

## 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 17

9:55 am Simply Prayer—Frazier Hall  
10:00 am Nursery Care (Birth - 3)  
10:15 am Morning Worship—Sanctuary

### Monday, December 18

*No activities this day*

### Tuesday, December 19

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

### Wednesday, December 20

6:30 pm *Blue Christmas*—PazNaz Campus

### Thursday, December 21

7:30 pm Worship Team Rehearsal—Sanctuary

### Friday, December 22

*No activities this day*

### Saturday, December 23

*No activities this day*

### VALLEY CENTER GIVING UPDATE

#### Tithes and Offerings Year to Date

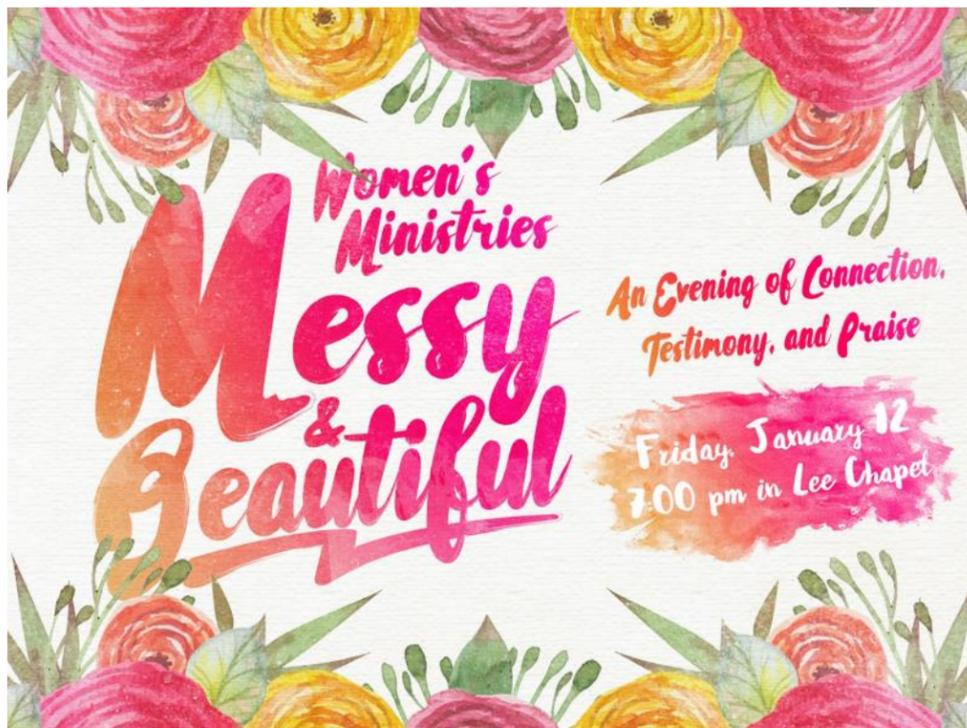
Received December 10—\$1,110  
Needed per Sunday—\$1,924  
Received Year-to-Date—\$69,148  
Budget Year-to-Date—\$69,933

*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

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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 17

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 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—245, Lee Chapel  
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—122 & 123, Arms Hall  
10:30 am Special Needs Youth Moderate to Severe — 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  
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, December 18

*No activities this day*

### Tuesday, December 19

4:00 pm Men's Basketball—Gym, Open to everyone

### Wednesday, December 20

12:30 pm Centurion Class Prayer—246, Reed Hall  
2:00 pm Helping Hands—Lower Sanctuary, West Area  
6:30 pm *Blue Christmas*—Lee Chapel  
6:45 pm Celebration Choir—101, Lower Sanctuary

### Thursday, December 21

10:00 am Simply Prayer—Lee Chapel  
7:30 pm Sunrise Orchestra—101, Lower Sanctuary

