

Scripture Reading

John 16:19-24

Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this,
so he said to them,
"Are you asking one another what I meant
when I said, 'In a little while you will see me no more,
and then after a little while you will see me'?
I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn
while the world rejoices. You will grieve,
but your grief will turn to joy.

**A woman giving birth to a child has pain
because her time has come; but when her baby
is born she forgets the anguish
because of her joy that a child is born
into the world.**

So with you: Now is your time of grief,
but I will see you again and you will rejoice,
and no one will take away your joy.

In that day you will no longer ask me anything.
I tell you the truth, my Father will give you
whatever you ask in my name.

**Until now you have not asked for anything
in my name. Ask and you will receive,
and your joy will be complete.**

Sermon Resources

The entry point is connection. It begins in the womb, that site of ultimate connection between mother and child. Even there we can see evidence of the next four steps: play, practice, mastery, and recognition. In the womb the baby kicks and turns and tries out the new limbs and organs as they grow; we can call this play. The baby repeats her routine, even as she grows and moves on to the next month of development; we can call this practice and mastery. We do not know if she feels the love and recognition she receives every day from her mother and usually her father and various other people, but there is every reason to suppose that that recognition somehow registers with the baby as she grows in the womb.

Once you are born, you begin a lifetime of connecting with the world. How that happens is the story of your life.

If your life is going to go well, it is crucial that you learn how to connect in many different ways in the world. From those very first moments, the most important work (play?) a parent can do is to connect with his or her child and help that child connect with the world.

...Play deserves more respect than it gets. Playing with images and ideas is what creativity is all about, and creativity advances civilization.

Most children learn play spontaneously, unless they are prevented from doing so by adults who insist that children do exactly what they are told to do. If you only do exactly what you are told to do, you cannot play.

Early childhood should be one of the best times in a person's life, in part because early childhood is when we start to play. If there is any better way to strengthen a brain, or to feed the spirit, than to play, I don't know what it is.

—Edward M. Hollowell, *The Childhood Roots of Adult Happiness*, pp. 80, 81, 104.

City Church Announcements

Flowers. Today's flowers are in honor of Ronald Wu's birthday, presented by his wife, Roxanne.

Godly Play. Godly Play Classes resume today after the Children's Sermon.

Baptism. Today we welcome into our church family Paul Dang and Adrian Mis.

There will be another baptism on December 16. If you are interested in being baptized please speak with a pastor or contact the church office.

Holiday Bags. These are available in the Narthex after the worship service. We ask for a \$4.00 donation per bag. These are great for families and children during Christmas.

Pathfinders' Rose Parade. This is a great Christmas present. Space is limited so book NOW. The cost is \$65 per person. Call Warren Dale, 818-384-2820 for reservations.

Glendale Adventist Academy Annual Christmas Concerts. Tuesday, December 12, 7:00 p.m. 5th and 6th grades Bands and Choir. Thursday, December 14, 7:00 p.m. the Junior High Band and Choir. For more information, call the school at 818/244-8671.

Delegates. We need 14 delegates for the 62nd Constituency Session of the Southern California Conference, which will convene on May 20, 2007, at 7:55 a.m., in the White Memorial Church. If you are interested please contact the church office or speak with one of the pastors.

Churches Without Walls

The next CERT training dates for disaster preparedness has finally been confirmed by the Glendale Fire Department. In order to become certified, you must attend the following class dates:

Wednesday, January 17, 6:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 21, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 24, 6:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.

All classes will be held at the Vallejo Drive Church Chapel, located on the corner of Holly Drive and Vallejo Drive. Classes will be taught by certified instructors from the Glendale Fire Department and the Office of Emergency Services and Homeland Security. Please RSVP your attendance by contacting Marcel Schwantes at 310.283.1830 before November 27.

Upcoming Events

December 14	Church Board, 7:00 p.m., Youth Center
December 16	Baptism
December 23	Christmas Service & Petting Zoo
	Pastoral Staff

Sunset tonight – 4:43 p.m. Sunset next Friday – 4:43 p.m.

Order of Worship

10:50 am – 12:10 pm

Prelude	"My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord" <i>Fugue on the Magnificat</i>	<i>J. S. Bach</i>
Morning Hymn	"Jesus Loves Me"	No. 190
Entering of the Light		
Call to Worship	Mitchell Henson	
	We have gathered to worship to listen to covenant to praise your name to remember our heritage to celebrate our destiny. Oh God, we joyfully receive your grace.	
Baptism	Mitchell Henson	
Anthem	"Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing"	<i>G. Young</i>
Worship in Giving		
Morning Offering	Meredith Jobe	
Offertory	Charles Lane	
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	"The Love of God"	<i>N. Sleeth</i>
Scripture	John 16:19-24	Matthew Nunez
Sermon	"Happy People, Part I"	Mitchell Henson
Choral Benediction	"In the Bosom of God"	<i>Ariel Quintana</i>
	<i>May our minds be enlightened May our hearts be renewed May our souls be enriched and our spirits be ennobled Remain with us now and tomorrow and ever more abide That we may live and sleep enfolded in the bosom of God. -Robert L. Marsh</i>	
Postlude	"O Come All Ye Faithful"	<i>Dupre</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	

Worship Options

<u>Option</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

<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sequence</u>
Bell Choir	Youth Center	Friday at 7:00 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	
Head Deaconess	Eleanor Posner
Church Board Chair	Terry Bork
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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One Hundred Years of Grace



THE SEASON OF ADVENT

*"THE CHILD TO BE BORN WILL BE
CALLED HOLY, THE SON OF GOD..."*

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Glendale City SDA Church