

ATITUDE OF GRATITUDE

Jella Greaves & Ashley White: Finding Home at Last

The son of a musician and a Secretary of “Minister of Tourism” and one of six siblings, Jella began his life in Guyana. At age seven, he moved to Delaware with his mother and older brother. He discovered God at twelve, attending a thriving church his mother's old friend had started. This led to his baptism at fourteen and a deep involvement in music, media/arts, and children's ministries. After studying film production at the Art Institute of Philadelphia, Jella moved to Hollywood in 2016 to pursue his career in the film industry. Despite his professional success, he struggled to find a church home in Los Angeles that resonated with him as his Delaware church had.

Ashley was adopted shortly after birth by her Seventh-day Adventist paternal grandparents, who instilled in her a strong faith. She was baptized at ten. Though she loved her adoptive parents, a deep yearning to connect with her biological mother persisted. At age thirty, she finally found her, forging a wonderful relationship that now includes newfound half-siblings.

Ashley pursued a nursing career, which eventually brought her to Long Beach, California, and later to various hospitals in Los Angeles, including UCLA Medical Center, where she continues to work today. Early in her time in LA, she sought an SDA church but didn’t find a good fit and felt that it might not be for her anymore. "I thought that in order to belong, you had to do certain things, subscribe to a certain lifestyle... I could not do that, so I never belonged," she reminisces. This led her down a path of exploring other religions and philosophies, even dabbling in New Age practices. Yet the biblical truth that "the dead know nothing" (Ecclesiastes 9:5) resonated deeply, sparking a burning question that started her journey back to God.

Their paths converged at a friend's wedding in 2015, where Jella noticed Ashley. Months later, at a gathering in Delaware, they reconnected. Jella approached her with a playful "Hello, you probably don’t remember me." She didn't, but they talked all night, and a whirlwind romance followed. They began dating in October 2015, Jella moved to LA in February 2016, and they married in July 2017.

Their journey to Vallejo Drive was prompted by a seemingly random suggestion from a financial counselor: "You should go to Vallejo Drive Church." Initially, they were hesitant, but they had a clear list of what they sought in a church: Sabbath observance was crucial for Ashley, and Jella needed a place where they could genuinely connect with God and a relatable pastor. About a year later, they ventured to Vallejo Drive. Arriving early, they found the praise team practicing and eventually discovered the Fellowship Hall Sabbath School class. The topic? Demons. Ashley was immediately captivated; this was an important subject she felt the SDA church completely avoided. This initial experience opened the door. They were further intrigued by the life story of Matt and Kristina featured in "Attitude of Gratitude.” When Matt mentioned needing a drummer, Jella, a talented musician, stepped forward.

During the service, they were impressed by the sermon and the blend of classical and contemporary music. They felt this wasn't the legalistic church Ashley had experienced in the past. Soon, they were regular attendees, finally feeling they had found their church home. Jella even shared the news with his childhood pastor, who wished his own church was Sabbath-keeping.

Jella and Ashley are profoundly grateful that God put together all the "bruised pieces" of their lives, guiding them to Him and to the Vallejo Drive Church family. Praise the Lord for His loving care and His guiding grace in our lives!



DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i> (arr. Raney)	Piano
Introit	<i>Alpha and Omega</i>	Vallejo Drive Worship
Welcome & Invocation	Pastor Anthony Paschal, Jr.	
Songs of Worship	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee #12</i> <i>Lord I Lift Your Name On High</i> <i>Shout To the Lord</i>	Chorister & Organ Vallejo Drive Worship
Garden of Prayer	Charelyn Paulson	
Congregational Prayer Response	<i>Alpha and Omega</i> (please remain kneeling)	Congregation, Piano, & Vallejo Drive Worship
Baby Dedication	Rebekah Quinn Torres	Pastor Jonathan Henderson
Children’s Feature	VBS Video Presentation	Kelly Fontamillas
Baptism	John Matthew Torres Luke Solomon Torres Nathan Allan Henderson	Pastor Jonathan Henderson
Worship in Giving	Local Church Budget	Irvin Henry, Jr.
Offertory	<i>Meditation Prelude</i> (Arens)	Aimee Knights, piano
Responsive Reading	Psalms 63:1-8	Zaira Canson
Musical Feature	<i>Were It Not For Grace</i> (Harris)	Justin Jordan, solo
Sermon	“ Discipleship 101: Time ”	Pastor Jonathan Henderson
Postlude	<i>Trumpet Voluntary (Clark)</i> (please remain seated)	Organ

Organist/Pianist: Haesung Park, DMA
Praise Team Director: Earl Canson III

PREACHING SCHEDULE

July 26, 2025: Pastor Jonathan Henderson
August 2, 2025: Pastor Jonathan Henderson
August 9, 2025: Pastor Jonathan Henderson

CHURCH LIFE

WELCOME AND HAPPY SABBATH!
Thank you for choosing the Vallejo Drive Church as your place of worship. We pray that you will be blessed today.

