



**April 1, 2023**

# WELCOME

We're thankful to have you with us this morning as we worship together. Whether you're sitting in our Sanctuary or worshipping with us online, know that we consider you part of our community! We wish you a Sabbath filled with blessings. Again, welcome!

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## INTERNET ACCESS

In order to facilitate participation in our services, complimentary internet access is available for those with WiFi equipped devices. You may connect using the information below:

**Network:** SpencervilleChurch

**Password:** Spencerville16325

**CONNECT WITH US**   

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## NEED TO KNOW

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER?

If you'd like to transfer your membership or be baptized into membership at the Spencerville Seventh-day Adventist Church, please submit a Connection Card to the Welcome Desk or place it in the offering box, both of which are located in the foyer.

### EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

This facility is equipped with an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). If a medical emergency arises, please call attention to the situation immediately and trained individuals will respond. All persons in the area should make room for the emergency responders to gain access. If you experience sudden illness and need immediate assistance, please contact the Welcome Desk or the deacon posted in the lobby. A nurse or physician will respond.

### SUNSET TIMES

**Today:** 7:31 p.m.

**Next Sabbath:** 7:38 p.m.

# FIRST SERVICE

9:00 A.M.

*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 service.*

Welcome		Pastor Crystal E. Ward
Song of Praise	Here I Am To Worship	
Children's Lesson		Pastor Lerone Carson
Songs of Praise	Who You Say I Am At The Cross (Love Ran Red)	
Prayer		
Sermon	"The Apprentice"	Pastor Crystal
Song of Response	Jesus Paid It All	
Benediction		Pastor Crystal

*The offering this Sabbath has been designated for Local Church Budget*

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## **Praise Team**

**Vocals:** Daniela Cruz, Caleb Salazar

**Violin:** Matthew Nashed

**Guitar:** Ethan Wu

**Piano:** Michael Patterson

# SECOND SERVICE

11:15 A.M.

*Please assist us in maintaining a reverent spirit of worship by muting your electronic devices.  
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Welcome		Pastor Crystal E. Ward
Prelude	Musica Dei, Donum Optimi <i>Joel Love</i>	Southern Adventist University Wind Symphony Ken Parsons, Director
Call to Worship	Psalm 96: 8-9 <i>Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name: bring an offering, and come into His courts. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth!</i>	Lesley Beckett
†Hymn of Praise, No. 2	All Creatures of Our God and King <i>TUNE: LASST UNS ERFREUEN</i>	
Invocation		Pastor Crystal
Musical Meditation	Redwood <i>Ryan George</i>	Southern Adventist University Wind Symphony Ken Parsons, Director
Children's Lesson		Pastor Lerone Carson
Prayer		John Beckett
Anthem	Benediction <i>John Stevens</i>	Southern Adventist University Wind Symphony Ken Parsons, Director

† Indicates congregation is to please stand

Sermon “The Apprentice” Pastor Crystal

†Hymn of Response, No. 619 Lead On, O King Eternal  
*TUNE: LANCASHIRE*

Benediction Pastor Crystal

\*\*Postlude Rivers of Air Southern Adventist University  
*Jake Runestad* Wind Symphony  
Ken Parsons, Director

\*\* During the postlude, you are invited to remain seated or to depart in the joy of Jesus Christ.

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# MUSIC NOTES

For Worship today we welcome the Southern Adventist University Wind Symphony under the direction of Professor Ken Parsons. They are on tour of the east coast this week from Collegedale, Tennessee. Below are descriptions of the music they present today.

## **Musica Dei, donum optimi**

*Music, the gift from the highest God, draws us to God.*

*Music calms angry souls And uplifts sad spirits.*

*Music moves the very trees, And moves the wild beasts.*

This anonymous Latin poem has been set to music by numerous composers dating back to the mid-16th-century, shortly after its composition. One of the most recent is Joel Love, a Texas-based composer whose works have been performed to great acclaim across the United States and Europe. Originally composed for a capella choir, Love transcribed it for winds in 2013.

## **Redwood**

The Collins Hill (GA) High School Band commissioned composer Ryan George to write a piece paying tribute to their director, retiring at the end of the year. They wanted something that spoke not only of his love of music but of nature. Of the resulting Redwood, George writes:

*“I was reminded of the times growing up when my family and I would go camping in Sequoia National Park in California, setting up our tents among the giant redwood trees. These trees command attention with their immense stature, their size the result of years gone by and storms weathered. Yet they also exude a peaceful and subtle tranquility, as though their age has given them the wisdom of perspective. This idea of “powerful tranquility” became the cornerstone from which this lyrical tone poem was created.”*

## **Benediction**

An invocation of a blessing, a benediction is traditionally pronounced at the conclusion of a public worship service. However, it's suitable at other times, especially preceding the breaking of the Bread of Life. May this prepare us to receive the nourishment that only God's word can impart.

