

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE



Roland and Joana Tamayo

Joana was born in 1975 in Manila, Philippines, to a nurse and a physician. Three years later, her mother was invited to work at the Glendale Adventist Medical Center (GAMC), and the family moved to the United States. However, her father struggled to get certified to practice medicine in the U.S. Just as the family prepared to return to the Philippines, he received an offer to repeat his residency at USC to become an anesthesiologist.

Roland also has Filipino roots, although he was born in 1973 in Los Angeles. His parents had moved to the U.S. four years earlier. Roland’s mother worked as a nurse, but his father also was facing difficulties getting licensed to practice dentistry in the U.S. He initially worked as a janitor, but by the time Roland was born, he had passed the board exam and opened his own dental practice. The family soon moved to Glendale.

Both Joana and Roland attended Glendale Adventist Academy. Though they were in different grades, they connected at GAA. They both sang in the chorale and were in the same Spanish class. Joana became Roland’s confidant and a good listener. This acquaintance evolved into a 12-year relationship.

Joana always knew she wanted to be a physician. She attended Loma Linda University Medical School and did her residency at White Memorial Medical Center. Since 2005 Joana has worked as an OB/GYN at GAMC and other hospitals, delivering countless babies, some of whom are now members of the Vallejo Drive Church.

As the only son, Roland felt obligated to take over his father's dental practice. He initially pursued a pre-dental program, but felt it wasn’t the right path for him. His older sister relieved his anxiety by offering to take over their father's practice. Roland was then free to pursue his passion for art. He enrolled at the Art Center in Pasadena and graduated in 1999 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in illustration. His career has since taken him into the video game industry and art gallery shows.

Joana and Roland married in 2003 at Vallejo Drive Church. Five years later, they welcomed fraternal twin boys, Bradley and Tyler. However, a challenge arose when Tyler was diagnosed with severe myopia, nystagmus, and strabismus, and doctors could not predict how this would affect Tyler’s development, learning, and driving. The family was devastated but prayed earnestly for him.

Initially, Tyler attended a public school that provided an Individualized Education Program (IEP) for his eye condition, but when his condition improved in the 3rd grade, he transferred to GAA. Both boys thrived there. As people continued praying and Tyler developed coping mechanisms, he kept improving. He excelled in his studies, was accepted into the NHS, and is now working toward his driver’s license. Tyler dreams of becoming a professional pianist like his piano teacher and mentor Matt Daley. Bradley, a talented drummer, hopes to become a fashion designer.

The Tamayo family has a long history with the Vallejo Drive Church, which they have always considered their home. Now that their sons are older, they feel it is time to become more involved in the church, community service, and missionary work. Joana is closing her OB/GYN practice to work part-time, allowing her more time to accomplish their new goals. The Tamayos are encouraged by the direction the church is taking, as it is growing stronger and friendlier, and is a place where they can reconnect with old friends and meet new people. They are grateful to be a part of a growing church that is developing a servant’s heart.

The Vallejo Drive Church family is thankful for the Tamayos and the blessings they bring to the community.

WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>Prière à Notre Dame from Suite Gothique Op. 29</i> (Léon Boëllmann)	Haesung Park, organ
Introit	<i>Gloria</i> (Herrera)	Chancel Choir & Organ
Invocation		Pastor Anthony Paschal, Jr.
Opening Hymn	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy #73</i> (Dykes)	Chorister, Organ, & Congregation
Welcome Greeting Time		Quintana Family Vallejo Drive Worship
Children’s Feature		Michelle Geldres
Praise and Worship	<i>We’ve Come This Far By Faith</i> (Goodson) <i>Great Are You Lord</i> (Leonard)	Vallejo Drive Worship
Garden of Prayer		Jerome Edmeade
Prayer Response	<i>Great is Thy Faithfulness (Refrain)</i> (please remain kneeling)	Vallejo Drive Worship, Choir, & Congregation
Choral Anthem	<i>One Faith, One Hope, One Lord</i> (Craig Courtney)	Chancel Choir
Sermon	“ Godly Growth ”	Pastor Ben Garcia
Benediction/ Worship in Giving		Pastor Ben Garcia
Congregational Response	<i>Doxology</i> (Ken)	Vallejo Drive Worship
Postlude	<i>Toccata from Suite Gothique Op. 29</i> (Léon Boëllmann) (please remain seated)	Organ

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

PREACHING SCHEDULE

October 11, 2025: Pastor Jonathan Henderson
October 18, 2025: Pastor Jonathan Henderson
October 25, 2025: Pastor Jonathan Henderson
November 1, 2025: Pastor Jonathan Henderson

CHURCH LIFE

WELCOME AND HAPPY SABBATH!

