

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

Great is Thy Faithfulness: The Journey of Millie and Melani

For Millie and her daughter Melani Tramel faith and resilience are woven into their very DNA. Born in Georgia in 1946 and raised in Rochester, New York, alongside six siblings, her childhood was anchored by a carpenter father and a Baptist minister grandfather. Millie attended Oakwood Academy, graduating in 1964, before studying at several universities in SoCal, including Loma Linda and earning her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Armed with her BSN, RN, and Public Health Nurse certifications, Millie moved to Burbank, launching a distinguished 25-year nursing career. First she worked for the county before spending decades at the UCLA Medical Center, White Memorial and other medical facilities. Millie worked across mental health, the ICU, and occupational health, even treating notable figures like Conference Vice President Elder Frank L. Pederson and basketball legend Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. Later, she transitioned into administration as a director of nursing and pursued her second passion: teaching college students.

Life was fulfilling, highlighted by her blossoming career and raising the love of her life, her daughter Melani. Born at UCLA Medical Center, Melani grew up in California but did most of her elementary school in Huntsville, Alabama, where her grandparents resided. While attending Oakwood Elementary, a campus revival moved Melani to give her heart to God, leading to her baptism in the seventh grade.

Melani moved to Corona for high school, later studying communications at Riverside Community College and Cal State LA. Then, a single, fateful morning in 2007 changed everything. An oncoming car veered into Millie's lane, colliding with her head-on. The devastating accident launched Millie into a grueling, decade-long recovery. Melani immediately paused her own education to work and care for her mother. Together, they watched God work miracles, aided by a medical missionary who utilized stem cells to facilitate Millie's healing.

As Millie recovered, Melani eventually returned to school, earning an AA in Speech-Language Pathology from PCC. This opened doors to a career with a charter school agency, while also allowing her to work in the entertainment industry with a part-time role in Talent Logistics, working major Hollywood award shows, in spite of having to struggle with Sabbath observance.

Their physical healing eventually mirrored a shared spiritual homecoming. Around the time of the accident, Millie's aunt, Elois Brooks—sister of the renowned Adventist evangelist C.D. Brooks—invited Millie to help with a Black History Month program at Vallejo Drive Church under Pastor Mike Kim. Millie fell in love with the church and stayed, refusing to be a passive listener and joyfully joining the welcoming committee as a greeter.

Melani's transition took longer. Having grown up at Kansas Avenue Church alongside Pastor Anthony Paschal, she missed that tight-knit, everyday-family atmosphere. She initially joined Vallejo Drive just to be with her mother. However, the church family showed its true colors in 2019 when Melani was hospitalized for three months with a pulmonary embolism. Pastor Kyle and Joyce became her constant, supportive lifeline.

When Pastor Jonathan Henderson arrived, followed by her childhood friend Pastor Anthony, everything clicked. Today, Millie declares, "I love Grace on the Hill. I've always felt welcome here, especially enjoying the choir, organ, and praise team." Melani wholeheartedly agrees, finding a vibrant young adult ministry and deep belonging. "When Sabbath approaches," Melani reflects, "I am excited. I can't wait to go to church. This is my true church family." Both of them give glory to God for His love and care in their lives.



WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>A Spanish Rhapsody on All Creatures of Our God and King</i> arr. Joel Raney	Piano
Introit	<i>Holy Holy! Holy!</i> by Ariel Ramírez	Chancel Choir & Ensemble
Invocation		Pastor Anthony Paschal, Jr.
Opening Hymn	<i>Marching to Zion #422</i>	Chorister, Choir, Organ & Congregation
Responsive Reading	Psalm 89:14-18, NIV	Caleb Payumo
Children's Feature		Teresa Bergman
Baptism	Ani Z. Gabrielyan	Pastor Aivars Ozolins
Ministry Spotlight		Ministry Leaders
Welcome Greeting Time		Jourdan Family Grace Hill Worship
Praise and Worship	<i>Your Presence Is Heaven To Me</i> <i>The Presence Of The Lord Is Here</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
Choral Anthem	<i>On Eagle's Wings</i> arr. Mark Hayes	Chancel Choir & Piano
Sermon	MOVEMENT [Book of Joshua: Achan]	Pastor Jonathan Henderson
Worship in Giving/Benediction		Pastor Jonathan Henderson
Congregational Response	<i>Doxology</i>	Grace Hill Worship
Postlude	<i>Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i> arr. Emma Lou Diemmer (please remain seated)	Organ

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

Ensemble:

Ariel Quintana, guest conductor
Daniel Ramon, tenor soloist
Vladimir Ibáñez, guitar
Helene Quintana, percussion
Haesung Park, piano

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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: We are grateful to our members who donate our beautiful Sanctuary flowers. If you would like to donate for a special occasion, please contact Anne Leah at the church office.

