ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE



Lucila Tobola Garcia

A long time ago in the Philippines, Matilde and Federico Tobola welcomed their firstborn daughter and named her Lucila, meaning "light." As the eldest of six siblings (Lowell, Gloria, Reuben, Susan, and Samuel), Lucila embraced the responsibility of caring for her family with joy, selling pickled vegetables and sewing clothing to support her home and help put her siblings through school.

Noticing Lucila's deep passion for visiting people to share the love of Jesus, her mother encouraged her to become a literature evangelist. Lucila dedicated 33 years of her life to this calling, including ten years with the Central Luzon Conference, during which she met her husband, optometrist Buenaventura Garcia II. They met while she was canvassing in Metro Manila, and he purchased health literature from her for his office. In 1973, they immigrated to the United States, where Lucila made Vallejo Drive Church her spiritual home and continued her literature ministry with the Southern California Conference for 23 more years before retiring in 1997 to care for her aging parents and sister.

Her faithful canvassing yielded fruits that continue to bloom today. One rainy day in 1982 in Glendale, Lucy, as she was known by her church friends, knocked on the door of Adolfo R. Vanegas. Struggling on crutches and going through a painful divorce, Adolfo initially turned her away. Following a quiet tug from the Holy Spirit, Lucy knocked a second time—a moment of obedience that changed lives forever. She listened, prayed with him and advocated for his care. Adolfo gave his heart to Jesus, was baptized at Vallejo Drive, and went on to serve as a faithful deacon, musician, and Bible teacher for 40 years.

Reflecting on Lucy's impact, Adolfo's daughter, Vivian, shares: *"Our story is part of Lucy's spiritual legacy. It didn't take a fancy suit or church to impress my father—just a stranger on a rainy day who showed a little kindness and care. Lucy demonstrated God's character beautifully through her obedience. Be humble like Lucy: keep it simple, just listen, share the love, and God will do the rest."* Vivian also fondly recalls visiting Lucila's home for homemade cantaloupe juice on hot summer days and playing with Lucila's young son, Ben.

At Vallejo Drive, Lucy also poured her heart into hospitality alongside legendary figures in our food ministry like Mrs. Rode Quisido and Mrs. Hermine Tulgar. Preparing potlucks and serving in the kitchen brought her immense joy. Lucy always believed that sharing food was a powerful way to minister—a sacred space where people could taste God's goodness, feel the Holy Spirit, and experience the sweetness of His grace. Lucy's life is beautifully anchored by one of her favorite scriptures, Zechariah 4:6: "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord."

Today, Lucy's heart for ministry shines brightly through her family: her son, our own Pastor Ben; his wife, Abigail, a dedicated nurse; and their adorable seven-year-old son, Liam-Koa. The ministry of Pastor Ben is deeply appreciated by our Grace on the Hill church family.



In a magnificent testament to God's grace across generations, we will gather with gratitude and joy this afternoon, November 7, at 4:00 p.m. to celebrate Pastor Ben's ordination into the gospel ministry.

WORSHIP

Prelude	*Concerto in C Major* by Paul Fey	Haesung Park, organ
Introit	*Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place* by Gordon Young	Chancel Choir & Organ
Invocation		Pastor Aivars Ozolins
Opening Hymn	*To God Be The Glory #341*	Chorister, Chancel Choir Organ, & Congregation
Responsive Reading	Psalm 119:9-16 NIV	Killian Estes
Children's Feature		Esther Mauries
Pastor's Corner		Pastor Jonathan Henderson
Welcome Greeting Time		Doug Warner Grace Hill Praise
Praise and Worship	*Again I Say Rejoice* *Firm Foundation (He Won't)*	Grace Hill Praise
Garden of Prayer		Terry Collins
Prayer Response	*Abide with Me* (please remain kneeling)	Chancel Choir, Praise & Congregation
Choral Anthem	*Footsteps* by Craig Courtney	Chancel Choir & Piano
Sermon	**"Seeing is Believing?"**	**Pastor Ben Garcia**
Worship in Giving/ Benediction		Pastor Ben Garcia
Congregational Response	*Promises*	Grace Hill Praise & Congregation
Postlude	*Toccata on "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"* by Paul Fey (please remain seated)	Haesung Park, organ

Organist/Pianist: Haesung Park, DMA
Chancel Choir Director: Helene Quintana, DMA
Worship Team Director: Matt Daley, DMA

PREACHING SCHEDULE

November 14: Pastor Jose Rojas
November 21: Pastor Jonathan Henderson
November 28: Pastor Jonathan Henderson

CHURCH LIFE

WELCOME & HAPPY SABBATH!: Thank you for choosing Grace on the Hill at the Vallejo Drive Church as your place of worship.

