



Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

Pastor Dan's Newsletter



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Dear OC Grace /GGSDA Church Family—

The candidates have been chosen. The speeches have been made, the facts have been checked, balloons have come down, Now they're out looking for votes. But so is God! Every week—somebody walks in who wants to study, who has questions, who is open to study. And God uses us to make a speech about Him that hopefully will get them to vote for God! But then there's the Other Side, that can't stand it to lose one single person to Him, and plots every day to attack and get people to switch their votes back to him. And there are just moments when it is your turn to step into the spotlight and say something or do something or give something or touch someone and defend God. It's a special honor.

The Sabbath is almost here—may the Blessing that is always offered be taken and felt!

Here is the DAY tomorrow—

OC GRACE FIRST—9:30 am, just a wonderful, fantastic service week after week, and another powerful message filled with what Pastor Tony has studied all through the week. AND a prop that the tech team has been working on all week! Wait 'til you see this!

SABBATH SCHOOL: 10:30 am—If you haven't been taking advantage of this—there is really a terrific variety of classes—Pastor Tom Neslund in the North Room, Sam and Michele Lopez in Pastor Tony's office, Arthur Kiziak in my office, Brazilian Fellowship in Portuguese in the Studio, the Filipino Fellowship in their two rooms, Young Adult upstairs, Youth in the Youth Chapel, and the Pastor's Bible Class in the Pathfinder Room—besides all of the Children's Divisions, which are really going well in their "new" wing.

SECOND SERVICE: 11:30-12:35, with the Thailand praise team blending with our regular All-Star praise team, a really special Drama, the Men's Group singing "Alpha & Omega," from the Gaither Vocal Band, a short clip of new pictures from Thailand and singing "Worthy Is the Lamb"—leading into the sermon, #2 in our summer series on MIRACLES—"NEVER THIRST AGAIN!"—about the miracle of hitting the rock and water coming rushing out. What can we expect God to do, for us, today? Where is our Stick, and where is our Rock? God solved their problem—what about us? With the Rock on the platform to recreate the whole setting!

FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP: 2:30, In the Youth Chapel, with a special guest, Ricky Rosales. There was a great group there last Sabbath. The Fellowship also has a Baby Shower planned, and a Picnic on Sunday, and a great campout coming up in 2 weeks.

VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP: 4:30, Youth Chapel—virtually a full house every Sabbath now, just a great group.

UPDATES: The Committee hopes to take the final votes on the Basketball Court project details this Tuesday night. We had a great meeting with the City Building people this week about our Digital Sign. The Kitchen Committee team are deeply immersed in that process. The final corrections for the new Website have been given to the designers. Grace University had a full room for our taping Wednesday night, learning how to be lay Bible workers for God, every Wednesday night, 7:30. We elected Wes Sitala as the new Men's Ministry Leader this week, and he is filled with ideas and dreams for that ministry, and we added 4 young adults to the Church Board. A special showing of a new film featuring the life of Desmond Doss will be shown this week, and they have invited a few of us to be a focus group in a pre-view, before the official opening this fall—covering his experience in rescuing many soldiers under fire during World War II. The Youth Group went to Six Flags this week, and have another great outing this Tuesday—get your youth to sign up!

God bless have a great Sabbath and weekend!

Pastor Dan