### Friday, December 22

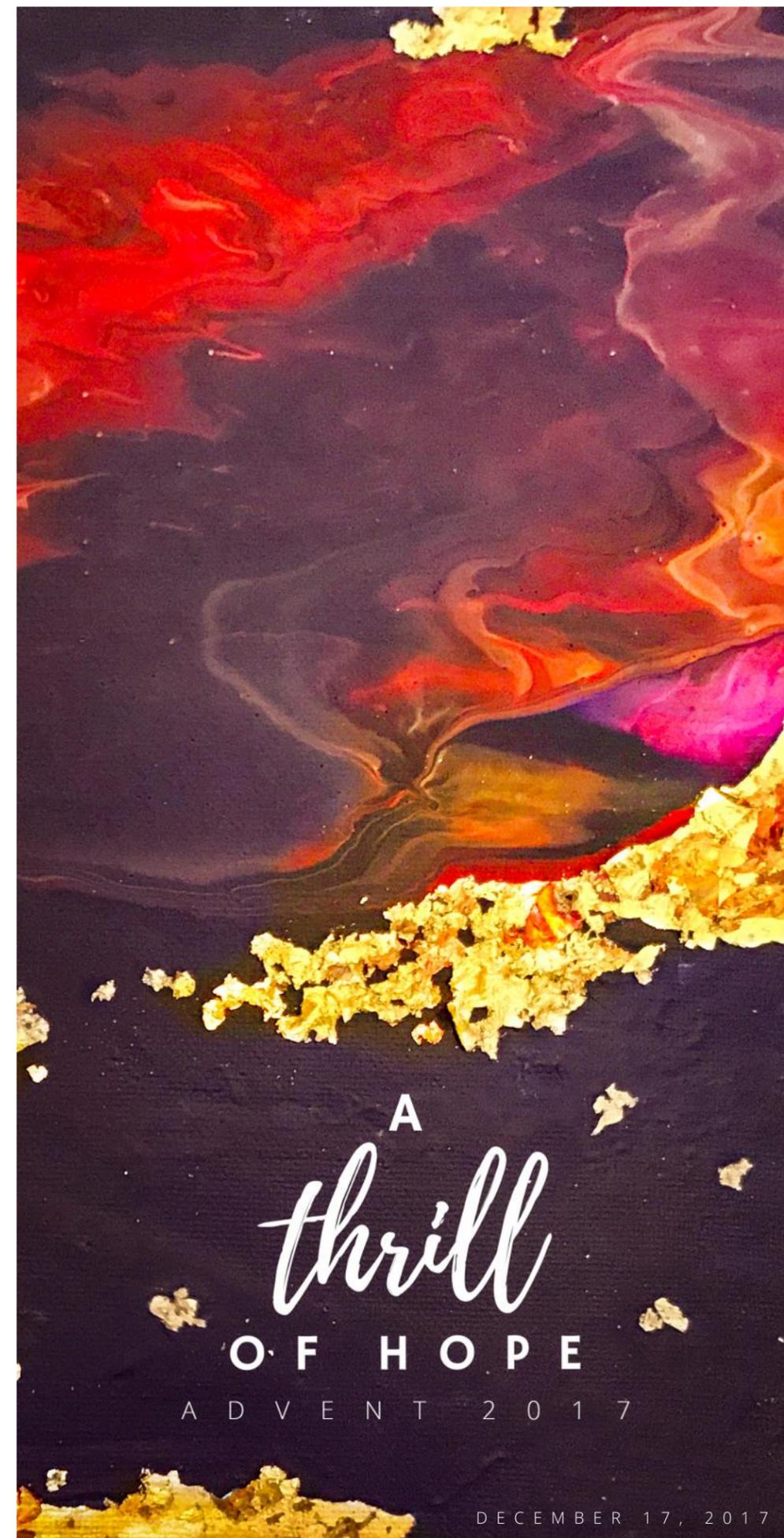
6:00 am Early Christians—247, Reed Hall

### Saturday, December 23

*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 Dr. Brad Strawn—Holding on to Joy

**Sermon Text:**

John 1:6-8; 19-28 CEB

A man named John was sent from God. He came as a witness to testify concerning the light, so that through him everyone would believe in the light. He himself wasn't the light, but his mission was to testify concerning the light.

