

Life at Valley Center

A PLACE AT THE TABLE

Don't miss next Sunday's special worship service on January 15 at 9:00 am in Frazier Hall. The service will be followed by a community luncheon. Food sign up's for the luncheon are today. Please see Joanna Martinez at the Welcome Center following the morning service.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES BIBLE STUDY

Join this group of women on Thursdays this winter, at 7:00 pm. The group will meet at Ann Ketterling's home in Glendora and is continuing their study of the book of Exodus. For more information, contact Ann Ketterling at 626.335.0938.

YOUNG ADULTS

Monday Night Fellowship - You are invited to a night of dinner and fellowship at Pastor Joe and Cindy Halbert's home each Monday night from 6:30-9:00 pm. Contact Pastor Joe Halbert at jhalbert@paznaz.org for more details.

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. Please notify Pastor Joe Halbert at 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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Parents please plan to have your children join Children's Ministries this morning. Each Sunday's lesson includes video segments, crafts, and a creative teaching message.
Today's Lesson: The House on the Rock
January 15: The Sower

Leadership Team

Joe Halbert, Campus Pastor
Terry Irish, Associate Pastor
Scott Farris, Youth Ministry Director
Liane D'Arezzo, Valley Center Preschool Director

This Week at VC

Sunday, January 8

8:45 am Nursery Care (Birth - 3)
8:45 am Children's Church (Age 4 - 4th Grade)
Children's Room
9:00 am Morning Worship—*Sanctuary*
10:15 am Afterglow—*Food and Fellowship on the patio*

Monday, January 9

6:30 pm Young Adult Fellowship—Halbert Home

Tuesday, January 10

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

Wednesday, January 11

No activities this day

Thursday, January 12

7:30 pm Worship Team Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Friday, January 13

No activities this day

Saturday, January 14

No activities this day

VALLEY CENTER GIVING UPDATE

Tithes and Offerings Year to Date

Received January 1—\$3,273
Needed per Sunday—\$1,786
Received Year-to-Date—\$74,994
Budget Year-to-Date—\$69,440

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 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 & Celebration 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, January 8

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 华语主日学 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
9:30 am Cantonese Sunday School—305, Upper Sanctuary
10:15 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 华语崇拜 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 华语午餐会 Mandarin Lunch—148, Reed Hall
1:00 pm 华语体育活动 Mandarin Sports Fellowship—Gym
6:00 pm Armenian Christian Outreach—Lee Chapel

Monday, January 9

No activities this day

Tuesday, January 10

9:30 am Women in the Word—Gilmore Hall
4:00 pm Men's Basketball—Gym, Open to everyone
7:30 pm Soccer—Gym, Men ages 16 and up

Wednesday, January 11

12:30 pm Centurion Class Prayer—246, Reed Hall
2:00 pm Helping Hands—Lower Sanctuary, West Area
6:30 pm Girlfriend to Girlfriend—Gilmore Hall
6:30 pm Men's Ministries: *Exodus*—246, Reed Hall
6:30 pm God's Healing for Life's Losses—247, Reed Hall
6:30 pm Thrive: Forming—248, Reed Hall
6:30 pm Nursery, Birth to 2—228, Arms Hall
6:30 pm Early Childhood, Age 3-K—227, Arms Hall
6:30 pm PazNaz Kids, grades 1-5—102, Lower Sanctuary
6:30 pm OASIS—Special Needs Adults Bible Study Fellowship—115, Lower Sanctuary
6:30 pm Middle & High School Activities—Meguiar Youth Center
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, January 12

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

Friday, January 13

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

Saturday, January 14

8:30 am Membership Class—249, Reed Hall

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with Pastor Tara Beth Leach—Unbreakable

Sermon Text

Genesis 12:1-3

The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

“I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.
I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you.”

Genesis 15:1-21

After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram.
I am your shield,
your very great reward.”

