

The Story:

*G*lendale City
Seventh-day
Adventist Church



1906-2011

"Revealing Christ, affirming all"

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"1906-2006 –
A Century of Achievements"**

The following chronicle affords a bird's-eye view of Glendale City Church's century of accomplishments and activities of the era. A backward glance through its history reveals this congregation's modest beginning, steadily evolving into its current prominent position within the Seventh-day Adventist global organization.

About 1904, a handful of the 55,000 North American Adventists came to Glendale to establish a Sanitarium. The depression of 1880-1890 caused much property to depreciate in value; thus the denomination was able to purchase a hotel that had been out of business and vacant for some years, and convert it into a Sanitarium. This institution fulfilled a much-needed service, since scientific medicine was in its infancy during the early 20th century. The "Health Message" became a passionate goal for this dedicated group of members. In addition to this emphasis on maintaining health, they also recognized the urgent need of improving the educational standards of their day.

In 1906 Glendale City Church was born as church space was needed for the newly-employed Sanitarium workers. On January 27, Conference President G. W. Reaser organized the church group, who met in the Sanitarium parlor area until more satisfactory arrangements could be made.

Glendale City Church has made significant contributions to the wider community, and has influenced the evolving theology of Seventh-day Adventists worldwide during the 20th and early 21st centuries. It also became one of the largest congregations in North America not to be connected with a college campus.

The commendable growth and stability of Glendale Church may be attributed to its open-minded, well-educated, and generously involved membership, as well as to pastors who have been willing to address challenges with creative and sometimes unconventional approaches.

During this next century, what challenges will this congregation encounter? How will it grow? How well will it fulfill its tasks? What goals should it envision? What plans will promote these goals?

– *Leif T. Lind, Robert Lee Marsh*, EDITORS
(*Written on the occasion of the Church's 2006 Centennial)

A brief synopsis of the century 1906-2006

1906 *North American Division membership stands at approximately 55,000.*

1906 Jan. 27 Glendale City Church organized by Conference President G. W. Reaser, meets in parlor of Glendale Sanitarium and Hospital (formerly the 75-room Glendale Hotel in the 400-500 block of East Broadway). 25 of the 29 members are Hospital employees.



*Elder G. W. Reaser,
Conference President and
organizer of Glendale
Church*



Views of the old "San" and city trolley (ca. 1906)



Early view of Glendale Avenue and City, ca. 1912



Glendale Church charter members in Verdugo Park, ca. 1906

1906 *Rural horse-and-buggy Glendale, with a population of 500, is incorporated as a town in February, with Carol Parcher as first mayor. (Meanwhile, Pasadena celebrates its 19th Rose Parade.)*



School children outside the old Church

1906 *Apr. 18 San Francisco earthquake and fire.*
1907 Jan. 23 Church votes to move to newly-completed Sanitarium gymnasium, "the sum of \$12.50 per month [to] be paid to the Sanitarium for lights, heating and the necessary care of said building."

1907 Glendale Church School (now Glendale Adventist Elementary/Academy), with 15 students, meets in Sanitarium basement.

1907 Plans for buying property for building a new church and a school are started.

1907 Elder H. J. Hoare serves as first pastor.

1911 A small Baptist Church building is purchased for \$1,500 and moved a few blocks to the southwest corner of Isabel St. and Wilson Ave. The first meeting is held here on October 21.



The 1911 Baptist Church, corner of Wilson & Isabel

1919 Continued growth leads to a second move. The church is moved from Isabel and Wilson to its present location at the corner of Isabel and California Ave., where the building is enlarged to seat 600.



The Church at Isabel and California Avenues, before 1930

- 1920 July 10 the Church is dedicated.
- 1920 US Constitutional Amendment 19 is passed, granting women the right to vote.
- 1920 Ten laymen purchase 40 acres near Chevy Chase Canyon as new site for potential 12-grade church school. A leader of these laymen was C. E. Kimlin, Manager of the Sanitarium and also Mayor of Glendale.
- 1921 Church feels need to upgrade its educational program. Without church or conference support, 10 men privately sign their own equity towards a \$10,000 payment to purchase 37 acres of land in Chevy Chase Canyon.
- 1923 Opening of 12-grade Greater Glendale Academy.



Entrance to Glendale Adventist Academy as it appears today

- 1924 Glendale Sanitarium opens its doors to a new 200-bed facility on a 50-acre hillside along East Chevy Chase Drive, the only hospital serving the San Fernando Valley. Glendale's population now reaches 30,000.



