



Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

Pastor Dan's Newsletter



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Dear Friends—

One of my oldest friends, a fellow pastor, forwarded a document coming out of the General Conference this week. None of us had heard anything about it. And overnight it has just exploded. I did chapel at Orangewood today, and a teacher pulled me aside and asked—“My students are asking about something with the North American Division—what’s going on?” How can something go around the world that fast? It’s heartbreaking, it’s crazy, it’s shocking, it’s exciting, it’s a sign of the times—and it could potentially affect a lot of us here in southern California.

Obviously there are many questions, but I will try to put some perspective on it in the sermon tomorrow. Revelation is being fulfilled as we speak. Our General Conference has their Fall Annual Council next week, and it will be very, very interesting to see what happens.

Pastor Sara is speaking for FIRST SERVICE, I have SECOND SERVICE with candles, and one of the best versions of Amazing Grace that you will ever hear—and a procession down the aisle. Don’t miss!

The Fellowship Dinner has been postponed until November, in favor of:

INTERNATIONAL BANQUET: Next Saturday night, Oct. 8, 6:30 pm. Food from 20 cultures, music, dances, costumes from everywhere—a great fun annual night at OC GRACE!

FEARLESS REVELATION: Verse-by-verse study, Thursday night, 7:30 pm, as part of OC Grace University.

CONFERENCE MEETING: Inbetween our five-year elections, the Conference holds Mid-Session meetings. Ours is this week. Everybody is invited.

THURSDAY NIGHT, OCT. 6
7-9 pm, Anaheim Sunkist
900 S. Sunkist, Anaheim

The Conference has put a lot of effort into a new Strategic Plan. Several of us were invited to various task forces that met to discuss youth ministry, evangelism, etc., and the Conference has taken all of that input and we will get a progress report this week. The task forces were well done, and I’m excited to see what our Conference has put together for our future. Our Conference has been a leader in many areas for a long time, and we are praying that these plans will take our church to the next level in making an impact on southeastern California and set a standard for the world church to follow.

MISCELLANEOUS: Don’t forget to help sponsor a Pathfinder. The final vote for the basketball court was passed this week, so the groundbreaking should be very soon, and 3 weeks later there should be a court! Orangewood’s new, upgraded chapel should be used for Alumni Day October 15. Our Christmas Banquet will be December 17. October 22 will be a great Sabbath, honoring our kids in Pathfinders and Adventurers, and looking at the Great Disappointment and the Judgment from where we are, 172 years later.

GOD BLESS, everybody, and have a great Sabbath!

Pastor Dan