

## Life at Valley Center

### BAPTISM/CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Are you interested in baptism or church membership? Talk to Pastor Heather Handley following today's service or contact her at [hhandley@paznaz.org](mailto:hhandley@paznaz.org) or 626.351.2477.

### 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 Heather Handley at [hhandley@paznaz.org](mailto:hhandley@paznaz.org), or by calling her directly at 626.351.2477. Pastor Heather will alert the pastoral staff and the other prayer teams that meet throughout the week.

## This Week at VC

### Sunday, December 24

9:55 am Simply Prayer—Frazier Hall  
10:00 am Nursery Care (Birth - 3)  
10:15 am Fellowship—Foyer  
10:30 am Morning Worship—Sanctuary  
6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service— PazNaz Sanctuary

### Monday, December 25

*No activities this day*

### Tuesday, December 26

*No activities this day*

### Wednesday, December 27

*No activities this day*

### Thursday, December 28

7:30 pm Worship Team Rehearsal—Sanctuary

### Friday, December 29

*No activities this day*

### Saturday, December 30

*No activities this day*

### VALLEY CENTER GIVING UPDATE

#### Tithes and Offerings Year to Date

Received December 17—\$813  
Needed per Sunday—\$1,924  
Received Year-to-Date—\$69,962  
Budget Year-to-Date—\$71,724

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

### Leadership Team

**Heather Handley**, Interim Campus Pastor  
**Nathan Rodriguez**, Worship Leader  
**Terry Irish**, Associate Pastor  
**Scott Farris**, Youth Ministry Director  
**Liane D'Arezzo**, Valley Center Preschool Director

### 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. Call 626.351.9631 for service.

### 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 look up PazNaz Weekly Sermons on iTunes.

## PazNaz Pastoral Team

**Tara Beth Leach**, Senior Pastor

**Mano Agulian**, Armenian Ministries

**Marcos Canales**, La Fuente Ministries

**Sam Chung**, Cantonese Ministries

**Alan De Vries**, Instrumental & Choral Music

**Ali Deckard**, Creative Worship

**Joel Deckard**, Interim Youth Pastor

**Heather Handley**, Youth Pastor & Valley Center Interim Pastor

**Julie Keith**, Family Life Ministries/Special Needs

**Timothy Lee**, Korean Ministries

**Darwin Ng**, Congregational Care/Senior Adults

**Rosa Ramirez**, Compassionate Ministries

**Ali Ravasdy**, Early Childhood Ministries

**Doug Ravasdy**, Elementary Ministries

**Faith Romasco**, Formation

**Janine Sagherian**, Sunrise Preschool Director

**Emily Shnorhokian**, Family Life Associate

**Brad Strawn**, Teaching Pastor

**Min Xiao**, Mandarin Ministries



## This Week at PazNaz

### Sunday, December 24

8:30 am Church in the Park—Central Park  
10:15 am Simply Prayer—Sanctuary  
10:30 am Morning Worship—Sanctuary  
10:30 am Childcare: Birth-2—228, Arms Hall  
10:30 am Cantonese & Mandarin Service—Lee Chapel  
10:30 am La Fuente Ministries—Meguiar Youth Center  
10:45 am Korean Service—249, Reed Hall  
6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service—Sanctuary

### Monday, December 25

*Church office closed for the Christmas Holiday*

### Tuesday, December 26

*Church office closed for the Christmas Holiday*

### Wednesday, December 27

12:30 pm Centurion Class Prayer—246, Reed Hall  
2:00 pm Helping Hands—Lower Sanctuary, West Area