The new San on the hill in the 1920s

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- 1925 Plans are made to build the "Sanitarium Church" on the west side of Vallejo Drive (known today as the Vallejo Drive Church).
- 1925 Scopes "Monkey" trial in Tennessee, contesting the teaching of Darwinian evolution vs. a literal interpretation of the Genesis Creation story.
- 1928 The congregation, which has by now outgrown adequate meeting space, debates as to whether an enlarged structure should be raised on the current location, whether a move should be made elsewhere, or whether two smaller churches should be built. The planning subcommittee is so divided that they give up and resign as a body. No decision can be reached for two years.
- 1929 Aug. 29 the Stock Market crashes, bringing on the Great Depression and causing concern for any future church-building project.
- 1930 7:00 a.m. Sabbath, January 11, fire destroys the Church. The divided membership of 690 had disagreed on the need for a new building; the "providential fire" effectively settles the dispute.



Glendale fire truck, probably the same one used to extinguish the 1930 Church fire

- 1930 The Church's Estey pipe organ is purchased by Drs. Hamer, Westphal, and Colver.
- 1932 New \$69,000 Spanish-style sanctuary is completed debt-free under leadership of Pastor W. Ruble, with building contractor Emmet Jensen.



The 1932 sanctuary, as it appeared in the 1950s, before the Chapel construction



Later picture of congregation meeting in the 1932 church building

- 1932 Dr. Clemen Hamer, Church choral director and organist, steers this congregation toward a heritage of classical music.
- 1936 Glendale Union Academy, under leadership of Principal Lee R. Marsh (1927-1936), is accredited by the Education Department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.
- 1937 Voice of Prophecy Radio established in Glendale by founder H. M. S. Richards, who, together with his wife, remains a member of Glendale City Church until his death in 1985.
- 1941 December 7 attack on Pearl Harbor precipitates US involvement in WW2.
- 1942 Elementary and Academy graduation in May continues despite air-raid sirens and the evening blackout of the Los Angeles area.
- 1943 Voice of Prophecy headquarters is moved to 811 E. Broadway where it remains until 1950, when a move is necessitated to a larger

location at the corner of Sinclair St. and Chevy Chase Dr., Glendale.



One of the "King's Heralds" quartets employed at the Voice of Prophecy



Voice of Prophecy soloist Del Delker, a frequent visitor at the Glendale Church, seen with Robert and Marguerite Marsh

- 1943 Two-year, 30-minute weekly KPAS Radio broadcasts by Pastor Alger Johns, with Robert Marsh, soloist; Harry Willis, announcer; and organist Avila.



Outside the KPAS Radio Studio (from left: Willis, Roller, Pastor Johns, Marsh)

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- 1949 Pastor Andrew Fearing, together with singing evangelist Royal Reid (at times with trombone trio Paul Hill, Bob Peterson, and Dale Rice), conducts one of many spectacular off-campus evangelism series.
- 1952 *Adventist Credit Union, still in operation today, is started by De Vere McGuffin.*
- 1957 Charles Watkins (serves from 1957-1977) becomes Glendale Academy principal with the longest service record.
- 1960 \$300,000 expansion of Fellowship Hall wing and 400-seat Chapel of Good Shepherd is completed debt-free.



Glendale City Church, after the 1960 reconstruction

- 1961 Arthur L. Bietz, Ph.D. starts his 11-year tenure as Senior Pastor (see biography below). He remains Pastor Emeritus here until his death in 2001.
- 1961, 1963 Church Choir, under director Gladys Rue, presents Mendelssohn's *Elijah* and Handel's *Messiah*, with lead soloists Robert and Marguerite Marsh.



The Church Choir under the direction of Gladys Rue

- 1964 Glendale City Church reaches an all-time high of 1,845 members, with two weekly Sabbath morning services offered.
- 1965 Youth Center room is redesigned by architect Robert Burman.
- 1965 Twenty-year old guest conductor "Bobby" Herr directs, from memory (without musical score), a Christmas choir rendition of Handel's *Messiah*.



