



# Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

## Pastor Dan's Newsletter



November 4, 2016

Happy Sabbath!

Just before I head out to be with the Pathfinders at their Camporee in Riverside, and then to a special Bible study—let me send out this Pastor's Newsletter.

Tonight is the opening of the movie, **HACKSAW RIDGE**. It is a great, great story about an Adventist, Desmond Doss, a true hero who lowered 75 men down the Maeda Escarpment in Okinawa during WW II and was the first conscientious objector to receive the Medal of Honor. A few of us had the chance to preview the movie. It's a great, incredible story, but before you go understand that it is filled with the violence of war, and be sure that you have all your spiritual filters up to not let all that contaminate your soul, like Daniel and the lions thousands of years ago! ! We will respect everybody who decides not to go, and those who decide to go. The Church and a few donors will be buying 2000 copies of the missionary, book, **Hero of Hacksaw Ridge**, that Remnant Publications, an Adventist publisher, is putting out. We hope to have them for you next Sabbath, for you to read, and a few copies to give to anyone who you talk with about it. We hope to send 1000 out with the Pathfinders during their food drive for Thanksgiving. It is a few of the best chapters from the original book, **The Unlikeliest Hero**, by Herndon, along with 30 pages by Doug Batchelor explaining "the faith of the man," sharing the Adventist beliefs that made Doss take his stand. If anyone would like to buy more, they are \$.99 each.

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: Next Sabbath, Nov. 12—we will have Potluck—AND we will start taking pictures for a new Pictorial Directory. If you would like to have a picture of your family a bit dressed up, for Christmas or whatever, be ready—we will have several photographers ready, backdrops, and in minutes you can have several pictures taken, you chose the best one for our directory and wall display, and you can get a copy made for your Christmas card or whatever.**

### **SERVICES TOMORROW:**

**9:30am, OC GRACE First Service**, with Pastor Tony looking at the spiritual gift of Wisdom—if you could use wisdom—this should be a pretty relevant message for you.

**11:30am, SECOND SERVICE**, we will have the Praise Team, Drama, candles—as we look at the issue of the REMNANT CHURCH—do we still believe that God sees the Adventist Church as something special? Are we the only ones? The 144,000? Will everyone have to become Adventists to be saved? Candles, great music, and the Communion Table at the end of the service to cap it all off.

**\*\*\*Homemade Carrot Cake for everybody after church!**

**2:30pm, FILIPINO SERVICE, and 4:30, VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP**, also serving Communion.

We have nothing to urge, we know we have church members on all sides of the current issues in the larger world Church—but if you wish to stay abreast of what is happening, you can go to the Adventist Today website, and the editor and others have been writing a daily report on the meetings of the North American Division year-end meetings. Of local relevance, a motion was made by the president of La Sierra University, that the Division go on record as asking that the General Conference list the president of our Conference, Elder Sandy Roberts, in the SDA Yearbook, and give her the same credentials at General Conference and other meetings as all other elected Conference presidents receive. That recommendation passed by a large margin, but of course nobody knows how the General Conference will respond.

Happy Sabbath again, everybody!

Pastor Dan