

Scripture Reading

John 10:1-5,7-10, 14, 15

Itell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice.

I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.

He will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Sermon Resources

We arrive in this world with birthright gifts—then we spend the first half of our lives abandoning them or letting others disabuse us of them. As young people, we are surrounded by expectations that may have little to do with who we really are, expectations held by people who are not trying to discern our selfhood but to fit us into slots. In families, schools, workplaces, and religious communities, we are trained away from true self toward images of acceptability; under social pressures like racism and sexism our original shape is deformed beyond recognition; and we ourselves, driven by fear, too often betray true self to gain the approval of others.

We are disabused of original giftedness in the first half of our lives. Then—if we are awake, aware, and able to admit our loss—we spend the second half trying to recover and reclaim the gift we once possessed. —Parker J. Palmer, *Let Your Life Speak*

Sabbath time can be a revolutionary challenge to the violence of overwork, mindless accumulation, and the endless multiplication of desires, responsibilities, and accomplishments. Sabbath is a way of being in time where we remember who we are, remember what we know, and taste the gifts of spirit and eternity. —Wayne Muller, *Sabbath*

From the Senior Pastor

Friday, March 2, 2007

Dear Church family,

Well, here we go!! I have been called to fight a deadly brain cancer, or at least the residual, after a near-perfect surgery. The team from caregivers to surgeons at Glendale Adventist Medical Center are exceptional beyond belief. I will name names later, but it would fill the bulletin if I did. I commit myself to remain open and vulnerable to this process of healing. I will not step back nor step down from what God has called me to do. And yet, as I am sure you can understand, for awhile my contributions may be a bit muted. As you may know, because I fainted and was taken to the emergency room, I will not be able to drive for awhile, and so my mobility will be limited. So be it! I have said from the front many times that this is a unique and exceptional church family, and let me tell you, I have experienced it beyond all belief. From Don Greathouse, who appeared before 5:00 the day of my surgery, who came to read, to pray, and to sing (*What A Friend We Have in Jesus!*); to friends who gathered around; to those who hovered like guardian angels; to friends who brought comfort and resources, this has truly been an experience of beauty. I have not had one moment of fear, and yet I know that the road may be rough ahead. Sometimes we ask, "Why me?" I ask, "Why not me?" If God can work this through my life for his glory, if I can somehow be an example of strength to you as you face your life challenges, if somehow we can pull together as the unique church of God that He has called us to be where none are excluded and all are included, as Taylor Ruhl likes to say – No Exceptions – then truly we are moving to the next level.

The team that was formed to complete the beautiful additions to the sanctuary was quite fortuitous. God put the right people in the right place at the right time with the proper skills. I can relax knowing it is being done with great quality.

I plan to make a presentation at *Stories-from-the-Pew* Sabbath and plan to be available at least one hour a week at staff for the foreseeable future. I will gauge my strength according to my level of response to various treatments. I love my work. It is therapeutic, it's blessed, and I am so grateful for Denise, Mike, Cherise, Leif, Terry Bork our Board Chair, Doug Schultz our Head Elder, and of course Victoria who anchors it all. Let's all do our best, AND THEN SOME. Things could not be better. Life is good. God is good, and grace abounds.

Sincerely,
Your Pastor and grateful friend,
Mitch Henson and family

City Church Announcements

Flowers. Today's flowers are a birthday celebration of David Ferguson and Peter Massey.

Stories from the Pew. Sabbath, March 31, is "Stories from the Pew" and we are asking for your participation. Write or edit a spiritual story of your choice and submit it by March 14 to be included for this special worship service. For more information, call the Church Office at 818/244-7241.

Prassô. This new Sabbath School class continues today in the Youth Center. What does it mean to be Christian in the 21st Century? Join us as we take time to slow down, to meditate on this and discuss how we practice being Christian. Kathleen Norris' book *Amazing Grace* is the starting point for our reflections and conversations. All are welcome.

Anchor Points. Another new Sabbath School class, "Anchor Points," to meet every 2nd and 4th Sabbath of the month at 9:30 in Room 10. We will discuss some of the key teachings and doctrines of the Church. The next class will meet March 10—all are welcome!

Children's Choir has a lovely problem! We are spilling out of our practice room. We always want to welcome new singers, so we are splitting the choir. Sunshine Singers welcome singers ages 4–6, sign up March 10 in Sunshine Singer's room; and Jubilate is seeking singers ages 7–12 who wish to read more challenging music. Both choirs will sing in worship together for the rest of the school year.

Easter Packets. These are available in the Narthex after the worship service. We ask for a \$2.00 donation per bag. The bags are designed for infants to junior high students and are great for parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles to use with children during the Lent and Easter season.

GAE Open House. Glendale Adventist Elementary wishes to invite all parents with school-age children to an Open House on Thursday, March 8, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

GAE Tuition Special. Glendale Adventist Elementary announces special Kindergarten rates for early enrollments. See flyer in Narthex.

Adventist Marathon Clinic. This program is designed to accommodate individuals at every level of fitness, speed, and distance. The new training cycle begins on Sunday, March 11, at 7:00 a.m. in the Verdugo Park parking lot. Come and prepare for the 2007 Honolulu Marathon.

Today's cover photos are courtesy of Douglas Kasischke.

Upcoming Sermons

March 10	"Stifling Sectarian Strife" (The Jesus Way)	Hermon Kibble
March 17	"Talking to the Dead"	Denise Kasischke
March 24		Dr. Barry C. Black, 67th Chaplain of United States Senate
March 31	"Stories from the Pew"	Staff
April 7	Easter Service	

Order of Worship

10:50 am – 12:10 pm

Prelude	"Intermezzo"	Brahms
Morning Hymn	"We Have This Hope"	See Insert
Entering of the Light	Matthew & Jonathan Nuñez	
Call to Worship	Michael Quishenberry	
	By the Word of the Lord were the Heavens made The starry hosts were formed by his mouth Continue your creation in us today, Oh God, as we worship.	
Gifts of the Congregation	Juan Nunez	
Anthem	"Vocalise" Louis Mo, violin	S. Rachmaninoff
Worship in Giving Morning Offering Offertory	"Chanson de Matin" Louis Mo, violin	Dean Vendouris E. Elgar
Children's Sermon	Denise Kasischke	
Greeting & Prayers of the Congregation	Michael Quishenberry	
Prayer Response	Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me! Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me! Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me! Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me!	
Anthem	Méditation from "Thaïs" Louis Mo, violin	J. Massenet
Scripture	John 10:1-5, 7-10, 14, 15	Dorothy Colvin
Sermon	"Background Noise"	Michael Quishenberry
Blessing and Sending		
Choral Benediction	"Lead Me, Lord"	S. Wesley
Postlude	"Scherzo, Op. 16, No. 2"	Mendelssohn

Sabbath School Options

Class	Age	Location	Symbols/Leaders
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
Prassô	General	Youth Center	
Armenian	General	Room 11	
Romanian	General	Room 13	
Pastor	General	Fellowship Hall	Mitchell Henson
SS Quarterly	General	Chapel	

Worship Options

Option	Location	Sequence
Sanctuary Service	Main Sanctuary	Every Sabbath
Romanian Service	Chapel	1st and 3rd Sabbaths
Armenian Service	Chapel	2nd and 4th Sabbaths

Activities

Event	Location	Sequence
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.
Marathon Clinic	Verdugo Park	Sunday at 7:00 a.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
Constantin Balan, Romanian Senior Pastor

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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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Sunset tonight – 5:49 p.m. Sunset next Friday – 5:55 p.m.

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Glendale City Seventh-day Adventist Church

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