



Mesa + *Palms*

Seventh-day Adventist Church

Planting eternity in the hearts of all who come.



December 2, 2023

Church Life

CALENDAR

Today:

Fellowship meal • Pathfinders/Adventurers

Tuesday: Bulletin deadline

Friday:

Sabbath, Dec. 9

Offering: NAD Community Services

Sunset 5:20 p.m.

After church

7:00 p.m.

Sunset 5:20 p.m.

Speaker: Pastor Vince

Elder on Duty: Don Jaqua

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A warm welcome to all of our visitors here today. We are blessed by your presence and hope that you are blessed, too.

The CAAFA needs for October, November, & December: holiday giving. Toys and games, holiday gifts, gift cards, socks, underwear, warm clothing, holiday food baskets (contact for details), gift wrap, and scotch tape.

If you're looking for a good read, be sure to visit the library. There are lots of great books to choose from—old and new. There is a great variety—EGW books, theological/inspirational, SDA history, mission stories, Christian novels, Bible character stories, and many more. DVDs are available, too.

If you would like to be involved in next quarter's church services, please email Alice in the church office.

- Share a special feature highlighting outreach or a ministry you are involved in
- Tell a children's story
- Offer the congregational prayer
- Share a special music piece (please contact René)

"Imagine if we all made a conscious choice to live every day with the Christmas spirit? Elvis Presley said in one of my favorite (and underplayed) Christmas songs: "Oh why can't every day be Christmas? Why can't that feeling go on endlessly? For if every day could be just like Christmas, what a wonderful world it would be." Powerful lyrics! So powerful, that I would like to present a challenge [to keep the Christmas spirit all year long]."
<https://nostalgicitalian.com/2018/12/27/keeping-christmas-all-the-year/>

Welcome to Worship

SABBATH SCHOOL CLASSES

Cradle Roll/Kindergarten		Nancy Baker
Primary		Carmen Mitchum
Junior		Elizabeth Nyakondo
Youth		<i>This ministry needs to be filled!</i>
Adult 1	<i>Sanctuary</i>	Pastor Buursma
Adult 2	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>	Don & Randy
Adult 3	<i>Last classroom in NE hall</i>	Charles Nyakondo

CHURCH SERVICE

GOD GATHERS

Prelude		Alice Ray
Invocation, Welcome, & Announcements		Don Jaqua
Meet and Greet		Congregation
Children's Story		Elizabeth Nyakondo

PEOPLE SURRENDER

Worship in Giving	<i>Church Budget</i>	Don Jaqua
Worship in Singing		Joline & Friends
Garden of Prayer		Robert Higginbotham

GOD SPEAKS

Special Music		Joline, Olga, & Carmen
Scripture Reading	<i>Micah 6:8</i>	Sarem Nyakondo
Sermon	<i>The Lord's Lawsuit</i>	Pastor Vince

PEOPLE RESPOND

Closing Song	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	Joline & Friends
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GOD SENDS

Benediction		Pastor Vince
Postlude		Alice Ray

His name shall be called Wonderful

*"I will honor Christmas in
my heart, and try to keep it
all the year."
Ebenezer Scrooge*

With love from your Women's Ministries



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Women's Ministry Presents
The Spirit of Christmas!

When: December 10
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Where: Fellowship Hall



Ladies, come together to spend a little girl time with your sisters in Christ. We'll have lunch, a devotional, some gab time, Christmas carols, and an ornament and Christmas dessert recipe exchange.



About the ornament exchange: bring one Christmas ornament (limit: \$5) in a little gift bag. We will take turns choosing a gift bag, but there will be no stealing this year!!

Bring several copies of your favorite Christmas dessert recipe (cookies, fudge, fruitcake, etc.) to exchange with others.



There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. It's important that you sign up so the committee knows how many to plan for. Better yet, RSVP on the Women's Ministry Facebook page or email Alice at mesapalmssda@yahoo.com.