This is John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him, "Who are you?"

John confessed (he didn't deny but confessed), "I'm not the Christ."

They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?"

John said, "I'm not."

"Are you the prophet?"

John answered, "No."

They asked, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

John replied,

*"I am a voice crying out in the wilderness,  
Make the Lord's path straight,*

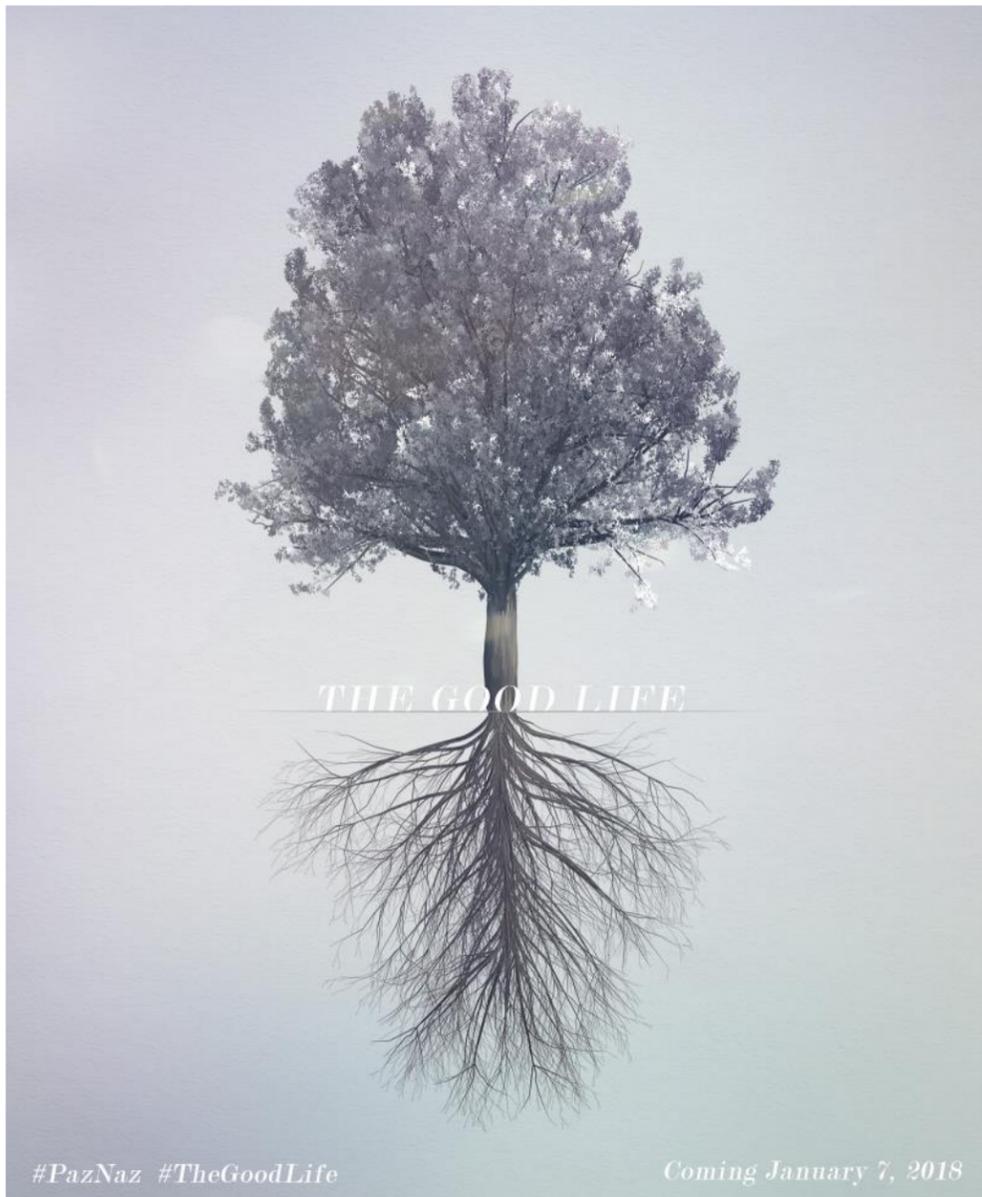
just as the prophet Isaiah said."

