for bricks if you would still like to sponsor one. The lighting contractor/president found a way to save us \$1600. We have permits for everything, the hoops have been ordered, and the lights will be shortly. We will dig July 12. **VBS** is getting ready, for July 11. **Youth Intern**—Andrew Goorhuis, a junior theology student at La Sierra, has agreed to come work with Pastor Sara and Nathan with youth this summer. And Amanda Sitala will be helping a few hours a week with Children’s Ministry. **Children’s Wing**—has been totaled repainted, and crackles with new life and energy. All the renters love it, and we hope to “dedicate” it between SS and Second Service next Sabbath, June 4. **Thailand** is in the final legs of moving money around the world to evangelistic and construction sites over there, and 138 are getting ready to. Go. A special donation came in for mics and spotlights for that, and future trips. At the same time, the **Vietnamese Fellowship** is in serious negotiations about their own mission trip to Vietnam in March, 2017, and a wonderful donation showed up to support that. And our group from **Panama** for summer 2018.

THIS WEEK—we start our own graduations. 8th Grade is Thursday night, and the Academy is over next weekend. Our own “graduation” recognition service is Second Service, next Sabbath, June 4. The Personnel Committee is way down the road on selecting and calling a new principal—please pray earnestly that the right match comes to lead our school to the next level.

SERVICES—**First Service** is at 9:30, with Pastor Tony speaking, and **Second Service** at 11:30, with Pastor Sara-May preaching (on the Burning Bush portion of the Stained Glass Windows in front). With an absolutely terrific singing group coming, led by **Sergio Leiva**, coming for Second Service, and they will bring life to your spiritual soul! A wonderful Vietnamese lady made her decision to be baptized last week at our meetings, after maybe 2 years of trying to decide, and she will be baptized tomorrow.

Memorial Day—we will also, of course, be honoring our past and current military members, and all who have lost a family member during the last year.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER is next Sabbath after our “Graduation Sabbath”.

DEDICATION—All Sabbath Schools need to close right at 11:15 next Sabbath, June 4, and crowd into the SS Wing, for a short but spirited Dedication of our “new”, much brighter, corridor where kids find God!

WORLD REFUGEE DAY: 5 pm next Saturday afternoon, there will be a great celebration focusing on and supporting refugees and immigrants, at Pearson Park Amphitheater, Anaheim.. The refugee crisis is serious around the world, we have several young people very passionate about it, and we all need to be. This is a chance to actually do something about it—5:00 to 6:30 pm, fun, and sponsored by groups all over Orange County.

Have a great Sabbath!
Pastor Dan