The young director, "Bobby" Herr

- 1968 Youth pastor Ken Hoover installs popular, though controversial, pool table in the church, attracting young people two or three nights a week.
- 1971 Throughout this decade the Kinsey families provide support and lead mission trips to the elementary school Valle de la Trinidad, Baja, Mexico.
- 1976 *Pacific Union Office moves its headquarters away from Glendale.*
- 1978 *Voice of Prophecy headquarters moves from Glendale to Thousand Oaks, CA.*
- 1981 Refugees from Romanian and Armenian Adventist immigrant congregations start worshipping at Glendale City Church.
- 1981 A+ Children's Center, a pre-school and first grade school, is started under the leadership of Pastors A. Rudy Torres and Casey Bahr (see description below).
- 1984 Mitch and Sue Henson, together with their pre-teen daughters, arrive at Glendale City Church where Dr. Henson has been asked to be an associate pastor. When then-senior pastor Rudy Torres leaves in 1990, Pastor Henson accepts to become senior pastor,

thereby becoming the longest-serving pastor of this church.



Sue & Mitch Henson in younger days

- 1984 "City Church Opens Way for Women to Be Elders and Deacons" reads headline from Church newsletter. Women become eligible for ordination as Elders and Deacons in 1988, under leadership of Pastor Torres. First ordained woman is Bible worker Mary Walsh, and Glendale Church's first female Associate Pastor is Linda Gage.



Mary Walsh, first ordained woman



Linda Gage (facing camera): first female associate pastor (ca. 1978)

- 1985 "Pathfinders" program for church's youth

revived by volunteer Warren Dale, who has been responsible ever since. Over 1,000 children have been in this program.



Pathfinder program in Church

- 1985 Brenda Mohr, now the choir director for Glendale City Church, starts employment as teacher and choral director for Glendale Academy.
- 1986 Chapel of the Good Shepherd is restored.
- 1988 Two-million dollar Church Endowment fund commenced under leadership of De Vere McGuffin, Meredith Jobe, Joe Verska, Nate Shaw, Bill Warren, Doug Schultz and others. Fund to be independently administered by an Endowment Board of laypeople, for the permanent benefit of Glendale City Church.
- 1994 *January 17 Northridge Earthquake at 6.7 causes costly damage, collapsing adjacent four-story parking structure – but church services that week continue.*
- 1998 Church's Lending Library started by Ginger Dale; currently about 100 items (including books, DVDs, videos, and CDs) are loaned out every week.
- 2003 *The Adventist Church (including all of its institutions) receives worldwide donations of about two billion dollars.*
- 2004 *Adventist Health and Hospitals are the largest chain of Protestant hospitals in the world.*
- 2005 Church Endowment, under chairman Terry Bork, reaches its goal of 2 million dollars (see more detailed description below).



Terry Bork, 2005 chairman of Endowment Board

The Glendale City Church Endowment Fund

During the 1980s forward-looking lay members of the congregation had a vision of perpetuating the energy and unique influence of this church through the establishment of an Endowment Fund. In 1988 this vision became reality under the leadership of Devere McGuffin II, Meredith Jobe, Nate Shaw, Bill Warren, Doug Schultz, and Joe Verska, founding chairman. Though legally independent, this Endowment Fund is responsible to the Church Board for approval of its plans. A campaign for raising \$2 million was ultimately successful, thereby making funds from the Endowment interest available for specific projects as defined by the Endowment Board.



Mission Statement of Glendale Church

Our mission is to reveal the love of Christ in all its tenderness and grandeur to the community in which we live. We desire to embrace the wonder of humanity in its complexity, diversity, and beauty — and to do so without precondition. In short, we yearn to reveal the splendor of Christ and to affirm the worth of all people.



25 Years at the A+ Children’s Center, 1981-2006

The A+ Adventist Children’s Center, by 2006 a pre-school and first grade school, commemorated its 25th Anniversary in that year. The Center was started under the direction of Pastors A. Rudy Torres and Casey Bahr, with Joe Haglund as the first director and Anoosh Keshishzade as the first and only principal during this period. In 1985 Yvonne McCrabb became director. School Board

chairpersons have included Ginger Dale, Denise Pereyra, Evelyn Vannix, Colette Witt, and Beverly Tarr. At least 2,000 students, many non-Adventist, have gone through the school; 2005 enrolment stood at about 90 students, with an additional 50 summer program students.

Mission Statement of the A+ Children’s Center:

“The Center was founded with the express purpose of serving the Glendale Community and its children, ages 18 months to 1st Grade, by providing a safe and loving environment where children can find support as they grow, mature and learn. It has been my dream that this would be the foundation of our ministry, that every child entering our school without regard to race, color, religion or national origin will feel that he/she is someone special.” — Anoosh Keshishzade, Principal



Principal Keshishzade, with pupils (inset)



The Influx of Immigrant Member Congregations

Our Romanian Congregation:

From 1983 through 2003 more than 100 Adventist refugees from Romania were facilitated (even some with financial fees), then welcomed into our congregation in their escape from religious persecution. Among the Romanian ombudsmen, Elders Marin Burney, John Mish, and Octavian Cureteu were mentors.

