



Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

Pastor Dan's Newsletter



June 10, 2016

Dear Saints!

There is a flurry around our house, like many houses this weekend, because we have a son graduating. The Consecration service is at 8, and we come to the end of a particular era, and he and all other graduates walk through that door into the next arena of their lives, and we all wait to see how it all turns out! And congratulations to Diane Castellon, and Andrea Shields, and Nathan Browne, and to all the others who are graduating this weekend, and others over the next few days.

Here are some of the quick updates: 1. Thank you to all who signed up to sponsor a brick for the **basketball court!** We hope against hope that we have enough now, but if you were still hoping to get in on it we will not refuse you! 2. The new **website** is into a series of final revisions, and we are very excited about what will be launched soon. 3. A **Strategic Plan** process is continuing, and we think you will be thrilled as the church focuses on a one-year, three-year, and five-year Master Plan, as we hopefully hear the Whisper of God guiding the team and then the rest of the congregation. 4. The **Thailand Mission Trip** is in its last days of preparation, with 137 committed to going. There will be a special prayer next Sabbath, and then Sunday morning the 19th we gather at Orangewood to board the bus and go. There are serious challenges over there in getting permission for our medical people the freedom to serve, so keep that in prayer. 5. **Elizabeth "Libett" Munoz Beard** has accepted the position as the new Orangewood Academy principal. She comes from being the Vice-Principal at Loma Linda Academy, and is the niece of our own Hugo and Yolande Leon. She will start sometime around July 1. We are thrilled that we found her at this late date, she interviewed terrific, and we hope that her time at OA will be a great blessing to our school.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—Starts Sunday, July 10.

BIBLES—If you would like free Bibles to give away to someone in your life, see Bob Maukovich after church at the Concierge Desk, place your order, and within a day or two he can get them for you.

WORSHIP SERVICES: **Pastor Sara-May** will speak for First Service at 9:30. She flies out Sunday night to go to the Philippines before joining us in Thailand. She and some partners have an exciting non-profit ministry there, and she will spend a week pouring into that first. I have the message for Second Service, with what I hope will be some exciting new ideas about the **WHEAT & TARES** parable and a very different way of seeing the Judgment.

ICE CREAM at the Refreshment Stand on your way home after Church!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: 11:30, Youth Chapel, which will include the Promotion / Graduation of young people from one Division to the next, followed by a potluck in the patio behind the Youth Chapel for the children and their families.

VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP: 4:30 pm, in the Youth Chapel, and I have the message this Sabbath.

FILIPINO CELEBRATION—Come celebrate with our Filipino Fellowship at 7:30 for a great program, music, dancing (with two pastors involved!), and dinner!

God bless you, and have a great Sabbath!
Pastor Dan