

Pastor Dan's Newsletter



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I'm sure that most of you have watched some portion of the transition of power in the US today. Whatever your personal beliefs and preferences are, the Bible calls us to pray for our leaders, and so we will pray that God will use the new government for good.

I took my World Religion class to a mosque today, and our congressman from this district was also there, and our class had a chance to ask him several questions. He made quite an eloquent speech about the future of America, and said some very nice things about Adventists and La Sierra University. He referenced how his family, Japanese-American, ended up in one of the "camps" during World War II, and how we need to be a country of religious freedom, inclusivity, and respect. It was a great learning experience for our Honors students.

SPECIAL EVENTS TOMORROW: We have UNITED, a wonderful group of young people from La Sierra University, will be leading our worship in Second Service. A number of the ones who blessed us Christmas Sabbath are part of this group, led by Sergio Leiva. this will be a highlight Sabbath you don't want to miss!

BAPTISM: Two very special young women, Tiffany Vo and Ariana Ojeda, are getting baptized in a private service tomorrow, but we will welcome them and show pictures during both services. They are just terrific people, and we hope you will find them and welcome them to the Church.

VALENTINE'S BANQUET--The Pathfinders are asking that you Save the Date of February 11, Saturday night, for a great night in the Fellowship Hall. (Note: The Talent Show at Orangewood Academy has been moved to March so there is no conflict.)

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Evelyn Nyman, a former member at Garden Grove who has been more recently at Los Alamitos, passed away, and the service is tomorrow at 3 pm at Los Alamitos SDA Church.

DANIEL 21-DAY FAST: "Dear Church Families, Happy Sabbath! I just want to share one of my favorite psalms with you. "I lift up my eyes to You, O God, enthroned in heaven. We keep looking to the LORD our God for His mercy, just as servants keep their eyes on their master, as a slave girl watches her mistress for the slightest signal. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy, for we have had our fill of contempt!" Psalm 123

Stay strong! I know it's raining but if you're coming to Church tomorrow I would love to hear your story and your journey on this fast. God bless! Lesieli Tameifuna"

Pastor Toan of our Vietnamese Fellowship is now over in Vietnam with his wife visiting family and preparing for our crusades in March, but Pastor Ed Carcelar has returned from his three weeks in the Philippines, his first time back after many years.

God bless you all!

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