GLENDALE CITY CHURCH NEWS
August 21, 2012

Dear Center,

Note from our new Senior Pastor Todd Leonard: “It is with great joy and anticipation that I look forward to joining you at Glendale City Church. Thank you for the invitation to be a part of such a unique and spirit-led church family. My wife Robin and I are grateful that this will be our girls’ home church as they grow towards adulthood. Here’s to the new friendships, new partnerships, and new ministries that we will build together in the years to come!” Pastor Leonard will give his first sermon on October 13.

This coming Sabbath we celebrate Neva Mason's 100th birthday! Join us in celebration of a dear member of our City Church family.

Sabbath we welcome our returning guest organist, Ty Woodward! Ty will reopen the Second Saturday Series hiatus with an organ concert on September 8 at 4:00 p.m.

Please keep in your prayers Don Greathouse in the passing of his sister.

City Church member, Henry Pearl, passed into rest Monday, August 13 at age 90. If you knew Henry, please contact the church office, as his family is seeking out his church friends.

Attention all Children’s Sabbath Schools! Joint Sabbath Schools K–Youth will
be extended to September 8. We continue to meet in the youth room.

**Attention all Children’s Sabbath School TEACHERS!** A meeting will be held after Worship Service, September 1, in the sanctuary, piano side. If you are interested in becoming a teacher, join us in this brief meeting.

The **L.A. Forum** will be held next Sabbath, August 25, 3 p.m., when we welcome **Bernard Brandstater, M.D., Professor of Anesthesiology at Loma Linda and President of the Loma Linda Forum. Topic:** “Updated Creation Strategies for the Adventist Church.”

Our **monthly potluck** will be **August 25**, in the fellowship hall immediately following the worship service. All are welcome.

A **memorial service for Wilbur Matthews**, father of Myrna Matthews-Haynes, will be in the chapel on Sabbath, September 1, at 2:30 p.m. Reception to follow in the fellowship hall.

Mid-week **Bible Study Class**, “God in the 66,” will meet in the council room, Tuesday, 6-8 p.m. All welcome.

**Communion for the 4th Quarter** will be October 6.

**Community Service Activities has been postponed.** New date TBA. For more information, contact Pastor Cherise.

**Free Health Fair, September 15**, featuring health screenings, medical consultations, vegan food-tasting, health tips, and more. Looking for health professionals and volunteers to participate in screenings. Valley Crossroads Church, Linda Tigner-Weeks, 805-358-8023 or Sali Butler, 805-415-7388.

The **Weight of the Nation, September 21-22, 28-29.** Sunland-Tujunga Seventh-day Adventist Church will screen this four-part documentary confronting America’s obesity epidemic.

**Van Rooyen Photo Album.** Photos are being collected of the van Rooyens' time at City Church, including their last Sabbath, to create an album. Please mail or email the photos directly to the office or to Graciela Seco. Thank you!

**Pacific Union Joins Columbia Union in Overwhelmingly Approving Women's Ordination.** In a specially called session of the Pacific Union on August 19, delegates voted 79% to 21% to “approve ordinations to the gospel ministry without regard to gender” (see:
pauc.adventistfaith.org/news_entries/6778). The action applies only to the local conferences within the Pacific Union territory that choose to ordain women. Women who are ordained in a local conference within the Pacific Union will generally be recognized as “commissioned” in other conferences or unions. Pacific Union President Ricardo Graham asked delegates to affirm both male and female pastors who are called by God. “We have been given a powerful message to live and to preach, and we want to find the best way to motivate all the talented people in our body to reach others for God,” said Graham. Southern California Conference President Larry Caviness stated: “Sometimes we need to be prodded to progress.”

Pacific Union’s move comes three weeks after a union in the mid-Atlantic United States voted a similar action. The Maryland-based Columbia Union Conference on July 29 voted to recommend to its Executive Committee to approve ordination without regard to gender, and the Northern German Union recently voted similarly.

**Sunset Friday**, August 24 - 7:30 p.m.

**Upcoming Sermons**
August 25 - Rudy Torres
September 1 - Cherise Gardner
October 6 - Communion

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