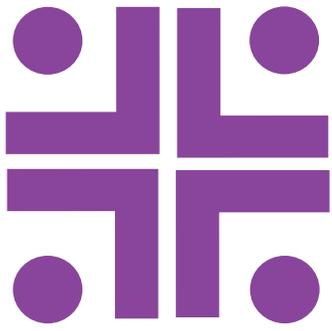


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Welcome

At City Church, our mission is to reveal the love of Christ in all its tenderness and grandeur to the community in which we live. We desire to embrace the wonder of humanity in its complexity, diversity, and beauty — and to do so without precondition. In short, we yearn to reveal the splendor of Christ and to affirm the worth of all people.



Glendale City is a Christian church affiliated with the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. Our congregation was one of the first Adventist churches established in this part of Southern California. We continue to partner with this denomination locally and globally in its mission, and recognize the many ways our denomination brings good into the world. We also recognize that as a human organization, our denomination — and Glendale City Church itself — makes many mistakes and is often slow to respond to God's leading. Therefore, we maintain a congregational posture of humility. To learn more about the Adventist church, visit www.Adventist.org.



Revealing Christ, Affirming All

Glendale City Church welcomes people of all backgrounds into our church community. We do not discriminate based on gender, race, culture, wealth, education, religious background, or sexual orientation. If you are learning to love God and others, you belong here. God excludes no one. Neither do we.

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Do You Believe in Resurrection?

Todd Leonard

***D**o you believe in the resurrection? As you sit here today reading that question, how would you answer? Perhaps you hear the question as, "Do you believe Jesus literally rose from the grave?" And you answer according to where your heart and mind agree at this moment. Or, maybe you receive the question as, "When Jesus comes again, will my loved one be resurrected? Will I be resurrected?" And hopefully you are in place where you have confidence in the promises of God that your future and that of your loved one is secure in God's love and can answer, "Yes!"*

But I'm not asking those questions. I'm asking this one: "For the places in your life right now that are much more dead than alive, do you believe in the resurrection?" It's one thing to have confidence in the testimony of people who lived 2000 years ago or to trust in God's supernatural promises for some unknown time in the future, but often it's an entirely different thing to believe that resurrection can happen in the dead parts of our lives right now. When you feel surrounded by decay and dying, it's hard to hope in resurrection.

Over the past eight months, my life has been battered by decay and death. Relationships with two dear friends died. A personal dream of mine is on life support. After escaping my seasonal mood disorder last winter, it came back with a vengeance this February. And because of those mortal realities, my physical health has experienced decline. In the midst of this grief, pain and paralyzing apathy, it's incredibly hard to believe that the fresh plots in my personal graveyard will break forth with new life.

Another loss during this time was my morning walks with Robin at Descanso Gardens on her days off from work. Just today, as I'm writing this, after weeks of saying we were going to start again, Robin and I finally took our first walk in our beloved garden since summertime.

What we discovered once we entered the gardens was that our membership had expired. It had been that long since we visited. So we renewed it in faith that we're getting back into our walking habit. Then as we began our usual circuitous route, we noticed new gardens built, new paths cut and important renovations accomplished. But more than anything else, what we saw was new life coming up all over the place. After a dry winter, the March rains had greened up every plant, shrub and tree. Tulips, azaleas and cherry trees burst with magnificent colors. Birds and ground creatures were scrambling to get going on their spring plans in their garden home.





“Decay and dormancy can’t keep spring from returning... God’s spirit is getting ready to awaken new life in you again.”

And I was reminded that decay and dormancy can’t keep spring from returning. Life is stronger than death. Spring is stronger than winter. The divine spirit that burst Jesus out of the tomb is getting ready to resurrect me out of my season of decay and dormancy. And if your life looks like a dry, dormant winter garden, God’s spirit is getting ready to awaken new life in you again.

Robin and I also saw a lot of humans—men and women in jeans, khaki shirts, caps and work boots bending over and kneeling in the middle of this new life. With shovels, rakes, hoes, pruning shears, seed sacks and watering cans, there was an urgency in their efforts to make the most of Descanso’s resurrection. Yes, new life returned without them lifting a finger. But once they saw the first buds on the branches and the fresh green shoots rising out of the soil, they got to work. They couldn’t miss out on the opportunity to join in on the work of bringing new life into the garden and maximizing its potential.

And I told myself: “Go to the shed, get out the rusty, cob-webbed gardening tools, put on those grubby jeans and your sweat-stained cap and get ready to dive into the new life that God is going to awaken in you.”

