

PRAYING THE WORD PSALM 131

The LORD be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O LORD, my heart is not lifted up,
my eyes are not raised too high;

I do not occupy myself with things
too great and too marvelous for me.

**But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.**

O Israel, hope in the LORD
from this time on and forevermore.

**Christ, we rest in you,
your comfort and your provision,
safe in your arms.
Amen.**



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Podcasts of this morning's sermon are available online through our website or iTunes. Audio or video recordings of our worship services are not permitted without prior written consent from the church office.

Proud recipient of the 2010 "Innovative Church of the Year" award, sponsored by Vervent (the NAD Church Resource Center), and the Kettering Hospital "Innovation of the Year" award.

PASTOR'S JOURNAL

This past Thursday was a first for the Hollywood Adventist Church. We successfully hosted a Candidate Forum for the City Council District 4 race. Disappointingly, the incumbent, Tom LaBonge, had another commitment and couldn't attend our forum, but I moderated a conversation between his two challengers: our neighbor and city activist, Stephen Box and local education and environmental activist, Tomas O'Grady. Approximately fifty-five people attended, the vast majority of which were members of our neighborhood who have no direct connection to our congregation.

Because we were the hosts and I was the moderator, we were able to ask questions that are of primary importance to us—questions about homelessness, affordable housing, education, youth and the Responsible Banking Ordinance. At the conclusion of the forum, many people thanked our church for hosting this event and said it was very informative and

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EIGHTH SABBATH OF EPIPHANY

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OUR WORSHIP

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HOLY COMMUNION
SONG OF RESPONSE
BENEDICTION

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Psalm 131
Meet with Me
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Seek Ye First
Isaiah 49:8–16
David Shook
Bill Salvador
Jesus I Will
Michael Kindom & Sarine Jabrayan
Matthew 6:24–34
No Worries *Ryan Bell*
All are welcome at the Lord's Table.
Mystery

MINISTRY FOCUS

FRIENDSHIP MENTORING

A year ago, we began to have some conversations about how to make kids an integral part of life in our congregation, both on Sabbath morning and throughout the week. Today, many conversations and much planning later, we have three thriving classrooms and are ready to undergo actually starting up our friendship mentoring program. Children's Ministries is organized with the following premise: Children's ministry in the city is more than giving children bible studies or having activities for them. Children's ministry in the city is looking at family, church life, and community and helping bridge those relationships to allow God to bring full healing to every child and to the adults that impact their lives. The goal is for adults and young adults committed to children to have a "one-on-one" relationship with a child so that they may know God's love in tangible and helpful ways.

What does it mean to be a friendship mentor? It means being an adult who prayerfully commits to spending time with one particular child or youth in our congregation, understanding that this is one of those tangible ways in which God's love can be manifested. As a friendship mentor, you would be committed to:

- Attending four annual group events
- Interact with child on Sabbath, which can include attending Sabbath School with them occasionally
- Schedule one individual outing a year

Are you interested? If so, please contact Kirsten Salvador: phone ([323-383-8928](tel:323-383-8928)), email (ksalvador67@yahoo.com). Plans are underway for a group event in April!

NEXT WEEK: Watch for an update on what's happening in our Beginners Classroom and how you can be a part of it!

SERMON NOTES

READING THE GOSPELS

MATTHEW 6:24–34

“No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

READING THE PROPHETS

ISAIAH 49:8–16

Thus says the LORD: “In a time of favor I have answered you, on a day of salvation I have helped you; I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages; saying to the prisoners, ‘Come out,’ to those who are in darkness, ‘Show yourselves.’ They shall feed along the ways, on all the bare heights shall be their pasture; they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them down, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. And I will turn all my mountains into a road, and my highways shall be raised up. Lo, these shall come from far away, and lo, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene.”

Sing for joy, O heavens,

and exult, O earth;

Break forth, O mountains,

into singing!

For the LORD has comforted His people,

and will have compassion on His suffering ones.

But Zion said, “The LORD has forsaken me, my LORD has forgotten me.”

Thus says the LORD: “Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; your walls are continually before Me.”

