



December 8, 2018

The Wonder of Babies

There’s just something about a new baby, isn’t there? Some of us can’t wait to get them in our arms, and others like to admire from a distance. But either way you choose, one can’t help but marvel at this little bundle of potential. If we feel that way about babies in general, imagine gazing on John the Baptist for the first time. Think of the wonder his parents may have had for him. As we begin the Christmas season, listen carefully as Pastor Stuart unfolds the wonder of “Christmas babies.” If you would to comment or connect with us, fill out a Connection Card and place it in the offering plate.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly receiving goal: \$8,723

Local Combined Budget Giving

Through November 24, 2018 - Week 21

Received: \$189,977

Receiving Goal: \$183,750

Annual Budget: \$540,000

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- Receive confirmation via e-mail

Three-and-Done Debt\$970,000

Total Debt.....\$3,875,196

SUNSET TIMES:

Today: 4:43 p.m./Next Sabbath: 4:44 p.m.

JOINING SPENCERVILLE: If you would like to transfer your membership or be baptized to become a member of the Spencerville Adventist Church, please submit a Connection or Welcome Card to the Hospitality Desk in the Foyer or in the offering plate.

National Domestic Violence Hotline — 800-799-7233

CHURCH STAFF DIRECTORY

Senior Pastor	Chad Stuart	Minister of Music and Organist	Mark Willey
Associate Pastors	Lerone Carson	Office Manager	Carol Strack
	Gaspar Colón	Treasurer	Eugene Korff
	Andrea Jakobsons	SAA Principal	Jim Martz
	Jason Lombard	Prayer Request Voicemail	301-384-2920 ext. 140
Pastors Emeritus	Charlotte McClure	Spencerville Adventist Academy	301-421-9101
	Steve Willsey		

Diaconate Team Leaders on duty: Brockett, Sines

H.I.S. Team on duty: Noble, Reinhardt

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:00 a.m.

PRELUDE:	The Advent of Our God Is Nigh Besançon Tune (arr. R. Warner)	
IN COMMUNITY		Pastor Chad Stuart
†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 116:	Of the Father's Love Begotten DIVINUM MYSTERIUM	
PRAYER		Tim Lale
THANK OFFERING		Tim Lale
CHILDREN'S LESSON		Pastor Lerone Carson
MUSIC MEDITATION:	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Ludwig van Beethoven (arr. T. Hunter)	Kim and Lin Osario-Thomas Flute/Violin duet
SERMON:	Two Babies of Christmas: The Preparer	Pastor Stuart
OFFERTORY HYMN NO. 333:	On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry PUER NOBIS	
BENEDICTION		Pastor Stuart
SONG SERVICE		Clever Salazar, chorister Hannah Moon, pianist
SPECIAL FEATURE:	Amazing Grace John Newton	Hannah, Rebecca, and Isabella Moon

†Indicates congregation is to stand

*Please assist us in maintaining a reverent spirit of worship by muting your electronic devices.
You may be photographed or appear in video during the services this morning.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

11:15 a.m.

PRELUDE:	The Advent of Our God Is Nigh Besançon Tune (arr. R. Warner)	
CHORAL INTROIT:	People, Look East French folk melody	Sanctuary Choir
IN COMMUNITY		Pastor Chad Stuart
†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 116:	Of the Father's Love Begotten DIVINE MYSTERIUM	
†INVOCATION		Pastor Stuart
TITHES AND OFFERINGS:	Adventist Community Services	Pastor Gaspar Colón
OFFERTORY:	A maiden most gentle French Traditional Melody (arr. A. Carter)	Choir
PRAYER		Tim Lale
THANK OFFERING		Tim Lale
CHILDREN'S LESSON		Pastor Lerone Carson
SCRIPTURE LESSON:	Isaiah 40:3-5	Eric Carlson

†Indicates congregation is to stand

ANTHEM:	Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes Hal Hopson	Sanctuary Choir
	Thou shalt know Him when He comes, Not by any din of drums, Nor the manner of His airs, Nor by anything He wears; Thou shalt know Him when He comes, Not by His crown or His gown, But His coming known shall be By the holy harmony, Which His coming makes in Thee. Amen.	
SERMON:	Two Babies of Christmas: The Preparer	Pastor Stuart
†HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 333:	On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry PUER NOBIS	
†BENEDICTION		Pastor Stuart
CHORAL RESPONSE:	Comfort, Comfort Now My People GENEVAN PSALTER, 1551	Choir
POSTLUDE:	Chorale Prelude on "In dulci jubilo," BMV 729 Johann Sebastian Bach	

Membership Transfers

This is the second reading of these names.

Incoming:

Kim **Parraway** from Berrien Springs All Nations Adventist Church in Berrien Springs, Michigan

Nelson **Parraway** from Ridge Area Adventist Church in Avon Park, Florida

Edwin and Shelly **Tenali** from Olney Adventist Church in Olney, Maryland

Music Notes

The anthem this morning, by American composer Hal Hopson, is a setting of a beautiful text by an anonymous poet. It is a meditation on how the Christ's coming contrasts with the pomp and show we associate with our worldly leaders and what that coming means to us personally.

A Unexpected Surprise

Jarrold and April Lutz welcomed their second child, Hazel Jane, a month early on November 29. This tiny bundle weighed in at 5 pounds, 1 ounce, and is 18 1/4 inches long. While a bit of a surprise, her parents are doing well, and Ollie is adjusting to his new role of big brother.

Community Services Needs You

Adventist Community Services is an outreach ministry for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the North American Division. ACS serves communities by providing assistance to people affected by flooding, fire, and other disasters to touch one heart and transform our communities. Today's offering will help ACS continue this important work. Learn more or donate at communityservices.org.

