

Apache Junction SDA Church Life
February 1, 2025

Sabbath Rest — Continues until 6:00 pm tonight.
Next Sabbath's welcome is Friday at 6:05 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.

Second Reading Transfers to Apache Junction: Sherley Joy Ang from Quiet Hour Church (Philippines); Veta McNair from Coolidge, AZ, and Carol Young from Coolidge, AZ.

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 6pm this evening: Join us to close the Sabbath in worship with several special music performances, inspirational stories and some sing-along songs.

Church Business Meeting this Evening: Following vespers, all church members are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

From the Cox Family: "We want to extend our love and thanks to all the church for their love, support and prayers during this difficult time. We are so thankful for the outpouring of love from our church family."

Reclaim Hope Depression and Anxiety Recovery Program: Contact Duane Andersen via text 480-276-1689 for more information.

IMVO/Bags of Love: We will meet Monday, February 3rd, 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.

Feed My Starving Children: Don't miss out the 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!

Church Leadership Positions: We are in need of leaders for the following positions: Men's Ministries, Women's Ministries, and Young Adult Ministries; please contact Pastor Lauran for more information or if you are interested.

Vacation Bible School help needed: If you are willing to help with VBS this coming summer, please contact Nancy Andersen. Some from our church will be attending the VBS Training Feb 22nd training, contact Nancy for possible carpool options. **Children's Ministry & VBS Training, February 21-22:** The Arizona Children's Ministry invites the Children's leaders to sign up for the 2025 Children's Ministry & VBS Training. For more information please visit <https://azsdayouth.com/childrens-ministries-vbs-leaders-training/> or call 480-991-6777 ext. 106.

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/UCDCJX487YNyhPQGk5Z0PwQ/videos>

Midweek Wednesday afternoon prayer meeting: Meets at 2:45pm in the church conference room.

New Midweek Wednesday Small Group: 5:45 to 6:45pm in church conference room. Please join us and enrich your prayer life.

Weekly Meetings with Zoom Links

Tuesday 7 pm - From-the-Top Bible Study

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

Study will start in Job 1:1

To join the Zoom meeting:

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

To join by phone call: 669-900-6833 or 253-215-8782

Meeting ID: 823 6798 1105

Passcode: 222945

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

2025 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 2025

Local Church Budget \$69,200.00

Monthly Budget: \$5,800.00

Given so far in January: \$5,158.20

Still Needed January: \$641.80

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 25, 2025: \$80.00

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 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.

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/>

TAA Golf Tournament, April 6: Join Thunderbird Adventist Academy's 2nd Annual Golf Tournament at the Orange Tree Golf Resort on April 6, beginning at 7:30 am. Register at www.thunderbirdacademy.org/golf .

2025 CAMP MEETING "Ambassadors for Christ" will be held June 6th through 14th. Some of the speakers will include Dr. Calvin Watkins, Dr. Neil Nedly and Dr. Joseph Kidder. Jaime Jorge and Chandy Miranda will be among the special music guests. Plan ahead to attend, cabin reservations will open April 1st.

OTHER NEWS AROUND OUR CONFERENCE

ABC Closure: With a heavy heart, the Arizona Conference announces the Arizona Adventist Book Center closure effective March 31, 2025. The Arizona Conference is committed to ethical stewardship of the funds and resources the Lord has given us. As such, the Executive Committee voted on Thursday, January 30, that keeping the Arizona ABC open was no longer sustainable. Arizona ABC's closure is in no way due to mismanagement or negligence. "We are proud of the hard work and effort of our Arizona ABC managers and staff and profoundly grateful for the support they've received from our community and customers over the years. Your patronage, enthusiasm, and love for Christian products have been the heart and soul of our little store. While this chapter is ending, we are hopeful for the future and trust that the love of reading will thrive in our community. Thank you for being a part of our story." The Arizona Conference Corporation Administration & Executive Committee

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.