

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 1:20; Titus 1:2, 3; Genesis 12:1, 2; 18:9; 21:1, 2; Romans 4:13, 16; Matthew 8:5-13; Philippians 4:19; Luke 23:39; John 14:3; Psalm 23:4; Matthew 18:19, 20; John 14:14; Revelation 3:20 (RSV, adapted)

For all the promises of God find their 'YES' in Him.

We have hope of eternal life which God, who never lies, promised ages ago.

The Lord said to Abram, "I will make of you a great nation. Sarah your wife shall have a son." And the Lord did to Sarah as he had promised. She conceived and bore Abraham a son.

The promise to Abraham and his descendants came through the righteousness of faith. The promise depends on faith.

A Centurion came forward to Jesus, beseeching him, and saying, "Lord, my servant is sick at home. Only say the word and he will be healed." Jesus marveled and said "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at the table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven." To the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed."

My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

A criminal who hanged next to Jesus said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingly power." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

I go and prepare a place for you. I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am, you may be also.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Jesus says, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them. If you ask anything in my name, I will do it. Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me."

Sermon Resources

In this wonderful book, "*The Will of God*" by Dr. Leslie D. Weatherhead, we find the will of God explored in a most helpful way. Dr. Weatherhead talks about: the **intentional** will of God, the **provisional** will of God, and the **ultimate** will of God. When we speak then of the promises of God, we are addressing part of what God has already revealed through his promises, what His intentions for us are. Because we are people of faith, we rest in the assurance that the ultimate will of God will be fulfilled. But until that time, we live with his intentional will and the natural and logical consequence of our behavior, which can affect God's will for our lives.

Notice how often people add qualifiers to the promises of God. *If we are faithful to him at all times, He will fulfill his promises.* The subtle shift there is troubling—as if my behavior earns, or justifies God's promise. That is heresy! So, let no one steal the promise God has made to you by adding qualifiers. Would God prefer that we obey His will and follow His directions exactly and precisely? Of course, but if my obedient behavior is what unlocks heavens promises, then I am right back where I started.

Remember, these promises were made before you were ever conceived. They are made to any and all who begin the journey of faith. They are based on God's ability to complete his will, not our ability to win his approval. He has already demonstrated that beyond question. So let us have faith and boldly come before the throne of grace, that we may have mercy, pardon, and the desires of our hearts. Surely this is what Jesus meant when He said, "Ask anything in my name."
—Mitch Henson

"Shall We Gather at the River?"

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, beautiful river,
Gather with the saints at the river, that flows by the throne of God.

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

City Church Announcements

Godly Play. Children ages 3-6 meet today after the Offertory. Children ages 7 and up will meet next Sabbath.

Church Officers 2007-08. We are voting in the Nominating Committee List today. There are booklets available in the Narthex in baskets for your review.

Thanksgiving. The Pathfinders will make a collection of dry/canned goods for families in need. Bring non-perishable foods from now until November 17. Call the church office to make arrangements.

Children & Family Ministries Luncheon. On October 27, all are invited to a luncheon after the worship service. We will be discussing and planning the future of this ministries activities.

Our next **Stories from the Pew** will be in 2008. If you want to submit a story, please contact the church office. Also keep in mind that if you had an interesting trip during the holidays and you think your Church Family will be interested, contact the church office and we may include it. It may be in writing or PowerPoint. Allow yourself to be creative!

Del Delker. It's her birthday October 21. She has not been doing well, nor seeing visitors lately. We hope to encourage her with cards and letters. Send your letters to: Voice of Prophecy, 101 W. Cochran St., Simi Valley, CA 93065, ATTN: Armine. Lonnie and Jeannie Melashenko plan to deliver them to Del, along with a huge basket of goodies next week.

Planning Committee. Here is a list of the names of your Planning Committee:

Dave Ferguson—Chair	Barbara Jones	Robert Peterson
Vartkes Azadian	Marquita Kibble	Judson Ravi
Daisy Bolduc	Dorin Lataeanu	Heidi Rochte
Marin Burney	Leif Lind	Joshua Sofias
Colleen Ford	Robert Ohanian	Beverly Tarr
Jeevan Johnson	Rachel Pereyra	

Upcoming Sermons

October 27	Cherise Gardner
November 3	Steve Chavez, Managing Editor of <i>Adventist Review</i>
November 10	Hymn Festival Dr. Mel West

Sunset tonight – 6:15 p.m. Sunset next Friday – 6:07 p.m.

