



# Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

## Pastor Dan's Newsletter



December 9, 2016

Happy Sabbath!

One more short note for the Sabbath weekend at GGSDA / OC GRACE.

**OC GRACE FIRST:** 9:30 am, with Pastor Sara-May sharing some new ideas she has been working through with the story of the miracle of the Virgin Birth.

**SECOND SERVICE:** 11:30am, the Finale of the Revelation Series, on Revelation 21 and 22, the last chapters of the Bible, where John describes Heaven and the New Earth. It has been amazing, as I felt like I was living in the atmosphere of heaven itself, reading these two chapters over and over again. A special heavenly treat after church! The special gift for first-time visitors this week is the brand-new book on the Lord's Prayer by Gary Taber, the pastor at Corona.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY / CONCERT: 6:30pm.** Instead of our traditional Christmas Eve program, we have put together a terrific night upstairs. A special guest group singing carols on the landing as you come in, **one hour** of just the best music we could find, everybody singing secular and sacred carols with Tim Parks on the piano, a Children's story, **a special gift** for the first 30 kids and maybe a few more!

AND then **CHOCOLATE** everywhere—Chocolate towers and fruit, Hilda's chocolate tower, chocolate cookies and cupcakes, and several terrific soups.

**NEXT SABBATH: Christmas Breakfast Brunch**, 8:30-10:30 upstairs, December 17. No Sabbath Schools, just come and enjoy this long-time Garden Grove tradition, led this year by Chloe Riddle and her great team.

Then a joint Worship Service downstairs 11:00 to 12:25, with our choir's very best, a fantastic Christmas carol praise set led by the praise teams and bands from both main worship services, and then Pastor Tony and I will share the message, on "**THE JESUS QUESTIONS**". Is it appropriate to use words like "only" and "best" with Jesus? Is Jesus really the *only* way to God? Is He the Best Picture of God? Who says so? Can we really be sure? There are a lot of good people out there in the world who have nothing to do with Jesus. What about them?

This is a great chance to invite a seeker to come, and every first time visitor will get a special gift, the book "THE CASE FOR CHRIST," by Lee Strobel.

(Chloe is asking that if you know you have a dish in the refrigerators / freezers / cupboards in the kitchen, you need to get it this weekend, because they will need all the space available for the Banquet—thanks!)

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS:** Both the Vietnamese Fellowship and Filipino Fellowship will have their Christmas programs that Saturday night, December 17.

**ORANGEWOOD ACADEMY: Elementary concert, 7 pm, Thursday night, Dec. 15.**

**CHRISTMAS EVE: Sabbath morning, December 24:** Two services as usual, with both having great Christmas programs. At Second Service it will be darkened, with candlelight, just like the traditional Christmas Eve service, with really a great set of Christmas music groups leading worship.

**DECEMBER GIVING:** We are praying that the whole congregation, of each worship service, will be thoughtful as you prepare your year-end giving, both 10% tithe, and at least 3-4% Church Budget. It takes everybody being faithful to that, to do all that the Church tries to do, for kids in the classrooms, to support Orangewood Academy, to run our food pantry, and to keep our church maintained with excellence. Finish well!

God bless you all!  
Pastor Dan