

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

Deanna and Peter Simeone

Deanna Roberta DeBois Simeone, the youngest of four daughters of Dean Robert and L. Imogene DeBois, was born in 1955 in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Named for her father, she inherited his passion for music, singing in choirs and playing drums in band and orchestra from a young age. Deanna attended Lake Nelson School, Blue Mountain Academy, and Columbia Union College before graduating from Southern Missionary College with a degree in Food Service and Bakery Management.

Peter, the only child of Rocco and Ethel Simeone, moved from New Jersey to Catonsville, Maryland, at age seven. He attended Greater Baltimore Junior Academy and Blue Mountain Academy, where he first met Deanna. Peter graduated from Columbia Union College and earned his MBA from Andrews University. While Peter studied at Andrews and Deanna worked in Food Service at Pacific Union College, the two rekindled their relationship long-distance. Peter proposed during a phone call on April 13, 1979. Deanna accepted but insisted he propose again on bended knee when they reunited that August. They married the following May in her sister's backyard in El Monte inside a gazebo built by her brother-in-law.

Peter began his career working for Gencon Insurance at the General Conference (now Adventist Risk Management). Deanna worked in dietary at Washington Adventist Hospital until their son, Joel, was born on June 3, 1983. Their daughter, Amanda, was born two months early on December 4, 1984, following a life-threatening brain arteriovenous malformation (AVM) that required Deanna to undergo emergency delivery.

In 1986, the family moved to New Jersey. As the children grew, Deanna worked as a teacher's aide and substitute. She also began directing church children's and handbell choirs and teaching at the local Adventist school. Peter, an accomplished pianist, accompanied the choirs and eventually taught himself to play the organ by ear to serve the church.

The family moved to Southern California in 1996. Deanna directed the Temple City Church sanctuary choir and played timpani with the San Gabriel Valley Concert Band for a decade. She also taught handbells at San Gabriel Academy (SGA) and directed the Canyon Hills Presbyterian handbell choir for 15 years. Following budget cuts at SGA, Deanna transitioned to the Southern California Conference office, working in Human Resources and Risk Management. Over 19 years, she rose from secretary to Director of HR in 2021. Health challenges impacted Peter's music later in life; a bilateral hemorrhagic stroke in 2011 and a subdural hematoma in 2018 eventually ended his ability to play instruments. Though no longer a performer, he still treasures listening to his children sing and ring.

In 2012, the Simeones joined Vallejo Drive Church. Determined to stay active, Deanna returned to directing the handbell choir after a brief hiatus. When asked about how she feels about our church family, Deanna reflects: "Attending Grace on the Hill has been spiritually enriching in unexpected ways. We genuinely look forward to attending each week's service, which feels meaningful and refreshing rather than a routine obligation, which can often come from growing up Adventist."

Deanna's lifelong motto—that "music takes you places you wouldn't ordinarily go"—proved true. She has performed at Disney World, Disneyland, and the National Cathedral, and recorded albums with Peter, who also composed music for an ADRA promotional video. Their children, Joel and Amanda, graduated from SGA and Azusa Pacific University. Their own musical journeys have taken them to Mexico, Canada, South Korea, and major venues like the Staples Center and Kodak Theatre. Both have also performed in various Southern California theater productions. Deanna recently retired after nearly two decades at the Conference office, still playfully claiming she doesn't know what she wants to be when she grows up.



WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>Greensleeves</i> by Joel Raney	Piano
Introit	<i>Los Reyes Magos</i> a traditional Andean carol by A. Ramirez	Chancel Choir and Piano Daniel Ramon, solo Ariel Quintana, piano
Invocation		Pastor Aivars Ozolins
Opening Hymn	<i>Rejoice, The Lord is King # 221</i>	Chorister & Organ
Responsive Reading	Psalm 9:7-11, NIV	Brandon Than
Baby Dedications	Allana Riley Monroe Hali Hanalei Hernandez	Pastor Jonathan Henderson
Welcome Greeting Time		Susie Whitaker Vallejo Drive Worship
Praise and Worship	<i>Indescribable The Heart of Worship</i>	Vallejo Drive Worship
Communion	<i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>	Pastors and Elders
Garden of Prayer		Pastor Anthony Paschal, Jr.
Prayer Response	<i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i> (please remain kneeling)	Vallejo Drive Worship & Congregation
Choral Anthem	<i>The Work of Christmas</i> by Dan Forrest	Chancel Choir
Sermon	“Let Us Break Bread Together”	Pastor Jonathan Henderson
Benediction/ Worship in Giving		Pastor Jonathan Henderson
Closing Song	<i>Just Want To Praise You</i>	Vallejo Drive Worship
Postlude	<i>Chorale Prelude on “In dulci jubilo”</i> by J.S. Bach (please remain seated)	Organ

Organist/Pianist: Haesung Park, DMA & Ariel Quintana, DMA
Chancel Choir Director: Helene Quintana, DMA
Praise Team Worship Director: Richard Turner

PREACHING SCHEDULE

January 10, 2026: Pastor Jonathan Henderson
January 17, 2026: Pastor Aivars Ozolins
January 24, 2026: Pastor Anthony Paschal, Jr.
January 31, 2026: Pastor Jonathan Henderson

CHURCH LIFE

WELCOME AND 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.

