

message and thursday

welcome message from pastor dan



It is here, and you are here! This has been a dream for a long time, to get a group of people and speakers passionate about the Character of God all together for a weekend, to present the clearest messages they have, and see where God takes it.

We are all bound together by the longing to speak well of God, to make God look God, and to understand the Cross in a way that does not go against a loving and gracious God. But we all have our own

ways of answering the question *Why Did Jesus Have to Die?* and we just wanted to hear as many of those as possible and see where our best ideas overlap!

We are thrilled that you are here. Pray for this weekend! Read, listen, take notes, talk to the presenters, ask questions, and see if God will give us another Martin Luther moment to take the Character of God message to the next level!

God bless!

Pastor Dan

THURSDAY

Lunch - 12:30pm to 1:45pm (All Invited)

Study Session 1 - 2:00pm to 5:30pm

Introduction

Tim Jennings - 2:15pm

Growing Up in Christ: The Atonement through the 7 Levels of Moral Development

Q & A - 2:40pm

Alden Thompson - 2:50pm

The Substitutionary Theme in Scripture

Q & A - 3:15pm

Break - 3:25pm

Herb Montgomery - 3:35pm

The Cross and the Lynching Tree

Q & A - 4:00pm

Jon Paulien - 4:10pm

God Meets People Where They Are - The extreme flexibility of God

Q & A - 4:35pm

Break - 4:45pm

Arla Caraboolad - 4:55pm

Good News That's Bigger Than the Cross

Q & A - 4:35pm

Dinner - 5:30pm (All Invited)

Plenary Session - 7:15 to 9:10

Worship - 7:15pm

Smith, Dan - 7:25pm

Introduction: Why Did Jesus Have to Die?

Paulien, Jon - 7:35pm

The Scandal of the Cross

Montgomery, Herb - 8:05pm

What If Jesus Had Been a Woman?

All Presenters Panel Discussion - 8:30pm

speakers



Arla Caraboolad, LMFT, CFLE

Arla Caraboolad has been studying the Bible for 60 years both formally and informally. Her emphasis now is on intimacy with God. Her passion is to get people reading scripture and find it engaging, even fun and easy to understand, but especially to see a good God that they fall in love with and truly want to

be with now and forever. She hopes her writing will make people long to have a real and personal love relationship with God--all three of Them.



Timothy R. Jennings, M.D.,

is a board-certified Christian psychiatrist, master psychopharmacologist, international speaker, a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, and Fellow of the Southern Psychiatric Association. An author of five books, Dr. Jennings is in private practice in Chattanooga, Tennessee. and is President and

Founder of Come and Reason Ministries He has also served as President of the Southern Psychiatric Association and Tennessee Psychiatric Association.



Herb Montgomery,

director of Renewed Heart Ministries, is an author and adult religious re-educator. For over fifteen years, Herb and his wife, Crystal, have shared Jesus' teachings with others in cities and communities across the United States. Herb has an unusual gift for making complex theological and sociological concepts accessible for

the people to whom he speaks.



Jon Paulien, Ph.D.

is Professor of Religion and Dean of the School of Religion at Loma Linda University. Author of more than twenty-five books and more than two hundred articles and other publications, Dr. Paulien is a specialist in the study of the Johannine literature in the New Testament (the Gospel of John and Book of Revelation) and the intersection of faith

with contemporary culture.



Jean Sheldon, Ph.D.

is Professor of Old Testament at Pacific Union College. For her Ph.D., she specialized in comparing the Hebrew Bible with ancient Mesopotamian texts, a study she has continued since.



Alden Thompson, Ph.D.

is a professor emeritus in the Theology Department of Walla Walla University in Washington, but who continues to teach there. He got his doctorate in Edinburgh, and has contributed many books, and was a regular columnist for Signs of the Times and other church periodicals throughout his career. His major contribution was the book

"INSPIRATION," which has become a classic in understanding inspiration and hermeneutics. His series "From Sinai to Golgotha" in the Adventist Review in 1982 was a seminal series about how God takes people in stages in their understanding of Him and truth.



Dr. John Webster, Ph.D.,

is originally from South Africa, and taught for many years at Helderberg College there. But he has been teaching theology and philosophy at La Sierra University in Riverside, and was the Dean of the HMS Richards School of Divinity until recently.

