



# Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

## Pastor Dan's Newsletter



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Dear Saints!

172 years ago tonight there were thousands of people who could hardly wait for the next day to begin. They were absolutely sure they would be in heaven the next day. There are estimates that 1 out of 10 were part of the Advent Millennial movement, expecting Jesus to come and “cleanse the Sanctuary” and take them home. It didn’t happen. Then I was told, 52 years ago, that maybe He would come back in **1964**, 120 years after 1844—because “as it was in the days of Noah” maybe it happen again. Then in **1988** people thought, maybe 100 years after the famous General Conference Session in Minneapolis. Or **Y2K**, the night we turned the Millennium—6000 years after the Creation of the world!

But here we are—172 years after the Great Disappointment. Every rumor of a Sunday Law, every rumor of a new war in the Middle East, ever huge disaster—preachers say, “This is it”—but none of it has been it yet. But, someday—one night—it will be “it”! And our elections won’t matter, our mortgages won’t matter, what’s wrong physically with us won’t matter—and the Great Disappointment will finally be over. Amen and Amen.

**TITHES & OFFERINGS:** Just a brief reminder to stay in the middle of the blessing of God with your faithful tithes and offerings. We hope and pray for 10% tithes and 3% Church Budget from all who see themselves as part of the worldwide Adventist Church and our own GGSDA / OC GRACE Church. We are doing our very best to be an impacting, Acts 2 Church, and it works if everybody is faithful with giving. God will bless—it’s a promise!

### **TOMORROW:**

**9:30am: OC GRACE FIRST**—upstairs in the Fellowship Hall, with Pastor Tony preaching: “**Walking in Defeat,**” on the spiritual gifts of encouragement and shepherding.

**11:30am: SECOND SERVICE**—A big day, with a parade of Pathfinders and Adventurers in full dress uniform and their leaders and flags and everything—all part of their annual **Induction Service**.

\*\*All “Alumni” Pathfinders are invited and encouraged to wear their uniforms tomorrow—or at least the scarf, something!—in honor of the fantastic tradition of Pathfinding.

The sermon is “**Here Comes the Judge!**”, a homily on all the questions people have about God has the almighty JUDGE and the Final Judgment. The 3 Angels’ Messages are all supposed to be Good News—about “**The Hour of His Judgment is Come**”—**how in the world can that be Good News?!**

**FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP, 2:30, and VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP, 4:30,** and I happen to be speaking for both of them this week.

### **COMING UP:**

**Gary Bonner Singers**—One of the favorite Sabbaths for many of us—is next Sabbath, October 29, during Second Service.

**Jack Sequera**—one of the best speakers on the Gospel during the 80s and 90s was Dr. Jack Sequera. He is good friends with one of our families, and he has agreed to come speak during SS next Sabbath, Pathfinder Room. 10:40 to 11:25. Several other SS classes will cancel to come here him.

**POTLUCK: November 12, Thanksgiving Theme**

**BBQ and Movie Night—5:30 pm next Saturday night,** the whole church is invited—back parking lot.

**INTERNATIONAL BANQUET**—Thank you to everybody who came, but especially a thank you to all who brought food, helped with a booth, and performed in the terrific program. It was a great, great night, with like 400plus here!

God bless, everybody!

Pastor Dan