

## Life at Valley Center

### WOMEN'S MINISTRIES BIBLE STUDY

Join this group of women on a new night, Thursdays this fall, at 7:00 pm starting September 8. The group will meet at Ann Ketterling's home in Glendora and will be studying the book of Exodus. The cost is \$10 for materials. For more information, contact Ann at 626.335.0938.

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Your pastoral staff wants to know when you or members of your family are in the hospital, facing surgery, or any other crisis. They want to join you in prayer and support during those difficult times. So please notify Pastor Joe Halbert at [jhalbert@paznaz.org](mailto:jhalbert@paznaz.org), or by calling him directly at 626.351.2421. Pastor Joe will alert the pastoral staff and the other prayer teams that meet throughout the week.

### GET WEEKLY CHURCH UPDATES

If you would like to get weekly email updates about the church, sign up at: [www.valleycenterchurch.org/welcome/email-updates](http://www.valleycenterchurch.org/welcome/email-updates)

### Leadership Team

**Joe Halbert**, Campus Pastor  
**Leslie Cheng & Warren Tang**, Worship Leaders  
**Terry Irish**, Associate Pastor  
**Scott Farris**, Youth Ministry Director  
**Liane D'Arezzo**, Valley Center Preschool Director

## This Week at VC

### Sunday, August 21

8:30 am Simply Prayer—Sanctuary  
8:45 am Nursery Care (Birth - 3)  
8:45 am Children's Church (Age 4 - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
Children's Room  
9:00 am Morning Worship—Sanctuary  
10:15 am Afterglow—Food & Fellowship on the patio

### Monday, August 22

*No activities this day*

### Tuesday, August 23

7:00 pm Youth Group (Grades 6-12)—Frazier Hall

### Wednesday, August 24

*No activities this day*

### Thursday, August 25

7:30 pm Worship Team Rehearsal—Sanctuary

### Friday, August 26

*No activities this day*

### Saturday, August 27

*No activities this day*

### VALLEY CENTER GIVING UPDATE

#### Tithes and Offerings Year to Date

Received August 14—\$855  
Needed per Sunday—\$1,830  
Received Year-to-Date—\$31,312  
Budget Year-to-Date—\$35,346

*The church fiscal year is from April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017*

### Valley Center: A Campus of PazNaz

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## Helpful Information

### Parking Lot Shuttle

A shuttle is available at the back ramps and on the patio for those in need of assistance.

### Guest Registration

Complete the information requested on the Friendship Pad as it is passed during the service.

### Today's Offering

If you are a guest, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. This is an opportunity for regular attendees who consider PazNaz their church home to support the ministries of the church.

### Listening Assistance Devices

These devices are available at all worship services. Ask an usher for assistance.

### HeBrews

It's the welcome area on the patio. Guests can stop by for a free cup of coffee and information.

### Cry Room for Babies & Children

A special room is available just off the main lobby equipped so that you'll be able to see and hear the service while tending to the needs of your child. Nurseries are also available with nursery attendants trained and screened to provide a safe environment. Ask an usher for assistance.

### Lost and Found

Lost and Found is located at the reception desk in the church office from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm during the week.

### Sunday Morning Messages

You can watch or listen to the Sunday morning messages online. Just go to [www.paznaz.org](http://www.paznaz.org) or download the PazNaz App for iPhone or Android.

## PazNaz Pastoral Team

**Tara Beth Leach**, Senior Pastor  
**B. Scott Anderson**, Executive Pastor  
**Alan De Vries**, Worship & Arts  
**Joe Halbert**, Service & Outreach  
**Darwin Ng**, Congregational Care / Senior Adults

**Faith Romasco**, Early Childhood Ministries  
**Doug Ravasdy**, Children's Ministries  
**Mackenzie Smith**, Youth Pastor  
**Heather Handley**, Youth Pastor  
**Julie Keith**, Special Needs / *In His Image*  
**Megan Marsh**, Women's Ministries  
**Janine Sagherian**, Sunrise Preschool Director

