

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.

When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Sermon Resources

In *The Good Earth* I did not make Wang Lung become a Christian. My reply is, "If you want to write about an isolated case as I did in *The Young Revolutionist*, you could do so. But in *The Good Earth* I was writing about the average people in China. I do not believe that Christianity has touched the average man or woman more than I make it appear in that book - as words seen or heard and not understood."

Christ has not become a part of Chinese life. We have not grafted him upon the root of that old civilization. Let us not deceive ourselves. We can have no assurance that if we withdrew from China today there would be any more permanent record left of our religious presence there these hundred and fifty years than is left there of the old Nestorian church, a wind-blown, obliterated tablet upon a desert land.

I recall an instance, easily multiplied, of a certain small interior station in China in a famine-ridden and poverty-stricken district. There the people live in earthen houses, and even the houses of the richer families are humble. There is no large building in the city. But the mission work in this place was supported by a wealthy American church, which wanted those visible results which have been such a curse to missions. They did not take into consideration the many needs of that famine-ridden little town. They decided to give a church and they gave the money with enthusiasm for an expensive building, to be built in a hybridized temple style, in this simple country town. There the church stands today, a monument to absurdity. It is so expensive that the handful of church members cannot even pay repairs on it.

But above all, let the spread of the spirit of Christ be rather by mode of life than preaching. I am weary unto death with this incessant preaching. It deadens all thought, it confuses all issues, it is producing in our Chinese church a horde of hypocrites and in our theological seminaries a body of Chinese ministers which makes one despair for the future. Let us cease our talk for a time and cut off our talkers, and try to express our religion in terms of living service, so that we may show others and see for ourselves if our religion is worth anything or not.

- "The Case for Missions," Pearl S. Buck

Churches Without Walls

Congratulations to our first CERT graduates! Due to the overwhelming success of the first training, we are now reserving spots for our next class in September. If interested, please be open to taking the class on a weeknight or Sunday for four consecutive weeks. Contact Marcel Schwantes to RSVP, schwanma@ah.org or 818.409.8209.

City Church Announcements

A+ Adventist Children's Center. Looking for a safe and nurturing environment for your child while at work? Look no farther! The A+ Adventist Children's Center, sponsored by the Glendale City Church, could be the place for you. We are starting our 26th year of operation, conveniently located on the corner of California and Isabel Streets. We provide classes for children aged 18 months to 1st grade. Pre-school hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Kindergarten and 1st grade classes are 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Before and after-school care is available. Classes start August 28th. **Enroll now; classes are filling up fast.** Call 818-241-9353 for more information. We hope to see you soon!

Guest Organist. Please extend a warm welcome to our guest organist today, Taylor Ruhl.

September Theme. The theme for this month is "God Loves You," 1980-1990. Our banner in the Narthex is a reminder to all of us of the great privilege we have of worshiping together.

Display Case. We urgently need people to sign up for October and November. Sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex or call the church office. Tell us your story! Share photos or personal memorabilia to be displayed for a 2-week period.

Camp Cedar Falls. Come for a weekend away with your church family in the woods. Friday night through Sunday, October 20 - 22, 2006. Please pick up a registration form in the Narthex or download the form from our website <http://www.glendalecitysda.com> under "Latest News."

Join Pathfinders! Registration will be at 6:30 p.m. this Tuesday, September 5th, at the Pathfinder's building, 311 N. Vallejo Drive in the Community Center. Also registering for Little Lambs (Pre K); Eager Beaver (Kindergarten); Adventures (grade1-4). For further information call Warren Dale at 626/792-3177.

Office Closed. The office will be closed Monday, September 4, in observance of Labor Day. It will re-open on Tuesday, September 5 during regular business hours.

* All bulletin submissions must be in by Wednesday noon to be included in the upcoming bulletin. Submission after this deadline will be included in the following week's bulletin.

Upcoming Sermons

September 9	"The Mission at Home"	Mitchell Henson
September 16	Power Sabbath	Hyveth Williams
September 23	"The Long Journey"	Michael Quishenberry

Sunset tonight - 7:19 p.m. Sunset next Friday - 7:09 p.m.

Order of Worship

10:50 am – 12:10 pm

Prelude	"Sonata I (Allegro moderato e serioso)"	<i>F. Mendelssohn</i>
Morning Hymn	"Lead Them, My God, To Thee"	No. 653
Entering of the Light		
Call to Worship	We have gathered to worship to listen to covenant to praise your name to remember our heritage to celebrate our destiny.	Mitchell Henson
	Oh God, we joyfully receive your grace.	
Gifts of the Congregation		Denise Kasischke
Anthem	"Go Ye Into All the World"	<i>D. York</i>
Worship in Giving		
Morning Offering		Skip Foster
Offertory	"I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" Don Greathouse, solo	<i>G. O'Hara</i>
Children's Sermon		Denise Kasischke
Greeting & Prayers of the Congregation		Mitchell Henson
Prayer Response	<i>Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear, oh hear us when we pray, Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear, oh hear us when we pray.</i>	
Anthem	"Simple Gifts"	<i>arr. M. Pooler</i>
Scripture	Matthew 28:16-20	Judy Hiscox
Sermon	"The Case for Missions"	Mitchell Henson
Blessing & Sending	The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you.	
Postlude	"Sonata I (Allegro assai vivace)"	<i>F. Mendelssohn</i>

Sabbath School Options

<u>Class</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Symbols/Leaders</u>
Beginners	0-3 yrs	Room 3	Elephant
Kindergarten	3-5 yrs	Room 4	Giraffe
Primary	6-9	Room 2	Eagle
Junior	10-13 yrs	Room 1	Lion
Teen	14-18 yrs	Room 10b	Fish
Armenian	General	Room 11	
Romanian	General	Room 13	
Pastor	General	Fellowship Hall	Mitchell Henson
SS Quarterly	General	Chapel	
<u>Option</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sequence</u>	

Worship Options

<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sequence</u>
Sanctuary Service	Main Sanctuary	Every Sabbath
Romanian Service	Chapel	1st and 3rd Sabbaths
Armenian Service	Chapel	2nd and 4th Sabbaths

Activities

Bell Choir	Youth Center	Friday at 8:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	Sabbath at 9:15 am
Pathfinders	GAMC Gymnasium	Tuesday at 6:45 pm
Sunshine Singers	Room 10b	Sabbath at Noon
Bible Study	Council Room	Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Church Directory

Pastors

Mitchell Henson, Senior Pastor
Denise Kasischke, Family & Children Ministries
Michael Quishenberry, Pastor of the Parish
Hovik Sarrafian, Armenian Senior Pastor
Vartkes Azadian, Armenian Associate Pastor
Dorin Lataeanu, Romanian Senior Pastor

Officers

Head Elder	Douglas Schultz
Head Deacon	Skip Foster
Head Deaconess	Eleanor Posner
Church Board Chair	Robert Marsh
Sanctuary Choir Director	Brenda Mohr
Organist	Kemp Smeal
Children's Choir Director	Lissie Quishenberry
Bell Choir Director	Ariel Quintana
Secretary	Victoria Lucero
Treasurer	Dean Vendouris
Church Clerk	Mindi Rüb
A+ School Principal	Jeanie Drake
Pathfinder Leader	Warren Dale

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; Friday 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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