

## ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

### Ashley Garza: A Journey Home

For many, the path to faith isn't a straight line—it's a winding road filled with detours, and unexpected discoveries. For Ashley Garza, that road eventually led right to the doors of Grace on the Hill.

Ashley's story began in Houston, Texas. Raised in a household that typically attended church only on Christmas and Easter, her life shifted dramatically at age ten. After a chance encounter with a person handing out religious tracts in a grocery store, Ashley's mother joined the Seventh-day Adventist church. For a young girl, the sudden change felt restrictive; the things she loved seemed to vanish overnight. However, the sting soon faded as she found community in Sabbath School and the children's choir, choosing to be baptized at thirteen.

High school brought new challenges. Between a stint at Mt. Vernon Boarding Academy in Ohio and a return to public school in Houston, Ashley discovered a fierce passion for public debate, alongside gymnastics and tennis. When her parents required her to quit the debate team due to Sabbath conflicts, a heartbroken Ashley moved to Chicago to live with her biological father.

After graduation, life took her back to Houston and eventually onto a global stage. In 2017, Ashley pivoted into professional modeling. The next few years were a whirlwind of passports and runways, taking her from the pyramids of Egypt to the historic streets of Italy and the vibrant landscapes of China.

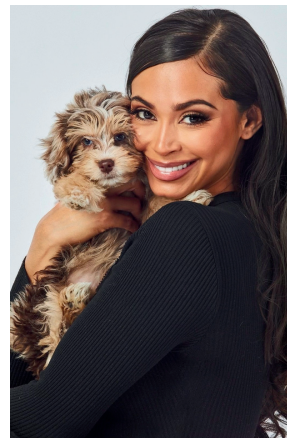
But the glamour hit a wall in January 2020. Having just moved to Los Angeles to model full-time, Ashley found herself isolated as the COVID-19 pandemic shuttered the world. At just 24, alone in a strange city and unable to fly home, she faced a season of deep depression. Looking back, Ashley sees God's hand in the shadows: "Even though I felt alienated from Him, He never abandoned me."

As the world reopened, Ashley's career skyrocketed. She became a viral sensation on social media, a success that sparked a new obsession: the art of the lens. She fell in love with photography and videography, but even as her follower count grew, she felt a hollow space in her soul. She drifted through various churches, searching for a "fit" that remained elusive—until January 2025, when she walked into Grace on the Hill. "It finally felt right," she recalls. By March, she was a regular. When she was invited to help with the T4C teen ministry, her journey came full circle, echoing the warmth she had felt in her own youth.

As a social media whiz, Ashley couldn't help but notice our online presence needed a little "sparkle." Rather than just watching, she jumped into action. Today, you'll often see Ashley weaving through the sanctuary with her camera, capturing sermon clips and high-quality content to share our message with the world.

"Growing up Adventist gave me my spiritual roots," Ashley says. "I strayed, but I'm back to deepen my walk with Christ. Here, the church feels alive—a breath of fresh air. I love the diversity and the fact that it's so easy to get involved. This is how church is supposed to be: not a room of spectators, but a community of active participants."

Next time you see a young lady with a camera and a vision, say hello to Ashley. She isn't just capturing images; she's capturing the spirit of grace at her new church home on this hill.



## WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>Resurrection Morn</i> by E. Johnston	Organ
Introit	<i>Hosanna in the Highest</i> by A. Quintana	Chancel Choir
Invocation		Pastor Anthony Paschal, Jr.
Opening Hymn	<i>Lift High The Cross #362</i>	Chorister, Organ Brass Quintet, & Timpani
Responsive Reading	Psalm 16:5-11, NIV	Amor Mathieu
Children's Feature		Deanna Simeone
Welcome Greeting Time		Adarme Family Grace Hill Worship
Praise and Worship	<i>House of the Lord Worthy</i>	Grace Hill Worship
Garden of Prayer		T. McGregor
Prayer Response	<i>For Thine Is The Kingdom</i> (please remain kneeling)	Grace Hill Worship Choir, & Congregation
Worship in Giving		Pastor Jonathan Henderson
Choral Anthem	<i>Glory to God in the Highest by John Rutter</i>	Chancel Choir, Organ Brass Quintet, & Timpani
Sermon	<b>Women of the Resurrection: Mary Magdalene</b>	Pastor Jonathan Henderson
Appeal Song	<i>I've Just Seen Jesus</i> by Gloria and Bill Gaither	Juliana Baioni, soprano Shammah Williams, tenor
Congregational Hymn	<i>Christ The Lord Is Risen Today #166</i> with Handbell Choir	Matt Daley, piano Haesung Park, organ Chorister & Congregation
Postlude	<i>Toccata from Symphony No. 5</i> by Widor (please remain seated)	Organ Brass Quintet & Timpani

Organist & Pianist: Haesung Park, DMA  
Chancel Choir Director: Helene Quintana, DMA  
Worship Team Director & Pianist: Matt Daley, DMA  
Handbell Choir Director: Deanna Simeone

## PREACHING SCHEDULE

April 11, 2026: Pastor Jonathan Henderson  
April 18, 2026: Pastor Anthony Paschal, Jr.  
April 25, 2026: 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. We pray that you will be blessed today.

### MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS IN (2nd Reading and VOTE):

Holmes, Timothy Kent from Mt. Rubidoux SDA Church in Riverside, CA  
Vedamani, Sylvia from Mt. Rubidoux SDA Church in Riverside, CA  
De la Cruz, Christian from Glendale Spanish SDA Church in Glendale, CA  
Salinas, Ximena from Glendale Spanish SDA Church in Glendale, CA  
George, Alister MD, The Place Adventist Fellowship Church, Newbury Park  
George, Karen, The Place Adventist Fellowship Church, Newbury Park, CA

**NEED SOMEONE TO PRAY FOR YOU?** Stop by our Prayer Ministry table in the courtyard after the service and pray with one of our prayer volunteers.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS:** The flowers this week were donated in honor of Resurrection Sabbath. If you would like to donate flowers for a special occasion, please email Anne Leah at [office@vallejodrive.church](mailto:office@vallejodrive.church).

**MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON:** Gentlemen, please donate for our annual Mother's Day Luncheon on May 9. Mark your envelopes "Mother's Day" or donate online under "Sabbath Hospitality Special Fund." Deadline to donate is end of April.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Our church family consists of not only those who attend our services in person, but also those who attend online. Hence, you may not recognize some of the names on the prayer list. Those are people from across the globe who have requested our prayers. Please pray for the Gomez family, Christine Yefremian, Lindner family, James Takamune, Angela Britton, Petra Rodriguez, Alice Nassimian, Christina Bustos, Sofia Almago, Shirley Collins, Kimberly Lee, Trish Low and family, Wesley family, Jacqueline Baptiste, Lailyn Anyayahan, and James Alexander.

**9:30 am SABBATH SCHOOL & 10:15 am MISSION FEATURE in CHAPEL**  
Lesson Study 9:30 am: Dr. Erin Stone | Special Feature: Sam and Helen Adarme: Philippines Mission Trip

### GAA NEWS:

Please continue to pray for and support Glendale Adventist Academy's faculty, staff, and students. For information, call 818-244-8671.

**Please scan the QR code to indicate how you would like to support our church community.**



## CHURCH EVENTS

Sab, April 11	Young Adult Bible Study	1 pm, Café
Fri, April 17	Young Adult Vespers	7 pm, Café
Sun, April 19	Quilting Bee	9 am, Fellowship Hall
Sab, April 25	Footwashing and Communion	11 am, 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 2nd and 4th Sabbaths, from Sept to June. [adventurers@vallejovalleydrive.church](mailto:adventurers@vallejovalleydrive.church) or text 818-571-2038

**TEENS4CHRIST:** T4C Hangout: A Friday after-school activity with games, snacks, and vespers for 6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Fridays at 3 pm. [vallejovalleydrive.church/T4C](http://vallejovalleydrive.church/T4C)

**THE BEACON (YOUTH):** 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday: 6:30-9 pm: Glow @ The Beacon (Vespers) | 4<sup>th</sup> Friday: 6:30-9 pm: Bible Study

**YOUNG ADULTS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 here at church! Contact Sara Neal at (818) 409-8354 on how to join.

### WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Mondays 7 pm on Zoom: Koinonia- led by Elder Doug Warner  
Wednesdays 5pm 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: April 19, May 17, June 28.** Contact Alma 818-254-6829 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](http://AdventistGiving.org) and select Women's Ministry.

### HAVE A MUSICAL TALENT? COME SING OR PLAY WITH US!

Praise Team: Contact Matt Daley for more info: [worship@vallejovalleydrive.church](mailto:worship@vallejovalleydrive.church)  
Bell Choir: Fridays at 7:15 pm in the Bell Room. Contact the church office for info  
Choir: Saturdays at 9:15 am in the Choir Room. Contact the church office for info

## CHURCH INFORMATION

**LISTENING DEVICES** are available at the Hostess Desk for guests who are hearing impaired.

**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.

**HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES** are available for people with disabilities and the proper placards in our two parking lots: 4 spaces in our Holly Drive lot, 3 spaces in our Vallejo Drive lot, and 2 spaces right in front of our Sanctuary.

## CHURCH FINANCES

Year to Date: April 2, 2026

Total Local Church Giving	\$209,226.08
Total Local Church Spending	\$236,483.39
Budget Giving (incl. in local)	\$117,770.68
Budget Spending (incl. in local)	\$136,403.62
Tithes Received 2026	\$354,715.45
Tithes Received 2025	\$255,650.39

## SABBATH SCHOOL

### KIDS CONNECTION at 9:45 am in Room 106 for 0-12 years old

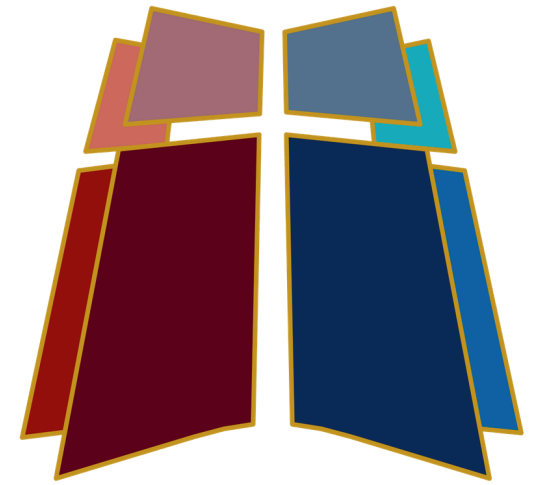
Beginners	Birth - 36 months	1st floor, Room 116A
Kindergarten	4 - 5 years old	2nd floor, Room 206A
Primary	1 <sup>st</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> grades	2nd floor, Room 202A
Juniors	4 <sup>th</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> grades	2nd floor, Room 208A

10 am: TEENS4CHRIST (Earliteens, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades) 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Rm 104A  
9:45 am: The Beacon (Youth/High School) 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Room 202A

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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Resurrection:  
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