

December 16, 2017

9:15am

Adult Sabbath School

Pianist Judy Van Tassel
Song Leader Darlene & Mona
Theme Song "Give Me The Bible" (3rd Verse) No. 272

Welcome Ed Bacon
Scripture & Prayer Ed Bacon
Mission Story Doris Bacon
Investment Report Mary Boyd

Lesson Study Sanctuary Ed Brothers
Classroom A Mark Wiley
Conference Room 9:00 Roberta Whetstine
Prophecy Seminar Fellowship Hall 9:30 Pastor Bledsoe

**10:45am
Church at Worship**

Organist Gaylene Wolkwitz
Pianist Judy Van Tassel

Introit "The Lord is in His Holy Temple" No. 692

Invocation Pastor Bledsoe

Opening Hymn "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" No. 122
Scripture Matthew 2:1-2

Prayer Invitation No. 671
Prayer Mark Wiley

Tithes & Offerings Local Church Budget Mark Wiley
Loose Offerings go to Offering of the Day

Lambs Offering
Children's Story Denise Peloquin

Special Music Ed Bacon

Sermon "Following a Star" Pastor Bledsoe

Closing Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" No. 135

Postlude

Please remain seated until ushered out

Please turn all electronic devices to silent.

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Church Life

To Our Visitors — Thank you for sharing this day with us! Following the worship service, you are invited to join us for our fellowship lunch in the social center (across the parking lot). Come and meet some new friends.

First reading for transfer from AJ to Camelback for Alyssa Brignoni and Ruby Moreno.

Christmas Vespers 5pm this evening hosted by Denise.
Tonight, Dec. 16 Christmas Gift Exchange Party, following Vespers in the social hall. A finger food lunch, Please bring a gift wrapped, NOT Christmas bag, unbreakable, cost, \$3.00. Come and enjoy a Christmas Party with your Church Family.

Bags of Love: Monday, December 18, 9am–3pm Come and enjoy working for the temporarily displaced children in Arizona. Bring a sack lunch. The next time we meet will be Monday, Jan. 8, 2018

On **December 23 there will be a brief meeting** in the sanctuary, immediately following church, for those who have signed up as **volunteers for the Health Information Center** here at our church on Dec. 29 and 30. This will be the one and only meeting that we will have before the event. The Health Information Center is part of Your Best Pathway to Health outreach. Thank you everyone who will be helping out in this outreach. Questions? See Denise, Kelly or Sharon.

The Promise, Dec. 25 presented by Breath of Life at 6am. on NBC affiliates. See flyer on bulletin board.

Christmas Dinner in the Social Hall, Monday, December 25 at 1:30 P.M. with your Church Family. There will be a menu on the bulletin board. Please **sign-up** so Katie will know how many to plan for.

Singspiration will begin Friday evening January 5, 7pm and continue weekly through February 16.

Help urgently needed TODAY at 2pm!

Calling all church members (great activity for Students, Adventurers, Pathfinders) to help pass out 400,000 fliers inviting our community to get free healthcare at the Pathway To Health Event. We will meet at the Phoenix Central Spanish Church: 821 W. Flower St., Phoenix. to go distribute the fliers to our neighbors in downtown Phoenix.

Community Services: We have started collecting **blankets and sleeping bags for the homeless.** Drop outside the Juniors ss room.

Local Investment - Rwanda Churches: \$7,872.34 is our total to date. If you haven't voted yet for next year's project be sure to do it today.

The Adventurers and Pathfinders are sponsoring a **toy drive** for the children that come to **Pathway to Health** in Phoenix Dec. 25-27. Needed are new wrapped toys. Mark on the wrapped toy whether for a boy or girl and the general age.range. Leave in the drop box outside the Junior Sabbath School Room.

Pathway To Health: A healthcare outreach will be held in Phoenix Dec. 25-27; 3,000 volunteers needed. Volunteer for hospitality, registration, food service, licensed barbers and beauticians, medical and non-medical areas. **Musicians needed also. Register at www.pathwaytohealthvolunteer.org.**

Pathway to Health is in **need of 200 volunteers** for venue services to be responsible for: setting up signage, distribute chairs and tables, set up queue lines and water distribution. In addition, We need over 300 (over the age of 16) people at 6 am Sunday morning on December 24. We need people to lay out and assemble the individual booths, pipe and drape, unload and distribute all of the supplies, equipment, and exam tables. After the event on Wednesday, December 27, people will be needed to break down everything and load it back on the truck. For more info contact George Gilbert at (480) 217-6968.

As a follow up to the Pathway to Health event held in December, we will hold a **cooking school** twice a week for 4 weeks in January. To help with our cooking school, forms are on the small bulletin board in the lobby. Fill out the form and put it in the offering plate.

We have a new AJ Church mailing address:

P.O. Box 3250
 Apache Junction, AZ 85117

To submit stories, poems, short articles, recipes, etc. to the **Communicator Newsletter**, email to ajcomm7@gmail.com or call Vicki at 480-518-5433.

To present **prayer requests and praises** to the Prayer Ministry Team, or join the team, contact Ro Pedersen at roro3@aol.com or call her at 480-982-8149.

Church Bulletin Information — Deadline is 9:00pm Wednesday. E-mail to ajchurchbulletin@gmail.com or call Judy at 480-459-1633.

Church Event Calendar:

<https://teamup.com/ksd429a469706b6c27>

See the Bulletin Board:

December **Church Life** and **The Stewpot**
Meals of Love Request Cards and Participant Cards
CAAFA flyers regarding Emergency Assistance
Apache Junction Food Bank information

Joyfully We Return To God

2017 Church Budget Report:

Our AJ Church and school are totally dependent on your kind, liberal, and consistent financial support. Thank you for honoring God in giving to our church budget which pays for maintenance of our facilities, utilities, supplies, etc.

Change in loose offering designation: All loose offering will go to the designated offering of the day per the Conference schedule. To donate to local church budget, use a tithe envelope to designate your offering.

Apache Junction SDA Church 2017 Local Church Budget \$72,000.00		
Monthly Budget	December Received	Still Needed December
\$6,000.00	\$2,656.29	\$ 3,343.71

Adobe Adventist Christian School School Year Budget \$72,000.00		
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\$6,000.00	\$1,895.24	\$4,104.76

Would you like to make an eternal difference in the life of a child? — Consider making a donation to the Adobe Adventist Christian School Worthy Student Fund. You can mark your tithe envelope accordingly, or call Steve Shelton for details at 480-986-2310.

Want to help a child receive a Christian education but don't have \$1,000 to send to the tax credit program? Look at your paystub, if you have AZ withholding, you could divert those dollars to a child's education. Ask Steve or Denise how to do so.

Online Giving —<http://apachejunction.adventistfaith.org> and click on the ONLINE GIVING link.

Sermons are available on DVD, contact the people at the sound booth.

Sabbath Rest — Continues until 5:22pm tonight. Next Sabbath's welcome is Friday at 5:25pm.