**Mano Agulian**, Armenian Christian Outreach  
**Marcos Canales**, Hispanic Ministries  
**Sam Chung**, Cantonese Ministries  
**Timothy Lee**, Korean Ministries  
**Min Xiao**, Mandarin Ministries



## This Week at PazNaz

### Sunday, August 21

7:40 am Simply Prayer—Bride's Room, Lee Chapel  
8:00 am Morning Worship—Lee Chapel  
8:00 am Early Birds Childcare—228, Arms Hall  
8:30 am Church in the Park—Central Park  
9:15 am Young Adult Ministries—147, Reed Hall  
9:15 am Early Childhood Classes—Arms Hall  
9:15 am Special Needs Children's Class—123, Arms Hall  
9:15 am La Fuente Ministries, Estudio Biblico—146, Reed Hall  
9:15 am Mandarin Sunday School—149B, Reed Hall  
9:15 am Sunday School for children of all ages  
9:15 am Adult Sunday School Classes—various locations  
10:10 am Simply Prayer—Sanctuary  
10:30 am Morning Worship—Sanctuary  
10:30 am Early Childhood Classes—Arms Hall  
10:30 am Children's Church—102, Lower Sanctuary  
10:30 am Special Needs Children's Classes—122 & 123, Arms Hall  
10:30 am Mosaic Special Needs Youth Moderate to Severe Class—115, Lower Sanctuary  
10:30 am Cantonese Service—Lee Chapel  
10:30 am La Fuente Ministries—Meguiar Youth Center  
10:45 am Korean Service—249, Reed Hall  
11:00 am Mandarin Service—248, Reed Hall  
11:45 am SonSeekers Rehearsal—108, Lower Sanctuary  
12:10 pm Student Worship Rehearsal—101, Lower Sanctuary  
12:30 pm Mandarin Lunch Fellowship—148, Reed Hall  
1:00 pm Mandarin Children's Sports Fellowship—Gym  
6:00 pm Armenian Christian Outreach—Lee Chapel

### Monday, August 22

6:00 am Men's Bible Study—Denny's at 2627 East Colorado Boulevard, Pasadena, 91107  
6:30 pm Men's ACOP Basketball—Gym

### Tuesday, August 23

4:00 pm Men's Basketball—Gym, Open to everyone  
7:30 pm Soccer—Gym, Men ages 16 and up

### Wednesday, August 24

2:00 pm Helping Hands—Lower Sanctuary, West Area  
6:30 pm Armenian Christian Outreach Prayer Meeting—148, Reed Hall  
6:45 pm Celebration Choir—101, Lower Sanctuary  
7:00 pm Mandarin Bible Study—149A, Reed Hall  
7:30 pm Armenian Christian Outreach Bible Study—146, Reed Hall

### Thursday, August 25

9:30 am Simply Prayer—Lee Chapel  
7:30 pm Sunrise Orchestra—101, Lower Sanctuary

### Friday, August 26

6:00 am Korean Ministries' Prayer Meeting—249, Reed Hall  
6:00 am Early Christians—247, Reed Hall

### Saturday, August 27

*No activities this day*

### First Church of the Nazarene of Pasadena

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August 21, 2016

# WIRED FOR MISSION

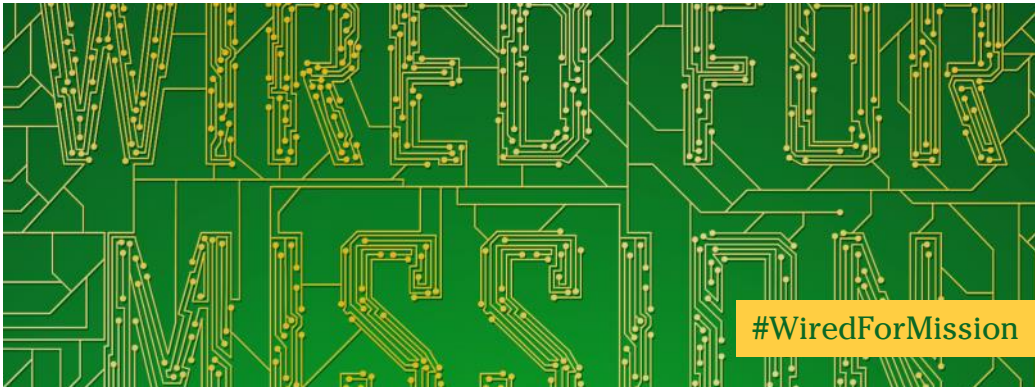
"It is not so much that God has a mission for his church in this world, but God has a church for his mission in this world."