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THIS SABBATH

- **GARDENING, 8:45 A.M.**
- **ADULT QUARTERLY, 9:30 A.M.**
Study and discussion in the Prayer Chapel.
- **CHILDREN'S CLASSES, 10:00 A.M.**
Beginners (babies thru 5). Juniors (6-12). Teen Cafe (13+).
- **SABBATH WORSHIP, 11:00 A.M.**

EVERY WEEK

AL-ANON, Community Chapel,
Tuesdays and Fridays, 7:30–8:30 a.m.

BIBLE STUDY, On hiatus.

ARTISTS' WORKSHOPS

- Visual Arts. See Elysabeth Bell for info.

COMMUNITY GARDEN, Fellowship Hall.

- Mon–Thurs, 12:00–5:00 p.m.
- Sabbaths, 8:45–9:45 a.m.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Eugene Abano	7	Stefan Johnson	18
Salvatore Gulotta	9	Lydia Alunday	20
Samandrey Sofindra	11	Rhieanne Saunders	22
Jesus Barrueta Jr.	13	Jennifer Barrueta	24
Brian Lauritzen	13	Melinda Rice	24

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUST FOOD RIBBON CUTTING,
Sunday, Feb 27, 3 p.m.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING,
Sabbath, March 19, 1 p.m.

SUNSET

TONIGHT 5:46 p.m., **FRIDAY** 5:51 p.m.

CATEGORY COLOR KEY: CHURCH CITY COMMUNITY ARTS TIME

JUST FOOD RIBBON CUTTING & BENEFIT CELEBRATION

We are inviting our local community to support and celebrate the Just Food program. The Ribbon-Cutting and Benefit Event will be held in our community garden—rain or shine—with Councilman Tom LaBonge scheduled to speak at the ribbon-cutting ceremony. We need volunteers! If you would be willing to help prepare food, decorate, or serve guests on the day of the event email Corrine Galván (corrinemgalvan@gmail.com).

DATE: Sunday, February 27 at 3 p.m.

PLACE: The Community Garden behind the church.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DISTRICT 4 CANDIDATES

If you would like to know more about the three candidates for District 4 Councilmember, you can visit their campaign websites listed below. The Hollywood Adventist Church does not endorse any of these candidates; this information is provided for your education and to foster responsible community dialogue.

Tom LaBonge (Incumbent)

<http://www.tomlabonge.com>

Stephen Box

<http://stephenbox.com>

Tomas O'Grady

<http://tomasogradyforcd4.com/wordpress/>

Los Angeles City Registrar

<http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election>

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Carina Rode and Sal Gulotta are recovering, but still need our love and prayers. Lord, hear our prayer.

MARCH POTLUCK

Our monthly potluck at the Salvadors' house will be March 12 after morning worship. The food theme will be Thai. Please bring something to feed several people if you can, but don't let lack of time or money keep you away. All are welcomed! This is a great way to get to know people here at church. RSVP to Kirsten Salvador: phone (323-383-8928) or email (ksalvador67@yahoo.com).

MALIBU COAST CYCLING

Team Wheels of Joy invites you to join them for a ride up the coast on Sunday, March 13. Meet at 8 a.m. near Pepperdine University on PCH and ride north and back for a total of 30-40 miles. Contact team captain and ride lead Laurie Miller for details: phone (310-339-1170).

THANKS TO MICHAEL KINDOM

Thanks to Michael Kindom and Sarine Jabrayan for sharing their musical talents in worship with us today. Michael is an Adventist musician preparing for a concert tour to help build a school in the Philippines. He recently produced his first album called Look and Live, an album that will help kids have a brighter future. If you would like a copy of his music, or want to know more about his ministry, his album will be available at the Literature Shelf in the lobby after worship. www.michaelkindom.com

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helpful. Some even said it was the best forum they've attended.

As a church—a religious non-profit—we must be extremely careful not to take sides in elections. But it is a central part of our missional vocation to be a people who foster an open and respectful conversation about the common good of our community. We were successful in doing that on Thursday. I was so proud of our leaders who created a warm and comfortable environment for our guests and documented the evening on audio and video.

It is important for each of us to vote in this election. If you live in an even-numbered City Council District, your Councilmember is up for re-election. In addition, there are a number of important ballot initiatives on the line. Please go to your polling place on Tuesday, March 8, and do your part in creating a better Los Angeles for everyone.

If you want to do some research you can Google the three candidates: Tom LaBonge, Stephen Box and Tomas O'Grady. If you want to learn more about the ballot initiatives or locate your polling place, go to <http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election> for more information.

—RYAN