



January 4, 2020

Can you make it past January 12?

A poll conducted by the University of Scranton found that January 12 is the fateful day of New Year's resolutions. Only eight percent of people achieve their New Year goals, while 88 percent fail with the average length of about 12 days. So what kind of resolution will you make? Here's a couple worth considering. Come to church each Sabbath. Read your Bible some each day. Pray before getting out of bed in the morning and before sleeping each night. Perhaps join a ministry group. All these are ones that just might make it past the first two weeks. And don't forget to connect with us by filling out the Connection card. Drop it in the offering plate or at the Welcome Desk.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly receiving goal: \$8,723

Local Combined Budget Giving

Giving through December 14, 2019 - Week 24

Received: \$223,410

Receiving Goal: \$257,076

Annual Budget: \$550,000

SUNSET TIMES:

Today: 4:56 p.m./Next Sabbath: 5:01 p.m.

ADVENTIST GIVING ONLINE

A safe and easy way to give your tithes and offerings online using an electronic check or debit/credit card!

Go to: spencervillechurch.org/give

Click into the secure site.

Receive a confirmation via email.

Current Debt\$3,223,697

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

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:00 a.m.

PRELUDE:

Meditation
Gabriel Dupont

WELCOME

Pastor Kandace Zollman

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 274:

O Word of God Incarnate
MUNICH

PRAYER

Tim Lale

THANK OFFERING

Tim Lale

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Mark Willey

HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 233: Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

SERMON:

God Never Said: It Doesn't Matter What You Believe Pastor Andrea Jakobsons

OFFERTORY HYMN NO. 465:

I Heard the Voice of Jesus
KINGSFOLD

BENEDICTION

Pastor Jakobsons

SONG SERVICE

LESSON STUDY: Sanctuary Class (other classes listed on p. 8)

Delvin Chatham

†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:	Meditation Gabriel Dupont	
WELCOME		Pastor Kandace Zollman
†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 274:	O Word of God Incarnate MUNICH	
†INVOCATION		Pastor Andrea Jakobsons
TITHES AND OFFERINGS:	Local Church Budget	Elmer Carreno
OFFERTORY:	Give Me Jesus African American Spiritual (arr. M. Hogan)	Amanda Fink mezzo-soprano
PRAYER		Pastor Charlotte McClure
THANK OFFERING		Pastor Lerone Carson
CHILDREN'S LESSON		Mark Willey
SCRIPTURE:	John 8:31-36	Dick McClure
ANTHEM:	Be thou faithful (from the Oratorio 'St. Paul') Felix Mendelssohn	Amanda Fink

†Indicates congregation is to stand

SERMON: God Never Said: It Doesn't Matter What You Believe Pastor Jakobsons

†HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 465: I Heard the Voice of Jesus
KINGSFOLD

†BENEDICTION Pastor Jakobsons

POSTLUDE: Carillon
Herbert Murrill

Membership Transfers

This is the second reading of these names.

Incoming:

Lewis **Bertus** and Carmay **Leerdam** from Ooltewah Seventh-day Adventist Church, in Ooltewah, Tennessee

Today we welcome the Bertus family as new members to our Spencerville congregation. Lewis is a physician's assistant. Carmay is a medical billing coder. They have two daughters, Abigail and Zayenne. They chose Spencerville as their church home for the diversity, the good school, the good Sabbath Schools, and because it is a Christ-centered church.

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About the Music

Our vocal soloist for the second service this morning is Amanda Fink, a rising star in the opera and oratorio world with engagements throughout the country, including solo appearances with Pensacola Opera, Choral Arts Society of Washington, Cleveland Opera Theater and Choral Arts Society of Washington.

The offertory this morning is an arrangement of the American Spiritual “Give Me Jesus” by arranger Moses Hogan. As with most of the spirituals, the names of the author or composer of the tune and text are not known. The first versions of this song appear shortly after the Civil War. The simple melody and direct text, always with the refrain “Give me Jesus” have a direct and clear appeal. This tune and text are also found in our hymnals, as number 305.

The anthem is an excerpt from the Oratorio “St. Paul” by German composer Felix Mendelssohn. This oratorio was popular and often performed during his lifetime but through the years it failed to retain that popularity and is now rarely performed in its entirety. The libretto (text) was written by the composer in collaboration with his childhood friend, pastor Julius Schubring. They drew their texts from the New Testament, mostly from the book of Acts. The finished work was premiered in 1836 with the English version coming a few months later and the first performance in the United States in Boston a year later. The text, fitting for the theme of today's service is:

Recit

And they all persecuted Paul on his way;
but the Lord stood with him, and strengthened him,
that by him the word might be fully known,
and that all the Gentiles might hear.

Aria

Be thou faithful unto Truth,
and God shall give to thee a crown of life.
Be not afraid, thy help is nigh.

