

## Life at Valley Center

### WOMEN'S MINISTRIES BIBLE STUDY

Join this group of women on Thursdays this spring at 7:00 pm. The group will start meeting again 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](mailto: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](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.

### 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.  
April 23: Breakfast with Jesus  
April 30: Children in Main Service

## This Week at VC

### Sunday, April 23

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 and Fellowship on the patio

### Monday, April 24

6:30 pm Young Adult Fellowship—Halbert Home

### Tuesday, April 25

*No activities this day*

### Wednesday, April 26

6:30 pm Find the classes that are right for you and your whole family on the PazNaz campus.

### Thursday, April 27

7:30 pm Worship Team Rehearsal—Sanctuary

### Friday, April 28

*No activities this day*

### Saturday, April 29

*No activities this day*

### VALLEY CENTER GIVING UPDATE

#### Tithes and Offerings Year to Date

Received April 16—\$921  
Needed per Sunday—\$1,924  
Received Year-to-Date—\$4,893  
Budget Year-to-Date—\$5,772

*The church fiscal year is from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018*

### Valley Center: A Campus of PazNaz

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### Leadership Team

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

## 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.

### Welcome Center

It's the central kiosk on the patio. Guests can stop by for a friendly hello 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

**Mano Agulian**, Armenian Ministries  
**Marcos Canales**, La Fuente Ministries  
**Sam Chung**, Cantonese Ministries  
**Alan De Vries**, Worship & Celebration Arts  
**Joe Halbert**, Service & Outreach  
**Heather Handley**, Youth Pastor  
**Julie Keith**, Special Needs / *In His Image*  
**Timothy Lee**, Korean Ministries  
**Megan Marsh**, Women's Ministries  
**Darwin Ng**, Congregational Care / Senior Adults  
**Doug Ravasdy**, Elementary Ministries  
**Faith Romasco**, Early Childhood Ministries  
**Janine Sagherian**, Sunrise Preschool Director  
**Mackenzie Smith**, Youth Pastor  
**Min Xiao**, Mandarin Ministries



## This Week at PazNaz

### Sunday, April 23

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 Coffee Talk with a Pastor—Administration Offices  
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, April 24

6:30 pm Men's ACOP Basketball—Gym

### Tuesday, April 25

9:30 am Women in the Word—Gilmore Hall  
4:00 pm Men's Basketball—Gym, Open to everyone

### Wednesday, April 26

12:30 pm Centurion Class Prayer—246, Reed Hall  
2:00 pm Helping Hands—Lower Sanctuary, West Area  
6:00 pm Simply Prayer—Lee Chapel  
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 Forming: *From His Heart to Mine*—248, Reed Hall  
6:30 pm The Gathering—Lee Chapel  
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 Armenian Christian Outreach Prayer Meeting—148, Reed Hall  
6:45 pm Celebration Choir—101, Lower Sanctuary  
7:30 pm Mandarin Bible Study—149A, Reed Hall  
7:30 pm Armenian Christian Outreach Bible Study—146, Reed Hall

### Thursday, April 27

9:30 am Simply Prayer—Lee Chapel

### Friday, April 28

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

### Saturday, April 29

*No activities this day*

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April 23, 2017

# ROMANS PART I

## THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD

#PazNaz #Romans  
#TheFaithfulnessOfGod







with Pastor Tara Beth Leach—A Passion for Unity

**Sermon Text:**

*Romans 9:1-31*  
I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

It is not as though God’s word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham’s children. On the contrary, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.” In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God’s children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham’s offspring. For this was how the promise was stated: “At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son.”

Not only that, but Rebekah’s children were conceived at the same time by our father Isaac. Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God’s purpose in election might stand: not by works but by him who calls—she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” Just as it is written: “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! For he says to Moses,

“I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.”

It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God’s mercy. For Scripture says to Pharaoh: “I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.” Therefore God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy, and he hardens whom he wants to harden.

One of you will say to me: “Then why does God still blame us? For who is able to resist his will?” But who are you, a human being, to talk back to God? “Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, ‘Why did you make me like this?’” Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for special purposes and some for common use?

What if God, although choosing to show his wrath and make his power known, bore with great patience the objects of his wrath—prepared for destruction? What if he did this to make the riches of his glory known to the objects of his mercy, whom he prepared in advance for glory— even us, whom he also called, not only from the Jews but also from the Gentiles? As he says in Hosea:

“I will call them ‘my people’ who are not my people; and I will call her ‘my loved one’ who is not my loved one,”

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

**Songs of Worship**

- He Lives
- Lord, We Lift Your Name on High
- He Is Lord
- I Love You, Lord

**Offertory**  
*Find Us Faithful*  
Julie Anderson

**Today’s Message**  
*Pastor Tara Beth Leach*

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

**Songs of Worship**

- How Can I Keep from Singing?
- This Is Amazing Grace
- In Christ Alone
- Be Thou My Vision
- Great Are You Lord

**Today’s Message**  
*Pastor Joseph Halbert*

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

**Songs of Worship**

- Everlasting God
- Great Are You Lord
- O Come to the Altar
- I Need Thee Every Hour
- This I Believe (The Creed)

**Offertory**  
*Because He Loves (Amen)*

**Today’s Message**  
*Pastor Tara Beth Leach*

and,

“In the very place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ there they will be called ‘children of the living God.’”

Isaiah cries out concerning Israel:

“Though the number of the Israelites be like the sand by the sea, only the remnant will be saved. For the Lord will carry out his sentence on earth with speed and finality.”

It is just as Isaiah said previously:

“Unless the Lord Almighty had left us descendants, we would have become like Sodom, we would have become like Gomorrah.”

What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith; but the people of Israel, who pursued the law as the way of righteousness, have not attained their goal.