Those sent by the Pharisees asked, "Why do you baptize if you aren't the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?"

John answered, "I baptize with water. Someone greater stands among you, whom you don't recognize. He comes after me, but I'm not worthy to untie his sandal straps." This encounter took place across the Jordan in Bethany where John was baptizing.



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20 | 6:30 PM IN LEE CHAPEL



THE GOOD LIFE

#PazNaz #TheGoodLife

Coming January 7, 2018

**Life at PazNaz**

**ADVENT AT PAZNAZ 2017**

**Sundays: A Thrill of Hope** - Join PazNaz on Sunday mornings at 8:00 am in Lee Chapel and at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary for a time of worship, gathering, growing, and engaging. This will be a time for you to dig into the Word and worship.

**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

Not everyone is cheery for the Christmas holidays. Dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with cancer or some other disease that puts a question mark over the future, and a number of other human situations make parties and joviality painful for many people. Join PazNaz for this reflective service, accepting where we really are, while holding out for healing and hope on Wednesday, December 20, at 6:30 pm in Lee Chapel. Childcare will be provided. Contact Pastor Darwin Ng for more information at [dng@paznaz.org](mailto:dng@paznaz.org) or 626.351.2461.

**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 at the Welcome Center and in the church office starting Sunday, December 24, through 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 Joy will be lit by the Amparan family. Steve and Martha are parents to Nathan and Allyson and grandparents to Cecilee and Gemma; both girls are a part of Children's Ministries.

**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**

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 for materials per family and the class starts Wednesday, January 10, at 6:30 pm. More details on how you can register will be coming soon.

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**PAZNAZ STAFF OFFERING**

During the Sunday services on December 17 & 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.

**NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR ADVENT**

*The Journey*, a new Sunday School class for the Advent season, welcomes couples and singles from a wide range of ages and family stages. The class continues this week at 9:15 am in Room 147, Reed Hall with the advent devotional, *Long Expected Jesus*. For more information, please contact Melissa Burns at [california\\_girl@mac.com](mailto:california_girl@mac.com).

**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.

**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 [dwilkins@ix.netcom.com](mailto:dwilkins@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 10—\$75,469  
 Needed per Sunday—\$54,490  
 Received Year-to-Date—\$1,481,251  
 Budget Year-to-Date—\$1,806,360

**Faith Promise/World Evangelism—Missions**

Received December 10—\$2,267  
 Needed per Sunday—\$3,318  
 Received Year-to-Date—\$80,163  
 Budget Year-to-Date—\$120,456

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

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

**Songs of Worship**

- O Come All Ye Faithful
- Christmas Medley
- Come Child of Light

**Offertory**  
*Here With Us*

**Today's Message**  
*Dr. Brad Strawn*

**Valley Center Campus**  
 10:15 am Worship  
 Valley Center Sanctuary

**Songs of Worship**

- Joy
- Holy Is the Lord
- Noel
- O Holy Night
- How He Loves Us

**Today's Message**  
*Pastor Heather Handley*

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

**Songs of Worship**

- Ding Dong Merrily on High
- Angels We Have Heard on High
- Joyful, Joyful
- King of Heaven
- Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

**Offertory**  
*It's Christmas Testify*

**Today's Message**  
*Dr. Brad Strawn*