Nominating Committee Report

Today is the second reading and vote on the partial nominating committee report, which is available at the Welcome Desk.

First 2020 Potluck

Our guests are invited to join us today at our potluck fellowship meal. This is a great way to meet people in the congregation, plus sample some dishes you might not have tried before. Each member/family has brought enough food for their family and to share.

Grief Relief Seminar

The grief seminar continues tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. Pastor Abraham Pulasir will present a devotional on forgiveness. The focus of the seminar will be on nutrition as it relates to grief. On January 12, Pastor Charlotte McClure will speak on the topic of repentance. It is not too late for you to begin attending these weekly seminars that will conclude on February 23.

Spencerville's 40 Days of Prayer

The Prayer Ministry team will commence 40 days of prayer on January 7. Each Tuesday evening Prayer Gathering will focus on a different topic. Participants will individually read daily devotionals that focus on practical and biblical preparation for Jesus' soon return. This is a wonderful way to begin 2020. We hope you will prayerfully consider joining us in this endeavor. January 7's topic will be “The Power of Prayer.” More details to follow.

Chesapeake Conference 10 Days of Prayer

Each day at 6:30 a.m., from January 8-18, the Chesapeake Conference will be participating in the 10 days of prayer (and where desired fasting) to recommit ourselves to God at the beginning of the new year. The Chesapeake Conference will provide a call-in prayer line each morning from 6:30 to 7:00 am. The theme is "Seeking God's Spirit" as we explore how to have a richer Christian experience. Various pastors will facilitate this prayer time with a different daily topic. The call-in number and code are:

Conference Dial-In Number: 605-475-4000

Participant Access Code: 721521#

Attention Ladies.

The Spencerville Women's Ministries would like to welcome ladies who have lost their husbands recently or "not so recently" for Sabbath lunch January 11, at 1:15 p.m. at the home of Pastor Kandace Zollman. Her address is 5138 Durham Road E. in Columbia. There is no fee. So that adequate preparations can be made, please RSVP to the church office by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 9. Contact information is on the front cover of this bulletin. If you need directions, or will need transportation, please let us know when you RSVP.

SAA Academy Day

Academy Day at SAA is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Students in 8th grade and up who would like to learn what the high school has to offer should register at www.spencervilleacademy.org under the Academy

Day tab. If you have questions or would like more information please contact Gigi Mattox at 240-883-3502 or gmattox@spencerville.org.

You're Invited to "Get Cultured" on January 19, 2020

Start the new year off right by making a commitment to better health! You can boost your immune system and stay healthy throughout the year by learning how to make cultured vegetables that are loaded with probiotics. Join us at 3:00 p.m. on January 19, for a free seminar. The *Be Well* Seminar, led by Beate Richli, will feature a live demonstration to show you how easy it is to preserve whole, fresh foods using live cultures. Space is limited due to the size of our facility! If you're planning to attend, please RSVP at <https://spencervillechurch.org/getcultured>. We expect this event to be full and it's unlikely that we'll be able to accept walk-in registrations on the day of the event.

New Music in 2020

Spencerville Church is organizing a Sanctuary Orchestra. Plans for the orchestra will begin soon! If interested, contact Michael Patterson at Mpatters@wau.edu. Please state the instrument you play and for how long. Rehearsals and performance schedule to be determined. More details to come.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today

12:45 p.m. — Fellowship Potluck
7:30 p.m. — Young Adult Game Night

Sunday, January 5

2:00 p.m. — Grief Relief Seminar

Monday, January 6

7:00 p.m. — Women’s Ministries Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. — Men’s MNF Bible Study Group

Tuesday, January 7

10:00 a.m. — Keep in Stitches
5:00 p.m. — Bulletin deadline
7:00 p.m. — Prayer Gathering
7:00 p.m. — Tuesday Night Study Group

Wednesday, January 8

7:30 p.m. — Choir Rehearsal

Sabbath, January 11

9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Worship Services:
Speaker: Pastor Kandace Zollman
Offering: Chesapeake Advance
Diaconate Team: Tom Henkel
HIS Team: Gallagher, Kruger

Prayer Meeting. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. See announcement about 40 days of prayer.

Need Prayer? Call the Spencerville Prayer line (301-384-2920, ext. 140). Leave a message regarding prayer requests or praise reports to be shared with our Prayer Ministry team. Leave a number if you wish someone to return your call.

In case of an emergency. 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 CLASSES

Sabbath School meets from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. for all age groups. There are many classes to choose from; we invite you to select a class from the directory below. Most of the adult classes follow the Adult Bible Study Guide, but with different emphases. For a free Adult Bible Study Guides or more information on our classes, please visit our Welcome Desk in the church foyer.

Sanctuary Class: Delvin Chatham	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: Luke	Family Room C
Collegiate & Young Adults....	Fellowship Hall, Fireplace 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