I’m watching for the buds. Waiting for the fresh shoots. How about getting ready to join me in the garden yourself? Can you feel it? Spring is on the way. Easter is real. I still believe in the resurrection.



This month at Personal Growth Marketplace

Find groups and seminars that help you strengthen your spirituality, your health and your family. Gatherings take place on Saturdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

Traditional Sabbath School Quarterly

“Preparation for the End Time”

English Language Study - Chapel
Armenian Language Study - Room 11
Romanian Language Study - Room 13

Grace Center

Fellowship Hall, North Side

Current Book Study: “What We Talk About When We Talk About God”.

Best selling author and Pastor Rob Bell (“Love Wins”) tackles the question of how to make our concept of God relevant in today’s world, and how not to see God as someone who seems mean, primitive, and at odds with scientific truth. Come and join in the discussion!

Adventist Beliefs Bible Study

Sanctuary

Follows H.M.S. Richards Bible Study

An introduction to beliefs shared by many Seventh-day Adventist Christians.

NEW



Living the Question

Leaving Fundamentalism Without Leaving Your Faith

Registration & Requirements

- Open to 20 participants. Material donation \$20.
- Confidentiality required, as it is expected people will ask hard questions. Safe space is a must.
- Commitment to attend 15 of the 20 weekly presentations is expected.

Register:

todd.j.leonard@gmail.com
or text 818-441-3364

20 Week Course, Beginning Saturday, April 21, Multipurpose Room

People know that at its core, Christianity has something good to offer the human race. At the same time, many have a sense that they are alone in being a "thinking" Christian and that "salvaging" Christianity is a hopeless task. What is needed is a safe environment where people have permission to ask the questions they've always wanted to ask but have been afraid to voice for fear of being thought a heretic. Todd Leonard will present twenty weeks of exceptional content from today's leading Christian theologians and provide dedicated discussion time to work through the process of growing your faith into the greater mystery of God.

JumpStart Center

Courtyard

Meet with Jason Schlatter to learn about community resources that can help you get back on your feet.

The Living Project

Red Room

Social & interactive sharing of personal, cultural, religious, scientific and scriptural stories. As we connect with our stories we seek to discover our common story in God.

Seniors Academy *April 21*

Fellowship Hall, North

THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

Come and join us for our ongoing series on topics that help you engage fully with your "third half" of life. Morning session at 9:30 a.m. and luncheon presentation at 12:30 p.m.





MUSIC AT CITY CHURCH

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CHAMBER • ORCHESTRA

Delirium Musicum brings the audience on a journey from Baroque to today, with pieces by J.F. Rebel, A. Vivaldi, A. Norman, D. Shostakovich and more! What makes this chamber orchestra unique is that it's a conductorless chamber orchestra. Influenced by the bustling artistic mosaic of L.A., the group applies dazzling creativity and limitless excitement to their performances. Delirium Musicum represents the artistic excellence and leadership of the young generation of musicians in L.A.



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*Sanctuary
5:00 p.m*

*Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday
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*Brendan White
Piano*

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*Dimitry Olevsky
Violin*



“The Cost of Caring”

Joe Martinson

Love all. Serve all. Help ever. Hurt never.” Jesus would give a hardy amen to Sai Baba’s message. But the life of Christ refutes the assertion that “That’s the way to be loved by all.” Caring has a cost. For Jesus, it was crucifixion.

The world can be a hostile place for the inclusive. They can be despised and rejected by those in power. Who wants to sign up to be a person who suffers for the good of others?

Even the applauded do-gooder suffers from the pain of those they seek to serve. Mother Teresa endured a crisis of faith the last 40 years of her life. The needy are often, well, needy. Sadly, our best efforts often don’t significantly relieve the adversity of their lives. True humanitarians internalize the hopelessness of those who are on the fringes of society. They can honestly say, “I feel your pain.” That level of connection to the existential angst of the marginalized has a profound emotional cost. Overly empathic people can relive the pain of their lives through the hardships of others. They see each oppressed person as a symbol of the loss of control in their lives.

Often, the care-givers feel that their voices and actions don’t matter. They can personalize the failure of family, state, church and community to protect and love them and those they minister to. So, they become a sponge for the pain of all, imitating the Son of man for the benefit of mankind.

Pastor Todd is someone who cares about social justice. He has enjoyed a life which he describes “as pretty good in almost every way.” Just because his journey hasn’t

been one of great failure and suffering personally, the cost of caring has likely left scars.