CHURCH OFFICE UPDATES
Our new church office hours are **Monday to Friday, 9 am to 1 pm, 2 pm to 6 pm.** Please contact a pastor if you need support on **Mondays.**

SANCTUARY FLOWERS
Last week’s sanctuary flowers were in celebration of 61 years of marriage for Dorothy and Jerry Beeve. This week’s flowers were generously donated to beautify our sanctuary. Please email the church office if you would like to contribute to our Sanctuary Flowers Fund.

COMMUNION AGAPE FEAST IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
Come fellowship and have Communion this Friday night, July 25, 2025 at 7 pm!

CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING ON AUGUST 9, 2025
Please join us after the church service as we prayerfully plan for our church.

PRAYER REQUESTS
Please pray for Jacqueline Baptiste, Petra Rodriguez, Susan Lindner, Pratik, Wesley family, Birmingham family, Mattesi family, Danlag family, Jabola family, and for our members affected by the SoCal fires.

HAVE YOU SUPPORTED OUR ANGEL TREE PRISON MINISTRY?
Please help us update our records with your name and how many years you have helped Angel Tree. Form located at Hostess Desk. For more information, contact Alma Wesley.

SCC OFFERING SCHEDULE: scc.adventist.org/treasury
July 26: SCC Media Production Studio

9:30 am SABBATH SCHOOL & 10:15 am MISSION FEATURE in CHAPEL
July 12 & 19: Elder Gerald Babanezhad: “Reaching out to our Muslim Friends”

HOME AGAIN LA OUTREACH
We need food! Contact Maite and Andrew Cervik on how you can help feed families in need on the following Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Aug 25-27, Sept 15-17, Oct 13-15, Dec 8-10.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
Please sign up at the Hostess Desk for our Secret Sister Adventure! Deadline to register: July 26; Draw Names: Aug 2; Reveal Party: Oct 26.

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

CHURCH EVENTS

Sab, July 19	T4C and VDrive Youth Summer Night Party	8 pm, T4C & Youth Rms
Fri, July 25	Communion: Agape Feast	7 pm, Fellowship Hall
Sab, Aug 9	Church Business Meeting	12:30 pm, Sanctuary
Aug 25-27	Home Again LA Outreach: Meal Preparation	see Maite Cervik

MINISTRIES AND OUTREACH

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@vallejodrive.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. [vallejodrive.church/T4C](#)

YOUNG ADULTS: 1st Sabbath of 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! Sundays at 7am, Verdugo Park.
Contact Irvin for more information.
During the week, join AHG LiveWell's Exercise program Mon-Wed [here at church!](#)
Contact Sara at (818)409-8354 for dates and times.
The whole body is designed for action, and unless the physical powers are kept in health by active exercise, the mental power cannot long be used to their highest capacity." (Education, p.207)

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Join our Media/AV team & be part of bringing worship to life, both in person and supporting our livestream. Contact Mavis 818-419-4429

WOMEN'S MINISTRY: Baby Quilts: Capable hands needed to complete baby quilts for LA General Medical Center's NICU. Contact Alma 747-215-0611 or Winna 818-919-9228 for more information. Can't come to quilt? Visit [vallejodrive.church/women](#) for a list of supplies. Sponsor a Baby Quilt! \$35 only!

MUSIC MINISTRY REHEARSALS--everyone is welcome!

Praise Team: Contact Matt Daley for more info: [worship@vallejodrive.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: July 18, 2025

Total Local Church Giving	\$556,345.22
Total Local Church Spending	\$621,378.52
Budget Giving (incl. in local)	\$207,299.90
Budget Spending (incl. in local)	\$272,313.47
Tithes Received 2025	\$580,056.58
Tithes Received 2024	\$566,626.78

SABBATH SCHOOL

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)
10-10:45 am: Spanish SS/Escuela Sabática (1st Floor Room 104A)
10-10:45 am: Gospel Conversations (Outside Hallway)
10-10:45 am: Young Adult Sabbath School (Cafe)

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CLASSES Education Complex
KIDS CONNECTION at 9:45 am in Room 106

Beginners	Birth - 36 months	1st floor, Room 116A
Tiny Tots	3 & 4 years old	2nd floor, Room 206A
Kindergarten	5-7 years old	2nd floor, Room 204B
Primary	3rd & 4th grades	2nd floor, Room 202A
Juniors	5th & 6th grades	2nd floor, Room 208A
T4C (Earliteens)	7th & 8th grades	1st floor, Room 104A
VDrive- Youth	9th - 12th grades	2nd floor, Room 202A

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July 19, 2025

“Discipleship 101: Time”

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