



Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

Pastor Dan's Newsletter



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Dear Saints of OC GRACE!

God gave me another illustration of the incredible power of grace yesterday! I had to have a short dental surgery procedure, but it meant general anesthesia. So they start the IV and I'm breathing oxygen and they're talking around me—then all of a sudden they are putting me in a wheelchair and it's all done and I'm on my way home (you aren't supposed to drive for 24 hours). But there's about an hour there where I remember nothing. My son tells me I talked to them, I answered their questions. They told me what they had done, they gave me instructions on what I couldn't eat—I remember none of it. I don't remember going out the door, I don't remember the drive home, I don't remember walking into the house or being put to bed! It's just gone!

Which is what God says—"I will remove it as far as the east is from the west, to the bottom of the ocean, I will remember your sins no more!" They're gone. He can't remember them. So where's the drug that wipes them out of our memory?!

THE BIG EVENTS OF THE WEEKEND:

CHOIR: The Choir starts up again tonight, and Elder Penick is back with us at least for this weekend! 7:30 tonight in the SS Wing, first door to the left. We have a great choir with a magnificent Director—if you've been thinking about joining, why not just go ahead and come down tonight! I'll see you there!

REVELATION ONE-DAY SEMINAR: The day we have been waiting for—a giant scholar on the book of Revelation, with a long list of books—is in our building—for four great messages on Revelation. You will get a huge overview in just half a day—get up and get it all. Dr. Paulien has produced a whole series of videos on Revelation, and is widely considered the premier scholar on Revelation in our church.

1. 9:30 FIRST SERVICE—same music and everything else—

Dr. Paulien's #1: **"TERMINATING THE MATRIC: REVELATION 13 FOR TODAY"**

2. 11:30 SECOND SERVICE—"THE LAST SABBATH"

POTLUCK UPSTAIRS

3. 2:30: "THE OPEN REMNANT"

4. 3:45: "A REMNANT RE-WRITE OF HISTORY"

Benediction—between 4:45 and 5:00.

POTLUCK: Pick something up and contribute to the great, white-tablecloth luncheon tomorrow. The theme is great pastas and salads, bread rolls, for an Italian feel. Bring enough for your own family and a little more! Make a day of this. There are some great desserts being added—it will be a special, comfort-food day!

FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP will join the Revelation Seminar.

VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP will meet at 4:30 in the Youth Chapel.

WELLSTART starts Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall. Track 1 is for those who have some numbers they want to bring down, and there will be appointments for your blood work and getting all the baseline numbers together so the doctors and everybody can personalize your health plan so you can be in terrific shape in 12 weeks. Track 2 is for those of us who just want to get better. Sign up at the table.

PATHFINDERS / TEEN CONFERENCE: In 2 weeks our teens and the Pathfinder Leadership are going up to Pine Springs Ranch for their conference. We have 4 teens who really need a sponsor to be able to go--**\$120 each**. If anybody can help sponsor one, or even half of one, please let me know, or Rose or Sal Briceno. They are great kids, it is a fantastic weekend for them, and they really want to go. You can put it in the Pathfinder Fund line on the envelope, but let us know so we can be sure they can go.

FEEDING THE HOMELESS: A group of us from my SS Class are hoping to go feed the homeless in Santa Ana after Second Service next week, Sept. 24. If you would like to join us, let us know!

UPDATE: Things are happening everywhere. The new **website** is days away from being launched. The **chapel at Orangewood** is almost done with their \$1.2 million renovation and is going to look fantastic—we had a tour this week. They are hoping to be ready for Alumni Weekend Oct. 15. The pastoral staff and Vision Council are working on some great **strategic plans** that will bless the church and take us to the next level. Pray for them. A great **group of parents** are meeting by themselves every week that the Pathfinders and Adventurers are meeting. Pastor Tony started a very exciting new way of doing small groups, hosting several of them at the same time using the latest technology and **Google Hangout**. Great, great stuff.

God bless you all, and have a great weekend!

Pastor Dan