

Apache Junction SDA Church Life
March 15, 2025

Sabbath Rest — Continues until 6:36 pm tonight.
Next Sabbath's welcome is Friday at 6:40 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.

Welcome: A warm welcome to our speaker, Pastor Ray Navarro.

Baptism Today: We are blessed to welcome Vickie Polina into our church family via baptism today.

1st Reading Transfer: Meliani Power from AJ to Casa Grande.

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 18th, 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.

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.

Men's Brunch March 23rd from 10:59am to 1:29pm at our church. Contact Pastor Lauran to RSVP or for more information.

Women's Brunch April 6th from 10:00am to Noon at our church. Come enjoy waffle bar and cinnamon rolls, entertainment, and door prizes. RSVP Janet Davison 605-490-9868 via text or call.

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.

Youth and Young Adult Bible Study (HS Junior to age 30): Date to-be-determined. Contact Khristian Davis with interest or questions: 480-334-0084.

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.

Financial Peace University Workshop Survey: If you are interested, or know someone who might be interested, in attending a 9-week Financial Peace University workshop to learn Bible based principles for handling money, debt, etc.; please complete the survey form insert in the bulletin or contact Denise Peloquin for more information. We will be determining if there is enough interest to hold a workshop and if so, scheduling a date sometime this year.

Plan Ahead for AJ Church Events: See bulletin board for more details.

* 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 6pm special vespers and social at Adobe Adventist Christian School
- * April 12th 7pm Cyberbullying & Internet Safety for Youth
- * April 19th Friendship Day church service & haystack lunch

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

Midweek Wednesday prayer meeting: 5:30 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, March 18th

Study will start in Job 32:1

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 March: \$1,298.70
Still Needed for March: \$5,401.30

Adobe Adventist Christian School 2024/2025 School Year

Received as of December 31, 2024: \$45,559.70
Spent To Date: \$53,127.72

Investment Year-To-Date 2025: \$187.50

2025 Investment Project: Dine Adventist Radio has been selected as our Investment Project for this year; if you do not have a project yet, please consider partnering with

God to help spread the Gospel.

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

ASi Pacific Union Spring Conference at Pine Springs Ranch, March 28-30, 2025: Join Pacific Union ASi for a weekend of inspiring testimonies and practice evangelism training, young professionals children's programming included. For more information and to register: <https://asipacificunion.org/#>

Safety Sabbath 2025, March 29: This is an opportunity for churches to strengthen child protection and emergency preparedness. This year's theme focuses on missing child protocols and protecting our most vulnerable members, ensuring your church is ready to respond if a child goes missing. Resources for the event, including tool kits, safety drill information can be found at:

https://adventistrisk.org/en-US/safety-resources/safety-sabbath/?mc_cid=db831bd94f&mc_eid=a68b14ba79

Camp Yavapines Summer Camp Registration is now OPEN: 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. Contact Judy Van Tassel for registration code for payment assistance, AJ church will cover 1/3 and the Conference will cover 1/3 of cost for members, their children or grandchildren who wish to attend.

ABC Sale and Sunday Openings: The ABC is having a 35% off sale on everything in the store while supplies last. The ABC open Sunday March 30th from 11 am to 3 pm, this is the final Sunday to shop. 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.

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

The TAA Royals (National Honors Society) Blood Drive, April 3: The TAA Royals are hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, April 3 from 11:30 am to 4:30 pm. The event will be hosted at the Scottsdale-Thunderbird Church's fellowship hall. To schedule your appointment or for more information call (800) 733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org and use Sponsor Code: TAA

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/>

Couples Retreat, April 18 & 19: The Family Ministries Department is hosting a Couples Retreat at the Arizona Conference Office on April 18 and 19. The theme is "Husband and Wife: Healthy Relationships 2025 and Beyond" and features guest speakers Dr. Regina Sampayan, Drs. Cesar and Carolann De Leon and Villamor Meriales. For more information, contact Eunice Lopez at (480) 991-6777 or email elopez@azconference.org. See flyer on bulletin board also.

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/>

Pathway to Health Volunteers Needed: Pathway to Health is holding an event in St. Louis, Missouri, on May 4-9. 3,000 volunteers are needed. See flyer on bulletin board or visit www.pathwaytohealth.org/register for more information.

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.

Hispanic Ministries Camp Meeting 2025, June 16-22: "Hasta lo Ultimo de la Tierra" is the theme for Campestre Familiar at Camp Yavapines 16-22 de Junio. www.azministeriohispano.org for registration. For information call (480) 991-6777 ext. 107.

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

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.