

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunset tonight—7:59 p.m. Next Friday—7:53 p.m.

*All are welcome — whoever you are, whatever your journey or background.
God excludes no one, and neither do we.*

UPCOMING SERMONS: **August 2**—Todd Leonard; **August 9**—Todd Leonard

We deeply regret to announce that **Pastor Cherise**, our children and family ministries pastor since 2007, has been **called** to be the senior pastor at Long Beach Adventist Church, starting September 6. Her last Sabbath with us here will be August 23. We wish the Gardner family God's richest blessings in the new calling.

Our deep condolences to **Paula Weisbard** on the sudden passing of her husband Phil on July 13. His memorial service was held in Burbank on July 15. Paula is now a resident at the Burbank Healthcare Facility, Room 131C, 1041 South Main Street, Burbank, 818-843-2330.

Please keep **Jesse Martin's sister** in your thoughts and prayers after her recent diagnosis of advanced cancer.

Pastor Todd will be out of town until July 28. Please direct any questions to the pastoral staff or church office.

L. A. Adventist Forum will meet **today**, July 26, at 3 p.m., Chapel. The speaker will be **Pastor Stuart Tyner**, Pastor of Nurture and Spirituality at the La Sierra University Church, and author of "The Colors of Grace in our Homes," "Chosen by Grace," "The Meanest Man in the Army and Other Stories of Grace," and "**Searching for the God of Grace**," our current study book for the **Grace Center weekly study as well as City Church's online blog**. His Forum topic, "Framing Grace: The Art of Biblical Spirituality." All are welcome.

City Church and Vallejo Drive Youth come together **today for Youth Church, on the Vallejo Drive Church campus**. Breakfast will be at 9:30 a.m., followed by an engaging discussion, powerful worship at 10:45, and lots of opportunities to connect and build friendships!

Lit Knitters Community Service. Your contributions to assist low-income Glendale Unified Schools is once again requested for this Fall school year which begins mid-August. Last year 25 children received brand-new backpacks filled with school supplies. When giving, please remember this worthy project and mark "School Supplies".

The next **Young Adults' Open Door** gathering will meet Friday, August 1, 7:30 p.m.

Glendale Adventist Academy and Elementary are now accepting applications for enrollment. School starts August 20. Elementary info 818-246-4867; Academy info 818-244-8671.

City Church Online—citychurch-online.org! So far this year we have had an audience or viewings of 6,300 from over 70 countries! During "Live" streaming you can chat with others watching; archived sermons are available, too. Become part of our ministry as a Chat Host. See Leif Lind for details, or call the Church Office.

Weekly Spiritual Blog at glendalecitychurch.org. Current discussion is Stuart Tyner's *Searching for the God of Grace*. Get a copy of the book from www.adventistbookcenter.com or see Pastor Leif.

Listen to Sermons on iTunes! Find us on Facebook & Twitter! @CityChurchGlen or Online Campus @GCCChurchOnline.

Church Budget (Week 28)—Total \$252,523; Budget \$246,202; Shortfall \$6,321.

Pastors & Church Staff: *To contact anyone from the Staff, please call or email the Church Office.*

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Church Officers:

John Nielsen, Head Elder (818-605-0057) • **Ronald Mausea**, Head Deacon (818-730-0350) • **Eleanor Posner**, Head Deaconess (818-281-5822) • **Rudy Torres**, Church Board Chair (714-318-1975) • **Sébastien Vallée**, Sanctuary Choir Director (831-420-7584) • **Lissie Quishenberry**, Children's Choir Director (lissie@crazyladymusic.com) • **Kemp Smeal**, Organist (714-658-4885) • **Taylor Ruhl**, Asst. organist (909-557-5229) • **Dean Vendouris**, Treasurer (818-244-7241) • **Mindi Rüb**, Church Clerk (mindilus@mac.com) • **Hugh Gardner**, Pathfinder Director (626-698-8044) • **Michael Bandy**, Audiovisual (702-577-8005) • **Charome Kaacharoen**, Asst. audiovisual (818-749-5423) • **Glen Christensen**, A+ School Board Chair (plbboss@aol.com) • **Malisa Smith**, A+ School Director (818-241-9353) • **Wayne Libby**, Facilities Administrator (760-409-6719).

Glendale City Church of Seventh-day Adventists



Welcome!

Thank you for joining us today.
Worship begins at 10:50 a.m.
in the Main Sanctuary.

July 26, 2014

*“Revealing Christ,
affirming all.”*

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CITY CHURCH AT WORSHIP, 10:50 a.m.–12:10 p.m.
(please turn off all cell phones & pagers for the Worship Service)

Prelude “Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne” *Dietrich Buxtehude*

Invocation O God you are my God. I seek you. *Leif Lind*
My soul thirsts for you.
My flesh faints for you as in a dry and weary land
where there is no water.
I have looked up on you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory,
because your steadfast love is better than life.
My lips will praise you.
I will bless you as long as I live. —Ps. 63:1-4

Hymn of Praise “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” *No. 10*

Prayers of the Congregation *Michael Helm*
(Please remain standing for prayer)

Prayer Response More love to thee, O Christ! More love to thee; *(No. 458)*
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 “The Lord Is My Shepherd” *John Rutter*

Children’s Sermon *Stephanie Azali*
*(Opportunity for members to greet each other while children make their way up front. A special
Lamb’s Offering for student assistance fund will be collected right after the story.)*

Anthem “The Whole Armor of God” *K. Lee Scott*

Scripture **Matthew 13:31-34, 51, 52** *Juan Nuñez*

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable....

“Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked [the disciples].

“Yes,” they replied.

He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

Sermon “What Are We Doing for Heaven’s Sake?” *Leif Lind*

Offertory “People Need the Lord” *Greg Nelson/Phill McHugh*
Sébastien Vallée, *soloist*
(Unless otherwise marked, loose offering goes to local church expense)

Closing Hymn “To What Can the Kingdom of God Be Compared?” *(See boxed text below.)*
Tune: TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Benediction *Leif Lind*

Musical Response “Old Irish Blessing” *Denes Agay*

Postlude “Trumpet Voluntary in D Major” *John Stanley*



Whether you’re a regular member or a visitor, we encourage you to continue to fellowship with our Church family after the worship service! Please also feel free to contact any of our pastoral staff with any concerns you may have.

(1) To what can the kingdom of God be compared?
A mustard seed falls where a field’s been prepared,
And there, where predictable plantings should be,
There grows up a wild bush — as big as a tree!

Refrain v. 1:
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:
Loving deeds...signs of birth...faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is amazing, your ways still astound,
Just like that new life springing forth from the ground.

(2) A small bit of leaven will change the whole bread:
A poor woman sees that her neighbors are fed,
A church reaches out to the youth in the town,
A man shares his faith and God’s blessings abound.

Refrain v. 2:
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:
Loving deeds...signs of birth...faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is among us, creation is blessed,
When even a few faithful lives change the rest.

(3) While some look for treasure or one priceless pearl,
God’s reign is the gift wise ones seek in this world.
A girl sells possessions to help those in need;
A boy chooses faithfulness rather than greed.

Refrain v. 3:
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:
Loving deeds...signs of birth...faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is a treasure that wise ones pursue;
May we seek your kingdom in all that we do.

— Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2011.