But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

He also said to him, “I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it.”

But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?”

So the LORD said to him, “Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon.”

Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.

As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. Then the LORD said to him, “Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there. But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions. You, however, will go to your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age. In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure.”

When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, “To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates—the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites, and Jebusites.”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pasadena Campus
8:00 am Worship
Lee Chapel

Songs of Worship

- Be Exalted, O God
- Blessed Be the Lord God, Almighty
- Great Is Thy Faithfulness
- I Will Bless Thee, O Lord

Offertory
Raise Your Hands
Gayle Theilacker

Today’s Message
Pastor Tara Beth Leach

Valley Center Campus
9:00 am Worship
Valley Center Sanctuary

Songs of Worship

- Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)
- All Creatures of Our God and King
- Your Grace Is Enough
- Holy Spirit
- Good, Good Father

Today’s Message
Pastor Joe Halbert

Pasadena Campus
10:30 am Worship
PazNaz Sanctuary

Songs of Worship

- O for a Thousand/Hallelujah
- My Jesus I Love Thee
- Stronger
- Hungry
- I Will Follow

Offertory
Hide Away

Today’s Message
Pastor Tara Beth Leach

Genesis 17:1-22

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, “I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.”

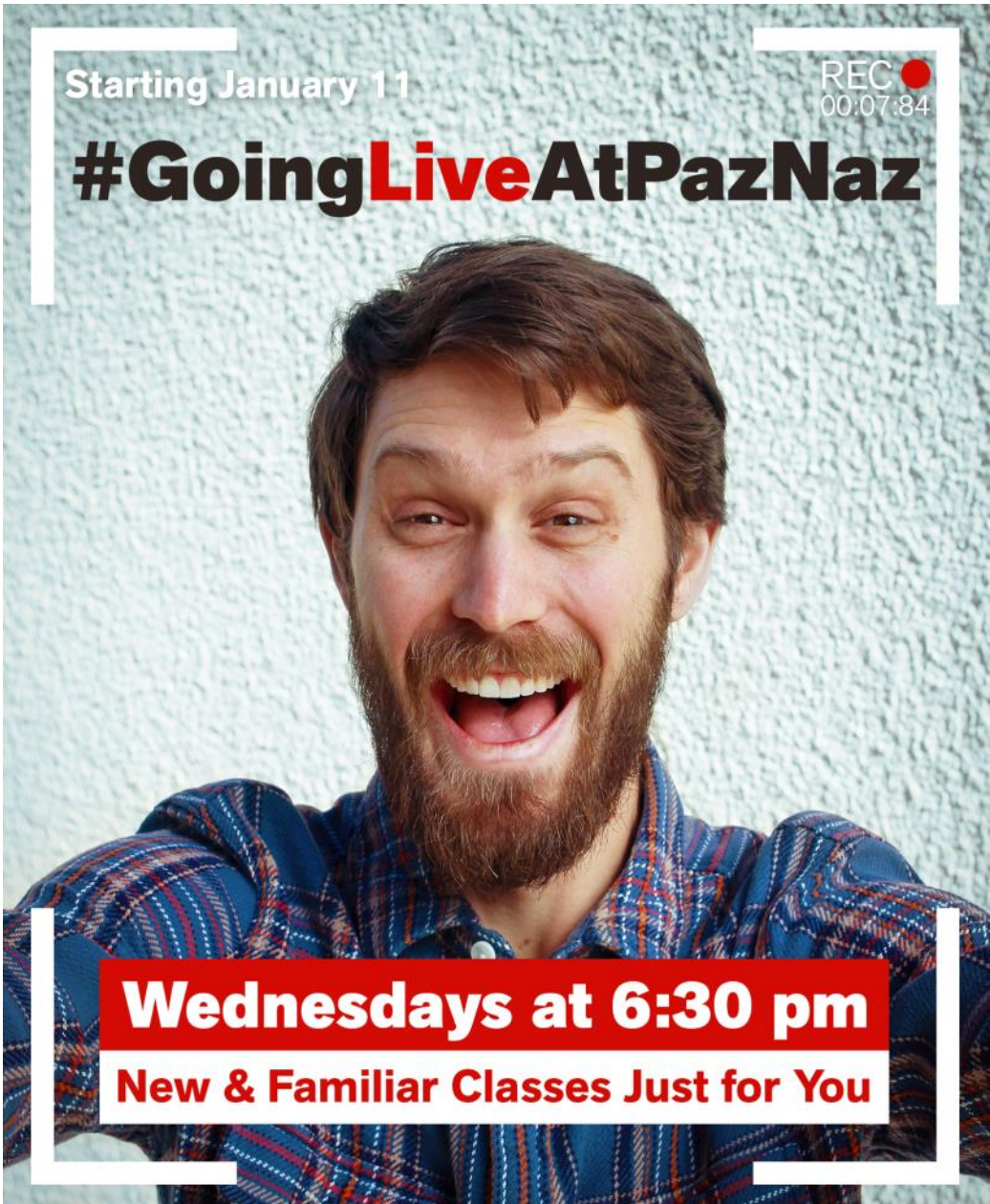
Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God.”

