

Order of Worship

10:50 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

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

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| Prelude | “Prelude and Fugue in E Minor” | <i>Brahms</i> |
| Opening Hymn | “All Creatures of Our God and King” | No. 2 |
| Call to Worship | Smuts van Rooyen | |
| | Serve the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever. | |
| Greetings & Prayers of the Congregation | Leif Lind | |
| | (Please remain standing for prayer) | |
| Prayer Response | Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face; And the things of earth will grow strangely dim In the light of His glory and grace. | |
| Anthem | “With a Voice of Singing” | <i>M. Shaw</i> |
| Morning Offering | Lee Posner | |
| Offertory | “If With All Your Hearts” Marthinus van Der Westhuizen, <i>solo</i> | <i>Mendelssohn</i> |
| Children’s Sermon | Cherise Gardner | |
| Anthem | “The Prayers I Make” | <i>J. Marshall</i> |
| Scripture | Hebrews 11:32-40 | Jeevan Johnson |
| Sermon | “What Does Faith Look and Feel Like?” | Smuts van Rooyen |
| Closing Hymn | “Lead Me to Calvary” | No. 317 |
| Benediction | Smuts van Rooyen | |
| Musical Response | “Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth” Marthinus van Der Westhuizen, <i>solo</i> | <i>Mendelssohn</i> |
| Postlude | “Toccata–Opus 59” | <i>Reger</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 |
| Armenian | General | Room 11 | |
| Romanian | General | Room 13 | |
| Pastor | General | Fellowship Hall | Leif Lind |
| SS Quarterly | General | Chapel | Hugh Gardner |

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 | | Monday at 7:00 p.m. |
| Marathon Clinic | Verdugo Park | Sunday at 7:00 a.m. |

Church Directory

Pastoral Staff

Smuts van Rooyen, Senior Pastor (626-256-4240)
Cherise Gardner, Family & Children’s Ministries (909-809-7439)
Hovik Sarrafian, Armenian Senior Pastor (909-796-9536)
Vartkes Azadian, Armenian Associate Pastor (626-335-6507)
Dorin Lataeanu, Romanian Senior Pastor (909-528-2545)
Leif Lind, Church Administrator (909-557-5230)

Officers

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| Head Elder | Don Greathouse (626-796-8579) |
| Head Deacon | Harold Fanselau (818-242-7772) |
| Head Deaconess | Eleanor Posner (818-281-5822) |
| Church Board Chair | Vincent Haynes (213-276-2131) |
| Choir Director | Brenda Mohr (brendajmohr@gmail.com) |
| Organist | Kemp Smeal (714-658-4885) |
| Children’s Choir Director | Lissie Quishenberry (626-797-2543) |
| Bell Choir Director | Ariel Quintana (818-552-2421) |
| Secretary | Victoria Lucero (818-244-7241 office) |
| Treasurer | Dean Vendouris (818-244-7241 office) |
| Church Clerk | Mindi Rüb (mindilus@mac.com) |
| A+ School Board Chair | Beverly Tarr (626-449-7319) |
| A+ School Principal | Anoosh Keshishzade (818-241-9353 school) |
| Pathfinder Director | Warren Dale (818-384-2820) |
| Facilities Administrator | Wayne Libby (818-522-4297) |

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 5, 2009

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:32-40 (*The Message*)

I could go on and on, but I've run out of time. There are so many more— Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, the prophets....

Through acts of faith, they toppled kingdoms, made justice work, took the promises for themselves. They were protected from lions, fires, and sword thrusts, turned disadvantage to advantage, won battles, routed alien armies. Women received their loved ones back from the dead.

There were those who, under torture, refused to give in and go free, preferring something better: resurrection. Others braved abuse and whips, and, yes, chains and dungeons.

We have stories of those who were stoned, sawed in two, murdered in cold blood; stories of vagrants wandering the earth in animal skins, homeless, friendless, powerless—the world didn't deserve them!—making their way as best they could on the cruel edges of the world.

Not one of these people, even though their lives of faith were exemplary, got their hands on what was promised.

God had a better plan for us: that their faith and our faith would come together to make one completed whole, their lives of faith not complete apart from ours.



Poem: "In the Beginning Was the Groan"

Within the confines of the human breast
A vortex churns, as terrifying and powerful
As any black hole found
In the horrors of space

Planets and dreams vanish down its throat
Like green peas in a kitchen sink.
Fixed stars shift then tear from their orbits
And are ground to galactic debris.

Nothing escapes this cosmic peristalsis,
Neither light nor prayer
Neither song nor whimper
Nothing escapes—but the Mystery.

It is the Mystery
Of the unutterable groaning,
The silent pain of the Holy Spirit,
Who makes intercession for us.

Thus from the vortex
Of infinite despair
A divine groan goes forth
And a new creation begins.

—*Smuts van Rooyen*

Anthem

"The Prayers I Make"

The prayers I make will then be sweet indeed,
If Thou the spirit give by which I pray;
My unassisted heart is barren clay,
Which of its native self can nothing feed;
Of good and pious works Thou art the seed
Which quickens where Thou say'st it may;
Unless Thou show us then Thine own true way,
No man can find it! Father, Thou must lead!

Do Thou, then, breathe those thoughts into my mind
By which such virtue may in me be bred
That in Thy holy footsteps I may tread;
The fetters of my tongue do Thou unbind,
That I may have the pow'r to sing of Thee
And sound, Thy praises everlastingly.

City Church Announcements

Welcome to City Church! May you be blessed in worship today.

The **Nominating Committee** will meet again on Tuesday, September 8 at 7 p.m.

The next meeting of the **L. A. Adventist Forum** will be Sabbath, Sept. 26, at 3:30 p.m. in the Chapel. The speaker is Douglas R. Clark, Ph.D., Associate Dean of the School of Religion and Director of the University Honors Program at La Sierra University. His topic, "The Dead Sea Scrolls: Anything Adventists Could Learn (or Unlearn) from the Essenes of Jesus' Time." All are welcome.

Our Youth Ministry needs **Sabbath School teachers!** If you are interested in teaching Kindergarten, Primary, Juniors, or Youth, contact the church office or Pastor Cherise.

The Glendale City Lights Project. The City of Glendale is developing new, low-income housing for residents. For information and an application call 818-759-6478 or log on to www.ci.glendale.ca.us/housing.asp immediately.

Romanian Adventist church member, master tailor by trade, available to do men's and women's clothing alterations, 818-548-7556.

Oberammergau Passion Play and Eastern Europe, Aug. 30–Sep. 8, 2010. The tour, including a 5-hour enactment of the Easter story by a 2,000 member cast, is \$2,699 per person (payable in four installments through May). If interested, please contact Ellenis Tohdjojo 213-595-5527 or email ellenis2000@yahoo.com. Group discounts available.

Upcoming Sermons & Events

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| Elder of the Day | Judson Ravi |
| September 12 | Smuts van Rooyen |
| September 19 | Smuts van Rooyen |
| September 26 | Children's Sabbath |

Sunset tonight – 7:16 p.m. Sunset next Friday – 7:06 p.m.