

Church Life for July 27, 2024

Welcome to Apache Junction SDA Church! We are glad you are here to worship with us today. Let me know if there is something special I can do for you and your loved ones, like pray, visit, phone call, or help in some way. I pray you feel the warm fellowship of AJ and the love of Jesus here today! – Pastor Lauran.

A Warm Welcome to Our Speaker Today: Our speaker today is Robert Christensen, our new principal at Adobe Adventist Christian School.

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: We will meet Monday, July 29, 2024 from 9:00 – noon. Come and enjoy fellowship and help the temporarily displaced children of Arizona, Mats for the homeless and pillows for the dogs. Come look at the many gift ideas and crafts on our craft table.

Adobe Adventist Christian School Registration: Now open for the 2024/2025 school year. Please contact Robert Christensen, our new principal, at 320-407-3475. School starts August 14th.

Adobe Adventist Christian School Open House/Registration: Sunday, August 11th from 10 a.m. until Noon. Light refreshments will be served. Contact Robert Christensen for more information or to RSVP.

Community Services Water Bottle Drive: It's time for our annual water bottle drive in August for the AJ/Superstition Food Bank! Please bring in cases of water and place outside of the Juniors classroom. If you need help carrying, let someone know. Monetary donations are welcome too; mark your tithe/offering envelope "water bottles". Also, please carry cold/frozen water bottles when driving to share with homeless. They sure will appreciate it!

Lower Division Pool Outing: Sunday, August 11th at 1pm at Superstition Shadows Aquatic Center in Apache Junction. Our church will cover the entrance fee for children/youth of our lower division Sabbath

School classes and their families. Everyone else is invited to join the fun and cover your own entrance fee. Contact any lower division teacher for more information.

Lower Division Sabbath School Promotions: Sabbath, August 10th.

Vespers and Social Games: There will be no social game nights or vespers until October 5th.

Thunderbird Adventist Academy Registration is now open for 2024-2025 school year. Apply at www.thunderbirdacademy.org.

Pacific Union College has full-tuition, 4-year Pioneer Promise scholarships available. Please see the bulletin board for more information or visit puc.edu/promise for eligibility requirements.

From the Librarian: Did you know we have many books in our church's library? Mission stories and books by Doug Bachelor, Sean Boonstra, Bradley Booth, Ellen White and many others. Books that will enlighten and give you something to think about. Check it Out – Happy Reading.

Arizona Young Adults "Swipe Right," August 24: Arizona Young Adults Department is presenting an engaging and interactive event focused on dating and relationships on August 24 at 6 pm. The event will take place at the Paradise Valley Church for ages 18+. Refreshments will be served after the event. For registration see flyer on bulletin in church foyer.

Family Ministries Couples Retreat, Aug, 23 & 24: The Arizona Conference Family Ministries Department is hosting a Couples Retreat on August 23 & 24 at the Arizona Conference office. Registration is required but admission is free. A lunch and a banquet will be provided to registered attendees. For more information or to register please call Eunice Lopez at (480) 991-6777 or email at elopez@azconference.org. Registration deadline is August 1.

Idaho Sonshine, Sept. 19 & 20: Arizona Sonshine is supporting Idaho Sonshine taking place in Idaho on September 19-20. They can always use help with events and need dentists, dental assistants, hygienists,

medical doctors, nurse practitioners, RN's, help in vision and those who just want to be a blessing to others while getting a blessing themselves. For more information visit www.idsonshine.org

From Pastor Luran: The following are part of my Pastoral Ministry. Please contact me to make arrangements or for more information.

1. Bible Studies / baptismal class here at church or in your home.
2. Prayers over the phone, please call or text (760) 421-7427
3. Home or hospital visits: Pls let me know when and where.
4. Baby Dedications, anointing, communion (special cases), etc.
5. Other helps or assistance within the confines of pastoral work.

Upcoming Sabbaths:

September 7: Jeff Rogers, the Arizona Conference Communications Director, is going to conduct a Sabbath School Seminar in the afternoon. Everyone involved in Sabbath School work is encouraged to attend.

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

Please join our midweek prayer meetings on Wednesdays starting at 2:45pm. We study the book "Last Day Events".

Church Bulletin: Deadline is 9 pm Wednesday. E-mail: ajchurchbulletin@gmail.com or text/call Denise at 480-540-9917.

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

Church Newsletter: Our first issue of the newsletter was sent out this past week to those who signed up for email version, if you did not receive it then please check your spam. If you requested a paper copy, had problems receiving it this past week, or would like to receive the church newsletter; contact Denise at 480-540-9917 or send a request to ajsdanewsletter@gmail.com.

Bible Marking class: Classes have been discontinued at this time. If you are interested in learning Bible marking, please contact Joyce Chilson.

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+

2024 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 2024

Local Church Budget \$69,200.00

Monthly Budget: \$5,800.00

Given so far in July: \$3,193.07

Still Needed July: \$2,606.93

Adobe Adventist Christian School 2024

Received as of March, 2024: \$111,195.51

Spent To Date: \$75,692.09

Investment through July 20, 2024

\$1,481.00

Would you like to make an eternal difference in the life of a child? — Consider making a donation to the Adobe Adventist Christian School. 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 7:31 pm tonight.

Next Sabbath's welcome is Friday at 7:26 pm.

Weekly Meetings with Zoom Links

Zoom Sabbath School Class every week starting at 10 AM, not 9:30 AM.

We are covering the regular Sabbath School lesson on the topic of the Gospel of Mark.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82599875170?pwd=VmNGNnBJTk1JUUmJtTTg1Qnc4TnRUdz09>

Tuesday 7 pm - From-the-Top Bible Study

Next Bible Study Meeting (7pm): Tuesday, July 30

To join the Zoom meeting:

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

Wednesday evening - Prayer Meeting - will resume mid-September

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>