Then God said to Abraham, “As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come. This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised. You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you. For the generations to come every male among you who is eight days old must be circumcised, including those born in your household or bought with money from a foreigner—those who are not your offspring. Whether born in your household or bought with your money, they must be circumcised. My covenant in your flesh is to be an everlasting covenant. Any uncircumcised male, who has not been circumcised in the flesh, will be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.”

God also said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her.”

Abraham fell facedown; he laughed and said to himself, “Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?” And Abraham said to God, “If only Ishmael might live under your blessing!”

Then God said, “Yes, but your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will call him Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him. And as for Ishmael, I have heard you: I will surely bless him; I will make him fruitful and will greatly increase his numbers. He will be the father of twelve rulers, and I will make him into a great nation. But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you by this time next year.” When he had finished speaking with Abraham, God went up from him.



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SEMINARIAN OFFERING

The Seminarian Offering not only provides important financial support for the Nazarene Theological Seminary, but it provides help to the future pastors, missionaries, chaplains, evangelists, and teachers of the Church of the Nazarene. Please prayerfully consider a contribution to this special offering on Sunday, January 29.

GOD’S HEALING FOR LIFE’S LOSSES

If you experience loss in your life, including losing a loved one, health, relationship, finance, and others, this class will provide a safe place for you to share and receive support. Using the book *God’s Healing for Life’s Losses*, the group will walk with you to find comfort and hope in Christ. This group will meet on Wednesdays starting January 11 at 6:30 pm in Room 247, Reed Hall. For more information contact Ginny Pedrotti at 626.446.5009.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

If you’d like to become a church member at PazNaz, the next Membership Class Breakfast will be Saturday, January 14, at 8:30 am in Room 249, Reed Hall. This free breakfast will be a great opportunity for you to learn about the history of the Church of the Nazarene and PazNaz. You are not required to join the church by taking the class. Contact Melody Bundy to make a reservation at mbundy@paznaz.org or 626.351.2425. Childcare is also available with a reservation.

THRIVE: FORMING

Forming shows you how to build a relationship with God that has enough substance to actually change you from the inside out, instead of trying to live up to a high standard through self-effort. This group will meet on Wednesdays starting January 11 at 6:30 pm in Room 248, Reed Hall. For more information contact Maria Berbee at 626.319.9288.

HEALING ROOMS

The Healing Rooms will return on Saturday, January 21, from 10:30 am-12:30 pm. Teams of 2 or 3 volunteers will pray with people for healing or any other personal needs. The Healing Rooms will be located in Room 112, Lower Sanctuary and will be available every first and third Saturday of the month. For more information, please contact Glendae Hauser at 626.388.0376 or Melody Bundy at mbundy@paznaz.org or 626.351.2425.