In 1984 a Romanian language religious radio program, which lasted about a decade, was started with speaker Aristide Dorofeei.

In addition to tithing and church expense contributions, Romanian members are able to contribute to outreach programs for their community.

Today, most Romanian members have become Americanized in culture, English-language proficiency, and US citizenship. In recent years many families have dispersed to other cities (i.e. ca. 300 members to Loma Linda, CA, 80 members to Oregon, 250 members to Atlanta, GA), helping to establish indigenous congregations in their new home areas.

Some personal odysseys:

The Mish family left Romania due to constant fear of speaking openly about their faith. After spending 16 months in an Austrian refugee camp, they arrived in Glendale and started worshipping at our church in 1987. John Mish was for many years the campus Maintenance Engineer as well as serving as Head Elder for the Romanian congregants here.

Dr. Laszlo Galfy was an Adventist cardiologist in Romania who, when applying for permission to emigrate, was immediately dismissed from medical practice. After what seemed a lengthy year, Laszlo, Anda and three-year old Andrew were allowed to leave without any equity or even documents of his credentials. Even his beloved violin was left behind. The process to finally become California-licensed took a few years. Dr. Galfy is currently Chairman of Anesthesiologists at Glendale Adventist Medical Center. His wife Anda was hired, shortly after the family’s arrival in 1989, as Church treasurer, a position she held for nine years. Their son Andy is currently a pre-medical student at Pacific Union College.

Our Armenian Congregation:

In 1979 the Iranian-Moslem revolution, combined with the Iran-Iraq war, triggered an exodus of about half a million people from the Middle East, largely from Iran. Since 1980, there has also been an exodus of many non-Moslems, including Armenian Christians. (Armenia became the world’s first Christian nation in 301 A.D.)

Armenians in Glendale, currently numbering about 85,000, have created the largest single influx in the city’s immigrant community and one of the largest populations outside of Armenia.

Armenian Adventists at Glendale City Church:

Over 300 Adventist Armenians have emigrated from various Middle Eastern countries. Most were seeking religious

freedom from fear and oppression, and many came from Iran. Proudly protective of their Armenian heritage, many preferred to worship in their mother tongue. Their first pastor, Malcolm Gasparian, found the needed refuge that our City Church provided.

Today Pastor Hovik Sarrafian (M.A. Divinity, Ph.D. Public Health) and his associate Pastor Vartkes Azadian share a supporting Board of Elders. In addition to the customary tithe funds, which go to the local Conference, a separate Armenian outreach fund is maintained. All monies are accounted by the Glendale City Church treasurer and the Finance Committee of the Glendale City Church Board.

Dr. Sarrafian has also, since the year 2000, hosted a weekly, hour-long Armenian health evangelism TV program.



Biographies for some of the more recent Senior Pastors:



DR. ARTHUR L. BIETZ (1913-2001) was a well-known psychologist and counselor, and perhaps the most widely-known lecturer in Southern California, attracting a following beyond this congregation. His speaking talent in many public venues brought regular visitors who also appreciated his awareness of the ideas in world literature. His philosophy showed that theology and the quest of religion can be discussed with logic and reason, and that Christianity was consistent with the newly-developing discipline of psychology.

Dr. Bietz (Ph.D. from USC), held degrees in both religion and psychology. He was known for his preaching, counseling, and the writing of at least 25 books. His writings carried a unique blend of psychological insight, biblical scholarship, and practical inspiration. He was Professor and Director of the Division of Religion at the College of Medical Evangelists (now Loma Linda University), as well as minister of the White Memorial Seventh-day

Adventist Church on the Loma Linda University campus in Los Angeles. While head of the Department of religion he taught theology to over 2,500 physicians, prior to his acceptance of the position of senior pastor at Glendale City Church in 1961.

For several years Bietz had daily 5-minute inspirational talks on Radio KIEV, and was also heard daily on KGRB and every Sunday morning on KFAC.



PASTOR ARTHUR "RUDY" TORRES (served as senior pastor from 1980-1990, and as interim senior pastor from 2008-2009). In 1981 Pastor Torres, together with associate pastor Casey Bahr, founded the A+ Children's Center, a pre-school and first grade school. Also under his leadership the Church's \$2 million endowment plan was approved in 1988.

