

# Valencia Christian Center

**JOIN US AS WE  
CELEBRATE OUR**

*15th Year  
Anniversary*

**HOMECOMING CELEBRATION**

**VCC**  
VALENCIA CHRISTIAN CENTER



**SPEAKER**  
*Pastor Marlon Saunders*  
**FOUNDING PASTOR**



*Pastor Swanzi Saunders*  
**SENIOR PASTOR**

**SUNDAY  
MARCH 12, 2023  
5:00PM**

**EMBASSY SUITES VALENCIA**  
28508 WESTINGHOUSE PLACE  
VALENCIA, CA. 91355

## March Bulletin

### **Our Mission Statement**

*"Providing Encouragement and Hope Through the Comfort  
and Love of God's Word" - Based on Romans 15:4*

## Pastor's Welcome!



Greetings, VCC Family & Friends! It's March – the month of a change of seasons, a change in time, and a change in the number of years VCC has been in existence! We transition from winter to spring, we “spring forward” by setting our clocks ahead by an hour this month, and we celebrate 15 years of ministry as a church! This time of year brings longer days, new life that can be observed in nature, and even seasonal foods to reflect the season. From a spiritual stance, however, it reminds us of II Corinthians 5:17, that also speaks of new life: “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” I encourage you to embrace new life this month! And as we celebrate our congregation's years of ministry, let's implement some new ways that lead to growth both in our church and our individual walk of faith. Let's discover new ways to bless others as we continue to “march” forward. And finally, remember to embrace the abundant life that Jesus speaks of in John 10:10: “I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”

### Pastor Swanzi

## Welcome Back Mr. & Mrs. Carl Davis Jr.



The first date took place at Ruth's Chris in Marina del Rey, CA. Our connection was easy, comfortable, and natural. It literally felt like we had known each other for years. We talked about our similarities – and our differences. As we shared our stories, there were serious moments and very laughable moments as well – we laughed WITH each other and AT each other! It was an incredible evening!

**Carl:** “Our first date truly laid the groundwork for a potentially serious relationship!”

**Swanzi:** “Something in me just knew that the first date was the beginning of something meaningful – and definitely beyond what I had anticipated.”

Thank you to our VCC family! Your expressions of love, prayers and support are appreciated more than you know.

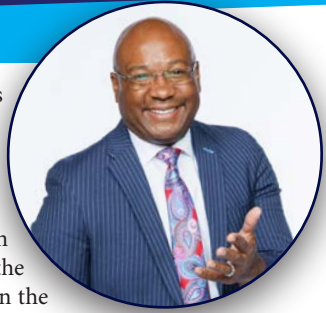
Continued blessings to you and yours,

**Mr. and Mrs. Carl Davis Jr.**

## Founding Pastor Marlon Saunders

Pastor Marlon Saunders was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. He is a multi-generational Christian Church Senior Pastor.

Pastor Marlon began preaching and was officially licensed as a minister of the gospel at 19 years old under the United Council of Christian Churches, a Christian Church organization founded by his grandfather. At the age of 21, Pastor Marlon was ordained as an Elder within the Christian Church.



On March 2, 2008, Pastor Marlon launched Valencia Christian Center in Valencia, CA. The church opened on that Sunday, without any prior services or bible studies, with approximately 30 people.

Over the next few years, God grew Valencia Christian Center from approximately 30 people to approximately 600 people. Pastor Marlon served as the Senior Pastor of Valencia Christian Center for 10 years.

In December 2018, God transitioned Pastor Marlon back to Denver, Colorado to the church where he met his wife Tamara in 2000, Heritage Christian Center (Founded by Bishop Dennis Leonard in 1985). At the passing of Bishop Dennis Leonard, Pastor Marlon honored Bishop Leonard's and the Church Board's final request and stepped into the role of Senior Pastor at Heritage Christian Center. Simultaneously, Pastor Marlon's mother, Dr. Swanzi Saunders, stepped into the role of Senior Pastor at Valencia Christian Center.

Pastor Marlon is a devout Christian, husband, father, and pastor who truly has a genuine heart, love, and passion for helping people. His number one desire is to help as many people as possible discover their God-given gifts, talents, abilities, and potential. His goal is to help people maximize all that has been placed on the inside of them.

As a Husband, he is committed to helping men lead their families spiritually, emotionally, and physically as they are led by God.

As a Father, he is committed to helping men cultivate healthy, strong, and lasting relationships with their children.

As a Senior Pastor, he is committed to helping people walk in complete freedom, productivity, wellness, and wholeness in every area of their life.

Pastor Marlon currently resides in Aurora, Co with his lovely wife of 22 years, Tamara Saunders, and their 3 children, Mason, Sydney, and Maxwell.



Pastor Marlon blends the Psychology that he studied at Howard University, the Theology that he studied at Life Bible College, the REAL-LIFE that he studied just by being a human being, the HUMOR that he inherited naturally from his "never a dull moment" family, with the REVELATION that he gets from God to present a relevant/right on time, direct word from God every time he is afforded the opportunity. Pastor Marlon continues to find comfort on a daily basis through one of his favorite scriptures, Philippians 1:6, "being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ"

# WHAT'S COMING UP AT VCC

**March 2** - VCC 15 Year Church Anniversary

**March 5** - In-Person Worship at Embassy Suites / Communion Sunday / Children's Sunday School

**Mar 12** - In-Person Worship at the Embassy Suites / 15th Anniversary Homecoming Service / Special Guest Speaker, VCC Founding Pastor, Pastor Marlon Saunders/Daylight Savings Time Begins / Children's Sunday School

