



Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

Pastor Dan's Newsletter



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Happy Sabbath, Everybody!

One of the great purposes of the Sabbath is to have at least a weekly reminder—"Oh, yeah—God!" There is a God, there is a heaven, and He says, "Come unto Me, all who are weary and heavy laden"—and invites you to roll, roll your burdens away on Him. So however the election turned out for you—whether you're celebrating or a little bit sad--we give our country and its future over to God, and pray that somehow a government will be formed with all the right checks and balances, and people will listen to their best angels and do the business of the people and work to make things better for our country.

Pictorial Directory: There are still three or four slots open for tomorrow. If you'd like to get it done, and get a great picture of your family you can use—email Silvano Briceno, at office@gardengrovesda.com, even now, and you can get your picture taken right after church. They are expecting to take less than 10 minutes per family, so get a drink at Eleveses and get it done!

First Service: Pastor Tony, on the spiritual gift of **Mercy: "Mosh Pits, Conscientious Cooperators, and Letters Home"**.

Second Service: Revelation 13: "It Doesn't Matter". Another sermon that should probably best be preached by someone already retired (!)—as we wrestle with finding a balance between how the Two Beasts of Revelation 13 have always been interpreted, and some of the new ideas that key writers have been proposing that include the traditional but go further into the Last Days. Is it right to point out another Christian Church as the Beast? Is there only one true fulfillment of the Beast, or are there others? Is it really possible that our country, with its commitment to religious and political freedom, would give all that up and become another Beast in Revelation, and turn to power and control and coercion in the Last Days?

POTLUCK: Thanksgiving Decorations and Fellowship Dinner upstairs after Second Service and after you take your pictures!

Hacksaw Ridge: If the books come in tomorrow morning, we will go out right after potluck for maybe 45 minutes and leave bags with the gift book and a card on the doorstep of a few hundred homes around the church. There will also be the chance to take a few home to give to those who you know, who have seen the movie and might like to know more about the story and what we believe and stand for.

Updates: We received the latest draft of the new **website** this week. Plans were laid for some great **Christmas programs**. The studio (OC GRACE TV) is taping shows almost every day. OC Grace University software is set up, and we are uploading classes already. A huge **conference on the Character of God** and the Atonement on the Cross is set up for **October 12-14, 2017**, with some of the finest speakers and writers on the Character of God committed to coming for it. Circle it on your calendar—no trips, no vacations, no weddings, no funerals—don't let anything keep you from this major event in the life cycle of our church. We hope to come out with a book and video and have a great attendance from all over for this weekend.

Don't forget **Wellstart**, don't forget the **cooking class** Sunday. Pray that the books come on the truck in the morning! God bless you all!

Pastor Dan