Christopher Wright

#WiredForMission







with **Dr. Brad Strawn—Do Not Be Afraid**

### Wired For Mission

The missional identity of the people of God has been a common thread and theme through the rolling narrative of the Bible. The early church did not exist simply for itself, but for the world. It was a living example and a living testimony of the work God had done in King Jesus; it was a messianic and Spirit-empowered community who lived into the Jesus mission to the ends of the earth.

You are called and empowered to participate in God’s mission in this world. God redeems you from slavery, brokenness, and idolatry, and then empowers you to live in this freedom visibly before the nations and before the world.

***This mission before you is boundless. Mission is who the Church is. It’s who the Church has always been. You are wired for this.***

### Sermon Text

Acts 15:1-35

Some people came down from Judea teaching the family of believers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom we’ve received from Moses, you can’t be saved.” Paul and Barnabas took sides against these Judeans and argued strongly against their position.

The church at Antioch appointed Paul, Barnabas, and several others from Antioch to go up to Jerusalem to set this question before the apostles and the elders. The church sent this delegation on their way. They traveled through Phoenicia and Samaria, telling stories about the conversion of the Gentiles to everyone. Their reports thrilled the brothers and sisters. When they arrived in Jerusalem, the church, the apostles, and the elders all welcomed them. They gave a full report of what God had accomplished through their activity. Some believers from among the Pharisees stood up and claimed, “The Gentiles must be circumcised. They must be required to keep the Law from Moses.”

The apostles and the elders gathered to consider this matter. After much debate, Peter stood and addressed them, “Fellow believers, you know that, early on, God chose me from among you as the one through whom the Gentiles would hear the word of the gospel and come to believe. God, who knows people’s deepest thoughts and desires, confirmed this by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us. He made no distinction between us and them, but purified their deepest thoughts and desires through faith. Why then are you now challenging God by placing a burden on the shoulders of these disciples that neither we nor our ancestors could bear? On the contrary, we believe that we and they are saved in the same way, by the grace of the Lord Jesus.”

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Pasadena Campus**  
8:00 am Worship  
Lee Chapel

### Songs of Worship

- Almighty
- O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
- I Sing Praises

### Offertory

### Today’s Message

*Dr. Brad Strawn*

**Valley Center Campus**  
9:00 am Worship  
Valley Center Sanctuary

### Songs of Worship

- Our God
- Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King
- How Great Is Our God
- Holy Spirit
- Take My Life

### Today’s Message

*Pastor Joe Halbert*

**Pasadena Campus**  
10:30 am Worship  
PazNaz Sanctuary

### Songs of Worship

- Come People of the Risen King
- I Have a Hope
- Psalm 62
- The Church

### Offertory

*Do It Lord*

### Today’s Message

*Dr. Brad Strawn*



The entire assembly fell quiet as they listened to Barnabas and Paul describe all the signs and wonders God did among the Gentiles through their activity. When Barnabas and Paul also fell silent, James responded, “Fellow believers, listen to me. Simon reported how, in his kindness, God came to the Gentiles in the first place, to raise up from them a people of God. The prophets’ words agree with this; as it is written,

*After this I will return,  
and I will rebuild David’s fallen tent;  
I will rebuild what has been torn down.  
I will restore it  
so that the rest of humanity will seek the Lord,  
even all the Gentiles who belong to me.  
The Lord says this, the one who does these things  
known from earliest times.*

“Therefore, I conclude that we shouldn’t create problems for Gentiles who turn to God. Instead, we should write a letter, telling them to avoid the pollution associated with idols, sexual immorality, eating meat from strangled animals, and consuming blood. After all, Moses has been proclaimed in every city for a long time, and is read aloud every Sabbath in every synagogue.”