**Mar 19** - Live Stream / Facebook Live / Valenciachristiancenter.org

**Mar 26** - Live Stream / Facebook Live / Valenciachristiancenter.org / Geraldine Sheriff Scholarship Fast Week

**Monday Night Prayer @ 7pm**  
**Join us on Facebook Live!**



Elder Jay Stepter

## Wednesday Night Bible Study @ 7pm

### March Bible Study Topics

March 1, 2023

What the Bible Says About Death

March 8

What the Bible Says About the Devil

March 15

What the Bible Says About the Demon

March 22

What the Bible Says about Hell

March 29

What the Bible Says about Heaven

**Join us on Facebook Live**

Prayer Requests Are You In Need Of Prayer?  
Email: [jstepter@valenciachristiancenter.org](mailto:jstepter@valenciachristiancenter.org)



# VCC NEEDS YOUR HELP

There is something in OUR Ministry that only YOU can do! Below are a number of options, you can wait until March 12th to sign up, or you can contact Minister Sheila NOW, and she can get you connected! Connect by emailing [minsheila@valenciachristiancenter.org](mailto:minsheila@valenciachristiancenter.org) or text 661-403-0113.



**Minister Sheila Preston, Director - The Outreach Ministry** demonstrates the love of Christ by providing assistance and resources for those in need, within the VCC network and throughout our local community. We have partnered with Inner Circle Children's Advocacy. Our love gifts of food, hygiene items, backpacks and supplies help us to show the love of Christ to over 300 children who in most cases have never been exposed to a church.



**Terry Collier, Director - The Media and Marketing Ministry's** mission is to reach our congregation, our community and ultimately worldwide as an organization that seeks to deliver guidance to the Good Word of Jesus Christ. We are seeking those with some experience in video production, graphic design, lighting, social media, publicity, marketing, IT, writing and more.



**Kim Boyd, Director - Our Events Ministry** supports the mission of VCC by offering comfort, hope, and love through God ordained fellowship. We create and host events and support all VCC ministries when needed. Please join us and allow God to use your good works at VCC.



**Rakeia Pratt, Director - Geraldine Sheriff Scholarship Ministry** The Geraldine Sheriff Scholarship ministry is available to help students realize their dreams through higher education. Our mission is to give hope and encourage our youth to live a purpose driven life.

# Geraldine Sheriff Scholarship



Coming in September we will be awarding our next, Geraldine Sheriff Scholarship. We will be awarding a scholarship to a student who seeks higher learning for career purposes. Awards will be up to \$1000 depending on type of program and completion date. If you have additional questions please email

[scholarship@valenciachristiancenter.org](mailto:scholarship@valenciachristiancenter.org)

## Scholarship Criteria

- Graduating High School Senior and/or Continuing College Student in yrs. 1-4
- 2.5 GPA or Greater/ Attending a 2-4 year College or University in the Fall 2023
- A Copy of Transcripts Must Be Submitted with Application By August 15, 2023
- An essay is also required to be submitted with the application.

In September we will have a Geraldine Scholarship Award Gala. After the award ceremony we will have a wonderful silent auction to prepare us to support even more awards in September 2024. If you have a business that you would like to advertise and highlight by donating to our auction, please contact [minsheila@valenciachristiancenter.org](mailto:minsheila@valenciachristiancenter.org)

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For more information just email: [minsheila@valenciachristiancenter.org](mailto:minsheila@valenciachristiancenter.org) or text 661-403-0113.



Quantities limited! Pastor Marlon Saunders, newly released single, I Got You Like That along with T-shirts will be available for sale at our 15th Anniversary service. March 12, 5pm, Embassy Suites.

## Save the Date

### Save The Dates! Coming Up Next Month!

- April 2** - In-Person Worship at Embassy Suites / Palm Sunday / Communion Sunday Children's Sunday School
- April 9** – **Easter** In-Person Worship at Embassy Suites / Resurrection Sunday / Communion Sunday / Children's Sunday School
- April 10** – Pastor Swanzi's Birthday
- April 16** – Live Stream / Facebook Live / Valenciachristiancenter.org
- April 23** – Live Stream / Facebook Live / Valenciachristiancenter.org
- April 30** – Live Stream / Facebook Live / Valenciachristiancenter.org

### Children's Ministry

Blessons for Living: Planting Seeds of Greatness - SUNDAY SCHOOL

First Sunday In-Person at the Embassy Suites. Additional Sundays 9AM-10AM Via Zoom. For the Zoom link please contact

Mother Denise Thomas

[childrensministry@valenciachristcenter.org](mailto:childrensministry@valenciachristcenter.org).



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## A New Way to Communicate With VCC / Text US!

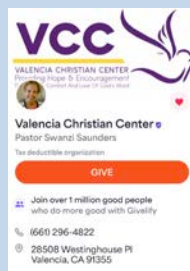
Stay connected with us by texting VCC to 661-403-0113. It is a way that we can get you information on how to join the church, receive prayer or join a ministry. Text VCC to 661-403-0113.



**Ways to Give**

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## VCC Website Sunday Service Live Stream

You can watch Sunday service directly from our official website. A new video feed will show up no earlier than 10 minutes before a live event.

Live Stream Link: <http://valenciachristiancenter.org/live/>

## Join Us IN-Person

In-person worship services are every First Sunday at the Embassy Suites, 28508 Westinghouse Drive, in Valencia, conveniently located off of the I 5 Newhall exit. We also have Children's Church for every age, using our new Blessons curriculum. If you have any questions regarding the curriculum or just the overall children's ministry, contact Mother Denise Thomas at [childrensministry@valenciachristiancenter.org](mailto:childrensministry@valenciachristiancenter.org)

## Connect With Us!



VCC Website

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Facebook @valenciachristiancenter Subscribe to the VCC  
YouTube channel at Valencia Christian Center and re-play  
our many video selections.