



Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

Pastor Dan's Newsletter



July 15, 2016

Happy Sabbath, Everybody!

VBS: In a few minutes the last night of Vacation Bible School will roll! It has been a terrific week. Over 80-different children have come at least once, and averaging well over 50 every night. Thank you to Denise Naranjo, Shana Naranjo, leaders, and Amanda Sitala, our Children's Ministry leader, and their great team.

They will come and sing and show pictures of their week during Second Service, and we will receive a love offering for them at the door as everybody leaves.

ARMOUR POTTER: Pastor Potter was an associate pastor at GGSDA for a time, and then for the last few years, in retirement, at the Costa Mesa Church. He passed away last week after a battle with cancer. We give our condolences to his family, and if you knew them and would like to show your support by going to the service, it will be at the Costa Mesa Church at 3 pm tomorrow, Sabbath afternoon, 271 Avocado Street, Costa Mesa.

BEACH VESPERS: We live so close to the beach, and yet get there so little! We had to fly to Thailand to spend any time walking on a beach! Family Life has planned a beach vespers, next Sabbath, July 23. The tent will be up by 3:30, we will have a pit and campfire, supper at 6, vespers and guitars and short worship at 7. We really hope that most of you will come down and spend a couple great Sabbath hours with us!

SERVICES:

OC GRACE FIRST: 9:30 in the morning, Fellowship Hall, and I have the message—"WHEN JESUS WENT TOO FAR!"--by request wrestling with the great questions—How should Christians feel about those who are doing these crazy, terrible acts in the world—and what about some of the people right around us who can make life difficult?! Jesus said—"Love Your Enemies"—How serious was He about that?

SECOND SERVICE: 11:30—Pastor Tony launches a new series on "**MIRACLES**"—looking at some of the greatest miracles in the Bible. He is starting off with the one where Joshua asked God to "STOP THE SUN". How much can we expect and pray for today? Will there be more miracles in the Last Days? If we had more faith or prayed harder would there be more now? Those are questions we will look at throughout the summer series.

FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP: 2:30, in the Youth Chapel.

VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP: 4:30, in the Youth Chapel.

BARBECUE: The whole church is invited to a barbecue at 7:15 in the parking lot behind the church, and then to watch a family movie after sundown. These have been huge successes, but not everybody knew about it, so you're invited and we'd love to have you join us!

ORANGEWOOD ACADEMY: Our new principal is on board, and getting ready for the next school year. If you would like for your children/young people to go, but could use some help from your church family, write us a little note. Sheets will be available at the Concierge Desk starting next week.

ELDER PENICK—has been asked to serve as the interim pastor at Anaheim Sunkist while they are searching for a new permanent pastor. He hopes, and we hope, that they find one in a few weeks. He will still stay in touch with us, and attend our staff meetings, and is still fully a part of GGSDA-/OC GRACE—but we are sharing him with our sister church for a few weeks!

COMING UP:

July 30—Some of our highlight music and pictures from the Thailand trip will be part of our Church service.

August 6—Pastor Sara-May and our summer intern, Andrew Goorhuis, will be sharing the sermon for that day, and then there will be a Potluck/Fellowship Dinner upstairs.

September 17—**ALL DAY REVELATION SEMINAR** with Dr. Jon Paulien.

Basketball Court—We are down to the final few contracts to sign before we start construction. We hope, hope, hope, that we can begin within two weeks. We are trying very hard to get a Best Practices court but with the most efficient use of the money we have! We think it is going to be terrific. The lights are here, the hoops are here. Hopefully we can dedicate it late August early September and get the wall up with all of your bricks soon after!

Have a great weekend, everybody!

Pastor Dan