

Apache Junction SDA Church Life September 28, 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.

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:

- Adventurer/Pathfinder Club Assistants: Avery Junsay and Arlene Merginio

Second Reading Transfers of Membership from Apache Junction:

- Janie Ringering from AJ to Hendersonville TN.

Communion Sabbath: October 5th, plan ahead to prepare your heart for this special Sabbath.

IMVO/Bags of Love: We will meet Monday, Sept 30, 9:00 – noon. Come and enjoy fellowship and help the temporarily displaced children of AZ, mats for the homeless and pillows for the dogs. Come look at the many gift ideas and crafts on our craft table.

Rummage Sale October 24- October 30th: Plan ahead to help with another fund raiser for Adobe School. Donations of clean, in good condition items are accepted. If you can help during the sale, please contact Janet Davison.

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 \$4,000 so help them finish reaching their goal by donating to AACCS PLAYGROUND.

Fundraiser Baked Goods: Khristian Davis is fundraising for his upcoming evangelistic endeavors, contact him or see the bulletin board for more information on how you can help and what baked goods are available NOTE: All donations are to go directly to Khristian, not through regular church offering.

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.

Vespers starts next week, followed by Social Games October 5th 6pm: Mark your calendars and plan to join us as we resume sundown vespers to close the Sabbath together and plan to stay afterwards to socialize and play games if you like.

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.

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

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. Learn more at www.prophecyodyssey.com and you can e-vite family and friends at <https://www.prophecyodyssey.com/send-an-evite>.

ABC Book Delivery to AJ Church: Sunday, October 6th from 10am to 11am: To pre-order call 480-991-8501 or email AZABC@AZConference.org.

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

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.

Alive in Jesus Training: Children's Ministries Department is hosting a series of trainings on the new Children's Ministries Curriculum "Alive in Jesus." October 18 & 19 at the Phoenix Beacon Light Church. October 20 at the Tucson Esperanza Church. October 27 at the Prescott Church. And November 17 at the Yuma Central Church. Registration is required to attend. Go to www.azsdayouth.com; see bulletin board for more information.

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.

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.

Dan Miller Concert, Oct. 19 at 7pm: The Glendale Church is hosting a special organ concert featuring internationally acclaimed organist Dan Miller.

Elder Lee Venden Revival Series. November 8-16, 2024. Please mark your calendar for this much needed nightly revival series which will be held at our church. More details will be coming soon, please invite yourself, your friends and family.

Reservation Christmas Packages: Join us this year as we bring some Christmas happiness to the kids in the Navajo Nation. Registration opens October 11 at www.rezchristmaspackages.com. You can bring Christmas to a child who otherwise might not get anything. Your partnership with churches across the Navajo Nation has allowed us to make more connections and impact hundreds of children across the reservation.

Black Ministries Convocation, November 8 & 9: Black Ministries presents "Dreaming Big Convocation" featuring Dr. Jesse Wilson on November 8 & 9 at the Christ Presbyterian Church in Tucson, AZ. To register call Vivian Swaney at (480) 991-6777 ext. 127 or email vswaney@azconference.org or scan the QR code on the flyer. Visit www.azconference.org/black-ministries for more information.

Retired Adventist Workers Christmas Lunch, Dec. 15: The Christmas Lunch for employees of the Adventist Church who are now retired will be held at the Arizona Conference Office on Sunday, December 15. Registration will begin at 11:30 am and lunch will be served at 12 noon. PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY NOV. 25 by calling either Jacqueline Battistone or Eunice Lopez at the AZ Conference office at 480-991-6777. The \$10 per person fee may be paid when you make your reservation. We look forward to seeing you there!

Good News TV Press Release: The legal structure of Good News TV is changing. This will not change the mission outreach programs provided by Good News TV and GNTV will not be an "independent ministry." Rather, it will become a "Supporting Ministry" dedicated to fully supporting the evangelistic mission of the Arizona Conference Corporation as it has always done, regardless of the change in legal structure. The most noticeable change will be that your financial support for Good News TV will no longer be given through your local church or the Arizona Conference. Beginning on January 1, 2025, Good News TV

and GNTV Latino will no longer be listed on the Church Tithe Envelopes or the Adventist Giving web pages. More information on the bulletin board.

Since this change is coming soon, we encourage you to begin giving directly to Good News TV now.

To give to Good News TV, please contact them at 480-264-1116 or 480-243-7777 (Español: 602-753-7765). You may also donate online or by mail

<https://www.MyGoodNewsTV.com/az-donate>

Good News TV, PO Box 12644, Scottsdale, AZ 85267

From Pastor Lauran: 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

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 September: \$ 4,448.86
Still Needed September: \$1,351.14

Adobe Adventist Christian School 2024 Playground Equipment

Fundraiser: Total goal \$6,000
Funds received prior to August \$3,000.00. Received since August 1st: \$1,910.00
Needed to reach goal \$1,090.00

Adobe Adventist Christian School 2024

Received as of March, 2024: \$111,195.51
Spent To Date: \$76,692.09

Investment through September 21, 2024

\$1,817.00

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 6:15 pm tonight.

Next Sabbath's welcome is Friday at 6:07 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, October 1

Study will start in 2 Kings 11:1

To join the Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82367981105?pwd=Yyt0ZDdvNmduOR1lU1RkRHNeTUxdz09>

Wednesday evening - Prayer Meeting -

We are studying the book Maranatha

To join the Zoom meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85334439023?pwd=SDBLVzhVM0s4Yk1tWXM0M3ZnTlc2Zz09>

To join by phone call:

669-900-6833 or 253-215-8782

Meeting ID: 853 3443 9023 Passcode: 681653

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=RIN2aGNyanhHSUhIcDdxZXhJREQ4Zz09>

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>