

Apache Junction SDA Church Life
November 2, 2024

Sabbath Rest — Continues until 5:34 pm tonight.
Next Sabbath's welcome is Friday at 5:29 pm.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OUR CHURCH

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.

Today Baptism: Alex Arnold, we are so happy to have Alex join our church family.

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.

Vespers Tonight 5:30pm Hosted by Denise Peloquin followed by social/game night. Join us as we close the Sabbath hours together and stay to play table games and socialize; bring table games and snacks to enjoy, there won't be a pre-planned game.

Newsletter for November/December – Make sure you get your copy of the newest church newsletter. Copies available in the foyer or via email by sending request to Denise at ajsdanewsletter@gmail.com.

IMVO/Bags of Love: We will meet Monday, Nov 4th, 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: Thank you! to everyone who helped make this another successful sale to benefit Adobe Adventist School.

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.

Thanksgiving Lunch -Everyone welcome- Nov 28th 12 noon. Lunch will be enjoyed in the social hall. Please sign up to bring something for the lunch. Sign up sheet is in the social hall or call Janet Davison at 605-490-9868. Come hungry!

AACS Christmas Church Program: Mark your calendars for a very church service on December 12th

Christmas Church Program: Mark your calendars for another very church service on December 21st

Christmas Vespers and Christmas Gift Exchange: Mark your calendars for a very special vespers followed by gift exchange social on December 21st; more information will be coming soon.

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.

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

Worship Service

The church worship service is live streamed each Sabbath at 11 am on YouTube at this location:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDCJX487YNyhPQGk5Z0PwxQ/videos>

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

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 John.

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

Tuesday 7 pm - From-the-Top Bible Study

Next Bible Study Meeting (7pm): Tuesday, November 4

Study will start in 2 Kings 19:1

To join the Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82367981105?pwd=Yt0ZDdvNmdOR1lmU1RkRHNseTUxdz09>

Wednesday evening - Prayer Meeting -

We are studying the book Maranatha

To join the Zoom meeting:

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

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

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR OUR CHURCH

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 October: \$12,907.09

Still Needed October: \$0.00

Adobe Adventist Christian School 2024 Playground Equipment Fundraiser: Praise the Lord, our goal of \$6,000 has been raised.

Adobe Adventist Christian School 2024

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

Spent To Date: \$76,692.09

Investment through October 26, 2024

\$2,000.20

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.

RESOURCES AND OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT OUR CHURCH

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

From the Librarian: Looking for a good read, visit the library. Lots to choose from ---- EGW books, theological/inspirational, SDA history, mission stories, Christian novels, Bible character stories, DVD are available too.

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.

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+

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR CONFERENCE

Community Services: In the wake of Hurricane Helene & Milton, Adventist Community Services (ACS) and ADRA International are uniting for one mission: to bring hope and relief to the hard-hit communities in the Southeast. While ACS serves in the North America Division and ADRA works globally, in times of extreme crisis, they unite as ONE body to serve and uplift those in need. These teams are already mobilized. Want to help? Donate now at: <https://www.communityservices.org> Your prayers and support mean the world!

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

Adventist Book Center, Nov 3rd from 11am to 3pm: Fall sale – 20-25% off canned food, 25% off EGW books, 10% off Bibles.

Paradise Valley Church Apple Brunch, Nov. 3rd 11 am: PV Women's Ministries invites you to a morning of praise and spiritual substance with guest speaker Denise Peloquin. For more information, RSVP Barbara Hawes (602) 578-4100, see flyer on bulletin board.

Adventurer Fun Day, November 3: The Annual Adventurer Fun Day will take place on November 3 at Thunderbird Adventist Academy. See bulletin board for details.

Volunteers Needed: Community of Hope Thanksgiving Dinner, Nov. 27: Volunteers and donations are needed for the annual Community of Hope Church's Thanksgiving Dinner on Wednesday, November 27. They need food, blankets, gloves, socks and hats as well as cooks and servers on the day of the event. For more information contact Ugonna at (602) 793-1704 or April (602) 541-9149 or Felicia (602) 785-6552.

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!

OTHER NEWS AROUND OUR CONFERENCE

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

JOB POSTINGS AROUND CONFERENCE

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

Maricopa Village Christian School (MVCS) is in need of a volunteer experienced gardener to provide instruction for the K-4th grades for a one-hour class period once a week or could possibly be split into half-hour sessions on two different days through the duration of the school year. The lead teacher will work with the person to determine the schedule. Please contact Al Chatman (860) 985-4012 or achatmanjr@icloud.com.