CHARACTER OF GOD CONFERENCE

THE CHARACTER OF GOD AND A NON-VIOLENT ATONEMENT AT THE CROSS

OCTOBER 12-15, 2017

GARDEN GROVE SDA CHURCH

friday

FRIDAY

Study Session - 9:00am - 12:00pm

Worship - 9:00am

Alden Thompson - 9:15am

Substitution as a Demand of the Sinful Human Heart
Q & A - 9:45am

Jean Sheldon - 10:00am

Babylon and the New Jerusalem: Two Models for Atonement"
Q & A - 10:30am

Break - 10:45pm

Dan Smith - 11:00am

I Was Blind, But Now I See!

All Presenters' Panel Discussion - 11:20am

Lunch - 12:00pm-1:30pm (All Invited)

Study Session - 1:30pm -3:30pm

Arla Caraboolad - 1:35pm

Atonement vs. At-one-ment

Q & A: 2:00pm

Jon Paulien - 2:10pm

A Different Kind of War

All Presenters' Panel Discussion - 2:40pm

Plenary Session - 3:30pm to 5:15pm

Worship - 3:30pm

Jean Sheldon 3:40pm

"Two Voices in Conflict: A Canonical Critical Study of Divine Anger"

Round Table Discussion - 4:05pm

Alden Thompson - 4:15pm

The Case for Radical Divine Accommodation in Scripture
Round Table Discussion: 4:05pm

All Presenters' Panel Discussion - 4:50pm

Dinner - 5:30pm (All Invited)

Plenary Session - 7:15pm to 9:05pm

Worship - 7:15pm

Tim Jennings - 7:25pm

What Jesus' Death Accomplished

Jon Paulien - 7:50pm

Romans and The Reformation

Round Table Discussion - 8:20pm

Herb Montgomery - 8:30pm

Substitution and Divine Surrogacy

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OC Grace

First Service

Contemporary Worship Service

9:25am - 10:30AM

Fellowship Hall

Herb Montgomery

First Century, Jewish Good News

Second Service

11:30am

Sanctuary

SONG OF GATHERING GGSDA Praise Team

MORNING HYMNHymn 159

Old Rugged Cross

WELCOME Dan Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP Lisa Bethen

WORSHIP IN MUSICGGSDA Choir

WORSHIP IN PRAYERElizabeth Rodarte

PRAISE AND ADORATION GGSDA Praise Team

WORSHIP IN WORD Herb Montgomery

The Genius of Jesus:

A God of compassion, generosity, forgiveness, and justice

WORSHIP IN GIVINGCarlos Rodarte

OFFERTORY Peter Jarrett

BENEDICTION Alden Thompson

POSTLUDE Carol Meckstroth

Lunch - 1:00pm

Plenary Session 5 - 2:30pm to 5:15pm

Music, Welcome - 2:30pm

Jennings, Tim - 2:40 pm

General Session
Q & A: 3:20pm

Smith, Dan - 3:35pm

Is God Really Good . . . All the Time?

All Presenters' Panel Discussion and Q & A - 4:00pm

Dinner - 5:30pm

sunday

SUNDAY

Plenary Session - 9:00am to 12:00am

Worship - 9:00am

Dan Smith and Tim Jennings - 9:15am

Interview

Dan Smith and Alden Thompson - 9:35am

Interview

John Webster - 9:55am

The Advent as Atonement

Break - 10:30am

All Presenters' Panel Discussion - 10:45am

Wrap-up, Next Steps - 11:45-12:00pm

LUNCH: 12:00-1:30 (All Invited)

upcoming events

Dates	Events
10/14 sat	First Service @ 9:25am in the Fellowship Hall
	Joint Adult Sabbath School Meeting @ 10:30am in the Sanctuary
	Second Service @ 11:30am in the Sanctuary
	Fellowship Dinner @ 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
	Character of God Plenary Session @ 2:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.
	Vietnamese Worship Service @ 4:30pm in the Youth Chapel
10/15 sun	Character of God Plenary Session @ 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall.
	Character of God Lunch @ 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall.
10/17 tue	Finance Committee Meeting @ 7:45pm in the Board Room
10/21 sat	GGSDA/OC Grace 2017 Nominating Committee Report Second Reading
	Ministry Leaders Orientation @ 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
10/28 sat	Joint Adult Sabbath School Meeting @ 10:30am in the Sanctuary
	Gary Bonner Singers @ 11:30 in the Sanctuary
10/31	Church Board Meeting @ 7:45pm in the Board Room