Todd’s passion for the outsider has been with him for a long time. He explains:

In high school, I stuck up for and befriended the kids who didn’t fit into the mainstream. I didn’t do that because I didn’t fit (I did), but because I wanted them to fit.

One of my teachers nicknamed me Francis (after Assisi) and I didn’t know why until he finally explained it. It’s been a part of my make-up for a long time. I now see this trait in my middle daughter, Abby.

But the yin/yang of our makeup does mean that some of what you describe as “sponging the pain” of others does happen at times for me. Most pastors struggle with maintaining healthy boundaries with the suffering of others, and I’m no different. Some burn out, others protect themselves by avoiding others’ suffering and get jaded to suffering altogether. I have been at both of those places. So, I try to continue to operate with a healthy level of empathy for others.

Working the vineyard of the disadvantaged can be a hard lot. It takes a lot of creativity to make things better for all.

According to Todd, new ideas, even good ones, often fail in the workplace culture of Adventist entities because, “everyone is overwhelmed, underpaid and struggling to see why what they do still matters. But if you sense that general discouragement, depression and exhaustion from the group, compassionately giving them an accessible starting point may give your

plan a better chance of being embraced and implemented.”

An accessible starting point meets existing organizations where they are at and acknowledging their accomplishments before telling them how to do it better. It’s easier to be a spectator hurling suggestions from the sideline than it is to fight in the arena.

How do we ever get up in the morning? Trying to make the world a better place takes its toll. For the extreme care-giver, retirement or death are attractive alternatives to taking on the world’s problems.

Using will power to make a difference is exhausting. James advises us to reappraise our burdens. He suggests we consider it pure joy, whenever we face trials. The testing of our faith apparently helps us grow up and give us wisdom needed to work together.

Enthusiasm comes from making a difference. These words from Mathew 25 shouldn’t be viewed as an end of life pronouncement, but as an ever-present prescription for the good life here and now: “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’”

We are the church, and you are an important part of the story. Tell me your story in person or by email, jmartinson@martinsound.com.

E V E N T S

Get connected

While having people attend one of our worships is wonderful, we want Glendale City Church to be more than just the place you visit on Saturday. We want this to be Your Church. This is why we strive to provide you with different morning choices at Personal Growth Marketplace. Additionally, there are many other Saturday afternoon events, and mid-week events that occur. Another great way to meet people is by getting involved in one of our ministries. Joining our greeter team, helping the deacons take care of odds and ends around campus, working with our homeless ministries team and assisting our children's staff are great ways to make new friends. You have many chances to be a part of this Church Family.

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*Worship Service with
Mike Kim
special musical guests
Glendale Academy Choir &
Band*

9:00 a.m. Courtyard Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Personal Growth Market
Place Classes (see pg. 6)
11 a.m. Worship Service

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*Communion Worship
Service with Mike Kim*

9:00 a.m. Courtyard Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Personal Growth Market
Place Classes (see pg. 6)
11 a.m. Worship Service

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*Worship Service with
Todd Leonard*

9:00 a.m. Courtyard Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Personal Growth Market
Place Classes (see pg. 6)
11 a.m. Worship Service
12 p.m. Spring Picnic



Mark your calendar for the
Glendale City Church

Spring Picnic!

Bring a friend!

Lunch will be provided!

Please join us for some fun in the sun!

Where Verdugo Park
 Picnic Section #2
 1621 Canada Blvd

When Sat, April 21st
 Following service

All are welcome!

If you would like to help with planning or setup please contact Stephanie Azali (661) 378-0279

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Worship Service with Dr. Loren Seibold

- 9:00 a.m. Courtyard Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. Personal Growth Market Place Classes (see pg. 6)
- 11 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:20 p.m. Potluck, Fellowship Hall
- 3 p.m. L. A. Adventist Forum, Chapel
- Guest Speaker: Dr. Loren Seibold



Los Angeles Adventist Forum April 28, 3 p.m., Chapel

We welcome Dr. Loren Seibold, writer, author, former Ohio Conference church pastor, and executive editor of Adventist Today. The title of Dr. Seibold's presentation is "The Suzy Principle: Doing the Uncontested Good." All are welcome.



Providing safe places for children to learn about God, develop their faith, and learn how to love is one of our highest priorities. Our staff and volunteers are committed to your child's safety and have all undergone background checks. All our gatherings for youth are grace places, emphasizing God's love for us and our call to graciously love others no matter who they are or where they are from.

