# **Life at Valley Center**

## A CHRISTMAS CAROL ... REVISITED:

Don't miss this special performance of A Christmas Carol ... Revisited on Saturday, December 17, at 7:00 pm in the Valley Center Sanctuary. This is a free event. No tickets are required, but donations are welcome. If you would like to contribute to an afterglow reception following the presentation, please bring cookies to the church by 6:30 pm that night. Your loving touch will be a valuable contribution to this outreach event. For more information, contact Candace Nicholson at cnicholson@paznaz.org or 626.351.2433.

## **HOLIDAY SERVICES**

Make plans to join PazNaz and Valley Center in celebrating the holiday season. Valley Center will have normal services at 9:00 am on Sundays, December 11 & 18. There will be a special Christmas Eve service held at the PazNaz campus on Saturday, December 24, at 6:00 pm. On Sundays, December 25 and January 1, Valley Center will be joining the combined 10:30 am service on the PazNaz campus.

#### 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.

# **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 4

Simply Prayer—Sanctuary 8:30 am Nursery Care (Birth - 3) 8:45 am Children's Church (Age 4 - 4th Grade) 8:45 am

Children's Room

9:00 am Morning Worship—Sanctuary 10:15 am Afterglow—Food and Fellowship on the patio

# Monday, December 5

6:30 pm Young Adult Fellowship—Halbert Home

# Tuesday, December 6

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

# Wednesday, December 7

No activities this day

# Thursday, December 8

7:30 pm Worship Team Rehearsal—Sanctuary

## Friday, December 9

No activities this day

### Saturday, December 10

No activities this day

# **VALLEY CENTER GIVING UPDATE**

**Tithes and Offerings Year to Date** 

Received November 27-\$5,109 Needed per Sunday—\$1,870 Received Year-to-Date-\$66,021 Budget Year-to-Date—\$61,260

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

# Valley Center: A Campus of PazNaz

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# Sunday, December 11 Bring or wear a pair of new or gently used shoes to donate and plan to go home barefoot. Shoes will be distributed to the attendees of Church in the Park and the families of Helping Hands.

# **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 ar attendees who consider PazNaz their churc nome to support the ministries of the church.

## **Listening Assistance Devices**

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

#### HeBrews

t'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 lobb he service while tending to the needs of your hild. 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 n 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 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 Directo

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

Simply Prayer—Bride's Room, Lee Chapel

# Sunday, December 4

7:40 am

8:00 am Morning Worship—Lee Chapel 8:00 am Early Birds Childcare-228, Arms Hall Church in the Park—Central Park 8:30 am Pasadena PrimeTime—PLNU Trip 9:00 am Young Adult Ministries-147, Reed Hall 9:15 am 9:15 am Early Childhood Classes—Arms Hall Special Needs Children's Class—123, Arms Hall 9:15 am 9:15 am La Fuente Ministries, Estudio Biblico-146, Reed Hall 华语主日学 Mandarin Sunday School—149B, Reed Hall 9.15 am 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 Children's Church-102, Lower Sanctuary 10:30 am 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 Korean Service—249, Reed Hall 10:45 am 华语崇拜 Mandarin Service—248, Reed Hall 11:00 am 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

# Monday, December 5

6:00 nm

No activities this day

华语体育活动 Mandarin Sports Fellowship—Gym

Armenian Christian Outreach—Lee Chapel

# Tuesday, December 6

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

# Wednesday, December 7

Centurion Class Prayer—246, Reed Hall 12:30 pm Helping Hands—Lower Sanctuary, West Area 2:00 pm 6:00 pm Simply Prayer-Lee Chapel Advent Series-Lee Chapel 6:30 pm 6:30 pm Nursery, Birth to 2-228, Arms Hall 6:30 pm Early Childhood, Age 3-K-227, Arms Hall PazNaz Kids, grades 1-5-102, Lower Sanctuary 6:30 pm 6:30 pm OASIS—Special Needs Adults Bible Study Fellowship-115, Lower Sanctuary Middle & High School Activities-6:30 pm 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. December 8**

Simply Prayer—Lee Chapel Sunrise Orchestra—101, Lower Sanctuary

#### Friday, December 9

6:00 am Korean Ministries' Prayer Meeting—249, Reed Hall 6:00 am Early Christians-247, Reed Hall A Christmas Carol ... Revisited-Sanctuary 7:00 pm

