

Church Life

September 16, 2023

Good Morning and Blessed Sabbath to All. We are glad you came to Apache Junction SDA Church to worship with us today. As your pastor, please don't hesitate to let me know, call or send me a message should there be anything we can do for you, such as pray for you and your loved ones, visit you, or help in some way. I pray you feel the warm fellowship and Jesus' love today! – Pastor Luran.

Fellowship Lunch. Following the worship service, please join us for fellowship lunch in the social center (across the parking lot). Come and meet some new friends.

IMVO/Bags of Love: Will meet Monday, September 19, 2023, from 9:00 – noon. Come and enjoy fellowship and help the temporarily displaced children of AZ.

Rummage Sale: November 5-8, 2023. 8am – 4pm.

First Reading: Adam Marquez as deacon.

School Board: September 19, 2023 at 5:00pm on Zoom.

Men's Retreat, Sept. 22-24: Arizona Conference Men's Ministries is having their annual Men's Retreat at Camp Yavapines Sept. 23-25. To register go to <https://glendaleazsda.org/mens-retreat> or contact Pastor Gary Venden at 602-524-6019 or gvenden@cox.net.

Family Ministries Couples Retreat: Arizona Conference Family Ministries Department is having a couple's retreat on November 17-19 featuring Pastor Edwin Mendoza. Registration is \$100 and includes Sabbath lunch, Saturday evening romantic dinner and a gift. For registration or make a payment please call Eunice at (480) 991-6777 or send a text to (480) 442-2778 or email elopez@azconference.org.

All Sabbath School Classes with the exception of the kindergarten class are requested to be in the sanctuary at 10:35 to witness the Mission Spotlight video which closes the Sabbath School.

Earliteen Leadership: Please volunteer in the Earliteen classroom, we need your help. Call or text Twila at 619-997-1947 for more information.

Support Groups Available Year Around, Contact: Duane Andersen, MA Counseling Text 480-276-1689 for Information

1. Sunday 4-5:30 pm-on Zoom. "Caring for the Emotionally Damaged Heart" and "Grief Share" (Alternating) Workbooks and DVDs.
2. Sunday 7:45-8:30 pm- ZOOM- "
3. Women of Addicted Husbands" DVDs in preparation.
4. Monday 7-8 pm ZOOM - "Intimacy Anorexia" (Alternating) with "Legacy Series" DVDs.
5. Thursday 7-8 pm-ZOOM-Addiction Recovery DVD Preview of prime focus Pornography but any addiction. "Conqueror Series" (Alternating) with "Warpath" DVDs.
6. Thursday 8:15-8:45 pm. ZOOM-Closed Group for Addicts Men only.
7. Saturday 11-12 noon ZOOM - "Divorce Care" DVDs.

Upcoming Sabbaths:

1. September 30, Ernie and Kim Layon (Medical Missionaries)
2. October 14, Elder Reggie Leach (AZ Conference Treasurer).

3. November 11, Elder Ed Keyes (AZ Conference President).

United Prayer in the Conference Room: Every Sabbath from 8:50-9:10am experience prayer in a different way. Open to all.

Pastor Lauran is now available for sit-down visits and/or Bible studies here in the church each Sabbath Afternoon between 2:00-4:00. Be sure to inform him before 2:00pm.

GYC (Generation Youth for Christ) registration is on-going. Early bird discount is available. Visit their website: gycweb.org.

AZ WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT: October 13-15, 2023 at Camp Yavapines; Information and registration on the Bulletin Board.

Church Bulletin: Deadline is 9 pm Wednesday. E-mail: ajchurchbulletin@gmail.com or call Twila at 619-997-1947.

Prayer Ministry Team: Contact Twila Perucci at ajprayerchain@yahoo.com or call her at 619-997-1947.

Community Services opportunity: The American Red Cross-national blood supply has fallen to critically low levels—dropping nearly 25%-- since early August, and potentially threatening the medical care of patients with an emergency need for blood, or those living with critical conditions such as cancer and sickle cell disease and who depend on lifesaving blood transfusions. Back-to-back months of worsening natural disasters have further strained the blood supply, resulting in blood drive cancelations and reducing much needed blood and platelet donations in affected areas. **Donors of all blood types are urgently needed, and there is an emergency need for platelet donors and type O blood donors. To make an appointment to give blood or platelets, donors can use the Red Cross Blood App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).**

ABC Bookmobile will be at Apache Junction Church on November 9th from 11:30am – 1:00PM. Place your pre-order at 480-991-8501.

Help is needed in the kitchen: Please see Darleen Moore.

See Bulletin Board for more programs and information

Lower Division Sabbath School Classes:

Kindergarten: Ages 0 through kindergarten

Primary: Grades 1 – 4

Juniors: Grades 5 – 8

Earliteen: Grades 9 – 10

High School: Grades 11 – 12+

2023 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.

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 2023

Local Church Budget \$69,200.00

Monthly Budget: \$5,900.00

Given in September: \$3,275.94

Still Needed September: \$2,624.06

Adobe Adventist Christian School 2023

Received July 2022-June 2023: \$110,060.94

Spent To Date: \$56,838.24

Investment through September 9, 2023

\$1,860.00

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.

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 pay-stub, if you have AZ withholding, you could divert those dollars to a child's education.

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

Sermons are also available on YouTube. Follow the link from the Apache Junction SDA Church website.

Sabbath Rest — Continues until 6:33 pm tonight.

Next Sabbath's welcome is Friday at 6:25 pm.

Weekly Meetings with Zoom Links

Sabbath 9:30 am - Zoom Sabbath School Class

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If you cannot attend Sabbath School in person, we have a Zoom Sabbath School class. It will be hosted by Steven Wirsz and Diane Muff. It is a Bible-based Sabbath School class that uses the Seventh-day Adventist lesson quarterly. All are welcome!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82599875170?pwd=VmNGNnBJTk1JUmJtTTg1Qnc4TnRUdz09>

Meeting ID: 825 9987 5170 - Passcode: 868245

To join by phone call: 669-900-6833 or 253-215-8782

Tuesday 7 pm - From-the-Top Bible Study

Our next meeting will be on September 19, 2023 at 7:00PM. Please join our study, we will begin 1 Samuel 16:1.

We are having good discussions with a good number of participants and welcome anyone else who wants to check us out.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82367981105?pwd=Yyt0ZDdvNmdOR1lmU1RkRHNseTUxdz09>

Meeting ID: 823 6798 1105 - Passcode: 222945

To join by phone call: 669-900-6833 or 253-215-8782

Wednesday 7 pm - Prayer Meeting

Please join us for our Prayer Meeting study for September 19, 2023 on Zoom. Our new book for Prayer Meeting study is "Maranatha" by Ellen G White. We will continue on page 15- The Key to History.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85334439023?pwd=SDBLVzhVM0s4YkJtWXM0M3ZnTlc2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 853 3443 9023

Passcode: 681653

To join by phone call: 669-900-6833 or 253-215-8782

Thursday 7 pm - Conqueror Series and Warpath

If you would like to have an introduction to the Conqueror series you are welcome to join the introduction meeting each Thursday night on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89561551857?pwd=RIN2aGNyanhHSUhlcDdxZXhJREQ4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 895 6155 1857 Passcode: 254775

To join by phone call: 669-900-6833 or 253-215-8782

Worship Service

The church worship service is live streamed each Sabbath at 11 am on YouTube at this location:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDCJX487YNyhPQGk5Z0PxxwQ/videos>