ORDINATION OF PASTOR BEN GARCIA, TODAY, NOV 7 AT 4 PM: Please join us as our very own Pastor Ben Garcia, MA Theology, MA Education, MBA, will be ordained into the gospel ministry! A light dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the Ordination Service.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: If you would like to donate flowers for a special ocassion, please contact Anne Leah at office@vallejodrive.church or call 818.246.2476 x100.

LOBBY FLOWERS: The flowers in the church lobby are maintained in honor of Orfi Barros--a devoted church member who shared her love of plants to our church family.

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON SUN, NOV 8 AT 2 PM: Dr. Sandra Suarez, speaker. Sign up at hostess desk or Facebook link & newsletter. Contact Alma for details.

NOV 13-14 MINISTRY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT WEEKEND: Please join if you are a current or incoming church ministry leader. You won't want to miss our special speaker, Pastor Jose Rojas, and our important workshops!

CONDOLENCES: We sadly share that Dr. Jerry McGill passed away on Wed, Oct 14. His funeral was on Oct 26 in Cleburne, Texas. Jerry was an active member of our church for over 30 years, regularly teaching Sabbath School, participating in Marathon Clinic (now Fitness Clinic) and frequently serving as MC in our events.
Our dear member Trish Low passed away on Monday, Oct 19. Her Celebration of Life Service will be in the Sanctuary on Nov 21 at 4 pm.

9:30 am SABBATH SCHOOL & 10:15 am MISSION FEATURE in the CHAPEL
Lesson Study with Dr. Erin Stone.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please pray for: Susie Lindner, James Takamune, Terry Collins, Petra Rodriguez, Alice Nassimian, Armando Aguirre, Joel Kindrick, Christina Bustos, Sofia Almago, Kimberly Lee, Claudia and Mimi Garcia, Low family, Wesley family, Karen Brown, Jacqueline Baptiste, and Trudy Adams.

ANGEL TREE PRISON FELLOWSHIP: Sponsor a child for the holidays by selecting and registering a paper angel on our Angel Tree starting Nov 7, and bringing 2 wrapped gifts for your child by Nov 28. We will deliver the gifts on Dec 6. Contact Alma Wesley for more information.

GAA NEWS: GAA Fall Festival Harvest of Blessings tonight, Nov 7, 6-9 pm

CHURCH EVENTS

Nov 7	Ordination of Pastor Ben Garcia, MA, MBA	4 pm, Sanctuary
Nov 8	Women's Luncheon	2 pm, Fellowship Hall
Nov 13-14	Ministry Leaders Development Weekend	Church Campus
Nov 15	Quilting Bee	10 am, Fellowship Hall
Nov 21	Communion	11 am, Sanctuary
	Trish Low Memorial Service	4 pm, Sanctuary
Dec 5	Baptisms	11 am, Sanctuary
Dec 12	Church Christmas Program	5 pm, Sanctuary
Dec 19	Candelight Concert	4:30 pm, Sanctuary

MINISTRIES & OUTREACH

FOOD BANK: Set up: Mondays & Friday afternoons | Distribution to Community: Monday & Sabbath afternoons. See Pastor Ben for more details.

GENTLE CLOUD MINISTRY: Need help with your phone, computer, or other tech gadget? Rene Alvarez, an IT expert, is volunteering to help those in need, mostly seniors, via phone. Please contact him at renealvarez01@gmail.com or 323-770-4108.

LAUNDRY LOVE MINISTRY: For those in need of laundry services: every 3rd Tuesday at 1157 N Pacific, Glendale. For more info, contact Doug at 818-935-4317 or Pastor Cindy.

