



# The Vision

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"Lifting Up Christ . . . Building Up People"

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## When Jesus Sends Letters to His Church



. On January 13th, Garden Grove welcomed Professor Kendra Haloviak, from the Dept of Religion at La Sierra University. Dr. Haloviak's dissertation focused on the book of Revelation. She presented a wonderful overview of the true theme of the book, Jesus, His love, His grace, His peace, His salvation. This Sabbath service was an inspirational start for our series on the Seven Churches



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On that Sabbath, we also began displaying a series of seven banners, created some years ago to explore the themes in the letters. The creator of the banners, Barbara Djordjevic gave some insight into the creative and spiritual process involved in their making. The banner displayed represented Ephesus.

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Then, for the next seven weeks we will ponder the question: "What is Jesus Calling His Church to Become?" If Jesus sent us a letter how would we respond?



The Revelation was read aloud with John!





## *The Advent Season*

*In the month of December from our special sermon series we were reminded of the joy and the hope of peace that the first Advent did bring.*

*Our Pastors brought us the songs of Advent from Zechariah's song and the song of Mary to the Angels who sang on high, and even what the Wise Men might have sung.*

*Through all the hustle and bustle of the Christmas holidays the Advent candles helped us remember that we are a people with a Blessed Hope . . . It's Advent Season all the time for we look for the soon coming second Advent*

*..... Maranatha*



### *The Class On The Way*



*. . . a class for parents*

*This class, that will begin the first Sabbath in February is not a parenting class, but a Bible class for Parents with Children in Sabbath School.*

*As you make your WAY to Sabbath School with your children, you will find this class for you on the WAY and nearby in the hall of the Sabbath School wing. After you drop off your children for their class, join us in the hall for a stimulating Bible discussion.*

*If your child needs you, you are close by. TIME: Tenth*

*This class will be taught by your Pastoral Staff*

### *Discipleship*

*"Discipleship means living one day at a time as though Jesus were near, near in time, near in place, the witness of our motives, our speech, our behavior. As indeed he is."*

*. . . Brennan Manning*

Have you heard  
Drama Ministry  
is looking for  
actors!



*It is true the new season for the Drama Ministry has begun. And we need Actors, Musicians, Artists, and Set Builders*  
*If you would like to be a part of this very rewarding ministry, call:*

*Thomas Neslund at (949) 581-5513,*



## “Cruise With a Mission”

The collegiate/young adults (18+ yrs.) are planning to go on a combined mission trip, spiritual retreat and seminar to the Caribbean scheduled for December 16-23, 2007. There will be three stops (Belize, Santo Tomas De Castilla and Costa Maya) where they will do mission work for the community during the 10-12 hours per day scheduled stop. The cost of the trip will be approximately \$1800.00 per person.

This trip is open to young adults in the North American Division and is under the direction of Ron Whitehead who is the Director of the Center for Youth Evangelism located at Andrews University. We have 14 young adults plus Genevieve Koh who have signed up for the trip. Genevieve has been asked to be in charge of the general sessions.

This fundraising project has been approved by the Mission Projects Committee and voted by the Church Board. The young people need your support in helping them raise the money needed for the project. They have several fundraising projects in mind which we will make you aware of during the next several months. To begin, they will be available on February 14, at the church, for babysitting so if you would like to go out for Valentines Day but need a babysitter, this is your chance.

If you would like to make a donation to the project, please mark your offering envelope “Cruise.” All checks must be made out to the Garden Grove SDA Church.

Please keep this project in your thoughts and prayers and let our young people know that they have your support.



On December 16th the high school youth displayed their knowledge of the Bible, Christian music videos and game skills at the Virtual Memory Bible Quiz Game Show. Aired on the Trinity Broadcasting Network. Host Jamie Alexander made the game show hilarious and exciting to know Bible Trivia and facts about the Bible. Rumor has it that TBN likes Adventist kids because they “know their Bible.”

We had two teams participate against two teams from the Corona Seventh-day Adventist Church. Both churches had 1 winning team.



*Nadine*

### *A New Year*

*A brand New Year is here for us  
To witness for our Lord...  
A new beginning for us all  
To form a brand new cord  
Of love for one another  
Of kindness and concern  
May our Heavenly Father bless us  
So new lessons we may learn*

*Nadine Moore Accongio*

## ***REVELATION CELEBRATION!***

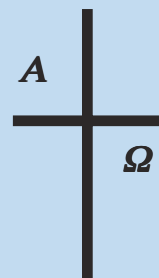
To conclude its series on the Seven Churches of Revelation, the Garden Grove Church will have a celebration of the whole book of Revelation, during our worship hour on ***March 10, 2007.***

We will listen to and speak these great lines of prophecy and hope, words and images that have had much to do with our Adventist sense of identity and mission.

We will seek to follow the instruction of Jesus to each of the seven churches: ***“Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”***

As we listen and speak, we will remember the way Dr. Kendra Haloviak framed this book in her sermon at the beginning of this series:

- \* Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words
- \* Blessed are those who hear it and take it to heart
- \* Grace and peace to you from the seven spirits, and from Jesus Christ
- \* Do not be afraid.



Come, worship and celebrate with us!  
Andy McRae



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