

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE



HELPING HANDS

The Global Pandemic created a significant financial stress for many churches and organizations. We praise God for His faithfulness to see us through those troubled times, and we thank you, church family, for your steadfast giving as we are starting to recover from our fiscal low. During these hard



times, we had to make significant reductions in our budget. One of the areas we had to cut was the gardening services.

However, as you may have noticed, the landscaping around the church campus has remained in amazingly good shape. How was that possible? God provides. He always does. And instead of sending a team of angels from heaven, He uses humans, helping hands of those who are willing to respond to His voice inviting us to fill the need.

Today we express our gratitude for our volunteers who have gifted generously their time and energy to keep our landscaping beautiful throughout the pandemic and beyond. The early participants (of what was then known as "Prayer & Power Tools Ministry") were our former head deacon, Adolfo Felix, and our former plant manager, Alex Britton; along with others, like Allie Meszaros, who did some serious construction work and repairs in the planters, while also supplying and planting beautiful flowers.

However, our long term gardening crew, Theresa Wilcox, Irvin Henry Jr, Fred Cline, and Patricia and Lloyd Stoll, have persisted for three long years now, working tirelessly every week to keep the greenery around our church alive and pretty. Thank you, friends, for your selfless service; we truly appreciate your effort. You have reflected Jesus not only in words, but in deeds. Like Christ, you make all things beautiful.

Give our gardening crew members a hug and tell them what their service means to you. And if you're really inspired, we could use some more volunteers in this area. Would you consider becoming one?



NEWSLETTER



JOIN A MINISTRY



CONTACT A PASTOR

DIVINE WORSHIP | 11:00 am

Prelude	<i>Londonderry Air</i>	Haesung Park, piano
Introit	<i>Alpha and Omega</i>	Vallejo Drive Worship
Invocation & Welcome		Pastor Aivars Ozolins
Congregational Praise	<i>Jesus The Light of The World</i>	Vallejo Drive Worship
Greeting Time	<i>Sing</i>	Vallejo Drive Worship
Congregational Hymn	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee #12</i>	Denise Mars, Worship Leader Vallejo Drive Worship Haesung Park, organ
Garden of Prayer		Sheri Hansen
Prayer Response	<i>Alpha and Omega</i>	Vallejo Drive Worship
Children's Feature	Teens 4 Christ	Audrey Zorek
Pastor's Corner		Pastor J Henderson
Tithe & Offerings		Pastor Ben Garcia
Offertory	<i>Sweet Hour of Prayer Medley</i>	Greta Henderson
Musical Offering	<i>O Church Arise</i>	Vallejo Drive Worship
Sermon	Follow Me (Follower Sermon Series)	Pastor J. Henderson
Postlude	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	Haesung Park, organ

CHURCH LIFE | 10:50 am

WELCOME & HAPPY SABBATH! Thank you for choosing the Vallejo Drive Church as your place of worship and fellowship.

THANK YOU PASTOR TERRY BENSON! Join us July 29, 2023 as we thank our interim senior & current worship pastor, Terry Benson, for his ministry.

PASTORAL REASSIGNMENTS: To better serve our church's needs, Pastor Ben Garcia is now our Administrative Pastor, as well as our Community Services liaison, while Pastor Aivars Ozolins' focus now is Pastoral Care and Teaching. Please also note the change of email addresses on the back page.

"GOSPEL CONVERSATIONS" is back!—as a new Sabbath School class, which will meet Sabbath mornings 10 -10:45 in the Mothers' room. Pastor Aivars will be leading the class, starting today, July 15. Let's talk about the gospel!

LAUNDRY LOVE MINISTRY: We have a new location and need volunteers! Please contact Doug Warner for more information 818-935-4317.

SUMMER CAMP! Have fun at Camp Cedar Falls this summer! Junior Camp, Tween Camp, and Family Camp. June 25-July 23. Contact 818-546-8439.

VBS @ GAA THIS WEEK: Come learn how to Shine Jesus' Light at Vacation Bible School. Glendale Academy this week July 17-22 at 5:30pm.

PRAYERS ANSWERED: Thank you for your prayers for our brother Tom Benson over the past several weeks. He is doing much better in recovery and we are so grateful for the prayers on his behalf. —Pastor Terry

DEADLINE FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS for newsletter and bulletin: Wednesdays at 12 noon. Please email information to the church office.