The apostles and the elders, along with the entire church, agreed to send some delegates chosen from among themselves to Antioch, together with Paul and Barnabas. They selected Judas Barsabbas and Silas, who were leaders among the brothers and sisters. They were to carry this letter:

*The apostles and the elders, to the Gentile brothers and sisters in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia. Greetings! We’ve heard that some of our number have disturbed you with unsettling words we didn’t authorize. We reached a united decision to select some delegates and send them to you along with our dear friends Barnabas and Paul. These people have devoted their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, we are sending Judas and Silas. They will confirm what we have written. The Holy Spirit has led us to the decision that no burden should be placed on you other than these essentials: refuse food offered to idols, blood, the meat from strangled animals, and sexual immorality. You will do well to avoid such things. Farewell.*

When Barnabas, Paul, and the delegates were sent on their way, they went down to Antioch. They gathered the believers and delivered the letter. The people read it, delighted with its encouraging message. Judas and Silas were prophets, and they said many things that encouraged and strengthened the brothers and sisters. Judas and Silas stayed there awhile, then were sent back with a blessing of peace from the brothers and sisters to those who first sent them. Paul and Barnabas stayed in Antioch, where, together with many others, they taught and proclaimed the good news of the Lord’s word.

## Life at PazNaz

### PAZNAZ PRAISE:

#### A NIGHT OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Come enjoy an evening of praise and worship with the Celebration Choir and Sunrise Orchestra on Sunday, August 21, at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. This event will have open seating, no tickets are required, and a freewill offering will be received. Childcare will be available for Birth to 5-years-old. Make sure to stay after the concert for the ice cream sundae reception on the patio. Please contact Pastor Alan De Vries at [adevries@paznaz.org](mailto:adevries@paznaz.org) or 626.351.2419 for more information.

### PAZNAZ GOLF OUTING

You are invited to participate in a “scramble” golf tournament with PazNaz at Altadena golf course on Monday, August 29, at 4:30 pm. The cost is \$25 per person for nine holes with a cart. Contact Bob Hoyt for more information or to register at [rlyman111@gmail.com](mailto:rlyman111@gmail.com) or 626.203.2821.

### MISSIONARY NIGHT

Kick off fall the right way on Wednesday, September 7, at 6:30 pm in Gilmore Hall with an evening with the Carney family. Barry and Charlie Carney have been serving in Paraguay and Bolivia (Central Field) in the South American Region since 2011. They have had a passion for missions for many years and have a deep desire to serve God and to share his love wherever he may lead them.

### KINGDOM CULTURE

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS THIS FALL

Join Pastor Tara Beth Leach on Wednesday nights this fall as she leads PazNaz through her curriculum *Kingdom Culture: The Sermon on the Mount*. This series begins September 14 at 6:30 pm in Lee Chapel.

The Sermon on the Mount is nestled into the Bible’s grand narrative and gives the reader a glimpse of what it looks like to live in the already-but-not-yet Kingdom of God. The words of Jesus are piercing, and push the people of God to live the Kingdom life. After studying the Sermon on the Mount, you will discover that Jesus is the ultimate authority for the life of the disciple, and as the people of God, the invitation is to embody the culture of God’s Kingdom.

Regular Wednesday evening programming will also be available for children, students, and those with special needs. Contact Melody Bundy with questions at [mbundy@paznaz.org](mailto:mbundy@paznaz.org) or 626.351.2425.

### TRANSFORMED UNDER THE PEPPER TREE

Pick up your copy today and read articles from Pastors Doug Ravasdy and Heather Handley, and PazNaz member, Sharon Densford.

### CARING QUARTERS & SOAP

Women’s Ministries needs your donations of laundry detergent and quarters to help single mothers with their laundry. Drop off your donations at the Women’s Ministries’ cart or in the church office. For more information, contact Megan Marsh at 626.351.2429.

### GOLF CART SHUTTLE ON SUNDAYS

On campus shuttle service is available for those needing assistance to get around PazNaz. To request a ride, call 626.351.9631 on Sunday mornings. Volunteers at HeBrews will page a cart driver to pick you up.