### Thursday, December 28

10:00 am Simply Prayer—Lee Chapel

### Friday, December 29

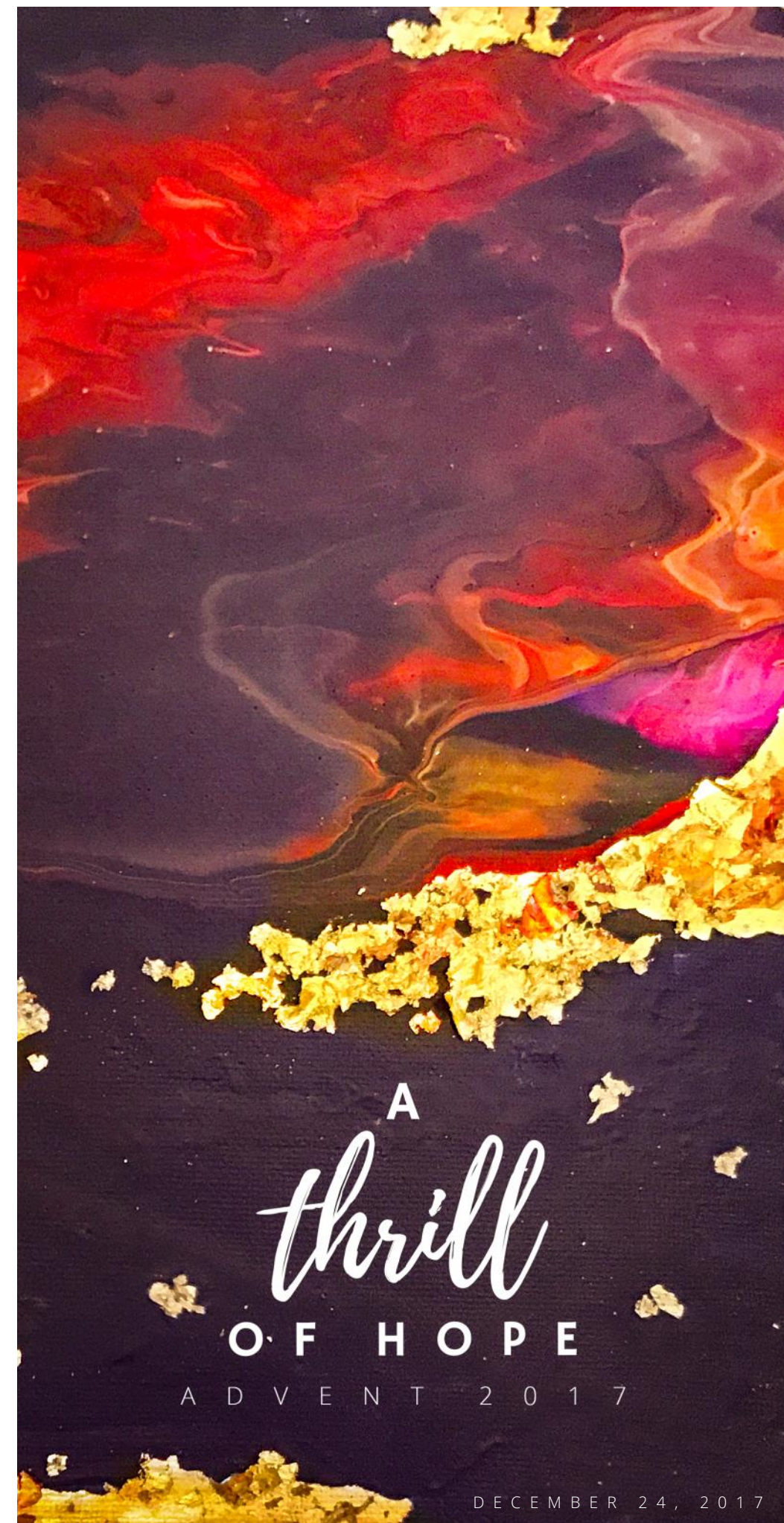
6:00 am Early Christians—247, Reed Hall

### Saturday, December 30

*No activities this day*

### First Church of the Nazarene of Pasadena

3700 East Sierra Madre Boulevard  
Pasadena, California 91107  
[www.paznaz.org](http://www.paznaz.org) | 626.351.9631





with Pastor Tara Beth Leach—Love Came Down

**Sermon Text:**

*Luke 1:26-38 NIV*

In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

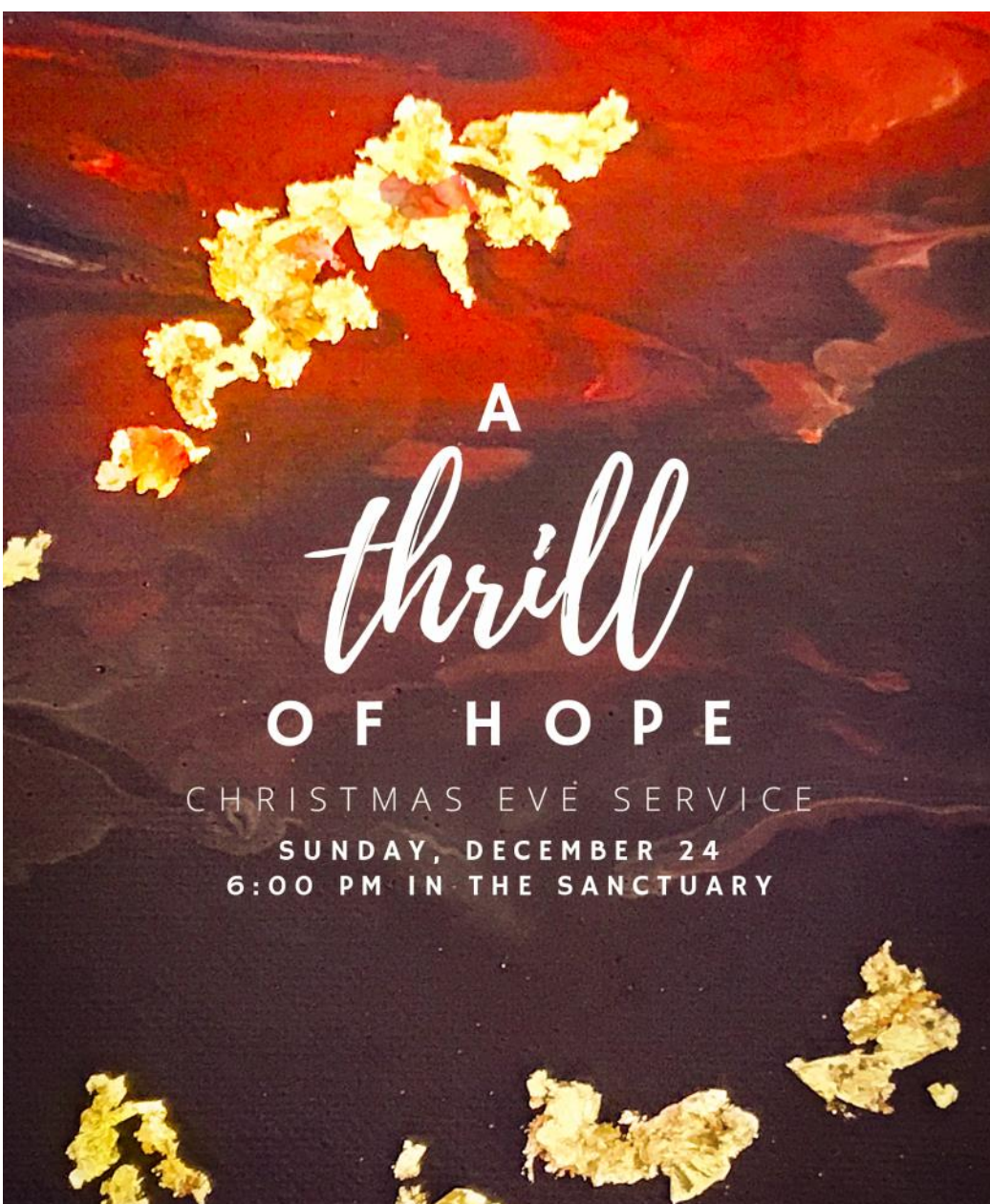
The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail.”

“I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.



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Coming January 7, 2018



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

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

The 8:00 am service will return on Sunday, January 7

**Valley Center Campus**  
10:30 am Worship  
Valley Center Sanctuary

**Songs of Worship**

- Our Father
- O Come, O Come Emmanuel
- Build My Life
- O Come All Ye Faithful
- Tremble

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

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

**Songs of Worship**

- Jesus Oh What a Wonderful Child
- Born Is the King (It’s Christmas)
- Carol Medley
- What a Beautiful Name
- King of Heaven
- Love Came Down

**Offertory**  
Joy, Joy, Joy

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

