

## Life at Valley Center

### KINGDOM CULTURE

Kingdom Culture has come to Valley Center on Sundays in Room 101. This study will take an in depth look at the Sermon on the Mount as taught in Matthew. Fellowship and snacks will be available at 8:45 am and class will start promptly at 9:00 am. Contact Pastor Heather Handley at [hhandley@paznaz.org](mailto:hhandley@paznaz.org) or Ferol Null at [fnull@paznaz.org](mailto:fnull@paznaz.org) if you have questions about this series.

### 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.

### Leadership Team

**Heather Handley**, Interim Campus Pastor  
**Terry Irish**, Associate Pastor

## This Week at VC

### Sunday, September 23

8:45 am Fellowship & Snacks—Room 101  
9:00 am Kingdom Culture—Room 101  
10:00 am Simply Prayer—Frazier Hall  
10:00 am Nursery Care (Birth - 3)  
10:15 am Morning Worship—Frazier Hall

### Monday, September 24

No activities this day

### Tuesday, September 25

No activities this day

### Wednesday, September 26

No activities this day

### Thursday, September 27

No activities this day

### Friday, September 28

No activities this day

### Saturday, September 29

No activities this day

### VALLEY CENTER GIVING UPDATE

Tithes and Offerings Year to Date

Received September 16—\$224

Received Year-to-Date—\$23,023

The church fiscal year is from April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019

### Valley Center: A Campus of PazNaz

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Covina, California 91724  
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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 Connect Card in the pew rack in front of you.

### 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.

### Mother's Room for Babies

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 Leadership

### Preaching Team

**Tara Beth Leach**, Senior Pastor  
**Dr. Joe Watkins**, Executive Pastor  
**Dr. Brad Strawn**, Teaching Pastor  
**Faith Romasco**, Pastor of Formation

### Pastoral Team

**Mano Agulian**, Armenian Ministries  
**Marcos Canales**, La Fuente Ministries  
**Alan De Vries**, Pastoral Care  
**Ali Deckard**, Creative Worship  
**Joel Deckard**, Interim Youth Director  
**Heather Handley**, 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  
**Janine Sagherian**, Sunrise Preschool Director  
**Emily Shnorhokian**, Family Life Associate  
**Min Xiao**, Mandarin Ministries



## This Week at PazNaz

### Sunday, September 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 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 粵語主日學 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 粵語崇拜 Cantonese Service—Lee Chapel  
10:30 am La Fuente Ministries—Meguiar Youth Center  
10:45 am Korean Service—249, Reed Hall  
10:50 am 华语崇拜 Mandarin Service—101, Lower Sanctuary  
12:15 pm 华语午餐团契 Mandarin Lunch—148, Reed Hall  
1:00 pm 华语体育活动 Mandarin Sports Fellowship—Gym  
5:00 pm New Ground Word & Table—Gilmore Hall, South  
6:00 pm Armenian Christian Outreach—Lee Chapel

### Monday, September 24

6:30 pm Men's ACOP Basketball—Gym

### Tuesday, September 25

9:00 am Women in the Word—Gilmore Hall  
3:00 pm Men's Basketball—Gym, Open to everyone  
6:30 pm Worship Team—Sanctuary  
7:00 pm ACOP Men's Soccer—Gym  
7:00 pm ACOP Women's Bible Study

### Wednesday, September 26

12:30 pm Centurion Class Prayer—246, Reed Hall  
2:00 pm Helping Hands—Lower Sanctuary, West Area  
5:15 pm Men's Ministries Dinner—The Habit, Hastings Ranch  
6:30 pm Girlfriend to Girlfriend—Gilmore Hall  
6:30 pm Men's Ministries—246, Reed Hall  
6:30 pm The Gathering—248, Reed Hall  
6:30 pm Grief Support—247, Reed Hall  
6:30 pm Worship Choir—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 Special Needs Adults—115, Lower Sanctuary  
6:30 pm Middle School—112, Lower Sanctuary  
6:30 pm High School—201, Sanctuary Level  
6:30 pm Armenian Christian Outreach Prayer Meeting—148, Reed Hall  
7:30 pm Armenian Christian Outreach Bible Study—146, Reed Hall  
7:30 pm 华语查经 Mandarin Bible Study—149A, Reed Hall