# Saturday, December 10

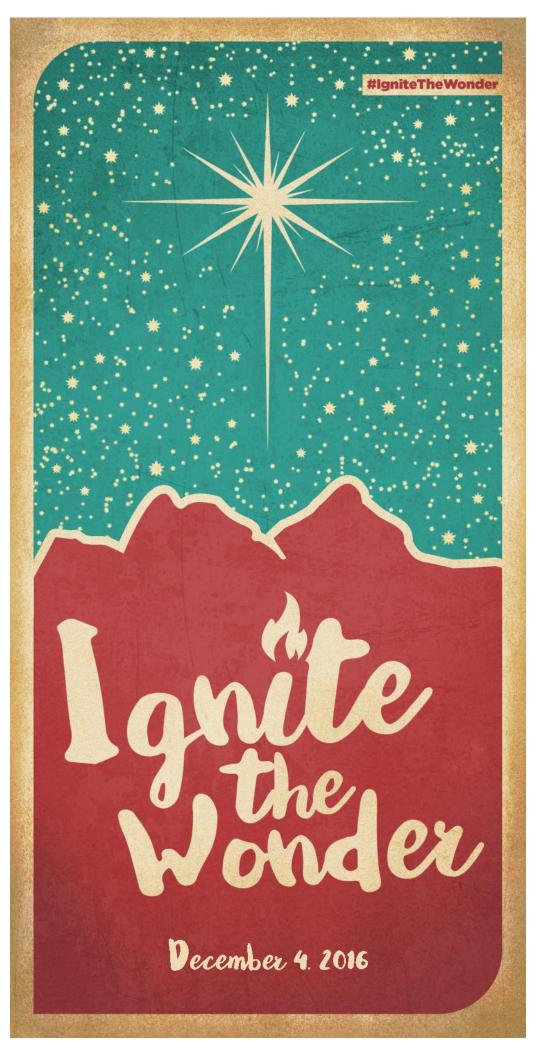
A Christmas Carol ... Revisited—Sanctuary

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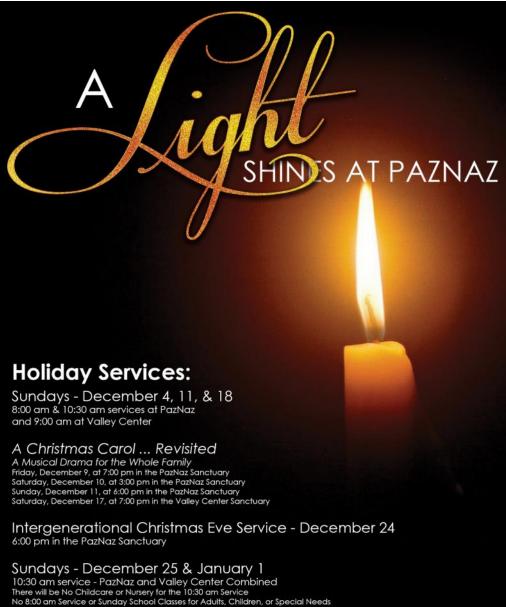
#### **Sermon Text**

Luke 1: 5-7: 39-45

During the rule of King Herod of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah. His wife Elizabeth was a descendant of Aaron. They were both righteous before God, blameless in their observance of all the Lord's commandments and regulations. They had no children because Elizabeth was unable to become pregnant and they both were very old.

Mary got up and hurried to a city in the Judean highlands. She entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. With a loud voice she blurted out, "God has blessed you above all women, and he has blessed the child you carry. Why do I have this honor, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. Happy is she who believed that the Lord would fulfill the promises he made to her."





# **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Pasadena Campus 8:00 am Worship Lee Chapel

#### **Songs of Worship**

- Angels from the Realms of Glory
- Angels We Have Heard on High
- Emmanue
- O Come, Let Us Adore His
- Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

### Offertory

O Holy Night Gayle Theilacker

oday's Message Dr. Brad Strawn Valley Center Campus 9:00 am Worship Valley Center Sanctuary

#### **Songs of Worship**

- O Come, O Come Emmanuel
- Hymn of Joy
- Here I Am to Worship
- Noel
- Jesus Messiah

**Today's Message**Pastor Joe Halbe

## Pasadena Campus 10:30 am Worship PazNaz Sanctuary

# Songs of Worship

- Cornerstone
- The Stand
- This Is Amazing Grace
- King of Heaven
- O Come to the Altar
- How Deep the Father's Love
- Jesus Paid It All

## Offertory

Today's Message
Dr. Brad Strawn

# Life at PazNaz

### **WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERIES**

You are invited to celebrate the season at PazNaz through a special Advent series on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in Lee Chapel. Each night will feature a different speaker: Pastor Mackenzie Smith on December 7; and Pastor Joe Halbert on December 14. Contact Melody Bundy for more information at 626.351.2425.