Pastor Torres advanced and established the policy of accepting women as equal to men in church positions of deacons, elders, and associate pastors, a vision which first became reality in 1988.



MITCHELL HENSON (1943-2007), who served as senior pastor from 1990 to 2007—longer than

any other pastor—was also previously at Glendale City Church as an associate pastor (since 1984). Dr. Henson had his Doctor of Ministry from Wesley Theological Seminary, a branch of American University, in addition to a Masters in Marriage and Family Counseling from the California Family Studies Institute, and was certified in Negotiation and Mediation from Pepperdine University.

His ministry helped create a church where all who come to worship are truly welcomed and valued.



SMUTS VAN ROOYEN (2009–present), a well-known and respected preacher and scholar hailing originally from South Africa, is the current senior pastor at Glendale City Church. Having received degrees in both theology and counseling psychology, Dr. van Rooyen continues in the tradition of previous pastors in this congregation, proclaiming a continual reminder of God's all-encompassing grace, reflected in the church's motto, "*Revealing Christ, affirming all.*"



🎵 The Pipe Organ Restoration Project 🎵

The Church organ is the single most complex and expensive item in the Glendale City Church. Built by the Estey Organ Company of Battleboro, Vermont and installed in 1930 at a cost-price of \$6,700, the organ was a gift by Drs. Benton Colver and Henry Westphal, and Mr. C. H. Jones, then Director of Music.

The primary instrument had only 11 sets of pipes, allowing ample space for future enlargement in the chambers and in the three-manual key-desk. In 1933 the organ was enlarged by the Möller Organ Company. The original pedal organ remained dispersed across the three chambers, and the instrument was voiced in tonal schemes of the time, which tended to imitate different orchestral instruments and individual tone colors rather than an ensemble.

Thus the organ was played for three decades.

After World War II, serious organ students examined and listened to European organs, which have a more clean-cut sound, particularly in polyphonic and fugal music. From this came a revolution in American tonal designs, with the organ becoming an instrument in its own right rather than attempting to imitate an orchestra.

In 1960, Pipe Organs, Inc. of Los Angeles made recommendations. Rebuilding created a modern instrument suitable for concerts. Some of the old ranks had to be discarded, and most were incorporated into the tonal design. In effect, a new organ was spread across the front of the church behind the screen in three large rooms: the Great Organ to the far right (facing the pulpit), the Swell Organ to the far left, and the Choir Organ at center. Over 2,000 pipes are composed of more than 30 sets or ranks. They vary in size from one inch to 16 feet. In 1963 it was the largest and finest pipe organ in Glendale, valued at \$40,000 in its day.

By 1984 the 50-year old keyboard console had become unreliable. Dr. Stanton May and his wife Noel May (church organist at the time) purchased and installed a three-manual console, bearing the plaque *Noel May Console*. Noel May was appointed Organist Emeritus, accumulating 17 years as church organist on her retirement from this position in 1990.

The 2005 Organ Restoration Project:

By 2005, as the church approached its centennial, it was widely understood that the 75-year old organ, last updated 45 years ago, needed to be renovated or replaced. The Music Committee appointed an Organ Committee, chaired by Dr. Taylor Ruhl, to study what should be done and to make a recommendation. Members of the committee included Kemp Smeal, church organist; Dr. Robert Marsh; Monique McGuffin; Brenda Mohr; and Keith Thompson. The needs and mission of the church were considered in studying several options. Recognizing that music is an extraordinarily important part of this Church's culture and mission, the committee recommended the selection of the R. A. Colby / Allen Harrah Company to build a new organ. The instrument cost approximately \$498,000 and included a large portion of the pipe-work from the then-existing organ. It included a digital acoustical system that provides significant improvement for both the organ and choir. The organ was completed and dedicated in early 2007.



🎗️ Robert Marsh reminisces...

- 1927 Attending an oratorio with a small choir in the old wooden church...
- 1930 Standing on the curb (across from the present

office door), watching the fire engine, while smoke billowed from the burning church... Overhearing my father and Dr. Alsberge declaring the disaster to be a "blessing in disguise!" (I had no idea why, not understanding the bickering that had taken place over the years as to whether or not to build a new church...)

