



January 14, 2026

MESSENGER

Quote of the Week

"The power of light is relentless."

Pastor Connie is this week's message

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“REBUILD YOUR LIFE” SERMON SERIES

Altadena didn't need a rebuild. It was fine before the Eaton Fire. But it happened; and now we need to see rebuilding is an OPPORTUNITY!

Maybe *your life* has suffered a disaster. You can focus on the wreckage, the ashes of what used to be. Or you can see the OPPORTUNITY God is laying before you.

That will be the theme of ABC's new sermon series “**REBUILD YOUR LIFE.**” The Bible is full of great advice about building and rebuilding. Much of it is about the Old Testament Temple, which was the center of Israel's worship. But the New Testament uses a lot of this as an analogy for Christ's building his Church and for the work of the Holy Spirit in building each believer's life.

Major life changes always require a rebuild, or at least a remodel. Think of the massive transitions you are likely to face in life: birth itself, self-awareness, emancipation from your family, education, career, job, job loss, marriage, parenting, divorce, relocation, loss of loved ones, serious illness, loss of personal independence as you age. Each of these may require you to do some serious rebuilding. You have to step back and rethink things. The old structure of your life is no longer adequate for the new realities.

Beginning this Sunday, Pastor Connie and I will lead you through a Biblical journey about how to REBUILD YOUR LIFE, using as a parallel the steps we'll be taking to rebuild our Church properties. We hope to encourage you to believe that God is guiding us a Church, as well as YOU as an individual, from the project's start to its finish.

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This will take patience --- both the *Church rebuilding and the You rebuilding*. We can't just go out and start hammering nails; first, we have to think things through. So, our early sermons will be themes of preparation: the Concept, the Resources needed, the right Location, removal of Debris from the past, architectural Design, the right Foundation, etc. At each stage of the process, we'll try to shed Biblical light on both rebuilding projects --- our Church buildings and Your Life. We hope the parallels will be encouraging to you in your personal journey, as well as to the ABC family in our rebuilding project.

As we share our thoughts through sermons, we'd like you to give us as much feedback as possible. You may think of issues that haven't occurred to us. We'd especially like to hear about your actual in-life experiences of loss and rebuilding, as well as any Biblical words of comfort and guidance that have helped you move your rebuilding project forward.

Pastor George Van Alstine