

Apache Junction SDA Church Life

August 31, 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 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.

Second Reading Church Officers:

Rick Bell as AACCS Board Member

Second Reading Transfers of Membership into Apache Junction:

Benigna Bateman from Mesa Palms SDA Church

Ellen Christensen from Detroit Lakes SDA Church

Robert Christensen from Detroit Lakes SDA Church

Duane Stettmisch From Mesa Palms SDA Church

Adventist Youth meeting today, August 31st: Meet immediately after potluck lunch. Please join us for Bible based games and fellowship. All are welcome.

IMVO/Bags of Love: We will meet Monday, September 2, 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: School started but you can still enroll for the 2024/2025 school year. Please contact Robert Christensen, our new principal, at 320-407-3475.

Adobe Adventist Christian School Playground Equipment Fundraiser: The school is holding a fundraiser for new playground equipment with a goal to raise \$6,000. They have already raised over \$3,000 so help them finish reaching their goal by donating to AACCS PLAYGROUND.

Fundraiser: Khristian Davis is fundraising for his upcoming evangelistic endeavors, contact him or see the bulletin board for more information on how you can help.

Depression and Anxiety Recovery Program Sept 14th to Nov 2nd: Hosted by Duane Andersen, text him for more (480) 276-1689.

Project Reach Back: Please contact Floyd Craig or Pastor Lauren about the Personal Ministries project to reach every member and especially those who are not currently attending church.

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

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.

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

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.

Amazing Facts Prophecy Odyssey at Casa Grande Church, Sept. 20 - Oct. 5: The Casa Grande Church will be a host site for Doug Bachelor's Amazing Facts Prophecy Odyssey Series, which will run from Friday, Sept. 20, to Sabbath, Oct. 5. If you know people in that area, encourage them to attend.

Pathfinder & Adventurer Leadership Training, Oct. 4 & 5: Arizona Conference Pathfinder and Adventurer Training is taking place October 4 & 5 in both Tucson and Phoenix locations. There is a \$10 registration fee and check-in begins Friday evening at 7:00 pm in both locations. The Tucson location is at 1101 S 5th Ave, and the Phoenix location is at 821 W Flower St. There are seminars in both English and Spanish for Pathfinder Leaders, Adventurer Leaders, and Master Guides. To register, go to www.azsdayouth.com. See bulletin board for more information.

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

Mesa Palms "Pioneer Sabbath" October 19: Hope Channel International will be at the Mesa Palms church on October 19 helping to celebrate "Pioneer Sabbath," a day set aside to remember how God has led in the past and continues the Camp Meeting Theme "Lest We Forget." People will dress in "era-appropriate" attire, and there will be a fellowship meal after church. More details will be coming about the event.

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

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 Baptisms next Sabbath: Rose Elizabeth Barnes and Robert Brown.

Upcoming Sabbath School Events:

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

A Sabbath School Virtual Training Conference is taking place September 12-14. There are sessions on improving teaching techniques and new ways to energize the classroom and for Adult, Young Adult, and Children's ministries Sabbath School. This is for Sabbath School Directors, teachers, assistants, pastors, members, and volunteers. Pretty much...anyone who is interested in Sabbath School. Click on this link to register for the event. <https://oneteamplaybook.org/register/2024-do-it-together-sabbath-school-conference/>

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: \$5,589.49

Still Needed August: \$210.51

Adobe Adventist Christian School 2024 Playground Equipment Fundraiser: Total goal \$6,000

Funds received prior to August \$3,000.00. Received in August: \$520.00

Needed to reach goal \$2,480.00

Adobe Adventist Christian School 2024

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

Spent To Date: \$76,692.09

Investment through August 24, 2024

\$1,704.00

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 6:54 pm tonight.

Next Sabbath's welcome is Friday at 6:46 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, September 3

Study will start in 2 Kings 1:1

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>

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>