Breakfast & Fellowship

9 a.m.-10:30 a.m., Courtyard
Arrive early and help yourself to a light breakfast and beverage in the courtyard before worship service! You may also meet new people!

Praise Time & Children's Sermon

10:40-11:10 a.m., Sanctuary
Each week City Kids Worship kicks off with Praise Music in the Sanctuary. After Praise Music, the kids break out into different age-appropriate worship options with their friends. Parents can pick up their children at their designated classroom as soon as adult worship concludes (12:15 p.m.).

Children's Worship Groups

11:10 a.m.
*Newborn to 3 years Room 2
 (parents must be present)
 4 to 7 years Room 1
 8 to 10 years Room 3
 11 to 13 years Room 4*

Courtyard Campfire

April 21, 6:30 PM

Bring your family to the church courtyard for a fun evening of campfire songs, s'mores and fun and games for all ages!



Open Door is a community of young people seeking to include all teens

by connecting them through the development of positive relationships. We guide them to a deepening experience with God and provide opportunities to love and care for others. Our hope is that teens make a decision for community in Christ as they become his disciples.

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*Open Door
Movie Night*

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Open Door Lock-in

All dates and events are subject to change. Check in often at our webpage.

We meet every Saturday morning @ 11:15 a.m. in the Courtyard Cafe and Lounge.

We welcome all teens to join us at the Open Door Teen Café & Lounge.

Our gathering time allows us to worship, play games, discuss, and listen to the spoken word.

follow our monthly activity calendar @ glendalecitysda.com/high-school-gatherings

The Open Door Teen Cafe

Help Us Provide Sunday Lunches for 70 People Each Sunday in May

For decades, churches in Glendale have shared the responsibility of providing a delicious and nutritious lunch each Sunday for people who don't have consistent access to quality food. Glendale City Church is privileged to enter into its third year of being part of the Sunday Lunch Program. We are looking for volunteers for each Sunday in May. Lunch is served from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Most volunteers can expect to work from 12:00-2:30 p.m. Thanks to the Ramasamy family for coordinating lunches on May 6 & 13; to Cheri Watson, for coordinating on the 20th; and to La Crescenta Presbyterian Church for coordinating lunch on May 27th.

Please see the needs below and contact Pastor Todd with the date(s) and role(s) you can take:

818.441.3364; todd.j.leonard@gmail.com

Kitchen Preparation Staff and Food Line Servers. Join the coordinator of the day at noon to finish food preparation and be part of the food service line for our guests. **5 volunteers need on May 6, 13 and 20**

Dining Room Set Up and Clean Up. Arrive at noon to set up serving line tables and chairs and tables for 70; put tables and chairs away after lunch; empty trash; and assist kitchen staff where needed. **Two volunteers needed May 6, 13, 20 & 27**

Financial Donor. If you would like to make a donation to the Sunday Lunch Program in addition to your regular Glendale City Church giving, denote "Emergency Fund" on your offering envelope or at Adventist Giving online.



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News



Special Thanks...

to the Christensen, Tarr, & Wu
Families for their generous donations!

Fundraisers

BF's in March was our best turn out so far this year—lots of fun! Thanks to all. Help us make the next one even more special at IHop.

April 12
All Day fundraiser
605 N. Glendale Ave.



*Tupperware Fundraiser begins April 9. Orders due by April 20.
Contact the school for catalog.
Our Tuition Assistance is in much need of funds.
If you can make a donation contact Malisa@818-241-9353.*

