

Order of Worship

10:50 am – 12:10 pm

(Please turn off all cell phones & pagers for the worship service)

Prelude "Children of the Heavenly Father" *arr. Bish*

Entering of the Light

Opening Hymn "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" No. 4

Call to Worship

Almighty and ever living God,
ruler of all things in heaven and earth,
hear our prayers for this church family.
Holy God, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ
be present among us today as we seek you.

Greetings and Prayers of the Congregation Rudy Torres
(Please remain standing for prayer)

Prayer Response

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer,
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.
Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin,
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Worship in Song "God Made the Earth" *Henley*
"The Butterfly Song" *Howard*
Psalm 40:8 – read by Jakob Jackson
"My God Loves Me" *arr. Silvestri*
A+ Children's Choir

Children's Sermon "Sam Lee and the Seed" Jeanie Drake
Principal of A+ School

Slide Presentation *A+ Moments*

Worship in Giving

Morning Offering Trenton McRae
Offertory "Jesus Loves Me" *arr. K. Smeal*

Scripture **John 17:1-3** Matthew Nunez

Sermon "Treasure Your Most Valuable Treasure" Dr. Mario Negrete
Associate Superintendent of Education
Southern California Conference

Songs of Blessing and Sending

"Father, I Adore" *Coelho*
"Jesus Is the Answer" *arr. Silvestri*
A+ Children's Choir

Benediction

Postlude "Fugue in C" *Buxtehude*

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
Armenian	General	Room 11	
Romanian	General	Room 13	
Pastor	General	Fellowship Hall	Leif Lind
SS Quarterly	General	Chapel	Marquita Kibble

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/Jubilate Singers	Room 10b	Sabbath at Noon
Bible Study		Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Marathon Clinic	Verdugo Park	Sunday at 7:00 a.m.

Church Directory

Pastors

Rudy Torres, Interim Senior Pastor
Cherise Gardner, Family & Children's Ministries
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
Church Board Chair	Vincent Haynes
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 Board Chair	Andrew Cervik
A+ School Principal	Jeanie Drake
Pathfinder Director	Preston Carman

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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Glendale City Seventh-day Adventist Church



"A Journey Towards
Excellence"

April 26, 2008

Scripture Reading

John 17:1-3

Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son,
that your Son may glorify you.

For you granted him authority over all people that he might
have eternal life to all those you have given him.

**Now this is eternal life: that they may know you,
the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.**

Our Speaker Today

We welcome to our pulpit today Dr. Mario Negrete, Associate Superintendent of Education for the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists!

Sermon Resources

“The church is God’s appointed agency for the salvation of men. It was organized for service, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world. From the beginning it has been God’s plan that through His church shall be reflected to the world His fullness and His sufficiency.”

The Acts of the Apostles, E. G. White, p. 9

“The mental value of Bible study consists not only in searching out truth and bringing it together, it consists also in the effort required to grasp the themes presented. The mind that is occupied only with commonplace matters becomes dwarfed and enfeebled. If never tasked to comprehend grand and far-reaching truths, it loses the power of growth. As a safeguard against this degeneracy and a stimulus to development, nothing can equal the study of God’s Word. As a means of intellectual training, the Bible is more effective

than any other book or all other books combined.

One of the first lessons that children need to learn is the lesson of obedience. Before they are old enough to reason, they may be taught to obey. By gentle, persistent effort, the habit should be established. To a great degree this may prevent those later conflicts between will and authority that create alienation and bitterness toward parents and teachers, and too often resistance of all authority, human and divine. The object of discipline is to train children for self-government. They should be taught self-reliance and self-control. As soon as they are able to understand, their reasoning powers should be enlisted on the side of obedience. Show them that obedience is right and reasonable. Help them see that disobedience leads to disaster and suffering.

True education does not ignore the value of scientific knowledge or literary acquirements, but above information it values power; above power, goodness; above intellectual acquirements, character. The world does not so much need men and women of great intellect as of noble character. It needs people in whom ability is controlled by steadfast principle.

Character building is the most important work ever entrusted to human beings, and never was its diligent study so important as now. Never was any previous generation called to meet issues so momentous. Never were young men and women confronted by perils so great as confront them today.

God’s plan of life has a place for every human being. All are to improve their talents to the utmost, and faithfulness in doing this, whether the gifts be few or many, entitles them to honor. In God’s plan there is no place for selfish rivalry. Those who measure themselves by themselves, and compare themselves among themselves, are not wise (2 Cor. 10:12). Whatever we do is to be done 'heartily, as to the Lord . . . knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.' Col. 3:23, 24."

"True Education," an adaptation of *Education*, by E. G. White, pp. 74, 179, 136, 137

City Church Announcements

The **mother of Duquessa McGuffin, Eleanor Frances Goley** passed to her rest on Tuesday, April 8. Her memorial service will be next Saturday, May 3 at 2 p.m. in the Camarillo SDA Church, 3975 E. Las Posas Road, CA 93010.

A reminder that the **Church Board will be meeting** on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Youth Center

Summer Camp 2008 at A+ Adventist Children's Center, June 9–August 15, for children 6-10. Activities will include twice-a-week swimming lessons at the YMCA and field trips like Universal Studios & the Nixon Library plus more! Register now: 818/241-9353. Space is limited.

Join Central Filipino Church in the **3rd Annual Lay Evangelism Rally** this Sabbath afternoon, from 3:30–5:30 pm. This "Blown Away" rally will feature Shawn Boonstra from *It Is Written*.

Glendale Academy Drama presents "**Mulan**," May 1 & 3 at 8 p.m. Also, the Academy will hold its annual **May Festival** Sunday, May 4, from 11-3 p.m. See flyers in Narthex.

Mark your calendars! May 17 a USC Fundraising Blood Drive mobile unit will be in the Chapel parking lot from 8-4:30 p.m. Help give the gift of life to patients at the USC Hospital.

Team BioBots of Glendale Adventist Elementary goes in May to the National Robotics competition at Andrews University. We are asking for your help! Mark a tithe envelope "Robotics" and place in the offering or call the Church Office. Visit the Narthex display to see what our Team BioBots have accomplished!

Pathfinders annual bike-a-thon will be on May 18 to raise enough money for every Pathfinder to attend Camporee at Oshkosh. We are asking for your help. Mark a tithe envelope "Oshkosh" and place in the offering or call the Church Office.

Hymns & Spirituals Concert, May 31, 4 p.m. at City Church. The Glendale Academy Choir will combine their vocal talents with our Sanctuary Choir to provide an inspiration to all!

Interested in developing a **Glendale chapter of the Association of Adventist Forums?** Please put your name and mark "AAF" on one of the pew cards, or contact Dave Ferguson.

Upcoming Sermons & Events

Elder of the Day	Wanda Koffman
April 29	Church Board, 7 pm Youth Center
May 3	Rudy Torres
May 10	Mother's Day/Family Sabbath (Marlene Ferreras, Campus Hill)

Sunset tonight – 7:38 p.m. Sunset next Friday – 7:39 p.m.