

The Vision

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"Lifting Up Christ . . . Building UP People"

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IN REMEMBRANCE OF . . .



SHARON TUCKER

It is with profound sadness that we announce that Sharon Tucker died on Sunday, May 13, after a long illness. We are grateful that ours is not the hopeless sor-

row of those who do not believe in eternal life. We believe that Jesus, the Lifegiver, will reunite us with our Sharon when He comes again.

When I became the pastor of our congregation, Sharon chaired the Church Board. She unselfishly gave of her time and talents, perhaps making her most important contributions to children's ministries and church ministries. Of course she ministered to us in a 1001 other ways that only eternity will fully reveal.

Several years ago our church honored Sharon and her husband Robert (Bob) for their dedication and unselfish ministry to our congregation. Their photograph hangs on our Wall of Honor and is inscribed with these words: Robert and Sharon Tucker; With sincere thanks and deep appreciation for the many years of dedicated service you have given to the Garden Grove SDA Church.

She is survived by her husband Bob, son Brent and daughter-in-law Marlene and Shonda Tucker-Hulbert and son-in-law Jim and grandsons Andrew and Aaron.

REMEMBRANCES

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"They're not dummies,"

Megan Krause, a Red Cross instructor, declared, pointing to the sea of life-sized plastic dolls scattered on the classroom floor. "We call them mannequins."

In conjunction with KEYS Family Resource Center, the Health and Wellness Committee of the Garden Grove SDA Church sponsored both CPR and First Aid Classes over two days on May 6 and 9. For almost five hours in the first sitting, over 30 students learned the basics of Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and practiced on these mannequins posing as unconscious victims.

One participant, Carmen Stanish, beckoned her nearby classmates to scamper up and show off our new skills right away. Many hesitated to be amongst the first shift of participants to be evaluated, but the instructors were on hand to give us hands-on advice.

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"Okay," another instructor bel- lowed from amidst the sea of volunteers and mannequins after walking us through a preliminary checklist. "Head tilt; chin lift . . . two large rescue breaths for every 30 compressions." The mannequin chests puffed out with every rescue breath. The variety of participants ranged from young children to seasoned medical professionals.

Many of the more experienced students expressed their surprise at how much had changed since their last certification. The Red Cross updates their curriculum about every year. Thoroughly engaged in the subject, students raised their hands repeatedly to fire out answers or recount personal stories of how they helped someone in an emergency.

For various reasons we were there. . . for professional purposes: re-certification as required by the job or for personal reasons: because we needed to manage the fear of seeing someone who looked like the mannequin on the floor in real life, in real time. Either way, that week we left the classroom armed with Red Cross certificates, complimentary plastic face masks and the knowledge that could save a life.

Cheryl Dablo (photos p 2)

RED CROSS



CPR CLASS



Youth Notes!

Friday Night Live

Friday Night Live! has great support from our sponsors and parents through food, set up, sound and just the support of “being there” the entire evening from worship to fellowship! A great huge thank you to all of our sponsors and church members for your support in making Friday Night Live! a place where young adults and youth can worship and experience God in their own way and in a way that they can understand. Worshipping God during Friday Night Live! is an experience each month that is creative and unexpected. He is always working, even when we aren’t aware of it and He blesses the worship more than we could ever imagine. You are always welcome to come and worship with us!



Pastor Genevieve

Children’s Church



Every 3rd Sabbath of the month Children’s Church, located in the youth chapel is the place to be! It begins at the same time as the Divine Worship in the sanctuary, 11:15 a.m. Last children’s church we had guests from the La Sierra University Church who led in singing and Nikki Arevalo, Elsie Burn (16) and Kevin Stanish (16) also helped out in singing. The kids sang songs that required them to clap and raise their hands, jump, wiggle and shake. Chloe Arevalo is all smiles as she sings and waves in complete happiness. Numerous prayers were offered up to God by the kids. If you would like your Sabbath day to be energized by the bundles of joy that these kids are, join us on the third Sabbath of the month.

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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

**IN REMEMBRANCE
OF...**

BERNITA M. LAU



On Sabbath, May 12, it was my privilege to attend a memorial service at the Loma Linda University Church for Bernita M. Lau. The service was an elegant celebration of Bernita's life of service to her Lord and dedication to her family.

Bernita Lau was a long-time member of our congregation who hadn't attended our church for several years due to illness. Many members remember her along with her husband Dr. Francis Lau as being pillars of our church in the 1960s through the 1980s. When the Lau's were no longer able to attend services in Garden Grove, they continued to support our church financially.

We are grateful for their faithfulness and for their contributions to our church. Bernita is survived by her husband Francis, sons Gerry and Ron, and daughters Carol and Kathy. Ron is a member of our congregation.

With her family, we are profoundly saddened and we look forward to being reunited with Bernita when Christ comes again.

SERMONS THAT MATTER

How is your race going? From a story about finishing the race to an interview with a Marathon runner (Dori Coetzee) . We all had the opportunity to think about our own spiritual prowess. Do we have what it takes to finish the race of life? WE DO! We have the best coach, and He has provided the best spiritual nourishment.

SO BE OF GOOD CHEER!



Ryan Lopez



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. Remember seating is going to be limited so don’t delay.



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