### Thursday, September 27

10:00 am Simply Prayer—Lee Chapel

### Friday, September 28

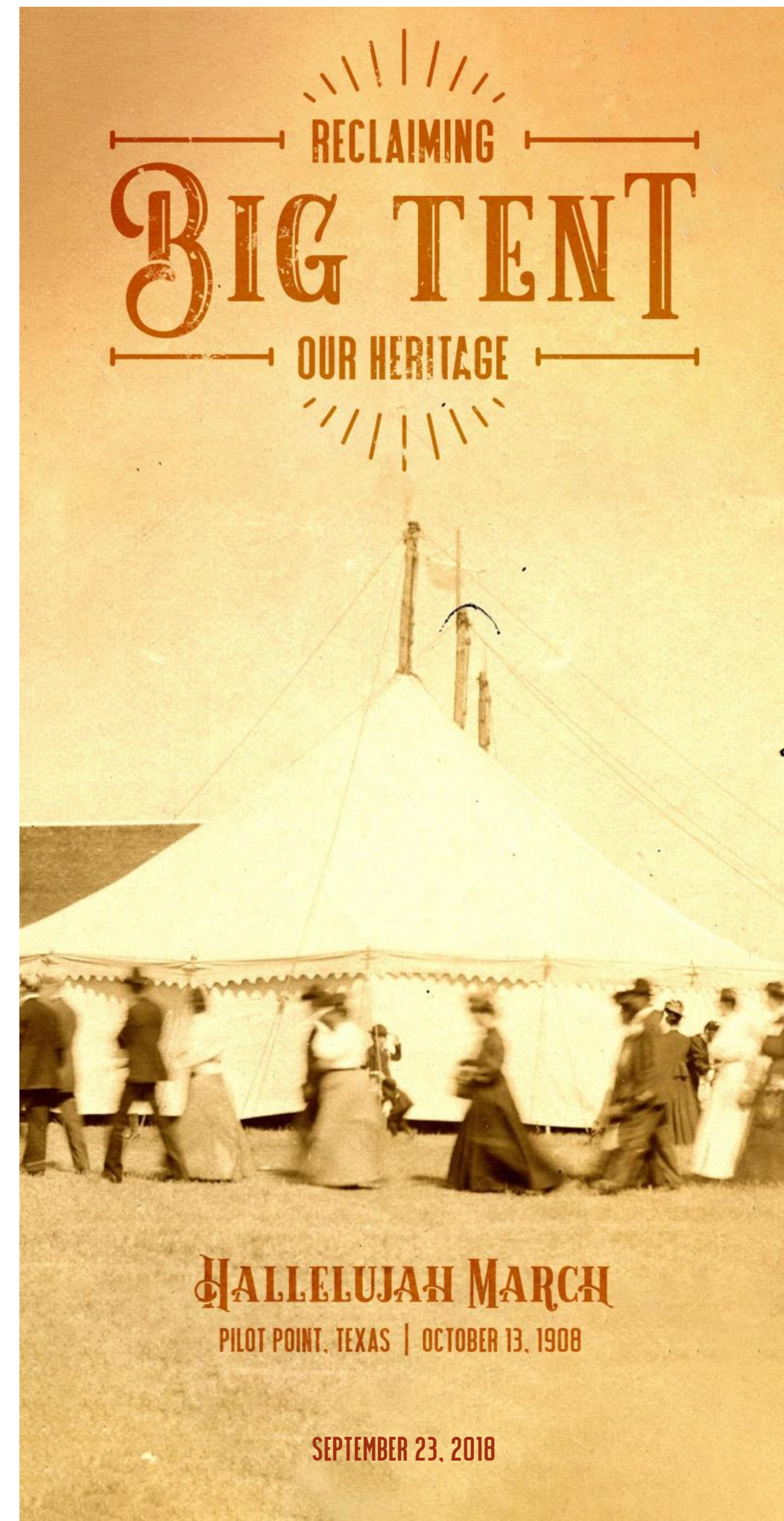
6:00 am Early Christians—247, Reed Hall  
6:30 am Men's Open Basketball—Gym  
9:15 am MOPS & MomsNext—Gilmore Hall  
7:00 pm ACOP Youth Night—134, Meguiar Youth Center

### Saturday, September 29

No activities this day

### First Church of the Nazarene of Pasadena

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with Pastor Tara Beth Leach—Bearers of Good News

**Sermon Texts:**

*Luke 4:14-21 NIV*

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to set the oppressed free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

*Isaiah 58:1-10 NIV*

“Shout it aloud, do not hold back.  
Raise your voice like a trumpet.  
Declare to my people their rebellion  
and to the descendants of Jacob their sins.  
For day after day they seek me out;  
they seem eager to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that does what is right  
and has not forsaken the commands of its God.  
They ask me for just decisions  
and seem eager for God to come near them.  
‘Why have we fasted,’ they say,  
‘and you have not seen it?’  
Why have we humbled ourselves,  
and you have not noticed?’  
“Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please  
and exploit all your workers.  
Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife,  
and in striking each other with wicked fists.  
You cannot fast as you do today  
and expect your voice to be heard on high.  
Is this the kind of fast I have chosen,  
only a day for people to humble themselves?  
Is it only for bowing one’s head like a reed  
and for lying in sackcloth and ashes?  
Is that what you call a fast,  
a day acceptable to the Lord?”