Order of Worship

10:50 am – 12:10 pm

Prelude	"Air on the G String"	<i>J. S. Bach</i>
Call to Worship		Mitchell Henson
	For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.	
Opening Hymn	"How Great Thou Art"	No. 86
Story from the Pew	<i>Camp Cedar Falls</i>	The Sofias Family
Speaking from the Pew	Cherise Gardner, <i>interviewer</i> <i>Judy Nuñez & Glendale Academy Classroom Adoption</i>	
Scripture		Charles Shobe
Anthem	"Good News, The Chariot's Comin' "	<i>arr. M. Hogan</i>
Worship in Giving		Jason Schlatter
Morning Offering	Jubilate Deo	<i>Traditional</i>
Offertory	("Raise a Shout of Joy to God") Allons Chanter à Sion	<i>Traditional from Cameroon</i>
	("Come On, Sing Unto Zion") Jubilate Singers	
Church Directory Presentation		Marcos Apolonio
Story from the Pew	<i>Report from the Black Sea</i>	Dr. Robert Marsh
Greetings and Prayers of the Congregation		Mitchell Henson
Prayer Response	<i>Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided, Great is Thy faithfulness! Lord unto me!</i>	
Anthem	"Shall We Gather at the River?"	<i>arr. J. Carter</i>
Sermon	"Promises Fulfilled"	Mitchell Henson
Closing Hymn	"Standing on the Promises"	No. 518
Choral Benediction	"Amen"	<i>H. Helvey</i>
Postlude	"Prelude in G Major"	<i>J. S. Bach</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
Prassô	General	Youth Center	
Armenian	General	Room 11	
Romanian	General	Room 13	
Pastor	General	Fellowship Hall	
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 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
Cherise Gardner (*Intern*), Family & Children Ministries
Michael Quishenberry, Pastor of the Parish
Hovik Sarrafian, Armenian Senior Pastor
Vartkes Azadian, Armenian Associate Pastor
Dorin Lataeanu, Romanian Senior Pastor
Leif Lind, Church Administrator
Marcos Apolonio, Media Ministries

Officers

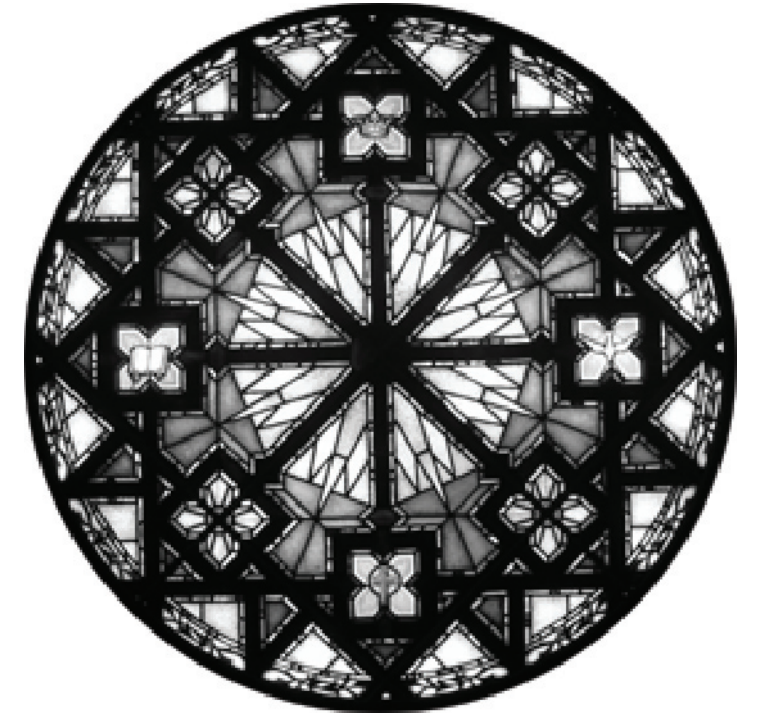
Head Elder	Doug Schultz
Head Deacon	—
Head Deaconess	Eleanor Posner
Acting Church Board Chair	Vincent Haynes
Sanctuary Choir Director	Brenda Mohr
Organist	Taylor Ruhl
Children's Choir Director	Lissie Quishenberry
Bell Choir Director	Ariel Quintana
Secretary	Victoria Lucero
Treasurer	Dean Vendouris
Church Clerk	Mindi Rüb
A+ School Board Chair	Andrew Cervik
A+ School Principal	Jeanie Drake

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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