- 1932 Climbing over the 2 x 12 floor joists of the building structure where the Council Room stands now...
- 1932 Being a candidate in what was probably the first baptism to be held in the new sanctuary. (Other 12-year old candidates included Gordon Hadley and Dick Russell; my father, head elder and school principal Lee Marsh, conducted the service...)
- 1936 Watching from the choir loft as a man who repeatedly argued aloud with the preacher was finally dragged out arms and legs by four or five deacons... (The troublemaker turned out to be Victor Houteff, founder of the Shepherd's Rod movement, from which the Branch Davidians and the Waco debacle were later to emerge.)
- 1944 Singing each week on Radio KPAS with Pastor Alger Johns, program speaker...
- 1948 Married to Marguerite Strahle... Officiates at the wedding included Elders John Strahle and my father Lee Marsh.
- 1966 Singing the role of Elijah in Mendelssohn's oratorio, with chorale and orchestra... Gladys Rue was the music director.

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Glendale City Senior Pastors:

- George W. Reaser - 1906
- H. J. Hoare - 1907
- Elmer H. Adams - 1909-
- J. W. Corliss
- J. E. Proctor
- George Snyder
- H. G. Lucas
- E. L. Neff 1921-1922
- Rufus W. Parmele 1922-1925
- Phillip P. Knox 1925-1926
- Norman W. Phillips 1926-1928
- John Knox 1928-1929
- W. W. Ruble 1930
- M. A. Hollister 1930
- Jesse C. Stevens 1931-1936
- C. J. Coon 1937-1940
- Alger H. Johns 1941-1947
- William C. Loveless 1947
- Bert W. Brown 1947-1948
- Andrew C. Fearing 1948-1951

John W. Osborn 1951-1955
 Francis F. Bush 1956-1961
 Arthur L. Bietz 1961-1972
 Leslie G. Hardinge 1973-1976
 Jerry L. Sorensen 1977-1979
 Arthur R. Torres 1980-1990
 Mitchell F. Henson 1990-2007
 Arthur "Rudy" Torres (interim) 2008-2009
 Smuts van Rooyen 2009-present



Pastor F. Bush, known for his sanctuary model, in high-priestly attire



Glendale City Choral Directors:

Clarence H. Jones 1921-1931
 Dr. Clemen Hamer 1933-1935
 Esther T. Munroe 1935-1951
 Ellen Oblander 1952-1954
 Dr. Carl Bishop 1954-1955
 Albert Mayes 1955-1958
 Gladys Rue 1958-1966
 Robert Herr (first term) 1966-1968
 Bjørn Keyn 1968-1970
 Robert Herr (second term) 1970-1975
 Gloria Prosper Pabello 1975-1976
 Douglas Macomber 1978-1980
 Robert Herr (third term) 1980-1990 (total: 15 yrs.)
 John T. Dennison 1990-2003
 Brenda Mohr 2003-2010
 Jean-Sébastien Vallée 2011-present



Glendale City Organists:

A. Belle Johnson 1921-1927
 William Mintner 1928-1929
 Clemen Hamer, M.D. 1930-1931
 Anna Rae Grant 1931-1932
 Mildred Dawson 1933-1934
 Edna Marsh 1934-1938
 Virginia Gardner Paulman 1938-1953
 Noel May (first term) 1953-1955
 Charles B. Witt, Jr., M.D. 1956-1957
 Elizabeth Markle Remboldt 1969-75

Kimo Smith 1975-1976
 Noel May (second term) 1976-1990 (total: 17 yrs.)
 Dock Anderson 1990-1992
 David Strouse 1992-1995
 Andrea Anderson 1995-1997
 Kemp Smeal 1997-present



Noel May, longest-serving organist, at the console



2011 Glendale City Church Directory:

Pastoral Staff:

Smuts van Rooyen, Senior Pastor
 Cherise Gardner, Family & Children's Ministries
 Leif Lind, Church Administrator

Hovik Sarrafian, Armenian Senior Pastor
 Vartkes Azadian, Armenian Associate Pastor
 Dorin Lataeanu, Romanian Senior Pastor

Officers

Church Board Chair	Vincent Haynes
Head Elder	Don Greathouse
Head Deacon	John Nielsen
Head Deaconess	Eleanor Posner
Sanctuary Choir Director	Jean-Sébastien Vallée
Organist	Kemp Smeal
Children's Choir Director	Julaine Chilopoulos
Bell Choir Director	Ariel Quintana
Secretary	Victoria Lucero
Treasurer	Dean Vendouris
Church Clerk	Mindi Rüb
A+ School Board Chair	Beverly Tarr
A+ School Principal (interim)	Anoosh Keshishzade
Pathfinder Director	Warren Dale
Facilities Administrator	Wayne Libby

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