“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:  
to loose the chains of injustice  
and untie the cords of the yoke,  
to set the oppressed free  
and break every yoke?  
Is it not to share your food with the hungry  
and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—  
when you see the naked, to clothe them,  
and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?  
Then your light will break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing will quickly appear;  
then your righteousness will go before you,  
and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.  
Then you will call, and the Lord will answer;  
you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I .

“If you do away with the yoke of oppression,  
with the pointing finger and malicious talk,  
and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the oppressed,  
then your light will rise in the darkness,  
and your night will become like the noonday.

**ABOUT THE SERMON SERIES & ARTWORK**  
PazNaz is a unique worshipping community that has been gathering in Pasadena for over 100 years. We are *intercultural, intergenerational, and missional*. Our beginnings and roots belong to a peculiar people called the Nazarenes. Throughout this series, we will lean into our “Big Tent” heritage and celebrate the values that make up our shared history and story.  
The image used for this series is from the Second General Assembly which met in Pilot Point, Texas, from October 8-14, 1908, and expanded the new denomination’s numbers, making it truly national by reaching deep into the (U.S.) South.  
When choosing the official anniversary date for the church, the founders at the Sixth General Assembly in 1923 chose the Second General Assembly as the benchmark for observing “this great spiritual marriage” that brought unity to the church across the country.  
It was during the Second General Assembly that Phineas F. Bresee committed to uniting the regional churches and secured concessions from the Southerners and his own group. On October 13, at 10:40 am, the vote to merge the denominations was taken, followed by scenes of great joy and a “Hallelujah March” around the meeting tent.

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**10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6**  
**10:00 AM, UPPER PARKING LOT**

Online registration is now open at: [paz.nz/LoveWalkAndRoll](http://paz.nz/LoveWalkAndRoll)

PAZNAZ PRESENTS  
**FALL FESTIVAL**  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31 \* 6:30-8:30 PM  
GAMES \* TRUNK-OR-TREAT  
CAKE WALK \* FREE POPCORN  
FOOD \* PETTING ZOO  
AND MORE

Join PazNaz for this fun, family-friendly event in the lower parking lot on the Pasadena campus.

For more information, contact Pastor Julie Keith at [jkeith@paznaz.org](mailto:jkeith@paznaz.org) or 626.351.2485.

**Sign Up to Volunteer: [paz.nz/FallFest](http://paz.nz/FallFest)**

**Life at PazNaz**

**WELCOME MYERS FAMILY**

PazNaz is excited to announce the calling of Dave Myers as the new Pastor of Student Ministries. Dave will begin working with the middle & high school students starting Monday, October 1. Please welcome Dave, his wife, Julia, and three kids, Elise (6), Bennet (4), and Teddy (1), by blessing them with a myriad of gift cards. PazNaz will be collecting gift cards in the Welcome Center on Sundays and in the church office during the week up until October 7. Don't forget that Women's Ministries sends a wide assortment of gift cards at their cart on the patio each Sunday.

**GRIEF SUPPORT: LADIES' BREAKFAST**

You are invited to a breakfast for widows, giving women who have lost their spouses a chance to connect with other women for social and spiritual enrichment. Join us on Wednesday, September 26, at 9:00 am at Nano Cafe (322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre). This group meets every fourth Wednesday. For more information and to RSVP, contact Ginny Pedrotti at [ginnysgrace4466@gmail.com](mailto:ginnysgrace4466@gmail.com) or 760.985.5171.

**LOVE WALK AND ROLL**

Join PazNaz's Special Needs Ministries for the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the *Love Walk And Roll*. This event creates community and helps raise funds for Special Needs Ministries. Special Needs families, individuals, and community partners can walk or roll on Saturday, October 6, at 10:00 am in the upper parking lot. Sign up to participate and volunteer online at: [paz.nz/LoveWalkAndRoll](http://paz.nz/LoveWalkAndRoll). Contact Pastor Julie Keith with questions at [jkeith@paznaz.org](mailto:jkeith@paznaz.org) or 626.351.2485.

**BLOOD DRIVE**

PazNaz will be hosting a blood drive with the American Red Cross on Sunday, October 14, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm in the gym. You can sign up for your appointment on Sundays on the patio or online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). For more information, contact Pastor Darwin Ng at [dng@paznaz.org](mailto:dng@paznaz.org) or 626.351.2461.

