

Apache Junction SDA Church Life

August 10, 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.

Lower Division Sabbath School Promotions: Sabbath, August 10th at 10:30 in the Sanctuary. Please plan to attend and support our children/youth who are the future of our church.

Warm Welcome: We are blessed to have Dale Wolcott as our guest speaker today. He is the Coordinator of Arizona Native Ministries and Interim Pastor, Window Rock Church & DAR Group.

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.

Church Board Meeting: Tues, Aug 13, 6:00pm via Zoom. Please send agenda items to Pr. Lauran no later than Monday evening. Zoom link will be emailed out to all Board members.

IMVO/Bags of Love: We will meet Monday, August 12, 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.

Social Games and Vespers: 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.

Men's Ministry Retreat: September 27 to 29 at Camp Yavapines. featuring Pastor Jonathan Smith. Register now by calling (480) 991.6777, ext 127 or fill out a registration at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DH9aekohqh9KzrYsaj5Z0IVnn4Nk2S0mpUVPMAq0kL0/viewform?edit_requested=true

SAVE THE DATE - AZ WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT, OCTOBER 11-13: Attention all ladies, YOU are invited to attend the 36th Annual AZ Women's Fall Retreat at Camp Yavapines, October 11-13, as they focus on the invitation from Jesus in Matthew 11:28, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." The guest speaker is Dr. Andrea Trusty King, who serves as the Vice President for the Black Ministries for Southeastern California Conference of SDA, and author of "Finding Christ" and the "Queen in Me." The cost is \$140 for women 19 years +, and \$100 for young women 12-18 years old. This includes lodging and all meals. The registration deadline is September 29, 2024. Three Payment Methods to choose from: 1. By mail: send filled out form with your check or money order payable to: "AZ Women's Retreat Fund," mail to: Tammi Morby 3979 E. Sheldon Rd., Prescott, AZ 86303. 2. Online: glendaleazsda.org > select "Give Online" > under Local Offerings > select "2024 AZ Fall Women's Retreat." 3. Zelle: send payment to mwood@glendaleazsda.org. If using payment #2 or #3, please send a picture of the form to Tammi, 602-561-1634 (email: tammimorby@hotmail.com), or if you have any questions or special needs, please give her a call. There will be a talent show Saturday night, if you have a talent you would like to share, please sign up - space and time is limited.

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

ABC/Arizona Adventist Book Center: New Sunday Hours 11am to 3pm on August 18, September 8, October 6, November 3, and December 8. New toll free phone number is (888) 327-6717.

Job Listings from Arizona Conference / Thunderbird Adventist Academy:

Thunderbird Adventist Academy Bus Driver Position

Part-time Job opening for a bus driver (about 20 hours/week). The bus driver ensures the safe and orderly transportation of students on assigned daily route between schools as well as special class trips.

The bus driver must have a valid CDL Class B driver's license with a Passenger Endorsement and must be able to pass an ADOT mandated physical exam. The bus driver must also be at least 21 years of age with an acceptable driving record.

This position will report to, and be under the supervision of, Administration and the Maintenance Director. Wage will be dependent on experience, starting at \$18.50/hour. Interested parties please send a resume to cbrown@azconference.org

Thunderbird Adventist Academy Administrative Assistant

Part-time Job opening for an administrative assistant (about 25 hours/week). The administrative assistant position is to support school ministry by providing general office assistance to the administrative team and teaching staff. The administrative assistant performs diverse office duties. He/she assists in designated administrative details using initiative and sound judgment. Requires knowledge of church/school policy and organizational structure, a high level of technical (well developed keyboard/computer, etc.) skills, high levels of tact, friendliness, and other aspects of strongly developed interpersonal skills plus proven organizational skill.

This position will report to, and be under the supervision of, Administration. Wage will be dependent on experience, starting at \$18.50/hour. Interested parties please send a resume to cbrown@azconference.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.

Friendly Reminders:

1. Please refrain from eating inside the sanctuary. Let our kids have snacks after their Sabbath School in their classrooms.

2. Kindly remind everyone that there's NO running, shouting or playing inside the fellowship hall. Thank you

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: This is not the same as Church Life so don't miss out on stories about our church and inspiration. Contact Denise at 480-540-9917 or email 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 August: \$740.57

Still Needed August: \$5,059.43

Adobe Adventist Christian School 2024

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

Spent To Date: \$75,692.09

Investment through August 3, 2024

\$1,671.00

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 7:18 pm tonight.

Next Sabbath's welcome is Friday at 7:12 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=VmNGNnBJTk1JUmJtTTg1Qnc4TnRUdz09>

Tuesday 7 pm - From-the-Top Bible Study

Next Bible Study Meeting (7pm): Tuesday, August 6

Study will start in 1 Kings 18:1

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>