

Apache Junction SDA Church Life March 1, 2025

Sabbath Rest — Continues until 6:25 pm tonight.
Next Sabbath's welcome is Friday at 6:30 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.

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. It would be appreciated if more people could bring food to share to ensure we have plenty for our visitors and church members to enjoy.
Fellowship Lunch help needed: If you are willing to help in the kitchen, please contact Darlene Moore.

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

Vespers: 6:00pm this evening, join us for church family worship to close the Sabbath hours.

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, March 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.

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 Luran for more information or if you are interested.

Free Health Screening March 16th from 1 to 3pm at our church: Testing by Dr. Ugonna Woods. This is a community event. The tests available are blood pressure, blood sugar, anemia/hemoglobin, and total cholesterol. Any questions please call Joyce Chilson, health ministries leader, at 760-217-2786. Flyer on bulletin board.

Rummage Sale: The church will be accepting clean, usable items for the rummage sale. Call Janet at 605-490-9868 for questions or a drop off. Rummage sale set up will be on Tuesday and Wednesday (March 25 & 26). The Sale will be Thursday, Friday, and Sunday (March 27, 28, 30) from 8am-4pm. There will be NO potluck on March 29.

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.

Plan Ahead for AJ Church Events: More details coming soon.

March 15th Special guest speaker: Ray Navarro

March 23rd Men's brunch

March 29th Communion Sabbath

April 5th Special guest speaker: Allan Reinach, PARL for PUC Religious Liberty, will be our speaker and hold a Q&A session following out fellowship meal

April 6th Women's brunch

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.

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: Meets at 2:45pm in the church conference room.

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Weekly Meetings with Zoom Links

Tuesday 7 pm - From-the-Top Bible Study

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

Study will start in Job 25:1

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 \$80,400.00

Monthly Budget: \$6,700.00

Given in February: \$7,203.14

Still Needed for February: \$0.00

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 February, 2025: \$137.50

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

Claim Your Children Back, Feb. 28 & March 1: The Phoenix Paradise Valley Church presents Grant Agadjanian's weekend revival "Claim Your Children Back" beginning Friday, February 28 at 7:00 pm. The program continues on Sabbath, March 1 at 10:45 am and 2 pm.

Hispanic Ministries Men's Retreat, Feb. 28-March 2: Hispanic Ministries is hosting their annual Men's Retreat February 28 – March 2 at Camp Yavapines, featuring guest speakers Dr. Alejandro Dalisay, Psicólogo Arturo Morales with special musical guest Ministerio Remanente 5. The cost is \$120 per person before February 13. Registration is due by February 20.

AZ WOMEN'S MINI-RETREAT: All ladies are invited to the 36th Annual AZ Women's Mini-Retreat on Sunday, March 9, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM, at Paradise Valley SDA Church, 2727 E. Cactus Rd. Phoenix, beginning with registration and breakfast at 8:00 AM. Our

Guest speaker is Dr. Ugonna Woods. The theme is "A Renewed Heart." The scripture focus is Ezekiel 36:26, "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh." A delicious breakfast and lunch will be catered by Shelly's Vegan Kitchen. There will be a craft activity. All for the registration fee of \$45. To register, please contact Tammi Morby, 602-561-1634. To pay online: www.glendaleazsda.org

Camp Yavapines Summer Camp Registration, Opens March 5th: Early Bird Discount is before April 1. This summer's theme is "Alive," we can't wait for your child to experience an unforgettable week of adventure, faith, and friendship. www.campyavapines.org See flyer on bulletin board.

ABC Sale and Sunday Openings: The ABC is having a 20% off sale on everything in the store while supplies last. The ABC will be open Sunday March 2nd, 9th, and 30th from 11 am to 3 pm. The ABC closes permanently March 31st.

Heart Work, Health Revival and Training Series, April 5-11 (Paradise Valley): City Exodus Ministries will present this weeklong training event discussing hydrotherapy, Health Bible studies, developing protocols and so much more. This will be an informative and uplifting event please join us as we learn more about healthy living and sharing our health message. April 5 at 9:30am, 11am, and 2:30pm, April 6 at 11am, April 7-11 at 6:30pm. See flyer on bulletin board.

Church Clerks & Treasurers Meeting, March 9: All church clerks and treasurers are invited to take part in an informational meeting taking place March 9 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Arizona Conference Office. Clerks should RSVP with Rosemary at 480.991.6777 ext 151 or email rabrahams@azconference.org. Treasurers should RSVP with Jacque at 480.991.6777 ext. 129 or email jbattistone@azconference.org.

Heart Work, Health Revival and Training Series, March 1-7 (Desert Cove): The Heart Work, health revival and training series March 1-7 at the Desert Cove Seventh Day Adventist church in El Mirage, AZ. City Exodus Ministries will present this weeklong training event discussing hydrotherapy, Health Bible studies, developing protocols and so much more. This will be an informative and uplifting event. Please join us as we learn more about healthy living and sharing our health message. There will be a health rally on March 1 & 2. Meetings are March 1 at 9:30am, 11am, and 2:30pm, March 2 at 11am, March 3-7 at 6:30pm.

Heart Work, Health Revival and Training Series, March 8-14 (Benson): The Heart Work, health revival and training series March 8-14th at the Benson Seventh Day Adventist church. City Exodus Ministries will present this weeklong training event discussing hydrotherapy, Health Bible studies, developing protocols and so much more. This will be an informative and uplifting event please join us as we learn more about healthy living and sharing our health message. March 8 at 9:30am, 11am, and 2:30pm,

March 9 at 11am, March 10-14 at 6:30pm. Please contact Brianne Kroupa by call or text at 951-541-4538 for more information.

Multilingual Ministries Sportsfest, March 30 (Change in Location): Come and Join the Multilingual Ministries Sportsfest at *The Lab in Chandler* on Sunday, March 30 from 9 am to 4 pm. For more information, please contact Edgar Lopez (520) 301-0374 or Ricky Rosales at (909) 769-6123. Free lunch for the first 120 people

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 .

Arizona Pathfinder Fair, April 13: The Arizona Pathfinder Club is having their annual Fair at TAA on April 13, 2025. Cost is \$10.00 per person until March 25th (includes pin and event), \$15 after this date. To register and for more info go to <https://azsdayouth.com/pathfinder-fair-2025/>

Adventurer Family Retreat, May 2-4: The Arizona Adventurer Club is having their annual Family Retreat "Travel with faith" in Camp Yavapines. Registrations are through the Adventurer club directors. For more information please visit <https://azsdayouth.com/2025-adventurer-family-camp/>

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.

European Youth Congress 2026- Imprint: IMPRINT is going to Europe! Travel with a group of youth & young adults from Arizona Conference to Europe in 2026. We will visit some of the historical sites of the Reformation as well as other memorable places. Our tour will conclude in Barcelona, Spain to attend the 4 day European Youth Congress where thousands of Adventist Youth from across Europe will convene for worship, fellowship, music, Bible study and more. To register and for more information please visit: <https://azsdayouth.com/european-youth-congress-2026-imprint/>

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.