

Apache Junction SDA Church Life
January 18, 2025

Sabbath Rest — Continues until 5:46 pm tonight.
Next Sabbath's welcome is Friday at 5:52 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.

Warm Welcome to our Guest Speaker: We are blessed to have Luke Skelton, the managing director and cofounder of Good News TV as our speaker today.

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.

Memorial Service for Andrew Cox: Today, 2:30pm at our church.

2024 Offering Receipts: Please pickup from rack in hallway.

Vespers: No vespers tonight, we will resume next week at 6pm.

Reclaim Hope Depression and Anxiety Recovery Program: TODAY: Introductory session at 9:30am in Seminar room near restrooms; contact Duane Andersen via text 480-276-1689.

IMVO/Bags of Love: We will meet Monday, January 20th, 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.

Church Board Meeting: Rescheduled to January 21st at 6pm.

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.

Community Services - Season of Giving: Only a couple of weeks left to donate! We're still 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.

Feed My Starving Children: Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who participated Jan. 4th! Don't miss out on a second opportunity on Saturday, Feb. 15th, 7-9 PM, to prepare meal packs. Standing and seated tasks are available. For more info/registration, contact Pamela Davis: text your name and email address to 480-593-5790 (preferred) or leave a message. Registration is required and we have 50 slots available!

Head Deacon Change: Effective January 1, 2025, Phil Davison will take over as head deacon.

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

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.

Midweek Wednesday afternoon prayer meeting: We will resume meeting January 22nd at 2:45pm in the church conference room.

New small group starts this coming week: Midweek group will meet Wednesdays, 6-7pm, in church beginning January 22nd.

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>

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 22nd

Study will start in Esther 1:1

To join the Zoom meeting:

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

From-the-Top Bible Study wants your feedback: Whether or not you have been participating lately, please complete this 6-question survey by clicking the link below. Responses are anonymous.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y7MWLLT>

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 January: \$1,089.50

Still Needed January: \$4,710.50

Adobe Adventist Christian School 2024/2025 School Year

Received as of December 31,2024: \$45,559.70

Spent To Date: \$53,127.72

Investment through January 11, 2025: \$60.00

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 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

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.

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.

Mesa Palm Prayer Conference, January 24 & 25: Elder Randy Maxwell will be at Mesa Palms Church to present a seminar on prayer as a lead-in to Pentecost 2025. The seminar will begin on Friday evening, continue on Sabbath morning at 11:00 a.m., and conclude after a potluck in the afternoon. See the poster for the times of each meeting. Everyone is welcome! 6263 E. Thomas Rd., Mesa, AZ

Multilingual Convocation, January 24 & 25: Multilingual Ministries is hosting its annual convocation at the Radisson Hotel in Casa Grande on January 24 from 1:30pm to 9pm and 25th from 9:30am to 4pm. The theme is "Experiencing Pentecost in the Last Days," and speakers Dr. Viclouis Arreola III and Ed Keyes will be present. The program begins Friday evening, January 24 at 7:30 pm. Location: Radisson Hotel at 777 Pinal Avenue, Casa Grande AZ. Free admission with snacks and lunch provided. Contact Ed Laurea 415-818-4213

Men of the Gospel Concert, February 1: The Camelback Church Concert Series presents Men of Gospel featuring George Sampson, Earlyn Alexander, Collin Boyce, Josh Nisbet and Mesadiayu Branchelor. The concert will take place on Saturday, February 1 at 6:30 PM. Free Admission

Imprint 2025 – Youth & Young Adults Retreat, March 7-9. Register and pay before 12:00pm January 29th for the Early Registration Price. To register and for more information please visit <https://azsdayouth.com/imprint-azsdayouth-young-adult-retreat-2025/>

OTHER NEWS AROUND OUR CONFERENCE

California Wildfires: Many have lost their homes due to the fires. Here is the link to the Adventist churches being used as shelters: <https://scc.adventist.org/evacuation-centers>. If anyone is available to assist or volunteer at any of these sites, please call (818) 925-6991. You can donate via www.adventistgiving.org choose your church, then scroll down to Arizona Conference Union Offerings and select California Fires.

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

None at this time.