4TH OF JULY POTLUCK LUNCH: Please sign up to bring a dish for next week's potluck as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our country's Independence.

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS (First Reading):

Out to Temple City Church: Allen, Gwen.
Transferring in: Caviness, Linda from Kettering SDA; Wong Linda from El Soberante Appian Way SDA; Yefremian, Christine from German-American SDA; Park, R. Geoffrey from Santa Clarita SDA; Henriquez, Lorena from Pasadena SDA; Smith, Khatherine Isabelle Arredondo from Pasadena SDA; and Smith, Nicholas from Pasadena SDA.

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE: Passionate about Adventist education? Donate to our Worthy Student Fund! Mark your tithe envelopes or donate online.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please pray for: Hernandez family, Gomez family, Christine Yefremian, Lindner family, James Takamune, Petra Rodriguez, Alice Nassimian, Christina Bustos, Sofia Almago, Shirley Collins, Kimberly Lee, Trish Low and family, Wesley family, Jacqueline Baptiste, & Crystal Vines.

9:30 am SABBATH SCHOOL & 10:15 am MISSION FEATURE in CHAPEL
Lesson Study 9:30 am: Dr. Erin Stone, MD | Special Feature: Gerald Babeneshad- "The People of the Book"--For such a time as this!

GRIEF SUPPORT SERIES: Fridays, Jun 5-Aug 7; 7-8 pm. Info and registration at <https://drlorettashiels.com/sccwm/>

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: July 13-17, 2026, 5:30 pm- 8:30 pm at Glendale Academy. Preschool-6th grade. Sign up with Kelly or donate!

VOLUNTEER INTEREST FORM: Nominating Committee Season is now upon us, and we would like to know how you are willing to serve the Grace on the Hill at Vallejo Drive Church. Please scan the QR code, prayerfully fill out the form, and indicate how you would like to support our church and community.



PREACHING SCHEDULE

July 4, 2026: Pastor Jonathan Henderson
July 11, 2026: Pastor Ben Garcia
July 18: Pastor Jonathan Henderson

CHURCH EVENTS

Sun, June 28	Quilting Bee	10 am, Kindergarten Room
Sab, July 4	Baptism	11 am, Sanctuary
	4 th of July Potluck Lunch	1 pm, Fellowship Hall
Fri, July 10	Worship Night	7 pm, Chapel
Sab, July 25	Communion and Footwashing	11am, Sanctuary
Sab, Aug 29	Women's Emphasis Day: Dr. Elizabeth Talbot	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 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. vallejovalleydrive.church/T4C

THE BEACON (YOUTH): 2nd Friday: 6:30-9 pm: Glow @ The Beacon (Vespers) | Every Friday 3-7pm: The Beacon Social

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. **No Mon/Thu class til Jun 4. Come for Tue/Wed class.**

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: June 21, Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 15, Dec 20; 2027: Jan 24, Feb 21, Mar 21, April 18, May 16, June 27. 10 am-2pm.** 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@vallejovalleydrive.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.

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.

SABBATH SCHOOL

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

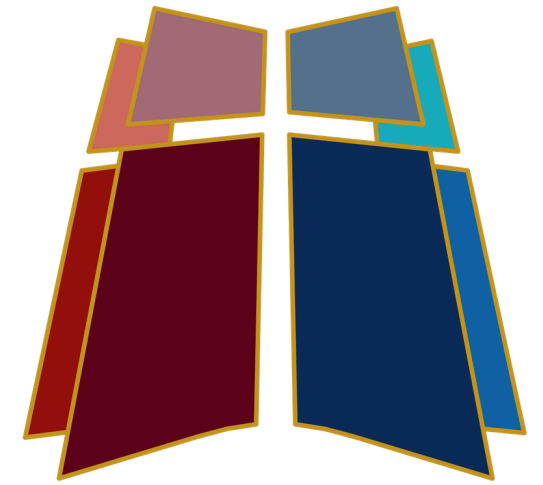
Beginners	Birth - 36 months	1st floor, Room 116A
Kindergarten	4 - 5 years old	2nd floor, Room 206A
Primary	1 st - 3 rd grades	2nd floor, Room 202A
Juniors	4 th - 5 th grades	2nd floor, Room 208A

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