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE HOTLINE**

Your pastoral staff wants to know when you or members of your family are in the hospital, facing surgery, or in any other crisis. They want to join you in prayer and support during those difficult times. Please notify Pastor Darwin Ng or Pastor Alan De Vries directly on the newly established Congregational Care Hotline: 626.351.2444.

**ACTORS NEEDED**

This December, PazNaz will be presenting *It's a Wonderful Life: The Radio Play*. We are currently holding auditions for the parts of Mary & Harry (age 25-40), Clarence the Angel (ageless), and Zuzu (age 8-12). Email Lynn Christy for audition times at [lynnachristy@gmail.com](mailto:lynnachristy@gmail.com).

**CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED**

PazNaz's Fall Festival needs tons of candy to make this year a success! Drop off bags of individually wrapped candies at the Welcome Center on Sundays or in the church office during the week.

**FALL FESTIVAL 2018**

PazNaz's annual Fall Festival is back again on Wednesday, October 31, from 6:30-8:30 pm in the lower parking lot of the PazNaz campus. This family-friendly event will feature games, trunk-or-treat, food, a cake walk, free popcorn, and a petting zoo. If you would like more information, contact Pastor Julie Keith at [jkeith@paznaz.org](mailto:jkeith@paznaz.org) or 626.351.2485. Sign up to volunteer at: [paz.nz/FallFest](http://paz.nz/FallFest).

**BABY DEDICATIONS**

If you would like to participate in the next baby dedication on Sunday, September 30, please contact Pastor Ali Ravasdy at [aravasdy@paznaz.org](mailto:aravasdy@paznaz.org) or 626.351.2418.

**Life at PazNaz**

**FAMILY WORSHIP SUNDAY**

Next Sunday, September 30, the 10:30 am service will be a special time for the whole family. There will be age-specific activity packets available to help children participate in the service. Pick yours up at one of the tables in the Sanctuary foyer. Childcare will be provided for birth through age two.

**THE GATHERING**

Join this group on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in Room 248, Reed Hall, led by Rev. Phil & Carol Reed, for hymns and choruses, prayer requests, testimonies, and a short devotion from Psalms and Proverbs. Contact Rev. Phil Reed for more information at 626.818.1116.

**GRIEF SUPPORT**

If you are struggling with grief, along with the disappointments and chaos of life, you are invited to this Grief Support class. The study will be from the book *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality* by Pete Scazzero. The group meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in Room 247, Reed Hall. Contact Ginny Pedrotti for more information at 760.985.5171.

**MEN'S MINISTRIES**

**Gifted By Grace** - Join this group of men on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in Room 246, Reed Hall as they study the different gifts of the Spirit and their purpose through Jeff Carver's book, *Gifted by Grace*. Contact David Mimms for more information at [dmimms@paznaz.org](mailto:dmimms@paznaz.org).

**WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**

**Women in the Word** - On Tuesday mornings at 9:00 am in Gilmore Hall, *Women in the Word* is a group of over 100 ladies who study the Bible together. This fall the group will be going through *Discerning the Voice of God*, by Priscilla Shirer. The cost for materials is \$20 and scholarships are available. *Wee Ones in the Word*, a free children's program, is available if you RSVP to Erin Miller at [emiller@paznaz.org](mailto:emiller@paznaz.org). For more information, contact Bonnie Jakeway at [bonniejakeway6@gmail.com](mailto:bonniejakeway6@gmail.com) or 626.422.7163.

**MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) and Mom's Next** - This group of mothers 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. Pregnant women and mothers with children of all ages are invited to attend. This year's theme is "Find Your Fire." The cost per semester is \$110 for moms with children in MOPS Kids, or \$60 for moms only. You can save \$20 by paying for the full year: \$200 for moms with children in MOPS Kids, or \$100 for moms only. Contact Jana Best at [paznazmops@gmail.com](mailto:paznazmops@gmail.com) for more information.

**VOLUNTEER DRIVERS FOR CHURCH IN THE PARK**

Church in the Park, PazNaz's weekly outreach to the homeless of Pasadena, is currently looking for volunteers to help drive the van and trailer on Sunday mornings. Volunteer drivers would need to arrive at church by 7:15 am to hook up the trailer and help load the food warmers. The drivers would then drive out to Central Park at 8:15 am with other volunteers in the van, and be back at church before 10:00 am. For more information, please contact Bill Robertson at 626.340.6884 or Pastor Rosa Ramirez at 626.351.2421.

**PAZNAZ GIVING UPDATE**

**Tithes and Offerings Year to Date**  
Received September 16—\$24,033  
Received Year-to-Date—\$854,652  
**Faith Promise/World Evangelism—Missions**  
Received September 16—\$565  
Received Year-to-Date—\$60,240

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