**Life at PazNaz**

**CHRISTMAS EVE & NEW YEAR’S EVE**

Celebrate this special time of year with your PazNaz family on Sundays, December 24 & 31. Each week there will be one combined service at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary. Sunday School will not be meeting and there will be no Early Childhood, Elementary, or Special Needs classes. Childcare will be provided for Birth-2.

On Christmas Eve, there will be a special service at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary for the whole family.

**LIVING THE MISSION**

An all-church business meeting will take place on Sunday, January 14, at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Pastor Tara Beth will present an update on finances, church engagement, and how we will continue to live the mission into the future. Members age 15 and up will be asked to vote on a proposal to sell the Valley Center parsonage. The meeting will be preceded by dinner at 5:00 pm in Gilmore Hall. Tickets for the dinner will be \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. Tickets will be available in the church office during the week and at the Welcome Center on Sunday, January 7. Children’s programming is available starting at 5:45 pm by reservation only to Erin Miller at [emiller@paznaz.org](mailto:emiller@paznaz.org) by January 7. For more information, please contact Melody at [mbundy@paznaz.org](mailto:mbundy@paznaz.org) or 626.351.2425.

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS**

This week our Advent candle of Love will be lit by the Volkan-Kacso family. Sandor and Kinga are parents to Apor (12), Zalan (10), Helka (6), and Kende (4) who are involved in nearly every part of Family Life Ministries as well as Upward and the Children’s Choir.