#### **ADVENT STATIONS**

The entire PazNaz community is invited to this annual intergenerational event hosted by Student Ministries. Participate in this special night of prayer and reflection as the Church anticipates the coming of Jesus. The Advent Stations will be available Wednesday, December 7, from 6:30-8:00 pm in Meguiar Youth Center. Contact Pastor Heather Rickert for more information at hrickert@paznaz.org or 626.351.2477.

## **CHILDREN'S LIVING NATIVITY**

If your child is interested in participating in the Children's Living Nativity as part of the Christmas Eve service at 6:00 pm, you can sign up today through Wednesday, December 7. Costuming will take place on Sunday, December 11, after the 10:30 am service. You can sign up in the Early Childhood and Children's Departments on either Sunday or Wednesday, or call the church office during the week. This is a highlight of the Christmas Eve service. Don't miss out!

## **COOKIE DONATIONS NEEDED**

Worship & Celebration Arts is requesting cookie donations for the receptions following the performances of *A Christmas Carol...Revisited* on December 9, 10, and 11. Cookies can be homemade or store bought and should be dropped off in the kitchen or church office in disposable containers labeled "WCA" from December 4-11. For more information, contact Candace Nicholson at *cnicholson@paznaz.org* or 626.351.2433.

#### A CHRISTMAS CAROL ... REVISITED

Don't miss this special presentation from PazNaz's Worship & Celebration Arts of *A Christmas Carol ... Revisited*. The curtain goes up in the Sanctuary on Friday, December 9, at 7:00 pm; Saturday, December 10, at 3:00 pm; and Sunday, December 11, at 6:00 pm. This is a free event. No tickets are required, but donations are welcome. Contact Candace Nicholson for more information at *cnicholson@paznaz.org* or 626.351.2433.

#### **BAREFOOT SUNDAY**

On Sunday, December 11, accept the invitation to step out of your shoes and into the hearts and lives of those in need. Bring or wear a pair of new or gently used shoes to donate and plan to go home barefoot. Shoes will be distributed to the attendees of Church in the Park and the families of Helping Hands. For information, contact Pastor Joe Halbert at <code>jhalbert@paznaz.org</code> or 626.351.2421.

#### **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, December 11, at 9:30 am in the Bride's Room, Lee Chapel Foyer. For more information, contact Pastor Julie Keith at !keith@paznaz.org or 626.351.2485.

# CHRISTMAS FOR THE COMMUNITY TOY DRIVE

Through December 18, PazNaz is facilitating a toy drive for girls and boys ages 2-12. Large donation boxes can be found in the foyer of the Sanctuary. Each unwrapped toy donation will be a blessing to the children of PazNaz's community partners. For more information, contact Pastor Joe Halbert at <code>jhalbert@paznaz.org</code> or 626.351.2421.

# Life at PazNaz

# **PAZNAZ STAFF OFFERING**

During the Sunday services on December 4, 11, 18, & 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.

#### **WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**

ValueCards - Do you have some holiday shopping on your to-do list? Please consider supporting Women's Ministries in the process. Many ValueCards are in stock today! Just stop by the Women's Ministries' cart and purchase a ValueCard. There are over 100 vendors to choose from. This extra step can help Women's Ministries help others.

### PASADENA PRIMETIME

Christmas Is... – If you are age 55 or better, join Pasadena PrimeTime on Sunday, December 18, at 2:00 pm as they attend the annual magical holiday choral concert from the Citrus Music Department, Christmas Is.... The cost is \$30 per person. You can sign up at HeBrews on Sundays or contact Sylva Hekimian at 626.351.2426.

#### STUDENT MINISTRIES

Student Ministries Christmas Party - Calling all middle and high school students! On Wednesday, December 14, you are invited to come eat snacks, play games, and celebrate Christmas together from 6:30-8:00 pm in Meguiar Youth Center. For more information, contact Pastor Mackenzie Smith at msmith@paznaz.org or 626.351.2441.

#### 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* or by calling him directly at 626.351.2461. Pastor Darwin will alert the pastoral staff and prayer teams that meet throughout the week.

## **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.

#### **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.

# PAZNAZ GIVING UPDATE

#### Tithes and Offerings Year to Date

Received November 27—\$32,809 Needed per Sunday—\$40,506 Received Year-to-Date—\$1,519,634 Budget Year-to-Date—\$1,616,994

#### Faith Promise/World Evangelism-Missions

Received November 27—\$6,531 Needed per Sunday—\$9,546 Received Year-to-Date—\$138,833 Budget Year-to-Date—\$236,205

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