

## Scripture Reading

### Matthew 23:27-31

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men's bones and everything unclean.

**In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.**

Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You build tombs for the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous.

**And you say, 'If we had lived in the days of our forefathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.'**

So you testify against yourselves that you are the descendants of those who murdered the prophets."

## Anthem

### **Because He Lives**

*God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus;  
He came to love, heal, and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon,  
an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.*

*Because He lives I can face tomorrow;  
because He lives all fear is gone;  
I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living  
just because He lives.*

*How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
and feel the pride and joy he gives;  
But greater still the calm assurance,  
this child can face uncertain days because He lives.*

## From the Senior Pastor

March 14, 2007

Dear church family,

First of all, let me thank you for your outstanding support of your pastoral staff over the years. During my time of treatments, you may have some questions as to the roles of the pastoral staff. The pastoral staff will continue covering their areas of pastoral care. Denise is in charge of Children and Family Ministries, along with her associate, Cherise. In addition, Cherise, will be conducting a special effort to produce our long-awaited pictorial church directory. Meanwhile, Mike, as pastor of the parish, will continue to oversee the visitation needs, pastoral care needs, and will stay in contact with me regarding these issues and others, including the construction. The construction to this point is on time, and we believe well within our Easter concert date. At any time during this treatment period, feel free to call me, or a member of the pastoral staff who will be in touch with me, and we will respond to your needs. If in the course of my treatment I am unavailable to take your calls, please contact Mike and I will be in contact with him.

Leif Lind will continue to oversee my Sabbath School class for the next two weeks, March 17 and March 24 with the current book, and then the third week from now, March 31, 2007, we will begin our broad-based study of nutrition in America with the book, "The China Study." I have ordered 60 copies, which we will make available as soon as they arrive.

I encourage you to participate in the listening process initiated by your church board. These meetings will be invaluable as we make plans for the future. Your church board chair, Terry Bork, is assessing our current processes of decision making, and is fine-tuning that in preparation for the many decisions that we will need to make together as we get the results from our listening experience.

God has worked marvelously in my life, as one of you said, "We've already seen two huge miracles, first that you survived the operation intact, and second that you're strong, hopeful, and moving forward. Now we're just praying and working for other miracles." This is what I call the "hard work" miracle phase, as I go through chemotherapy, radiation, and perhaps other forms of treatment. We have chosen City of Hope as the place for my on-going treatment. The people there exhibit love and grace and HOPE! The only limit I experience thus far is that I'm unable to drive for perhaps the next month or two. Thank God for telephones, e-mail, and staff, and a cadre of volunteer drivers! I am joyful, optimistic, and am in better health now than before I fainted in church! God is good, it's all good.

Sincerely,  
Mitch Henson  
Senior Pastor

## City Church Announcements

**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 as soon as possible to be included for this special worship service. For more information, call the Church Office at 818/244-7241.

**Prassô.** 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.

**Listening Committee TODAY!** Our church leadership would like to hear your ideas on a number of issues, including the Chapel. Today, immediately following the 11 o'clock service, the special listening committee will be in the Fellowship Hall to hear from you. A light boxed lunch will be provided to those who attend. Each session will last no longer than two hours. Please pick one of these two dates to come and share your thoughts and ideas with us. *In addition to today's general sessions, there will be another meeting Sabbath, March 31 plus additional meetings scheduled with other groups within the church, e.g. the young adults, the choirs, etc. We look forward to seeing you at these meetings.*

**Easter Packets.** These are available in the Narthex after the worship service. We ask for a \$2.00 donation per packet. The packets 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.

**Easter Play.** Our church has been extended a special invitation to the Garden Grove SDA Easter Play on Saturday night, March 31st. Pastor Rudy Torres is reserving the front section especially for our members!!! Transportation will be provided by the A+ School bus, David Wilkens, and Juan Nuñez. The bus will leave around 6:30 p.m. from the front of the church. The bus ride and play are both free. RSVP to 818/244-7241.

**Wayne Hooper.** The Memorial Service for Wayne Hooper will be Sabbath, May 5, at 4:00 p.m. at the Vallejo Drive Church. The program will primarily feature music, all of it either compositions or arrangements by Wayne. Lonnie Melashenko will give a short message. The entire service will be about one hour. Information: 805-955-7636.

Today's cover photos are courtesy of Douglas Kasischke.

## Upcoming Sermons

March 24	Dr. Barry C. Black, 67th Chaplain of United States Senate
March 31	"Stories from the Pew" Staff
April 7	Easter Service
April 14	Mitchell Henson
April 15	Organ Concert

**Sunset tonight – 7:01 p.m. Sunset next Friday – 7:07 p.m.**

## Order of Worship

10:50 am – 12:10 pm

<b>Prelude</b>	"Noturno"	<i>Edvard Grieg</i>
<b>Morning Hymn</b>	"Praise We the Lord"	No. 28
<b>Entering of the Light</b>	Ellee and Vivien Lee Posner	
<b>Call to Worship</b>	Denise Kasischke	
	By the Word of the Lord were the Heavens made The starry hosts were formed by his mouth <b>Continue your creation in us today, Oh God, as we worship.</b>	
<b>Gifts of the Congregation</b>	Michael Quishenberry	
<b>Anthem</b>	"Sing Praise to God"	<i>arr. L. Pfautsch</i>
<b>Worship in Giving</b>		
Morning Offering	Dr. Judson Ravi	
Offertory	"Lord, You Are Near Me"	<i>M. Patterson</i>
	Sunshine Singers	
<b>Children's Sermon</b>	Cherise Gardner	
<b>Greeting &amp; Prayers of the Congregation</b>		
<b>Prayer Response</b>		
	<i>Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me!</i>	
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	<i>Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me!</i>	
	<i>Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me!</i>	
<b>Anthem</b>	"Because He Lives"	<i>Gaither, arr. Schrader</i>
<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Matthew 23:27-31</b>	Dave Ferguson
<b>Sermon</b>	"Talking to the Dead"	Denise Kasischke
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Choral Benediction</b>	"Lead Me Lord"	<i>S. Wesley</i>
<b>Postlude</b>	"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"	<i>arr. K. Smeal</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
Prassó	General	Youth Center	
Armenian	General	Room 11	
Romanian	General	Room 13	
Pastor	General	Fellowship Hall	Mitchell Henson
SS Quarterly	General	Chapel	
Anchor Points	General	Room 10	Leif Lind

## 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 8:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	Sabbath at 9:15 am
Pathfinders	GAMC Gymnasium	Tuesday at 6:45 pm
Sunshine/Jubilate 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

### Officers

Head Elder	Douglas Schultz
Head Deacon	—
Head Deaconess	Eleanor Posner
Church Board Chair	Terry Bork
Sanctuary Choir Director	Brenda Mohr
Organist	Kemp Smeal
Guest Children's Choir Director	Katherine Dryden
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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## March 17, 2007