



FINDING GOD AT THE INTERSECTION OF OUR LIVES

September 16, 2023

ON CAMPUS TODAY AT GLENDALE CITY CHURCH, SEPTEMBER 16:

- 8:30 a.m.: **Spanish-language service** with Pastors Johnny and Clara Ramirez-Johnson speaking on our YouTube page.
- 9:00 a.m.: **Courtyard Café.** Enjoy simple breakfast foods & beverages in our courtyard.
- 9:30 a.m.: **Grace Sabbath School class** with Pastor Leif, both live in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom, meeting ID 818-244-7241. Book study: "Do I Stay Christian? — A Guide for the Doubters, the Disappointed, and the Disillusioned" by Brian McLaren.
- 9:30 a.m.: **The Living Project Support Group** meets weekly in the Council Room. "Telling my story. Listening to your story. Living our story."
- 11:00 a.m.: **Sanctuary worship service** with Dr. Greg Nelson. Also available online, <https://YouTube.com/c/GlendaleCityChurch>. **Worship next Sabbath, Sep 23:** Sanctuary Worship service with **Greg Nelson**.
- 11:00 a.m.: **City Kids Children's Praise**, Room 2. By 11:15 a.m.: • **Tiny Tots** (0-3 years old, together with a parent or guardian) go to Classroom 2; • **Godly Play** (4-12 years) go to Classroom 1. Noon pickup.

OPEN TABLE WORSHIP:

- 12:15 p.m.: Informal worship gathering in the Chapel with music, story-sharing and interpersonal connections. All are welcome!

THIS WEEK AT GLENDALE CITY CHURCH:

- 7:00 p.m. **Social Jesus Heartgroup** by Herb Montgomery, each Wednesday at <https://Zoom.us/j/8182447241>, discussing Jesus' call to bringing justice and equality to all. Study guide or podcast: <https://RenewedHeartMinistries.com>.

Sermon "How to Live and Love the Truth About Yourself" Greg Nelson

Reflection in Song/Offertory "We Will Find Our Places" *Émilie Simon*
Greg Nelson

(Deacons will collect the offering as we meditate on the message in song. Please give as you're able — unless otherwise marked, loose offering goes to local church expense.)

Hymn of Response "A Hymn for Self-Acceptance"
Wesley King, 2019; Tune: "Beach Spring"

(1) When you feel change might be hopeless, when you've given up on God,
When you feel you're not worth saving, that your being-ness is flawed.
When your prayers still seem unanswered, not a sound from the Divine,
Maybe you have been mistaken, God is sending you a sign.

(2) Years and years, begging for turning into something that you're not.
The wrong prayer you have been praying. You are not God's afterthought.
You are made as God intended. You are perfect — flawless too!
May each one of you remember, nothing severs God from you.

(3) You are worth more than you realize, you are wonderfully made
In the image of our Mother, Father, Parent, all the same.
Don't let doctrines of our churches use the Word to misconstrue,
For it's written in the scriptures, surely God delights in you!

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When you feel you're not worth saving, that your being-ness is flawed.
When your prayers still seem unanswered, not a sound from the Divine,
Maybe you have been mistaken. God is sending you a sign.

Benediction Greg Nelson

Choral Benediction "On Eagle's Wings"

Postlude "Postlude on 'Old Hundredth'" *Fred Bock*
Sean O'Neal, *organ*



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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please keep **Anoosh Keshishzade** in prayer. She has been in hospital (Adventist Health Glendale) since a fall in early August.

Please Keep in Touch. Here's Pastor Todd's contact information: 33553 Tenor Dr., Denham Springs, LA 70706; todd.j.leonard@gmail.com; 818-441-3364.

Today we warmly welcome **Greg Nelson** as our **Sabbath morning speaker**, a position he will hold most weeks during the next several months as we continue our search for a permanent senior pastor. Dr. Greg Nelson, who has served many years as an Adventist pastor, is currently a professional speaker, musician, and life-coach, and resides with **his wife Shasta** in Northern California. We thank the Nelson family for their willingness to serve in our church community!

Important Upcoming Church dates:

- **Sep. 19** Finance Committee
- **Sep. 26** Church Board
- **Sep. 30** Fellowship potluck and Church Visioning meeting with Greg Nelson. The Church Board as well as Pastoral Search Committee members are asked to be present (preferably in-person rather than Zoom), and all members are encouraged to attend this important time for discussing planning ideas for our congregation.

Help Us Host "Home Again LA" as we help first-time homeless families get back on their feet! The week of **Oct. 29-Nov. 5** we will be lodging four families in our classrooms as part of HALA's temporary shelter program. We are looking for volunteers to provide a hot supper and a sack breakfast for 12 people each night; as well as seven pairs of chaperones — one male, one female — to sleep on site each night (beds will be provided). If you can help as a chef or as a chaperone one or more nights of this week, please contact our church office (818-244-7241, 610ecalifornia@gmail.com) or Beth Johnston Taylor (ejtaylor61@gmail.com).

Communication & Media Production Seminar Oct. 1, 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m., Temple City Church (9664 Broadway, Temple City, CA). Register by Sep 15, scc.adventist.org/10-1-23. Free; lunch provided.

GAA Student Association will host its first Thrift Store/Garage Sale event on Sunday September 24, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. (Building A, 700 Kimlin Drive). Deadline for turning in donations: Sep 22

Glendale Noon Concert, Sep. 20 with **Ellen Jung, violin** and **Jenny Lee-El Park, piano**, performing duo sonatas by Beethoven (Violin Sonata #8 in G) and Fauré (Violin Sonata #1 in A). All welcome, free admission. More information: <https://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>.

Maui Fire Relief Fund through "Adventist Giving": Those wishing to donate to relief efforts in Maui may do so in August and September by marking their tithe envelope "Maui Fire Relief" and placing it in the offering plate.

GCC JUNE 13-26, 2024: 14-DAY TOUR TO 7 CHURCHES OF REVELATION (TURKIYE & GREECE, WITH CRUISE)! \$5,850 per person (optional **5-day add on to Rome: +\$1,350**). Includes airfare, accommodation, meals, and sightseeing! For adults as well as Academy students and families. Discover the lands of **ancient treasures and Christian history!** Visit the **Seven Churches of Revelation!** See **Ephesus** (inc. resting place of John and Mary); **Troas**, **Isle of Patmos** (where John wrote Revelation), **Crete**, **Santorini**, and **Athens**. In **Rome**, visit the Colosseum and prison where Paul was held, visit the Holy Staircase. **Deposit of \$400 + 1st payment: \$2,500 by Nov. 5; 2nd payment: \$2,500 by Feb. 5; final payment: \$450 by Apr. 5.** More info, contact tour leader **Clara Jorge Ramirez, Ph.D.**, 909-382-1913 or drcjorgeramirez@gmail.com.