

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry.

**He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"
I said, "O Sovereign Lord, you alone know."**

Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.' "

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.' "

So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: O my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel.

Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.' "

Sermon Resources

The new birth or regeneration is an inner recreating of fallen human nature by the Holy Spirit. It changes the disposition from lawless, godless self-seeking, into one of trust and love, repentance for past rebelliousness and unbelief, and loving compliance with God's law henceforth. It enlightens the blinded mind to discern spiritual realities and liberates and energizes the enslaved will for free obedience to God.

The use of the figure of new birth to describe this change emphasizes two facts about it. The first is its decisiveness. The regenerate man has forever ceased to be the man he was; his old life is over and a new life has begun; he is a new creature in Christ, buried with him out of reach of condemnation and raised with him into a new life of righteousness.

The second fact emphasized is that regeneration is due to the free, and to us, mysterious, exercise of divine power. Infants do not induce or cooperate in their own procreation and birth; no more can those who are dead in trespasses and sins prompt the quickening operation of God's Spirit within them.

—*Your Father Loves You*, James Packer

Upcoming Sermons

November 3 & Guest Speaker	Day of Remembrance Steve Chavez, Managing Editor of <i>Adventist Review</i>
November 10	Hymn Festival Dr. Mel West
November 17	Thanksgiving Service Pathfinder Food Drive Collection Staff

Sunset tonight – 6:07 p.m. Sunset next Friday – 6:00 p.m.

City Church Announcements

Display Case. *Day of Remembrance* will be on November 3. On this day we will honor our loved ones who have passed by lighting a candle in their memory. The display case will be available in the Narthex to share photos and memories of your loved ones. Please call the church office for further information.

Godly Play. Children ages 7 and up will meet this Sabbath.

Children & Family Ministries Luncheon. Today, October 27, all are invited to a luncheon after the worship service. We will be discussing and planning the future of Children's Ministries.

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.

Family Bowling, November 11. Glendale City Church is invited to attend a Sunday morning bowl at AMF Bowl, Pasadena Hastings Ranch. \$12 gets you two games, shoe rental, and fellowship! Call Geri Sofias for further information and RSVP by November 9: (818) 679-6476.

Beginning November 10, Eagle Rock SDA Church will host activities for **SDA Singles**. If you are interested, please contact Linette Rubio at pleasebealady@yahoo.com or call (818) 951-4154.

Report from the Southeastern California Conference: San Diego County fire

We have learned that many Adventist families have evacuated or lost their homes. Here is how you can help:

Pray for the millions of men, women and children who have suffered; for the firefighters; for the leaders of government and volunteer agencies that are making decisions on how best to respond to this disaster.

Volunteer wisely! Information on volunteering is available at the Pacific Union website: <http://puonline.org>. Also, you may donate through your local church. Please mark your donation "Southern California Wildfire Relief." 100% of your donation will go to aid the victims of this disaster.

This should remind us of our need to have an emergency plan and kit. Please visit: http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/0,1082,0_217_00.html for more information on how to be prepared, or call the church office for a copy of this check list.

Order of Worship

10:50 am – 12:10 pm

Prelude "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" *Walther*

Entering of the Light

Call to Worship Cherise Gardner

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 "Fairest Lord Jesus" No. 240

Scripture Robert Peterson

Anthem "Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing" *G. Young*

Worship in Giving

Morning Offering The Rogers Family
Offertory Lori Stinson

Children's Story Michael Quishenberry

Greetings and Prayers of the Congregation Cherise Gardner

Prayer Response

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!

Anthem "All My Trials" *B. Red*

Sermon "Dem Bones" Cherise Gardner

Closing Hymn "Wonderful Words of Life" No. 286

Choral Benediction "Amen" *H. Helvey*

Postlude "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" *Bender*

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

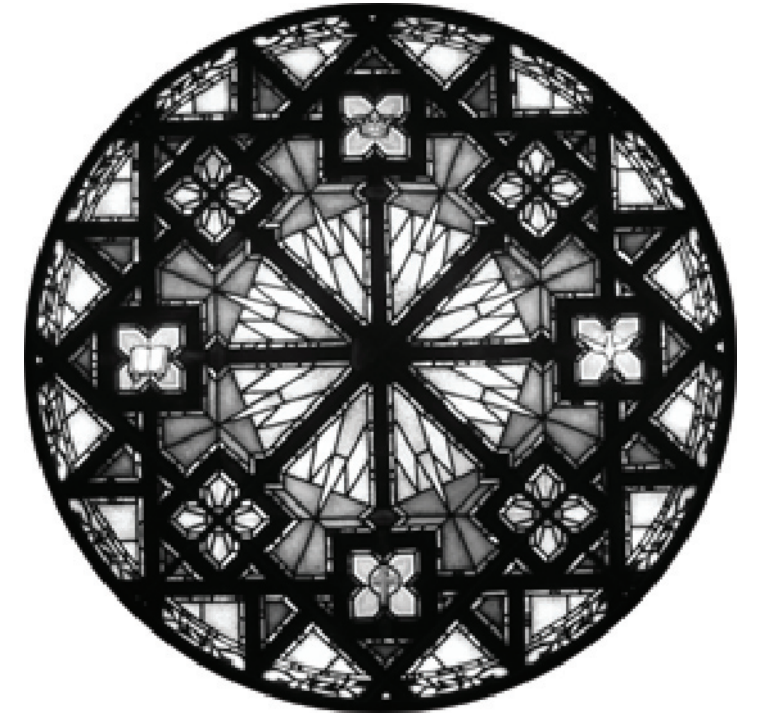
Head Elder	Don Greathouse
Head Deacon	Harold Fanselau
Head Deaconess	Eleanor Posner
Acting Church Board Chair	Vincent Haynes
Sanctuary Choir Director	Brenda Mohr
Organist	Kemp Smeal
Children's Choir Director	Lissie Quishenberry
Bell Choir Director	Ariel Quintana
Secretary	Victoria Lucero
Treasurer	Dean Vendouris
Church Clerk	Mindi Rüb
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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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