

## Life at Valley Center

### NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE

Make plans to join PazNaz and Valley Center in celebrating the New Year. There will be a special New Year's Day service held at the PazNaz campus on Sunday, January 1. Valley Center will be joining this combined 10:30 am service.

### 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.  
January 8: The House on the Rock

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

## This Week at VC

### Sunday, December 25

10:30 am Morning Worship—PazNaz Campus

### Monday, December 26

6:30 pm Young Adult Fellowship—Halbert Home

### Tuesday, December 27

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

### Wednesday, December 28

*No activities this day*

### Thursday, December 29

7:30 pm Worship Team Rehearsal—Sanctuary

### Friday, December 30

*No activities this day*

### Saturday, December 31

*No activities this day*

### VALLEY CENTER GIVING UPDATE

#### Tithes and Offerings Year to Date

Received December 18—\$1,156  
Needed per Sunday—\$1,599  
Received Year-to-Date—\$70,122  
Budget Year-to-Date—\$66,056

*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 & 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, December 25

10:15 am Simply Prayer—Sanctuary  
10:30 am Morning Worship—Sanctuary  
10:30 am Early Childhood Classes—Arms Hall

### Monday, December 26

*Church office will be closed.*

### Tuesday, December 27

*Church office will be closed.*

### Wednesday, December 28

12:30 pm Centurion Class Prayer—246, Reed Hall  
6:30 pm Armenian Christian Outreach Prayer Meeting—148, Reed Hall  
7:00 pm Mandarin Bible Study—149A, Reed Hall  
7:30 pm Armenian Christian Outreach Bible Study—146, Reed Hall

### Thursday, December 29

9:30 am Simply Prayer—Lee Chapel

### Friday, December 30

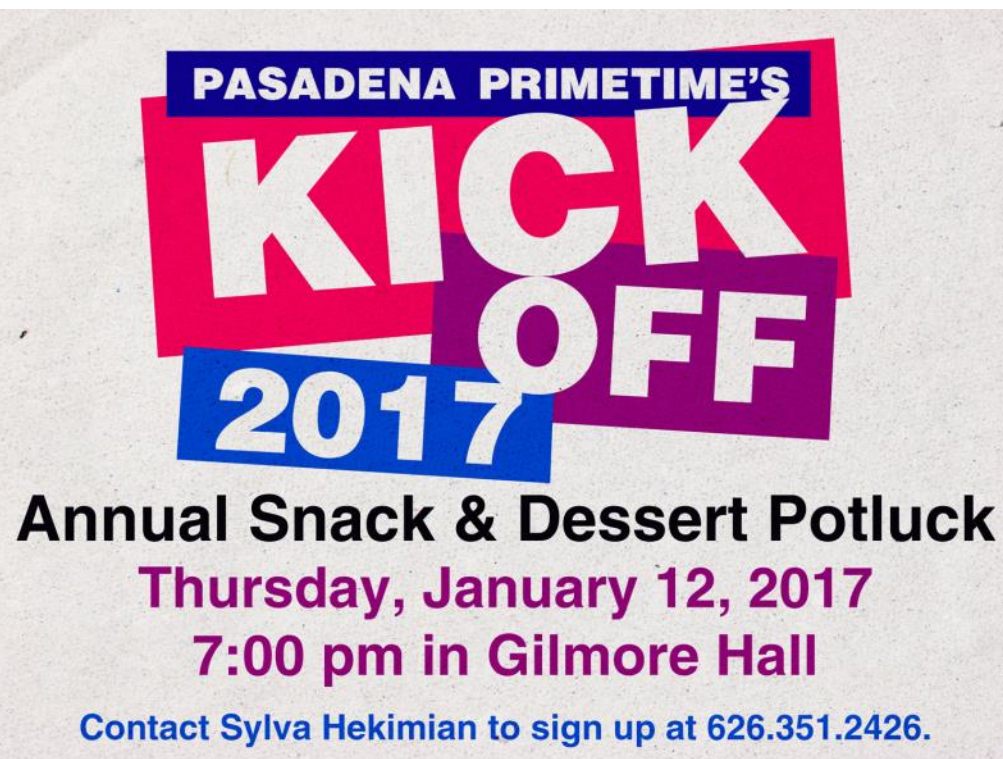
6:00 am Korean Ministries' Prayer Meeting—249, Reed Hall  
6:00 am Early Christians—247, Reed Hall

### Saturday, December 31

*No activities this day*

**First Church of the Nazarene of Pasadena**  
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with Pastor Tara Beth Leach—The Wonder Ignited At Last

**Sermon Text**

Luke 2:25-39

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."

The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

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

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

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

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

The 9:00 am service at the Valley Center Campus will return on Sunday, January 8

- Songs of Worship**
- O Come All Ye Faithful
  - We Adore You
  - Sing Christmas Praise
  - O Little Town of Bethlehem
  - Joy to the World

**Offertory** *Noel*

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

**Life at PazNaz**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY AT PAZNAZ**

Join PazNaz this season to celebrate the New Year with a special service. Next Sunday, January 1, there will be one combined service at 10:30 am for all of PazNaz and Valley Center. There will not be an 8:00 am service or any Sunday school classes. Childcare will be provided for birth—2-years-old. There will not be a special needs program.

**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, January 8, at 9:30 am in the Bride's Room, Lee Chapel Foyer. For more information, contact Pastor Julie Keith at [jkeith@paznaz.org](mailto:jkeith@paznaz.org) or 626.351.2485.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**HEALING ROOMS**

The Healing Rooms will be taking a break for the holiday season, but 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](mailto:mbundy@paznaz.org) or 626.351.2425.

**GIVE BY KIOSK**

The power of giving is now at your fingertips! PazNaz is excited to introduce this modern, convenient way to make offerings and donate to the church. It's faster and more secure than having your checks manually processed and it's easy to use. Look for the kiosk this Sunday in the church foyer and try it out.

**Life at PazNaz**

**PAZNAZ STAFF OFFERING**

During the Sunday service on December 25, 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.

**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](mailto: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 [bonniejakeway@yahoo.com](mailto:bonniejakeway@yahoo.com). Please register online at [www.paznaz.org/online-forms/women-in-the-word](http://www.paznaz.org/online-forms/women-in-the-word)

**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](mailto: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? The 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](mailto: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.

**PAZNAZ GIVING UPDATE**

**Tithes and Offerings Year to Date**

Received December 18—\$54,980  
Needed per Sunday—\$93,474  
Received Year-to-Date—\$1,691,890  
Budget Year-to-Date—\$1,847,416

**Faith Promise/World Evangelism—Missions**

Received December 18—\$4,300  
Needed per Sunday—\$9,549  
Received Year-to-Date—\$161,762  
Budget Year-to-Date—\$264,846

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