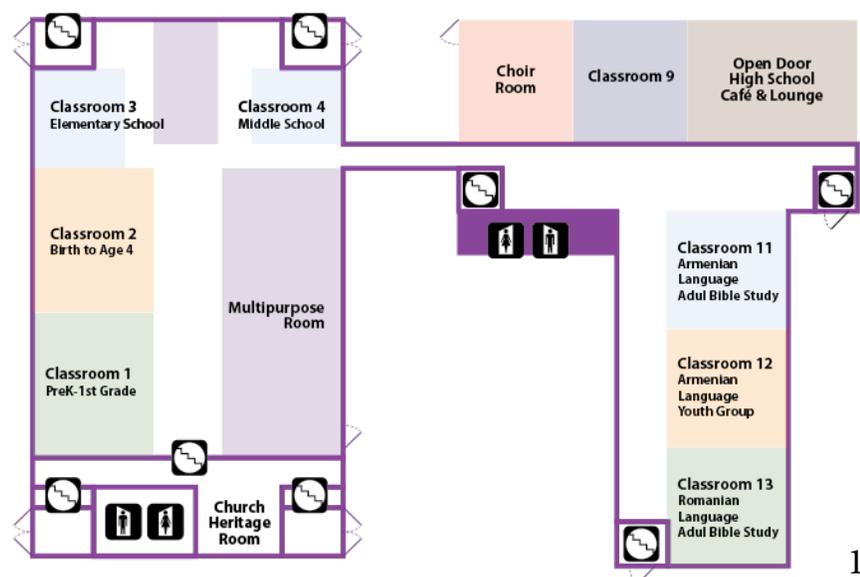
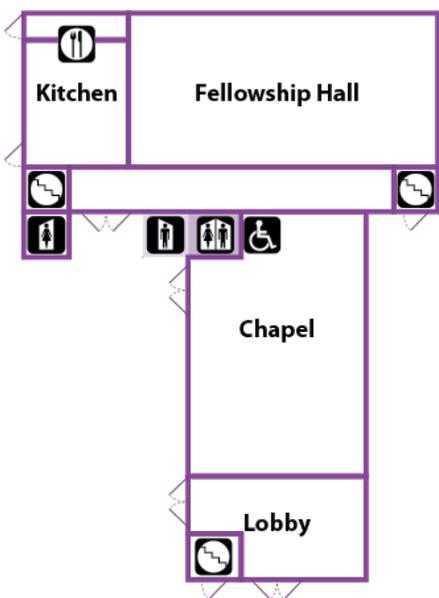


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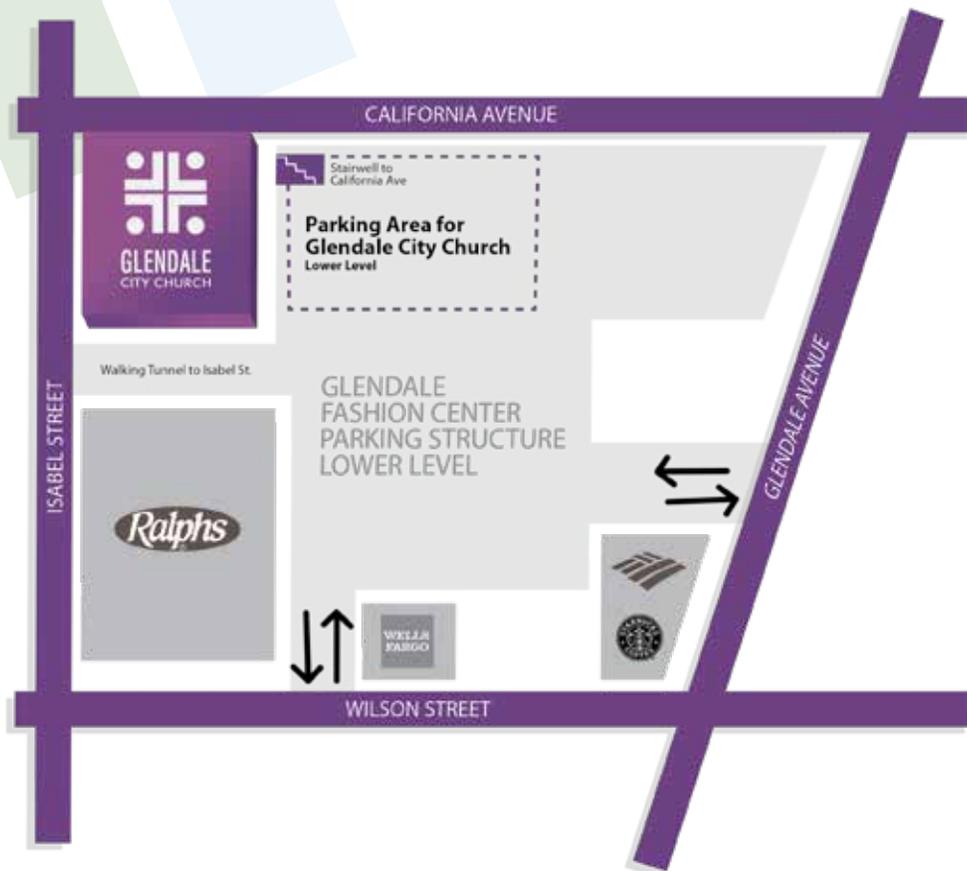
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- Metro Express 780, 180, 181 and Glendale Beeline 4, 11: stop at corner of Broadway and Glendale Ave. Walk one block west on Broadway and two blocks north on Isabel St.



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