



# Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

## Pastor Dan's Newsletter



August 5, 2016

Dear Saints—

We pray that the week has been blessed, for you—even if there were some challenges! We have had people ask us to pray for their health, for their court situation, for finances to get into school, and for a job. Everybody has something where they feel that need God to step in and use His wisdom and power to make it better. Which is why we are studying MIRACLES for our summer series! Tomorrow it is the miracle in Mark 8 where Jesus touched the man's eyes twice, in order for him to see clearly. Why would Jesus need to do it twice, when He has the power to do it right the first time in a split second?

We have the usual slate of worship services tomorrow:

**OC GRACE FIRST**, contemporary worship, with Pastor Tony, 9:30 am, FH

**SECOND SERVICE**, in the Sanctuary, with praise and drama—11:30.

**FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP AY SERVICE**—Youth Chapel, 2:30 pm

**VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP**—Youth Chapel, 4:30 pm, I have the message.

**POTLUCK TOMORROW!** Join us upstairs right after Second Service, bring something to contribute if you can, and we'll serve some summer ice cream for dessert on top of everything else!

**PATHFINDERS & ADVENTURERS SIGNUP:** We are excited about the coming season, and there will be signup tables outside by the Refreshment Stand.

**TUITION AID:** It's August already, and if you could use some help from your church family to have your child or children attend, pick up one of the request forms at the Concierge Desk after church.

**YOUTH CAMPING:** Sunday to Tuesday, San Onofre. Sign up with Pastor Sara-May or Andrew Goorhuis if you have a youth who had like to go. Pretty cool, to camp close to the beach, without a huge long drive somewhere!

A group of nearly 25 of us had a great new experience to go on a deep sea fishing charter boat over to Catalina last Sunday! I rode along to see how it all worked. Not everyone caught something, with several jokes about it being the vegetarians' fault(!)—but everybody had a new experience, there is a great camaraderie among the fishermen on the boat, and it was terrific to spend a day on the ocean.

**HACKSAW RIDGE:** A group of us were invited to see an early screening of a new movie that will be coming out November 4. It is a mainstream release but they are certainly hoping that the faith community will come out to see it. It is the story of **Desmond Doss**, a Seventh-day Adventist, who still is the only conscientious objector to have ever won a Congressional Medal of Honor for bravery and courage under fire, for saving 75 men by lowering them over the Ridge while under fire. It is directed by Mel Gibson, so there are his usual fairly violent but very realistic scenes from the terrible fighting on this Ridge. But the parts where his heroism were shown were simply fantastic. Everybody will have to make their own decision on whether they want to see it, see the reviews, etc. They have tried to keep the language clean, and it is very clear that he was an Adventist, going to church, reading the Bible, and taking a stand for his beliefs about using a gun in war. We were all asked to fill out a survey, and evidently they have made some changes already based on the reactions of the faith focus groups. It will be interesting to see what the reaction will be when it is released across the country.

Have a great weekend, everybody!

Pastor Dan