

Apache Junction SDA Church Life
January 4, 2025

Sabbath Rest — Continues until 5:34 pm tonight.
Next Sabbath's welcome is Friday at 5:39 pm.

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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 Luran.

We will celebrate Communion today, may we prepare our hearts for this special service.

First Reading: Transfer of membership Erika and Payton Gaither from Atlanta Blvd Church to Apache Junction church.

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.

Overflow Parking: Is available in the Mormon church parking lot next door and at the park on the west side of our church.

Vespers: No vespers tonight or the following 2 weeks, we will resume January 25th.

IMVO/Bags of Love: We will meet Monday, January 6th, 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.

10 Days of Prayer Jan 8th to 18th: Begins this coming week. Meetings will begin nightly at 7pm via Zoom using this link which is the same as Prayer Meeting via the church website

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

To join by phone, call: 669-900-6833 or 253-215-8782 then enter Meeting ID: 853 3443 9023 and Passcode: 681653. For assistance, contact Pastor Lauran.

Community Services - Season of Giving: Cold nights are here, and for Dec. 21- Jan. 31 we are collecting blankets, sleeping bags, and socks for the homeless. Easy-to-carry blankets (no comforters) are best. All gently-used items must be washed. No clothes donations at this time please. Drop off outside the Juniors classroom; monetary donations marked "Community Services" are welcome, and we will purchase items for you! Contact Pamela Davis if any questions or if you would like to help.

Community Services- Genesis Project: We recognize and are incredibly thankful for all the past generous contributions to Genesis Project in AJ. Your contributions have made a lasting impact, and our church is viewed so fondly by the organization.

Head Deacon Change: Effective January 1, 2025, Phil Davison has assumed the duties of head deacon.

Good News TV Director Luke Skelton Jan 18th: Luke will be our special guest speaker for our church service to share about updates to giving to this ministry effective for 2025.

Lower Division Nature Sabbath Jan 25th at 10am: Plan ahead for this special children's Sabbath School outing; contact Pamela Davis or other lower division teachers for more information.

Small Groups for Bible Studies/Prayer Meetings: If you are interested in starting or participating in small groups to study together, please contact Pastor Lauran.

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/UCDCJX487YNyhPQGk5Z0PxxwQ/videos>

Midweek Wednesday afternoon prayer meeting: We will resume meeting January 8th at 2:45pm in the church conference room.

New small group formed from our recent survey: Midweek group will meet Wednesdays, 6-7pm, in church. First meeting will be on January 22nd.

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=VmNGNnBJTk1JUmJtTTg1Qnc4TnRUdz09>

Tuesday 7 pm - From-the-Top Bible Study

Next Bible Study Meeting (7pm): Tuesday, January 7th

Study will start in Nehemiah 10:1

To join the Zoom meeting:

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

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 December: \$9,371.61

Still Needed December: \$0.00

Adobe Adventist Christian School 2024

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

Spent To Date: \$76,692.09

Investment through December 31, 2024: \$2,199.20

GNTV REMINDER: Beginning January 1, 2025, donations for Good News TV must be made directly to them using one of these methods. More information in OTHER NEWS section below.

- Donate online <https://donate.gnbn.com>
- Mail: Good News TV, PO Box 12644, Scottsdale, AZ 85267
- Call directly at 480-264-1116 or 480-243-7777.

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 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

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

Free Health Screenings: The Arizona Conference Health Ministries Department has free health screening testing for the local churches to use. Events include evangelistic series, health fairs, and community health events. The tests available are blood pressure, blood sugar, anemia/hemoglobin, and total cholesterol. Contact Dr. Ugonna Woods to schedule your health event. (602) 793-1704 or P2eace@yahoo.com.

Pathfinder & Adventurer Leaders Training, January 11: Arizona Conference Club Ministries is hosting a Pathfinder & Adventurer Leaders Training on January 11 at two locations. The Phoenix location will be hosted at the Camelback Church and the Tucson location will be hosted at the Tucson Central Spanish Church. Registration is required (\$10 prior to December 19 and \$20 after until registration closes on January 6.) Register at www.azsdayouth.com. For more information call (480) 991-6777 ext. 106 or email gcorella@azconference.org.

Religious Liberty Training Seminar, January 12: The Arizona Conference Religious Liberty Department is presenting a training seminar with Alan J. Reinach, Esq, Executive Director of the Pacific Union Conference Church State Council, on January 12 from 9 AM to 12 Noon. Lunch will be provided. You will learn the roles and responsibilities of a Religious Liberty Director, how to run the Religious Liberty Campaign that begins in January, and how to handle Sabbath accommodation issues.

Women's Ministries Passionate Leader Event, January 19: The Women's Ministries invites all women leaders to attend the Passionate Leader: Leading New Generations Event at the Mesa Palms Church on Sunday, January 19.

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

Arizona Conference Scholarship Clerk – Part-time non-benefited, 18 hours/week This position works with the schools and donors to advertise the scholarship program, collect and process applications from potential recipients, track data, and keep accurate records. The qualified individual is responsible for helping those who call or come to the department for assistance with a pleasant, tactful, and friendly demeanor. This individual is personable and possesses sound judgment, self-initiative, organizational abilities, strong oral and written communication skills, and interpersonal skills while performing administrative and office support activities for Treasury supervisor with minimum day-to-day supervision. PowerPoint and Excel skills are required, and website revision skills are helpful. Interested parties should submit their resume to Human Resources, attention Cindy Brown at cbrown@azconference.org