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. Juta Ozolina, James Takamune, Petra Rodriguez, Roger Hernandez, Trish Low and family, Lindner family, Wesley family, Jacqueline Baptiste, Victor Salazar, Leo Vliores, Lailyn Anyayahan, Lisa, and Christians persecuted in Nigeria.

COMMUNION & FOOTWASHING: today, Sabbath, January 10, 2026
10:30 am Footwashing Locations:
Men and Women: **Chapel** | Families: **Fellowship Hall**

CONDOLENCES

- A long time church member, Wayne Dawes, passed away on November 15 in Orangevale, CA. Please keep his grieving family and loved ones in your prayers.
- We are saddened to share that the husband of our former pastor Elizabeth Talbot, Patrick, has passed away. Please keep Pastor Talbot and Patrick's loved ones in your prayers. Patrick's memorial service will be at the Yucaipa Valley Spanish SDA Church, located at 12504 4th Street, Yucaipa, CA 92399 on Sabbath, January 31, 2026 at 4 pm, with a reception to follow.

9:30 am SABBATH SCHOOL & 10:15 am MISSION FEATURE in CHAPEL
January 10: Sam Adarme: Vallejo Drive Mission to the Philippines

DRIVER NEEDED: Scholl Canyon Estates is looking for a driver to shuttle their senior residents to and from church using their commercial van. If you have a commercial driver's license with passenger endorsement, and are willing to volunteer for this ministry, please contact Pastor Aivars.

FOOD BANK: Come help feed those in need! To find out how to help in this ministry, please contact Pastor Ben. We are receiving food donations from our vendors at the church on Mondays & Fridays. Food will be distributed on Mondays 2:30pm to 4 pm & on Sabbath afternoons after the church service.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS EVENTS
Young Adult Bible Study: today, YA Cafe, 1:30 pm (every 2nd & 4th Sabbath)
Teen Leadership Training: January 10, 2026 at 3:30 pm
OneHouse Intercessory Prayer at Eagle Rock: January 10. Dinner at 5 pm.
Young Adult Vespers at Eagle Rock SDA Church: Friday, January 16, 2026
The Beacon Lock-In: February 15-16, 2026. Sign up before Jan 31, 2026.

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

CHURCH EVENTS

Sab, Jan 10	Communion Baby Dedication	11 am, Sanctuary 11 am, Sanctuary
Sun, Jan 18	Quilting Bee	9 am, Fellowship Hall
Mon, Jan 19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Church Office Closed
Tue, Jan 20	Laundry Love	5:30 pm, Launderland

MINISTRIES & OUTREACH

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@valledrive.church or text 818-571-2038

TEENS4CHRIST: T4C Hangout: A Friday after-school activity with games, snacks, and vespers for 6th- 8th graders. Fridays at 3 pm. valledrive.church/T4C

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

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 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 6pm 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: Jan 18, Feb 15, March 15, April 19, May 17, June 28.** Contact Alma 747-215-0611 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

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

Praise Team: Contact Matt Daley for more info: worship@valledrive.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: December 31, 2025

Total Local Church Giving	\$1,140,475.60
Total Local Church Spending	\$1,061,099.98

Budget Giving (incl. in local)	\$420,028.15
Budget Spending (incl. in local)	\$575,981.19

Tithes Received 2025	\$1,204,090.91
Tithes Received 2024	\$1,141,203.80

SABBATH SCHOOL

KIDS CONNECTION at 9:45 am in Room 106 for 0-12 years old
Contact Audrey Zorek (818) 256-6147 | kidsconnection@valledrive.church

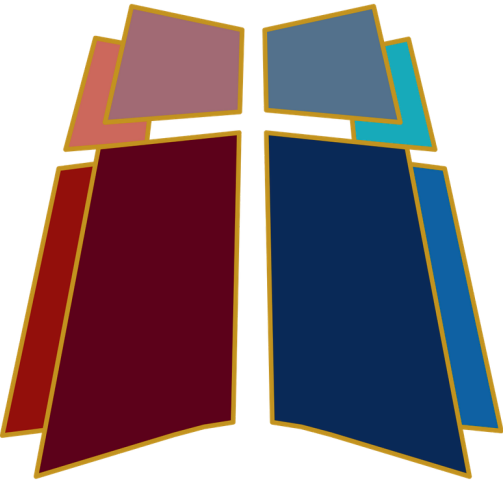
Beginners	Birth - 36 months	1st floor, Room 116A
Kindergarten	4 - 5 years old	2nd floor, Room 206A
Primary	1 st - 3 rd grades	2nd floor, Room 202A
Juniors	4 th - 5 th grades	2nd floor, Room 208A

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 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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