WORTHY STUDENT APPLICATIONS: The deadline has been extended and financial assistance applications are still being accepted for GAA's upcoming school year. Please contact the church office for an application.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

- 15 Patricia G Gomez, Steven Edward Trapero
- 16 E Gary Raines MD
- 17 Kimberly Carcich, Christopher D 'Chris' Cumings MD
- 18 Thomas Csapo
- 19 Julie Edween, Rosario Esquibel
- 20 Alec Samuel Leyva, Albert Molla
- 21 Elliott S Graham

PRAYER REQUESTS

We invite you to add these people to your prayer list:
Petra Rodriguez; Nina Sorkin; Wanda Seiber; Valentina McAdams;
Helen Adarme; McGregor Family; Church Leadership

CHURCH FINANCES

Year-To-Date: July 13, 2023

Tithes Received 2023	\$502,029.80
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Local Church Giving 2023	\$132,250.51
Local Church Expenses 2023	\$215,474.64

CHURCH EVENTS

July 9-15	Home Again LA Ministry	Church Campus
July 15	Sermon: Pastor Jonathan Henderson	11 am, Sanctuary
July 17-21	Vacation Bible School	Glendale Academy
July 28	Young Adult Vespers	7 pm, Cafe

MINISTRIES & OUTREACH

KIDS CONNECTION

Ages 3 - youth

A safe and fun VBS-style Sabbath School, "where kids learn how to connect with each other and with God". Every Sabbath at 9:45 a.m. in the Chapel

ADVENTURERS & PATHFINDERS

Adventurers (Pre-K—4th grade) and Pathfinders (5th – 8th grades) meet the 2nd and 4th Sabbaths from Sept– May, along with special events & activities. Email adventurers@vallejodrive.church or text (818) 571-2031 for more information.

VDRIVE YOUTH & HIGH SCHOOL

Come join us for Sabbath School in the Youth Room on Saturday mornings.

YOUNG ADULTS

2nd Fridays | Friday Chats Night via Discord
every last Friday | Young Adult Vespers

For more information, email youngadults@vallejodrive.church

ADVENTIST FITNESS CLINIC

Grab your tennis shoes & come run, jog, or walk with the Adventist Fitness Clinic! Sundays at 7:00 am | Verdugo Park—1621 Canada Blvd.

For information call Irvin Henry at (818) 625-2952

"The whole body is designed for action, and unless the physical powers are kept in health by active exercise, the mental powers cannot long be used to their highest capacity." (Education, p. 207)

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: KOINONIA & SEEKING JESUS

Come study the Bible and learn more about God and His love.
Two classes on Wednesdays via Zoom.

Contact Doug Warner for more information: headelder@vallejodrive.church



GUEST INFORMATION

- **CONNECT CARDS** are available in the pews. Please fill them out and place in the offering plates or leave at Hostess Desk.
- **LISTENING DEVICES** are available the Hostess Desk for guests who are hearing-impaired.
- **CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS** are available at the Hostess Desk for children ages 3 to 8. Please return them at the end of the service.
- **CHURCH PARKING** for those with disabilities or the elderly is designated in both parking lots closest to the church (Holly Drive or Vallejo Drive). Please park courteously.
- **FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK** every second and fourth Sabbath following the worship service in the courtyard.
- **KIDS CONNECTION** in the Chapel! Our children's Sabbath School program starts at 9:30 am, right before the little ones divide into their respective classes. Come join the fun in learning about Jesus!

SABBATH SCHOOL CLASSES

ADULT CLASSES

Adult Sabbath School	10:00 -10:45	Sanctuary
Spanish SS / Escuela Sabática	Summer Break	1st Floor, Room 104A
Sabbath School	9:45 - 10:30	Fellowship Hall Upstairs
Gospel Conversations (NEW!)	10:00 -10:45	Mothers' Room
	Beginning today,	
	July 15	

CHILDREN & YOUTH CLASSES

Kids Connection at 9:45 am	All Ages	Educational Complex Sanctuary
Classes meet after Kids Connection		
Beginners	Birth - 36 months	1st Floor, Room 116A
Tiny Tots	3 & 4 years	2nd Floor, Room 206A
Kindergarten	5 - 7 years	2nd Floor, Room 204B
Primary	3rd & 4th grades	2nd Floor, Room 202A
Juniors	5th & 6th grades	2nd Floor, Room 208A
T4C Earliteens	7th & 8th grades	1st Floor, Room 104A
VDrive - Youth	9th to 12th	1st Floor, Room 106A
Young Adults	18 and up	Café

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Vallejo Drive Church
OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

A Place Where GRACE is UNCONDITIONAL

July 15, 2023

Sermon: "Follow Me"
Follower Sermon Series

Pastor Jonathan Henderson

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