Thank you for choosing the Grace Hill at Vallejo Drive Church as your place of worship. We pray that you will be blessed today.

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH: This month we take time to honor and show gratitude to our pastors for their faithful service and leadership. If you would like to contribute toward their special appreciation gifts, please place your donation in the black envelopes. Checks can be made out to Cash or Mavis Cordero. Donations can also be sent via ZELLE and Apple Pay at 818-419-4429, Venmo @Mavis-Cordero, and CashApp \$corderomavis. Thank you for joining us in blessing our pastors!

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS (2nd Reading and VOTE)

Out: Contreras, Sylvia, to Crescenta Valley Filipino in Montrose, CA; Torres, John and Torres, Luke to Richardson SDA Church in Richardson, TX. In: Adarme, Samuel from Eagle Rock SDA Church in Los Angeles, CA

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Please pray for Jacqueline Baptiste, Petra Rodriguez, Susan Lindner, Alan Demascus, William Walker, Phil Chavez, Rob, Stephenson & Boke, Wesley family, Carole Lindner, and for our members affected by the SoCal fires.

SCC OFFERING SCHEDULE:

scc.adventist.org/treasury
Oct 11: Union Designated | Oct 25: Public Campus Ministries

9:30 am SABBATH SCHOOL & 10:15 am MISSION FEATURE in CHAPEL

This Sabbath, Oct 4: Lorayne Barton, MD | Mission to Madagascar

HOME AGAIN LOS ANGELES: COMMUNITY SERVICE

Love to cook? Contact Maite & Andrew Cervik on how you can provide dinner and breakfast to-go for families in need on Oct 13-15 and Dec 8-10.

WOMEN’S MINISTRIES: Secret Sister

The Secret Sister Post Office is open til Oct 25. Bring your Secret Sister a note & a small gift. Stop by our Secret Sister Post Office in the lobby and receive your package! For info, contact Alma Wesley at (747) 215-0611. Secret Sister Adventure: Upcoming Events (spouses are invited!) Today, Oct 4: Secret Sister potluck, Fellowship Hall
Oct 26: Secret Sister Luncheon and Reveal Party, Fellowship Hall

WOMEN’S MINISTRIES: Quilting Bee Fund

If you are unable to join us for our Monthly Sunday Quilting Bee, please consider donating to our fund. Sponsor a quilt for \$35 or please see our list of needed supplies on our website. Mark your envelopes as “Quilting” or log on to AdventistGiving.org, select “Vallejo Drive Church”, then Women’s Ministries Quilting.

PRAISE CONCERT NOV 1: Join us for our annual Praise Concert on November 1. Food at 6 pm, Music at 7 pm. See you there!

GAA NEWS

Please continue to support and pray for our constituent school Glendale Adventist Academy, their faculty, staff, and students. 818-244-8671.

CHURCH EVENTS		
Sab, Oct 4	Sermon: Pastor Ben Garcia Secret Sisters (& Spouses) Potluck Youth: Gym Night at GAA	11 am, Sanctuary 1 pm, Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm, Glendale Academy
Sun, Oct 12	SCC Treasurers and Admin Training	8 am, Sanctuary
Oct 13-15	Home Again Los Angeles Outreach	see Maite Cervik
Fri, Oct 17	Young Adult Vespers	7 pm, Cafe
Sab, Oct 18	Pastor Appreciation Sabbath	11 am, Sanctuary

MINISTRIES & OUTREACH

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 at church on Mondays & Fridays. Food Distribution: Mondays 2:30pm to 4 pm & Sabbath afternoons.

HOME AGAIN LOS ANGELES (HALA): Unhoused families are in need of food. Come help prepare dinner and to-go breakfasts on Oct 13-15 and Dec 8-10! Contact Maite & Andrew Cervik mcervik@abclaw.net

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 and 8th graders. Fridays at 3 pm. vallejo-drive.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
2nd Sabbath: Social Event | 3rd Friday: Joint Vespers with Eagle Rock SDA Church

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 AHG LiveWell's Exercise program Mon 2:30 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 the Pastoral Staff

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

WOMEN'S MINISTRY: Baby Quilts: Capable hands needed to complete baby quilts for GAH and USC GH NICU units. **Meetings 2025: Oct 19, Nov 16, Dec 21. 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.

MUSIC MINISTRY REHEARSALS--everyone is welcome!
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
Choir: Saturdays at 9:15 am, in the Choir Room. Contact the church office

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: October 2, 2025	
Total Local Church Giving	\$750,305.32
Total Local Church Spending	\$806,150.87
Budget Giving (incl. in local)	\$298,467.58
Budget Spending (incl. in local)	\$414,743.85
Tithes Received 2025	\$837,695.04
Tithes Received 2024	\$792,433.14

SABBATH SCHOOL

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