PRESCOTT/RAGAINS MISSIONARY CHAPTER

You are invited to attend the next Prescott/Ragains Missionary Chapter meeting on Tuesday, January 31, at 6:00 pm in Gilmore Hall, South. This month’s speakers will be Friday and Mary Ganda who are West Africa Field Missionaries. They have served as pastor, District Superintendent, Mission Coordinator and Jesus Film Coordinator with the Church of the Nazarene. Contact Margaret Street at 626.833.2235 to make potluck reservations.

GIVE BY TEXT

Your donations to PazNaz are now just a text away. This is a simple and efficient way to make one-time or recurring gifts to the church. In less time than it takes to write a check, you are now able to offer up your tithe with just your thumbs. Start by texting your dollar amount to 626.986.3397. You will receive a registration link where you will enter your payment and contact information. When registration is complete, you will receive a verification text and a receipt via email. For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give and it will process automatically.

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MEN’S MINISTRIES

Exodus: The Story of Redemption - Sometimes, in order for God to get your attention, he must first do something so unusual and unexpected in your life that you have no other choice than to stop, look, and listen. Everything that happens in your life narrative, whether good or bad, reminds you that when you submit to God’s way, he’ll do amazing things in and through you. Despite past failures, deep disappointments, hardships, grief, and pain, your life can still be used to accomplish his divine plan. Join this group of men on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in Room 246, Reed Hall starting January 11. Contact Pastor Joe Halbert for more information at jhalbert@paznaz.org or 626.351.2421.

WOMEN’S MINISTRIES

Women in the Word - On Tuesday mornings, starting January 10, at 9:30 am in Gilmore Hall, *Women in the Word* is a group of over 100 ladies who study the Bible together working through different themes. There is a \$20 fee for materials. This winter the group will be studying *Jesus the One and Only* by Beth Moore. For more information, contact Bonnie Jakeway at bonniejakeway6@gmail.com.

Girlfriend to Girlfriend - Join this group of women on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm in Gilmore Hall starting January 11. The group will be studying *Messy Spirituality: God’s Annoying Love for Imperfect People* by Mike Yaconelli. Books will be available the first day of class. There is a \$20 fee for materials. Scholarships are available. Contact Megan Marsh for more information at mmarsh@paznaz.org or 626.351.2429.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Crazy Night– Are you new to the PazNaz community and want to meet some new friends? Then join Student Ministries on Wednesday, January 11, from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Meguiar Youth Center for a night focused on games, fun, friends, and snacks! This is a great night for both new and familiar faces, so feel free to invite your friends! The theme for this Crazy Night is “Into the Future,” and themed costumes are welcome. For more information, contact Pastor Mackenzie Smith at msmith@paznaz.org or 626.351.2441.

PASADENA PRIMETIME

Kick Off 2017– It’s time again for the Annual Snack and Dessert Potluck on Thursday, January 12, at 7:00 pm in Gilmore Hall. If you’re age 55 or better, come hear about all the upcoming PrimeTime activities and trips for 2017. Invite a friend! Please sign up at HeBrews or call Sylva Hekimian at 626.351.2426 to RSVP.

WEEKLY PAZNAZ PRAYER GROUP

The Early Christians group meets every Friday morning from 6:00-7:00 am in Room 247, Reed Hall. Don’t miss an opportunity to connect more deeply with God.

PAZNAZ GIVING UPDATE

Tithes and Offerings Year to Date

Received January 1—\$115,641
Needed per Sunday—\$38,242
Received Year-to-Date—\$1,864,328
Budget Year-to-Date—\$1,979,132

Faith Promise/World Evangelism—Missions

Received January 1—\$6,649
Needed per Sunday—\$3,309
Received Year-to-Date—\$173,492
Budget Year-to-Date—\$277,701

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