

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

The Saunders Family

If you asked Lois and Craig Saunders to describe their journey together, they would tell you it is full of little moments or "winks"—where two lives were nudged together until the picture finally became clear.

Lois grew up the youngest of five siblings in Sebastopol, California, attending Redwood SDA Junior Academy, where she was baptized at age 12. Her educational path led her to Pacific Union College and Moorpark College, earning her RN associate degree in 1986. While working the telemetry floor at Woodland Hills Hospital—often pulling grueling back-to-back 3–11 and 11–7 shifts—she also completed her BS in Nursing at PUC in 1988 through a satellite program at White Memorial.

Craig was raised in South Los Angeles in a Costa Rican family and was baptized at the University SDA Church. His Adventist education spanned Inglewood, LA Union, White Memorial and Glendale Adventist. While at GAA, he originally planned to major in medical technology, but a physics teacher showed him a computer, changing his career path forever. He graduated in 1983 with a BS degree in Computer Science and Business Administration at Loma Linda University, later earning a Network Engineering certification from Mount Sierra College. Around this time Craig was introduced to Vallejo Drive Church, where he played in the bell choir under the direction of Chip Spears for 10 years.

Though they didn't know it, their paths had crossed occasionally for years: Craig played baritone in the GAA high school band when it visited Lois's school, and while waiting for a friend at the hospital dorm, Lois caught a fleeting glimpse of Craig passing by. The real spark, however, was saved for the holiday season. On Christmas day in 1988, Craig's mother insisted he deliver gifts to a church friend's house in LA. Craig wasn't planning on staying, but the host asked him to check a non-functioning TV set. He fixed the wiring and turned it on just as The Real Ghostbusters came on. "Oh, my favorite cartoon!" he exclaimed. Behind him, a voice chimed in: "Oh, mine too." He turned around to see Lois! Sparks flew immediately, and during a marathon three-hour phone call a couple of days later, they realized they had lots in common, including the same birth year and month, just a week apart.

In 1990, Craig proposed at the Top of Five restaurant, surprising her with an engagement ring attached to a straw in her drink. They tied the knot on September 22, 1991. In 1994, they welcomed their daughter, Cami. Growing up at Vallejo Drive Church, Cami attended GAA from K–12, (missing only one day of school in all 13 years!), earned her BA in Graphic Design from CSUN, and graduated completely debt-free. Today, she works as a graphic designer at Olivia Care and is busy planning her upcoming wedding!

The Saunders family officially transferred their memberships to Vallejo in 2007 and have poured their hearts and energy into various ministries ever since. Lois has faithfully served while balancing her nursing career, treasuring the church's rich diversity and evolving worship style from Truth & Spirit to the present. Craig directed the handbell choir for a period, led Children's ministries for 7 years, led VBS ministries alongside Gideon Evangelista for six summers, and since 2010 has been tirelessly equipping and improving the church's PA and IT systems.

From teaching keyboarding at White Memorial School to managing systems for Irish Construction (a subsidiary of USC) today, Craig's technical talents—paired with Lois's compassionate heart—continue to bless Grace Hill. Their life together is a beautiful testimony to community, service, and God's perfect timing.



WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>Here I Am To Worship</i> arr. Patricia Cota	Handbell Quartet
Invocation		Pastor Ben Garcia
Opening Hymn	<i>Come, Christians, Join to Sing #10</i>	Chorister, Organ & Congregation
Responsive Reading	Psalms 98:1-6, NIV	Frank Preciado
Children's Feature		Deanna Simeone
Ministry Spotlight	Video and Membership Transfers	Church Leaders
Musical Interlude	<i>Balm in Gilead</i> arr. Patricia Cota	Handbell Quartet
Welcome Greeting Time		Jeanne Bocala Grace Hill Praise
Praise and Worship	<i>How Great Is Our God/ How Great Thou Art Jesus We Love You</i>	Grace Hill Praise & Congregation
Garden of Prayer		Annette Britton-Hearn
Prayer Response	<i>Holy Ground</i> (please remain kneeling)	Grace Hill Praise & Congregation
Musical Blessing	<i>Draw Me Nearer</i> arr. Gary Rhodes	Joel and Amanda Simeone Matt Daley, piano
Sermon	"The Kingdom of Heaven is Like...Hidden Treasure"	Pastor Jonathan Henderson
Worship in Giving/ Benediction		Pastor Jonathan Henderson
Congregational Response	<i>The Blessing</i>	Grace Hill Praise
Postlude	<i>How Great Thou Art</i> arr. Dan Miller (please remain seated)	Organ

Organist & Pianist: Haesung Park, DMA
Worship Team Director: Matt Daley, DMA

PREACHING SCHEDULE

August 15: Pastor Jonathan Henderson
August 22: Pastor Jonathan Henderson
August 29: Dr. Elizabeth Talbot

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: If you would like to donate flowers for a special occasion, please contact Anne Leah at the church office. office@vallejodrive.church or call 818.246.2476 ext. 100.