*Romans 1:1*

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God—

*Romans 3:23*

... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ...

## Life at PazNaz

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**

Join PazNaz each week at 6:30 pm for a variety of classes and groups for all ages. For more information about classes, pick up the **#GoingLiveAtPazNaz** flyer from the round-about on campus.

**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 meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in Room 247, Reed Hall starting April 26. For more information contact Ginny Pedrotti at 626.446.5009.

**FORMING: FROM HIS HEART TO MINE**

This class will teach you how to listen to the Spirit of God and develop a conversational prayer life. This group meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in Room 248, Reed Hall starting April 26. For more information contact Maria Berbee at 626.319.9288.

**BONNIE RAMIREZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Applications for the Bonnie Ramirez Memorial Scholarship are available in the round-about on campus and from Pastor Mackenzie Smith. Any high school junior or senior may apply. Complete the application and return it to Pat Todd in the church office with supporting documents no later than Friday, May 5. Interviews will be scheduled later in the month. Contact Pastor Mack for more information at msmith@paznaz.org or 626.351.2441.

**ENGAGING EMPIRE AS CITIZENS OF THE KINGDOM**

How does the church live out its mission in the midst of the dominant culture (Empire)? Over the years has the reach of culture subtly dismissed or twisted the understanding of Christ’s teachings? Are there ways the church has unwittingly exchanged its ‘birthright’ for the proverbial ‘bowl of soup’? As PazNaz looks to put its mission into action, it becomes essential to consider the ever-present influence of ‘Empire.’ Join this important conversation with a panel discussion on Sunday, May 7, at 6:00 pm in Gilmore Hall. For more information, contact Dan Royer at danroyer@earthlink.net.

**MEMBERSHIP CLASS**

If you’d like to become a church member at PazNaz, the next Membership Class Breakfast will be Saturday, May 13, 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.

**COFFEE TALK WITH A PASTOR**

Are you new to PazNaz and want to find out more about this church community? Are you looking to connect and become involved in the life at PazNaz? You are invited to meet with one of the pastoral staff on the second Sunday of the month and have your questions answered in a small intimate setting. The next meeting is Sunday, May 14, at 9:30 am in Pastor Tara Beth Leach’s Office. For more information, contact Pastor Julie Keith at jkeith@paznaz.org or 626.351.2485.

**FRIENDSHIP TEA & FASHION SHOW**

PazNaz’s community partner, the Foothills Pregnancy Resource Center, is proud to announce their *Fifth Annual Friendship Tea & Fashion Show* on Saturday, May 20. Tickets are \$20 each and include tea treats, an inspiring message, a fashion show, and shopping at United Thrift. This special day runs from 11:00 am-2:00 pm at the United Methodist Church of Monrovia (140 East Palm Avenue, Monrovia, 91016). Call Lori Berg at 626.358.2122 to reserve your tickets.

## Life at PazNaz

**WOMEN’S MINISTRIES**

**Shop4MOPS** - Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is an outreach group that meets twice a month to support and encourage mothers with young children. They will be hosting their annual fundraiser *Shop4MOPS* the week of April 30, which features many opportunity drawings. Tickets can be purchased and entered into the drawings on Sunday, April 30, on the PazNaz patio; Tuesday, May 2, at Women in the Word; and Wednesday, May 3, at Girlfriend to Girlfriend. Winners will be announced at MOPS on Friday, May 5, at 11:00 am in Gilmore Hall. Winners do not need to be present to win. Contact Sarah Edgbert at sedgebert@paznaz.org for more information.

**Girlfriend to Girlfriend** - Women of all ages are invited to embrace their identity and purpose in an age of confusion and comparison. Come to Girlfriend to Girlfriend on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm in Gilmore Hall starting April 26, a book study with 50 ladies who pray and share life together, and study *Without Rival* by Lisa Bevere. Learn how to stop seeing others as rivals and make deep connections that hold the promise of true identity and intimacy with your Creator. Books will be available in class. There is a \$20 fee for materials and scholarships are available. Contact Megan Marsh for more information at mmarsh@paznaz.org or 626.351.2429.

**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 April 26. Contact Pastor Joe Halbert for more information at jhalbert@paznaz.org or 626.351.2421.

**Men’s Retreat** - Mark your calendars for the upcoming Men’s Retreat, *The Fulfillment of the Promise*, on May 19-21, at Palomar Conference Center in San Diego, California. This year’s special speaker will be Dr. Tim Gaines. The cost is \$190 or \$220 depending on accommodations. For more information please stop by the Men’s Ministries booth located on the patio or contact Pastor Joe Halbert at jhalbert@paznaz.org or 626.351.2421.

**PASADENA PRIMETIME**

**Citrus Singers: CINEMAGIC** - If you are age 55 or better, join this group for an afternoon of great music at Haugh Performing Art Center presented by the Citrus Singers. This year the renowned Citrus Singers transform movie musicals into a parade of show-stoppers guaranteed to please! The show is on Saturday, May 13, at 2:00 pm and tickets cost \$30. Sign up at the Welcome Center on Sundays or contact Sylvia Hekimian at 626.351.2426 to reserve your spot.

**HEALING ROOMS**

The Healing Rooms are on hiatus through May. They will return June 3, but will only be meeting the first Saturday of the month through the summer.

**PAZNAZ GIVING UPDATE**  
**Tithes and Offerings Year to Date**

Received April 16—\$34,036  
Needed per Sunday—\$46,230  
Received Year-to-Date—\$115,526  
Budget Year-to-Date—\$138,690

**Faith Promise/World Evangelism—Missions**  
Received April 16—\$13,100  
Needed per Sunday—\$5,183  
Received Year-to-Date—\$18,881  
Budget Year-to-Date—\$15,550

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