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Your pastoral staff and the *Early Christians* prayer team want to know when you or members of your family are in the hospital, facing surgery, or any other crisis. They want to join you in prayer and support during those difficult times. So please notify Pastor Darwin Ng at [dng@paznaz.org](mailto:dng@paznaz.org) or by calling him directly at 626.351.2461. Pastor Darwin will alert the pastoral staff and prayer teams that meet throughout the week.

## Life at PazNaz

### STUDENT MINISTRIES

**Color Wars 2016!** - Kick off this school year in style at Color Wars 2016! On Sunday, August 21, Middle and High School students are invited to Hamilton Park from 3:00-5:00 pm to play messy games and celebrate with each other. Water and food coloring will be used, so be sure to wear appropriate clothing. Friends are always welcome! Contact Pastor Mackenzie Smith at [msmith@paznaz.org](mailto:msmith@paznaz.org) or 626.351.2441 for more information.

**Middle School Worship Service** - Sunday, August 28, all 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to participate in a middle school worship service which will take place every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 10:30 am in Room 132, Meguiar Youth Center. For more information please contact Pastor Mackenzie Smith at [msmith@paznaz.org](mailto:msmith@paznaz.org) or 626.351.2441.

**Parents and Pancakes** - Fall is coming and Student Ministries wants to host parents and their teenagers for breakfast. On Sunday, August 28, PazNaz will be launching the new Sunday school for the 2016-2017 school year. Parents are invited for a preview during the 9:15 am Sunday school hour in Room 134, Meguiar Youth Center. Come hungry and ready for fun! Event calendars will also be available. For more information, contact Pastor Heather Handley at [hhandley@paznaz.org](mailto:hhandley@paznaz.org) or at 626.351.2477.

### MEN’S RETREAT

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Men’s Retreat, *Arise & Go*, on August 26-28, at Palomar Conference Center in San Diego, California. For more information please stop by the Men’s Ministries booth located on the patio or contact Pastor Joe Halbert at [jhalbert@paznaz.org](mailto:jhalbert@paznaz.org) or 626.351.2421.

### WOMEN’S MINISTRIES

**Women in the Word** - Starting September 13, Women in the Word is a group of over 100 ladies who study the Bible together working through different themes on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am in Gilmore Hall. There is a \$20 fee for materials. This fall the group will be studying *Exodus: A Threefold Grace* led by Kelli Slattery. For more information, contact Bonnie Jakeway at [bonniejakeway6@gmail.com](mailto:bonniejakeway6@gmail.com). Please register online at: [www.paznaz.org/online-forms/women-in-the-word](http://www.paznaz.org/online-forms/women-in-the-word)

**MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)** - MOPS meets on alternating Fridays from 9:15-11:45 am in Gilmore Hall and provides moms with a hot meal, relevant teaching, support from Mentor Moms, companionship, and childcare. Women who are pregnant or have children up to kindergarten are invited to attend beginning Friday, September 9. This year’s theme is “We Are the Starry Eyed.” Cost per semester is \$125 for moms with children in Moppets, \$75 for moms only. Contact Sarah Edgbert at [paznazmops@gmail.com](mailto:paznazmops@gmail.com) for more information.

### PASADENA PRIMETIME

**PrimeTime Fall Dinner** – If you are age 55 or better, come enjoy an evening with Pastor Tara Beth Leach, and special music by Pastor Scott Anderson on Thursday, September 22, at 6:00 pm in Gilmore Hall. The cost for the evening is \$17. Sign up at HeBrews on Sundays or contact Sylva Hekimian at [shekimian@paznaz.org](mailto:shekimian@paznaz.org) or 626.351.2426 during the week.

### PAZN AZ GIVING UPDATE

#### Tithes and Offerings Year to Date

Received August 14—\$35,509  
Needed per Sunday—\$54,451  
Received Year-to-Date—\$801,440  
Budget Year-to-Date—\$961,180

#### Faith Promise/World Evangelism—Missions

Received August 14—\$4,879  
Needed per Sunday—\$4,757  
Received Year-to-Date—\$71,829  
Budget Year-to-Date—\$119,884

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