

# The Parable of the Sycamore Tree

- a very long life expectancy
- fast growing shade trees

- tolerating extreme weather conditions, pollution, salt and even wet soils

- unique peeling bark

- unique zigzag pattern branches

- tough and sturdy  
keeps caring for others

- low maintenance

- adaptable



- Up to 70 feet tall, 50 feet wide, the growth rate 3 to 6 feet per year, fastest growing shade trees.

## Spiritual Application:

**Write how your spiritual life can be like this amazing tree.**

Eric Cimuchowski grew up in Tacoma, Washington.

He attended the Southside Church of Christ and loved going to Delano Bay Christian Camp. He pursued some Bible and missions training at Adventures In Missions (AIM) in Lubbock, TX, and then worked with the Albany Church of Christ in Albany, NY as a missionary intern.

Kim Cimuchowski grew up as a missionary kid in South Africa, South Korea, and then later in Albany, New York. She attended the Albany Church of Christ and loved attending Christian camp at Camp Hunt in upstate NY.

Eric and Kim met when Eric was an intern with the church in Albany in 1995. They began dating while in Albany, and then after his internship, Eric went back to school in Lubbock, TX to attend the Sunset International Bible Institute, where he got his degrees in Missions and Biblical studies. Meanwhile, Kim attended the AIM program, receiving her Bible and missionary training. She did her internship program in San Diego, CA. After they both graduated, they were married in 1998 in Albany, NY.

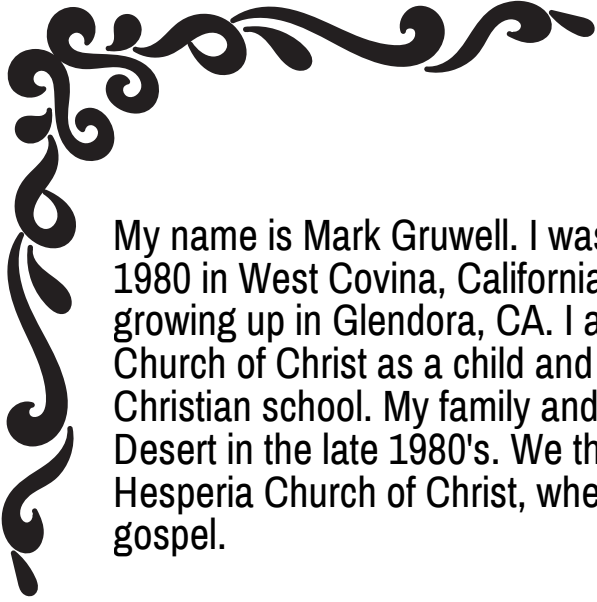
They did missionary work with Kim's parents in Tartu, Estonia (Northern Europe) between 2000 and 2004. It was during this time that Hannah, their daughter, was born. Later, Eric worked as a youth minister in San Diego, CA, for about 2.5 years, and during this time, Joshua was born.

In 2007, the family moved to Endwell, New York, where Eric worked as the pulpit minister for nine years.

And most recently, in 2016, the Cimuchowski family moved to Victorville, CA. Eric has been working as the Involvement Minister for the Victor Valley Church of Christ for 9.5 years.

## ***Eric & Kim Cimuchowski***





My name is Mark Gruwell. I was born February 12, 1980 in West Covina, California. I spent my early years growing up in Glendora, CA. I attended Baldwin Park Church of Christ as a child and went to Sonrise Christian school. My family and I moved to the High Desert in the late 1980's. We then attended the Hesperia Church of Christ, where I first obeyed the gospel.

My wife is Renee Gruwell. She grew up in Southern California, and was baptized at the Hesperia Church of Christ in 2003. We first met in Junior High, she immediately caught my eye. We briefly dated in high school before she moved to San Diego to be with family and attend college. We reunited some years later (long story, ask me about it). We dated for a few years (I know, I know), and we married on February 3, 2007.

I had some growing up to do.

Renee and I have two children, Reagan and Scarlet.

We have been members of the Victor Valley Church of Christ for over 10 years. I have served as a deacon teaching the teens along with my wife. I have served in this role for roughly 10 years.

Thank you for your consideration.



*Mark & Renee Gruwell*







## **Songleader**

Steve B./Jeremiah D.

Welcome & Announcements  
Opening Prayer

Song # 166 -  
He's My King (SB)

Song # 359 -  
I Love the Lord  
(SB)

Lord's Supper  
Contribution

Kids 4 Kids (SB)  
Bible Hour

Prayer Requests

Song # 800 -  
What a Friend We Have in Jesus  
(JD)

Scripture Reading -  
John 15:1-4

**Sermon by:**  
**Eric Cimuchowski**

**"Jesus, Zacchaeus  
and Us"**

Song of Invitation:  
Song # 957 -  
This World Is Not My Home (JD)

Song # 988 - I'll Be List'ning (JD)