AGAPE FEAST AFTER CHURCH: Join us for footwashing, communion, and our Agape Feast at 1 pm in our Fellowship Hall upstairs.

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS (Second Reading and VOTE):

Transferring In:
Molina, Mey-Ling from Community Adventist Fellowship
Fuentes, Mark from Pasadena SDA Church
Chung, Naila from Temple City SDA Church
Chung, Natalie from Temple City SDA Church
Chung, Noah from Temple City SDA Church
Chung, William T from Temple City SDA Church
Middleton, Barbara from Riverside Chapel SDA Church in Nashville, TN
Middleton, Benjamin from Riverside Chapel SDA Church in Nashville, TN
Medel-Tenorio, Ana Rosa from Agat-Santa Rosa Adventist Church in Agana Heights, Guam.
Tenorio, Paulo from Agat-Santa Rosa Adventist Church in Agana Heights, Guam.

CONDOLENCES:

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of Miguel Molina. His memorial service will be on Sabbath, August 22, 2026 at 4 pm.

We are saddened to share the passing of Rafael Wiedermann, the husband of Martha Wiedermann, who passed away on July 22, 2026. He was a member of our church for over 50 years. We offer our condolences to Martha and all of Rafael's loved ones. His service will be on Sunday, September 20, 2026.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENTS: Aug 15-Quarterly potluck at Lisa Vigil's home 2332 Hollister Terrace; Aug 29-Women's Emphasis Day with Dr. Elizabeth Talbot, guest speaker.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED: Please donate school supplies in the pink bins in the lobby to support children of our local shelter. Donations accepted until August 31.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please pray for: Molina family, Wiedermann family, Cumbia family, James Takamune, Terry Collins, Petra Rodriguez, Stacy Massard, Alice Nassimian, Christina Bustos, Sofia Almago, Shirley Collins, Kimberly Lee, Trish Low & family, Wesley family, Jacqueline Baptiste, and Trudy Adams.

9:30 am SABBATH SCHOOL & 10:15 am MISSION FEATURE in the CHAPEL
Lesson Study and Special Feature: Schubert Palmer, MD

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



CHURCH EVENTS

Sab, Aug 8 Agape Feast 1 pm, Fellowship Hall
Sab, Aug 15 Secret Sister Potluck Fellowship Hall
Sab, Aug 29 Women’s Emphasis Day: Dr. Elizabeth Talbot 11 am, Sanctuary
Sept 4-5 Breath of Life Young Adult Events Church Campus

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@vallejo-drive.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. vallejo-drive.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. **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: Sept 27, 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@vallejo-drive.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.

CHURCH FINANCES

Year to Date: August 6, 2026

Total Local Church Giving	\$632,422.61
Total Local Church Spending	\$654,329.63
Budget Giving (incl. in local)	\$242,195.36
Budget Spending (incl. in local)	\$397,932.71
Tithes Received 2026	\$777,519.13
Tithes Received 2025	\$618,515.07

SABBATH SCHOOL

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

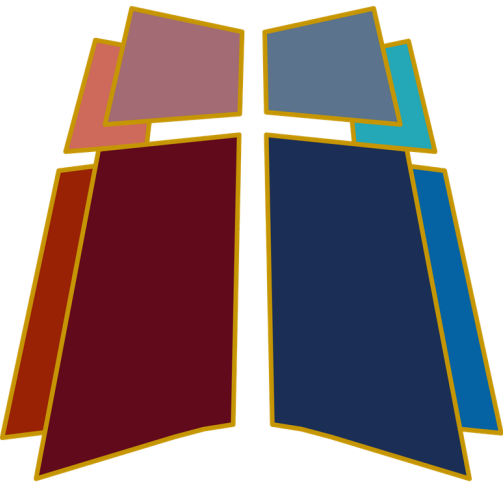
Beginners	Birth - 36 months	1st floor, Room 116A
Kindergarten	4 - 5 years old	2nd floor, Room 206A
Primary	1 st - 3 rd grades	2nd floor, Room 202A
Juniors	4 th - 5 th grades	2nd floor, Room 208A

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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