

The Vision

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"Lifting Up Christ . . . Building UP People"

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THE PRINCE OF PEACE

A MINISTRY OF BONDING



The mission of the Drama Ministry has always been to tell the Gospel story through dramatic presentations, to reach people with the the good news of salvation, and to share the love and grace of our God. Those who have been in our audiences have always remarked how the stories reached their hearts and blessed them.

However, the cast of players, who have shared their wonderful

talents in each of the performances, have experienced a built-in blessing that was completely unexpected, the blessing of bonding.

The blessing that comes when you join together with your sisters and brothers in Christ making a concerted effort to reach the hearts of people with His message of love. Drama ministry is not about sets and



art, lights and sound, scripts and costumes,, it's about people.



Look for the **"Thinking of You"** post card in the back of the pew. Take one out and write on the back an encouraging note to someone you may be missing at church, or someone you just appreciate for doing the things that help our church be a blessing to you. REMEMBER to put their name on the card, then put it in the offering plate and we will mail it for you.

Keeping In Touch



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Youth Notes!

Friday Night Live



You may not know that the best attended meeting of the Garden Grove Church is “Friday Night Live”, but it is! At the last Friday night meeting there was standing room only. The young people attending were from not only our church but they came from all over Orange County. Their featured guests were the Spanish Praise Band from La Sierra U.



Does spending a day on the course make you smile? We are looking for golfers to be on a team of four in our **Golf Triathlon fundraiser** for Cruise with a Mission. It will be the last week in June. As you know our young adults are fundraising to go on the North American Division sponsored, Cruise with a Mission, and you can help us raise funds in two ways:

1. If you are a golfer, put together a team and plan on a day of the last week of June.
2. If you are not a golfer, recruit a team of golfers for us.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Rocky Whan at 949-515-8861 or Josh Tameifuna

Religious Liberty Important to One Who Knows

Marianna Maukovich was interviewed by Pastor Rudy on Sabbath March 24. She is our Religious Liberty secretary in the church. To say she is passionate about the subject would be an understatement. She was raised in a Communist country. Her father was not a Sabbatarian. He was a policeman and was a heavy drinker. He came into the Adventist church one Sabbath with a gun to shoot her mother. Marianna admires the three Hebrews for their faith.

Party Time

The Social Committee planned a birthday party for you. Were you there? On Saturday night, March 24 a rousing Vespers was conducted by Esther Rodighero and friends followed by the "Birthday Bash".. Games, including can you identify the church friend from their picture at age two? Musical chairs and more. Carrie and Annie did a great job and a good time was had by all. There were games, prizes and dessert for everyone. Thank you, girls for making it such a fun time for us all!



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

On May 11-13 is the annual Women's Retreat at Pine Springs Ranch. Guest speaker, Pastor Ray Bitar, from LSU. Contact Lizz Randall at 714-931-5499 to reserve your space.

On June 30, 2007 the Garden Grove Performing Arts Center presents, "The Land of the Free!" An evening dinner theatre presentation celebrating through music and the spoken word, our country's freedoms enjoyed by everyone living in America! Reservations are necessary as seating is limited so plan early to sign up and become a part of an unforgettable evening of heritage through sight and sound. It will be an evening of enjoyment for all. Bring your families, a friend or just yourself. Come one and all to an evening of recalling the blessings of God. Watch for the sign-up booth coming to the foyer of the Garden Grove church.

FROM THE PULPIT

"Easter People" the title of the new sermon series that began April 14 is asking the question, "As the people of God how do we fulfill our role as believers between His Ascension and His Second Coming?"

- April 14 Disciple Andy McRae*
- April 21 Servant Rudy Torres*
- April 28 Steward Rudy Torres*
- May 5 Soldier Rudy Torres*
- May 12 Athlete Genevieve Koh*
- May 19 Traveler Armour Potter*
- May 26 Priest Rudy Torres*
- June 2 Child Rudy Torres*
- June 9 Friend Genevieve Koh*
- June 16 Guest Andy McRae (Communion)*



Cynthia Artish is a master harpist who honored us with her talents on Sabbath March 17. She was trained in Ireland. She teaches and performs. She is a part of "Harps of Hope" a ministry of consolation in the ancient custom of the harp by the bedside to comfort the dying.

The Health and Wellness Committee
of the Garden Grove SDA Church



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Part I – CPR *

Sunday, May 6, 1:30-6:30 p.m.

Part II – First Aid *

Wednesday, May 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Attendance at both sessions is mandatory for certification*

For more information, call 714.534.1987 ext. *110

Reduced cost to the first 50 participants who sign up before April 12 -- \$15 per person (Reg. \$65).



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