Closing Prayer

## *This Week's* **Schedule of Events**

**\*\* (In person & Zoom)**

**Building Lock Up: Jon Lee**

**\*\*9:00 a.m. - Bible Class**

***Study of Galatians!***

**\*\*10:00 a.m.**

**Sunday Worship**

**\*\*10:00 a.m. - En Linea Servicio de  
Adoracion (via Facebook Live)**

**3:30 p.m. AVAC Worship  
with Johnny Latham.**

**Mon., Oct. 20th**

**7 p.m. - Spanish Night of Prayer (Zoom)**

**7 p.m. - En Linea Noche de Oración**

**Tues., Oct. 21st**

**10 a.m. Tuesday Ladies'  
Bible Study**

**"Power of Prayer" by Gene Taylor  
presented by Antonia Bell**

**6:30-7:30 p.m.**

**Presented by Jeremiah  
& Jessica Baker, a young  
adults class to encourage  
and simulate you!  
Childcare provided.**



**Wed., Oct. 22nd**

**7 p.m. Bible Study on Zoom.**

**Sat., Oct. 25th**

**Fall Festival**

**4-7 P.M.**



**Come in your costumes and  
enjoy an evening of safe  
family fun, fellowship, treats,  
and games.**

**Bring your friends, family, and neighbors.**

**No "gory" or "gross"  
costumes are allowed.**



Please  
take some time to  
review the bio's located  
in this weeks bulletin.  
We have a couple of  
men who would like  
to answer the call, and  
be considered for  
additional church  
involvement.

We ask that  
everyone review  
**Elder Qualifications**  
that are found in  
1 Timothy 3:1-12  
and  
Titus 1:5-9.

### A LOVING NOTE FROM THE ELDERS:

A biography to inform  
the congregation of the  
qualifications have been  
placed in the bulletin.

If you should have any  
concerns regarding the  
scriptural qualifications  
of any of the men, first  
talk directly to the  
person and then submit  
your concerns in writing  
to the elders.

Please continue to  
pray as we make  
the selection of  
additional elders.



Please pray for our church leaders;  
our congregation; the homeless, and  
the veterans. Also for our country's  
leaders, our troops; and the future of  
our country.

#### **Shut-Ins**

Barbara Tidwell; Mattie McCarthy;  
and Sandy Wooten.

#### **Continual Prayers**

The Ahumada family; Anthony  
Avalos; Antonia Bell; Charlie &  
LaVonne Powell; David Bohm;  
Dondi Bell; Gennie Lorenz; Hosia  
Ford; Ida Crawford; Kathy Najera;  
Marie Guess; Melanie Gammage;  
Vicki Brown; and Yolanda Perez.

#### **Some things to pray for that we don't usually pray for:**

Mental Health and compassion to  
support those who struggle with  
such issues. Peace between  
coworkers and classmates.

Our personal and congregational  
plans. The justice system and  
those involved with it. A deep  
personal passion for the study  
and application of God's word.

Financial Wisdom. Laughter, joy,  
and happiness can be shared with  
others. Courage and love to do  
and say what is right toward all  
the people in our lives.

Help us build healthy relationships  
at church and in our community.

*This week* **OCTOBER**  
*Birthdays*  
19th - Amsale Darden  
19th - Renee Morris  
20th - Savanah Paxia

# Victor Valley Church of Christ

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Eric Cimuchowski - Involvement Minister

Darryl Darden - Pulpit Minister

Carlos Orrala - Spanish Minister

## Deacons

**Benjamin Lopez** - Spanish Ministry

**Craig Beck** - Security

**TBA** - Benevolence

**TBA** - Greeters & Ushers

**Chris Schow** - Interior Bldg. Maint.

**TBA** - Men's Ministry, Disaster Relief

**Mark Gruwell** - Teens

## Ministries & Coordinators

### Audio Visual/Zoom

Jake Tess & Tim Gramling

### AVPAC/Lucerne Valley

Johnny Latham

### Building Décor

Tonja Patton

### Calling Ministry

Eva Wityczak

### Call Out Ministry

M. Basnight; E. Cimuchowski;  
T. Rose; & S. Suba

### Song Leading, Singing

Jeremiah Darden

### Children's Bible Hour

Claudia Beck &  
Ga' Brielle Darden

### Grief Support

Strech Suba

### Historian

Kasie Schow

### Kitchen

Pauletta Hobson

### Ladies' Ministry

Kim Cimuchowski

### Military

Pauletta Hobson &  
Leisa Brewster

### Bulletin Mailouts

Darlene Yingling

### Worship Coordinator

Jeff Najera

### Savior's Kids

Jake & Danelle Tess

### Teacher's Workroom

Nina Sutton

### Youth Group

Mark & Renee Gruwell

## Staff

Bernadett Gramling - Office Manager

Erica Lee - Bookkeeper

Andrea Gómez - Janitorial

Billy Caldwell - Auditorium Seating

## Last Week's Statistics

### Financial

Contribution 10/12/25	\$	N/A	Teen Fund	\$	N/A
Contribution 10/05/25	\$	N/A	Mission Fund	\$	N/A
Special Contributions	\$	N/A	Scholarship Fund	\$	N/A
Y.T.D. Contribution	\$	N/A	Kids 4 Kids	\$	N/A

### Attendance

A.M. Worship

In Person

N/A

Via Zoom

N/A