**MEMBERSHIP CLASS**

If you’d like to become a church member at PazNaz, the next Membership Class will be in two parts on Wednesdays, January 10 & 17, at 6:30 pm in Gilmore Hall. These classes 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 classes, but you must attend both classes to join. Contact Melody Bundy for more information at [mbundy@paznaz.org](mailto:mbundy@paznaz.org) or 626.351.2425. Children’s programs are provided during those evenings.

**DAVE RAMSEY’S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY**

Sign up now at: [link.paznaz.org/FPU](http://link.paznaz.org/FPU)  
Start planning now to be a part of this amazing class to help you learn to take control of your money, invest in the future, and give like never before. The cost is \$130 per family for materials and the class starts Wednesday, January 10, at 6:30 pm in Room 249, Reed Hall. For more information, contact Sarah Edgbert at [sedgbert@paznaz.org](mailto:sedgbert@paznaz.org).

**HEALING ROOMS**

The Healing Rooms will next meet on Saturday, January 6, 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 Saturday of the month. For more information, please contact Glendae Hauser at 626.388.0376 or Melody Bundy at [mbundy@paznaz.org](mailto:mbundy@paznaz.org) or 626.351.2425.

**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.

**Life at PazNaz**

**PAZNAZ STAFF OFFERING**

During the service today, December 24, a special love offering will be received for the support, custodial, and director level church staff. Mark your contribution on an offering envelope as "Staff Christmas." Thank you for your generosity.

**BAPTISM CLASS**

The next Baptism class will be Sunday, January 7, at 9:30 am in Room 101, Lower Sanctuary. The Baptism service will follow on Sunday, January 14, at 10:30 am. Please contact Melody Bundy for more details at [mbundy@paznaz.org](mailto:mbundy@paznaz.org) or 626.351.2425.

**PASADENA PRIMETIME**

**Kick Off 2018**– It’s time again for the Annual Snack & Dessert Potluck on Thursday, January 18, at 7:00 pm in Gilmore Hall. If you’re age 55 or better, come hear about all the upcoming PrimeTime activities, day trips, and tours for 2018. Invite a friend for a fun-filled evening and remember to bring a snack or dessert to share. Please sign up at the Welcome Center on Sundays or call Sylva Hekimian at 626.351.2426 to RSVP.

**WOMEN’S MINISTRIES**

**Messy & Beautiful** - This intimate evening of connection, testimony, and praise will launch this quarter for the women of all of our PazNaz congregations. Women of all ages are invited to worship in song and prayer; as well as hear the personal testimony of one of our own on Friday, January 12, at 7:00 pm in Lee Chapel. After the service, there will be a time of refreshment and fellowship. For more information, contact Ferol Null at [fnull@paznaz.org](mailto:fnull@paznaz.org). Free childcare is available with RSVP to Erin Miller at [emiller@paznaz.org](mailto:emiller@paznaz.org) by January 4.

**MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) and Mom’s Next** - 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 with children through elementary school are invited to attend. This year’s theme is “Free Indeed.” Cost per semester is \$130 for moms with children in Moppets, \$80 for moms only. Contact Sarah Edgbert at [paznazmops@gmail.com](mailto:paznazmops@gmail.com) for more information.

**Girlfriend to Girlfriend** - On Wednesdays starting January 24, women of all ages are invited to gather in Gilmore Hall from 6:30-8:00 pm and explore Mark Batterson’s book, *If, where you will learn to trade in your If Only regrets for God’s What If possibilities*. There is a \$20 fee for materials, and books will be available the first day of class. Contact Debra Wilkens at [dwilkens@ix.netcom.com](mailto:dwilkens@ix.netcom.com) for more information.

**MEN’S MINISTRIES**

**Play the Man** - Somewhere along the way, our culture lost its definition of manhood, leaving generations of men and men-to-be confused about their roles, responsibilities, relationships, and the reason God made them men. Join this group of men who will settle for nothing less than fulfilling their highest calling to be the man and the father God has destined them to be on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in Room 246, Reed Hall starting January 24 as they go through this study by Mark Batterson. Contact David Mimms for more information at [dmimms@paznaz.org](mailto:dmimms@paznaz.org).

**PAZNAZ GIVING UPDATE**

**Tithes and Offerings Year to Date**

Received December 17—\$55,326  
Needed per Sunday—\$51,085  
Received Year-to-Date—\$1,536,577  
Budget Year-to-Date—\$1,857,445

**Faith Promise/World Evangelism—Missions**

Received December 17—\$2,488  
Needed per Sunday—\$3,318  
Received Year-to-Date—\$82,652  
Budget Year-to-Date—\$121,994

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