ADVENTURERS & PATHFINDERS Adventurers (PreK-4th grade) and Pathfinders (ages 10+) meet on the 1st Sabbath of the month, from Sept to June. adventurers@vallejodrive.church or text 818-571-2038

TEENS4CHRIST: T4C Hangout: A Friday after-school activity with games, snacks, and vespers for 7th- 8th graders. Fridays at 3 pm. vallejodrive.church/T4C

THE BEACON (YOUTH): 2nd Friday: 6:30-9 pm: Glow @ The Beacon (Vespers)

YOUNG ADULTS: 2nd and 4th Sabbaths of the month: Afternoon Bible Study | 3rd Friday: Joint Vespers with local churches

EXERCISE OPPORTUNITIES
Come exercise with our Adventist Fitness Clinic on Sundays at 7am at Verdugo Park. Contact Irvin Henry Jr. at (818) 625-2952 for more information.
During the week, join AdventistHealth Glendale's LiveWell's Exercise program on Mon 2 pm, Tues 10 am, Wed 10 am, & Thurs 3 pm here at church! Contact Sara Neal at (818) 409-8354 on how to join.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY GROUPS
Wednesdays 7 pm on Zoom: Koinonia- led by Elder Doug Warner
Wednesdays 5 pm on Zoom: Seeking Jesus- led by Pastor Mark Papendick
Wednesdays 7pm in-person: Bible Study- led by Pastor Jonathan and Pastor Aivars

HAVE A PASSION FOR TECHNOLOGY? Join our Media/AV team & be part of bringing worship to life. Contact Mavis Cordero at 818-419-4429

WOMEN'S MINISTRY: Baby Quilts: Capable hands needed to complete baby quilts for GAH and USC GH NICU units. **Meetings 2026: Nov 15, Dec 20; 2027: Jan 24, Feb 21, Mar 21, April 18, May 16, June 27. 10 am- 3 pm.** Contact Alma 818-254-6829 and prayingmom_9@yahoo.com or Winna 818-919-9228 for more information. Sponsor a quilt for $35! Unable to join us on Sundays? Donate by marking your tithe envelopes "Quilting" or via AdventistGiving.org and select Women's Ministry.
Donate toiletries & other supplies for women & children in need! Pink buckets in lobby.

HAVE A MUSICAL TALENT? COME SING OR PLAY WITH US!
Praise Team: Contact Matt Daley for more info: worship@vallejodrive.church
Bell Choir: Fridays at 7:15 pm in the Bell Room. Contact the church office for info
Chancel Choir: Saturdays at 9:15 am in the Choir Room. Contact church office for info

CHURCH INFORMATION

LISTENING DEVICES are available at the Hostess Desk for guests who are hearing impaired. Tenemos audifonos con interpretacion en espanol en el area de recepcion.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS are available at the Hostess Desk for children ages 1 to 9. Please return them at the end of the service.

PARKING: Handicapped parking spaces are available for people with disabilities and the proper placards: 4 spaces in our Holly Drive lot, 3 spaces in our Vallejo Drive lot, and 2 spaces right in front of our Sanctuary. **Please do not park in the psychiatric wing parking area. We do not want you to get a ticket! You can park in the Rehab parking on Sabbaths and in the lower levels.**

CHURCH FINANCES

Year-to-Date: November 3, 2026

Total Local Church Giving	$ 879,753.78	
Total Local Church Spending	$1,033,017.47	
Budget Giving (incl. in local)	$324,425.76	
Budget Spending (incl. in local)	$597,875.02	
Tithes Received 2026	$1,119,827.34	(15% increase)
Tithes Received 2025	$ 949,395.46	

Giving that supports Church Budget and Church Ministries:

Total Local Church Giving 2026	$879,753.78	(7% increase)
Total Local Church Giving 2025	$817,667.34	

SABBATH SCHOOL

KIDS CONNECTION 9:45 - 10:10 am in Room 106 for 0-6th grade

Beginners	Birth - 36 months	1st floor, Room 116A
Kindergarten	PreK - Kinder	2nd floor, Room 206A
Primary	1st - 3rd grades	2nd floor, Room 202A
Juniors	4th - 6th grades	2nd floor, Room 208A
Junior High/T4C	7th - 8th grades	1st floor, Room 104A
Youth/The Beacon	9th - 12th grades	2nd floor, Room 202A

9:45 -10:10 am: Beginners ages 0-36 months
10:15 - 10:45 am: Kindergarten, Primary, Juniors
9:45 - 10:45 am: Junior High/T4C and Youth/The Beacon

10 - 10:45 am: Young Adult (YA) Sabbath School (Cafe)
9:30 - 10:15 am: Adult Sabbath School Lesson Study (Chapel)
10:15 - 10:45 am: Adult Sabbath School Mission Program (Chapel)
9:45 - 10:30 am: Fellowship Hall Class (Fellowship Hall)
9:30 - 10:50 am: Spanish SS/Escuela Sabática (1st Floor Room 104A)
10 - 10:45 am: Gospel Conversations (Outside Hallway)

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