Evensong: Lessons and Carols

Join us this afternoon at 4:00 p.m., for a service of music and readings commemorating the first Advent

and looking to the second. This service, uniquely crafted for our church, begins with carols and readings about the first coming of Christ to the world and finishes with music and scripture to anticipate the second. This year, the choir, along with soloists and strings, will sing J. S. Bach's cantata "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying," based on texts from the parables of Jesus and Song of Solomon.

Breakfast Seminar Tomorrow

Men's Ministry Breakfast Seminar Series continues tomorrow, December 9, at 8:00 a.m. featuring Spencerville member, Juan A. Román, NASA/Goddard Deputy Director, Engineering and Technology Director. He will speak on "Science and Innovation at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center." All persons interested, especially future engineers, are welcome to join us. Please RSVP (so we prepare enough food) to bradmartin214@gmail.com.

Mid-Week Prayer Gathering

Each week we gather at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School room on Tuesday evenings for a season of prayer. There is a short presentation followed by prayer time. Former Spencerville pastor, Bonita Shields, continues her six-week series exploring of the book, *Steps to Christ*.

Lord's Lunch

The Lord's Lunch team will meet next weekend, December 14 and 15, to prepare and deliver sack lunches in a neighboring community. The Lord's Lunch ministry is operated once a month by a group of church members. First, the team meets on Friday evening at 6:30 in the Kitchen to make sandwiches and put together sack lunches. The next Sabbath morning they meet again at 8:30 in the Kitchen to take the lunches to distribute. Youth and families with children are encouraged to participate in this outreach ministry. For more information contact Lazaro Portillo at Mrlencho2@msn.com.

Annual Toy Drive

It's that time of year to make the young patients of Shady Grove Adventist Hospital and Washington Adventist Hospital have a happier Christmas. We will be accepting toys through December 22. Please pick up a suggested list at the Welcome Desk. The Christmas cart will be located in the foyer where you can place your gifts. Your generosity by giving, praying, and thinking of those little ones in the hospital this holiday season are really appreciated.

2018 Charitable Contributions

In order for contributions to be receipted for 2018, donations must be post-marked or received in the church office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 31 (please remember that the office is closed from December 24-28). Mail will be collected daily from our mailbox. Donations received after 5:00 p.m. on December 31 will be receipted as 2019 contributions. Contributions made via Adventist Online Giving by debit card or credit card will be receipted in the year in which the AdventistGiving server receives the authorization to charge your card.

2019 Devotional Books

Descriptions and order information regarding the 2019 devotional books is posted on the bulletin board near the office. There are books for everyone—preschoolers through adults. Order early so you will have them in time when the new year begins in just eight weeks! Books can also be purchased at the local Adventist Book Center.

Dental Professionals Needed

SAA's Health Room is looking for dental professionals to help with Dental Day this February. We would love to have you visit a classroom (or two!) and speak with our students about how they can improve their dental health. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Kari Banks, school nurse, at 240-883-3509 or kbanks@spencerville.org.

Great Controversy Tour

2019 Great Controversy Tour (June 21 - July 4, 2019) with Dr. Gerard Damsteegt, specialist in church history and development of prophetic interpretation. See the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation come alive. Visit Rome and the Reformation sites in the Waldensian Valleys, Switzerland, France, and Germany. These tours give you a new vision how to inspire church members for Jesus' coming and future challenges. A most exciting experience! Call 269-815-8624, or email GCTours@mac.com for more information.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today

4:00 p.m. — Evensong Concert: Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 9

8:00 a.m. — Men's Ministry Breakfast Seminar
featuring Juan Román

Tuesday, December 11

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. — Keep in Stitches
5:00 p.m. — Bulletin information due
7:00 p.m. — Tuesday Night Study Group
7:00 p.m. — Prayer Gathering: Bonita Shields

Wednesday, December 12

7:30 p.m. — Choir rehearsal

Friday, December 14

6:30 p.m. — Lord's Lunch

Sabbath, December 15

8:30 a.m. — Lord's Lunch
9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services:
Speaker: Chad Stuart
Offering: Local Church Budget
Diaconate Team: Brockett, Sines
HIS Team: Arthur, Jacobson, Roth

Emergency Medical Assistance. This facility is equipped with an Automatic External Defibrillator. If a medical emergency arises, immediately call attention to the situation. Trained individuals will respond. If you are in need of immediate assistance, contact a deacon. A nurse or physician will respond to assist you.

SABBATH SCHOOL

Sabbath School meets from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. for all age groups. There are many classes to choose from, and we invite you and your family members to select which class is right for you.

Most of the adult classes follow the Adult Bible Study Guide, but with different emphases. Adult Bible Study Guides are available for free at the Welcome Desk.

Please see the directory below to find a class that is right for you. For more information, please visit our Welcome Desk.

Sanctuary Class: Ed Zinke.....Sanctuary
George Reid Class.....South Porch, Classroom A
Spanish-language Class.....South Porch Classroom B
Prayer and Praise Class.....South Porch Classroom C
Hallway Class.....Hallway Off Foyer
Conference Room Class.....Conference Room
Great Expectations Class.....Family Room A
A Practical Approach.....Family Room B
Bible Discussion Class: 1 Kings.....Family Room C
Young Adults.....Fellowship Hall—Fireplace End
Collegiate Class.....Fellowship Hall—Kitchen End
Youth (Grades 9 - 12).....East Wing
Middle School (Grades 7 - 8).....East Wing
Juniors (Grades 5 & 6).....East Wing
Primary 2 (Grades 3 & 4).....East Wing
Primary 1 (Grades 1 & 2).....East Wing
Kindergarten (ages 4 and 5).....East Wing
Beginners 2 (Ages 3 through 4).....West Wing
Beginners 1 (Birth through 2).....West Wing