

Order of Worship

10:50 am – 12:10 pm

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

Prelude “Slow Air for Organ” *Samuel Wesley*

Entering of the Light

Opening Hymn “Chief of Sinners” No. 295

Call to Worship Rudy Torres

Hear the promises of God

God is near to all who call, who call from their hearts.

The desires of those who fear God are fulfilled;
their cries are heard; they are saved.

**Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed,
for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious hand.**

Anthem “Soliloquy for Bells” *K. L. Buckwalter*
Sanctuary Bell Choir

Worship in Giving

Morning Offering Dr. Vincent Haynes
Offertory “Song for Organ” *Henry Smart*

Children’s Sermon Hope MacKenzie

Greetings and Prayers of the Congregation Leif Lind
(Please remain standing for prayer)

Prayer Response

More love to thee, O Christ! More love to thee;

Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee.

This is my earnest plea, more love, O Christ, to thee,
More love to thee! More love to thee!

Anthem “Rondo-Passacaglia” *C. Dobrinski*
Sanctuary Bell Choir

Scripture **Luke 15:11-24** Lee Posner

Sermon “Finding a Lost Family Member” Rudy Torres

Closing Hymn “Amazing Grace” No. 108

Benediction Rudy Torres

Musical Response

Postlude “Paeon” *Peter Hurford*

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	

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

Officers

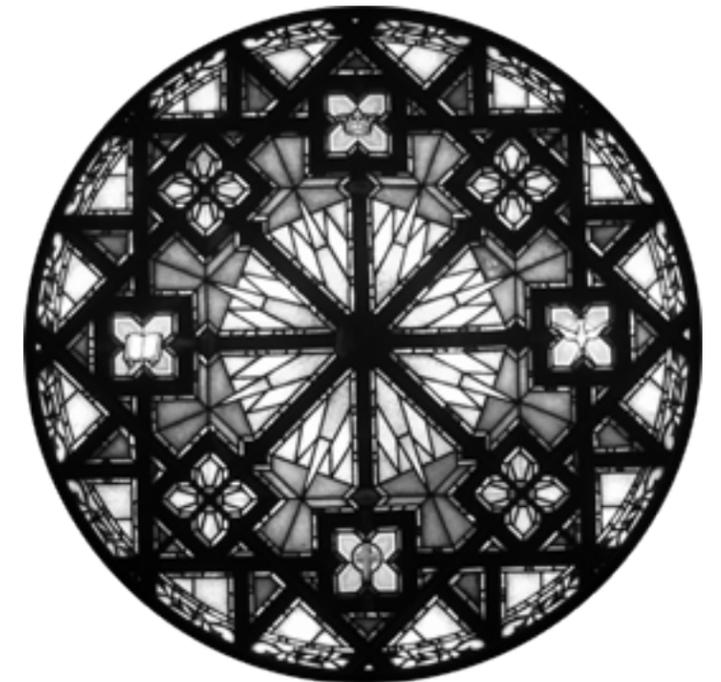
Head Elder	Don Greathouse
Head Deacon	Harold Fanselau
Head Deaconess	Eleanor Posner
Church Board Chair	Vincent Haynes
Choir Director	Brenda Mohr
Organist	Kemp Smeal
Children’s Choir Director	Lissie Quishenberry
Bell Choir Director	Ariel Quintana
Secretary	Victoria Lucero
Treasurer	Dean Vendouris
Church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



September 27, 2008

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:11-24

Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

"Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

**"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'
So they began to celebrate.**

Sermon Resources

What's the Point of Jesus' Parables?

Today is part three in a series of four sermons on the three parables of Jesus as recorded in the 15th chapter of Luke. Because Jesus' parables are not allegories, we will be interpreting them in another way. We will be searching for the main point of each parable. We will also be exploring the meaning of each parable. We will also be exploring the meaning of each parable as Luke the Evangelist understands their meaning from the point of view of the Church.

When Luke wrote the Gospel of Luke, he intended that it be the first half of a work entitled "Luke-Acts." In Luke, the Evangelist tells the story of Jesus and his mission while on earth. In his Acts of the Apostles, he tells the story of the mission of the Church and shows how the Church faithfully (and sometimes unfaithfully) modeled her mission on Jesus' mission.

Upcoming Sermons & Events

Elder of the Day		Barbara Jones
October 4	"Restoring the Family"	Rudy Torres
October 11	Communion	Leif Lind
October 18	Pastor Maury Jackson, Lancaster SDA Church	

Sunset tonight – 6:43 p.m. Sunset next Friday – 6:32 p.m.

City Church Announcements

Please welcome our guest **Bell Choir director Cheryl Smith.**

City Church's **Drama Club** will meet today after the worship service in the Youth Center. Light refreshments will be provided.

Adventist Forum meets today in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd at 3:30 p.m. The speaker will be Mark Carr, Ph. D. of the School of Religion, Loma Linda University. His topic is: "Engaging the Other: Do We Really Want an All-inclusive Faith?" All are welcome.

The American Cancer Society's 24-hr. "Relay for Life!" takes place today from 10 a.m. until 10 a.m. tomorrow. For more information please contact Juan Nuñez or call the Church Office.

International Food and Health Fair tomorrow, September 28, 1-5 p.m. at City Church. Plan to join us in raising funds to complete the Chapel of the Good Shepherd and introducing our community to our church. We encourage you to see Sandy Peterson or Dave Ferguson for a list of projects that need funding or to volunteer for one of the booths at the Fair. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends to enjoy good food from lots of different countries, participate in health screenings and lectures and enjoy some wonderful entertainment.

Youth Vespers. Glendale City's Youth (ages 13-20) are invited to an evening of service, fellowship, and games **next Friday, October 3, 2008, 6:30 p.m.** in the Youth Room. Come and get to know each other. Hope to see you there! If you have any further questions, please call Pastor Cherise at 909/809-7439. A light meal will be provided.

If you are interested in joining the Choir or watching a rehearsal, you are welcome to come and visit! Rehearsals are each Sabbath morning at 9:15 a.m. downstairs in the Choir Room. If you would like to talk to Brenda, please call her at 818-209-6795 or email brendamohr@hotmail.com.

Have you checked out the **bold new look of our Church's website** (www.glendalecitysda.com)? The site has been entirely restructured to be more user-friendly. Included on the page is congregation news as well as world Adventist news. You may also subscribe on the site for our *GCC News* bulletin.