## **Rivers of Air**

*“How infinitely superior to our physical senses are those of the mind! The spiritual eye sees not only rivers of water but of air...imagination gives us the sweet music of tiniest insect wings, enables us to hear, all round the world, the vibration of every needle, the waving of every bole and branch, the sound of stars in circulation like particles in the blood. Indeed, the power of imagination makes us infinite.”* – John Muir

Of his piece *Rivers of Air*, composer Jake Runestad writes:

*“As a composer, I often imagine the soundtrack to my surroundings—especially while hiking in the beauty of mountains, forests, lakes, and rivers. The crisp whisper of wind through pine needles, the babbling of a glacial river, and the stoic quietness of old growth trees exude vivid aural colors, always available to the curious listener. But it is the mind’s ear that can take these sounds and scenes and imagine them into stories and symphonies. In *Rivers of Air*, I endeavored to capture the scenery and experience of hiking in Mt. Rainier National Park in Washington while creating my own imagines story. Visions of expansive mountain ranges from thousands of feet in the air, the rushing Nisqually River, and the profound sacredness of old growth trees guided me as I wrote. In an age when humans are continuously separating ourselves from the earth and from each other, Muir’s works remind us to listen deeply to all that is around us; and in that listening, we too can see (and hear) our own rivers of air.”*

# MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

*This is the second reading.*

## INCOMING

Paul & DeeAnn Bragaw from Campion Adventist Church in Loveland, Colorado

Johnny & Eunice Hernandez from Wheaton Spanish Adventist Church in Rockville, Maryland

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

InSun Jones

Anita Rao Castillo

*This is the first reading.*

## OUTGOING

Kent Gonzalez to La Sierra University Adventist Church in Riverside, California

## MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

*Paul and Dee Ann Bragaw* have deep Adventist roots “out west” but are happy to be serving God wherever He leads. *Paul* is the SAA Vice-Principal for the elementary grades; he will soon complete his first year in this position. *DeeAnn* travels a lot due to her position as the Women’s Ministries Director for the North American Division. The couple has two adult sons, Ben and Bryson.

*Johnny and Eunice Hernandez.* *Johnny* was born in the United States, moved to Guatemala when he was 3 years old, then moved back to the United States when he was 14. He has been in the Air Force and has been a policeman in DC. He currently owns a business with his mom, where they do construction cleaning and roofing. His wife, *Eunice*, has been in the area since she was nine. She is a pharmacist, who has been working from home since the COVID pandemic began in 2020. The couple has two children, Sofia and Alexander, who attend SAA.

*InSun Jones* and her family moved to the United States from Korea in 2020. She is currently a stay-at-home mom. Her husband, Dillon, serves as an elder at Mitchellville Seventh-Day Adventist Church. InSun and their son, Sun-on, worship at Spencerville. Sun-on is in the eighth grade at Atholton Adventist Academy.

*Anita Rao Castillo*, who grew up in India, has been attending Spencerville since 2019. She has a husband, Marco, and two daughters, Layla (7) and Larayah (5).



# CHURCH/SCHOOL LIFE

## OFFERING FOR APRIL 1

*Offering on April 1 is for Local Church Budget*  
Your prayerful support of the ministries and church campus needs of the Spencerville Church is appreciated.

Our online giving page through Adventist Giving is available 24/7 to receive your tithe and offering contributions. Give online at [adventistgiving.org/donate/ANB8GQ](http://adventistgiving.org/donate/ANB8GQ)

## MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK LUNCH

The Monthly Fellowship Potluck Lunch Team would like to thank it's newest members for helping out with the March Fellowship Meal. Also, thank you to those who brought food and stayed to help clean up. We are always looking for members who would like to help out. If you are interested in this ministry, please reach out to Pastor Crystal or the church office for details. The theme for the Fellowship Lunch on **April 22** is "bring your favorite childhood dish", international dishes welcome!

## SUPPORT LOCAL REFUGEE FAMILIES THROUGH HOMES NOT BORDERS

This spring, Spencerville Church partnered with Homes Not Borders (a local non-profit organization serving refugees) to provide

toiletries and cleaning supplies to refugees in our area. Thank you to those who have contributed to this project.

## RELIGIOUS LIBERTY PANEL DISCUSSION

Join us on **April 15 at 4:00 p.m** for an important discussion about religious freedoms in the workplace. Pastor Crystal E. Ward will moderate this discussion. This event will also be live on [YouTube.com/spencervillechurch](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=spencervillechurch). Pick up a flyer at the welcome desk with more details including information about the panelists.

## SPENCERVILLE PRAYER MEETINGS

If you would like to join the virtual prayer meeting that meets each **Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m.**, here is the information needed to join. On the web, visit [spencervillechurch.org/zoom/prayermeeting](https://www.spencervillechurch.org/zoom/prayermeeting). When prompted, enter the password "prayer". If you prefer to meet in person, join us the Sanctuary each **Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m.** We are looking for volunteer pianists who are willing to accompany the group for two or three hymns. If you are interested, contact Pastor Crystal at [cward@spencervillechurch.org](mailto:cward@spencervillechurch.org). Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend either of these meetings.

## BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES VIDEO SERIES

Our weekly “Biblical Perspectives” video series that was created to add an additional blessing to your personal study has come to a close. Hosted by Pastor Chad and theologian, Dr. Frank Hasel, these videos explored key Biblical themes through a practical and conversational approach. Find the entire first season on our YouTube channel at [spencervillechurch.org/bpvideo](https://spencervillechurch.org/bpvideo). Thank you for spending time with us these past 12 weeks! Please share with family and friends. Stay tuned for Season 2 coming soon.

## DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

Our Prayer Ministry team would be happy to pray for you. Leave a message with your prayer request or praise report on the Spencerville Prayer line at 301.384.2920, ext. 140. Leave your number if you would like someone to return your call. Alternatively, you can also send an email to the prayer team at [prayerline@spencervillechurch.org](mailto:prayerline@spencervillechurch.org).

## PRAYER NEWSLETTER



Are you receiving the weekly newsletter from Prayer Ministry? Use the QR code to sign up, or visit: [spencervillechurch.org/prayerministry](https://spencervillechurch.org/prayerministry).

## FIND CONNECTION IN A CONNECT GROUP



View a list of open Connect Groups and sign up using the QR code below, or visit: [spencervillechurch.org/connectgroups](https://spencervillechurch.org/connectgroups).

## STAY UP-TO-DATE

If you'd like to receive the two weekly emails published by Spencerville Church, the Weekly Update for church news, and the Worship Update for all things related to the weekly worship services, sign up at [spencervillechurch.org/weekly-update](https://spencervillechurch.org/weekly-update).

## SAA HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA

“Cinderella” will be presented on **April 13, 15, and 16**. Tickets are now on sale. Call 240-883-3538 or email [SAADramaTickets@gmail.com](mailto:SAADramaTickets@gmail.com) to reserve your seat today and support our Spencerville Adventist Academy Youth.

## SAA 7TH ANNUAL FUN RUN

It's that time of year again! Time for the SAA annual 5K, 1 mile and Kids 1K Fun Run. The Run will take place **tomorrow** with a rolling start beginning at **9:00 a.m.** Sign up to run or come out to support. All funds raised support sports and STEM programs at SAA. Sign-up [spencervillechurch.org/5k](https://spencervillechurch.org/5k)

## SAA SOPHOMORE CLASS FUND RAISER

The Spencerville Adventist Academy Sophomore Class is holding a school-wide yard sale **tomorrow from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.** in the parking lot of SAA! Come browse a selection of toys, clothes, household items, electronics, and more! You can also choose to donate items for the yard sale prior to our start time, or come early to sign up for a last-minute table rental for \$20 and sell your own items for profit! We look forward to seeing you tomorrow for what is sure to be a great time!

## TAKOMA ACADEMY CLASS OF '83

The Takoma Academy Class of '83 is seeking classmates, friends, and family to attend the Alumni Weekend, **April 21-23**. For class event details, see the Takoma Academy Class of 1983 Facebook group or text Susan McMillan at 952.567.9415.

## 2023 GREAT CONTROVERSY TOUR TO EUROPE

Dr. Gerard Damsteegt, specialist in church history and prophetic interpretation will lead a Great Controversy tour in Europe. This is your chance to see Daniel and Revelation come alive! Visit Rome and the Reformation sites in the Waldensian Valleys, Switzerland, Germany, and France. This will give you a new vision for how to

prepare for Jesus' coming. A most exciting experience! The tour is scheduled for **September 8-21**. For more information call 269-815-8624, or send an email to [GCTours@mac.com](mailto:GCTours@mac.com)

## SAVE THE DATE

*"In His Presence"* is the theme of the 2023 Chesapeake Conference Annual Women's Retreat which will be held **October 27-29** in Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania. More details to follow.

## CONNECT WITH US



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## CALENDAR

### APRIL

- 3 Elder's Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 4 Virtual Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 5 In-person Prayer Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- 7 Youth/High School Vespers - 6:30 p.m.
- 8 Pathfinder Meeting - 2:00 p.m.
- 8 "He Is Risen" Easter Celebration - 4:00 p.m.
- 15 Religious Liberty Panel Discussion  
Spencerville Church - 4:00 p.m.

# CHURCH BUSINESS

## ANNUAL CONSTITUENCY MEETING FOR SPENCERVILLE ADVENTIST ACADEMY

The following is a list of names of Spencerville members who were nominated by the church body at large to serve as representatives at the annual SAA Constituency meeting which will be held on **Sunday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m.** The meeting is open to anyone who would like to attend, however voting privileges are restricted to those who are elected as official representatives.

Jen Blondo	Rachel Fuentes	Shannon Kornick	Mayra Pozo
Jay Brockett	Lizzie Garcia	Scott Kuczma	Richard Reinhardt
Judy Brockett	Christopher Guldin	Lisa Krueger	Claude Richli
Lisa Burrow	Doreen Hardware	Delanney Kruger	Catherine Robinson
Juan Cabrera	Lauron Henkel	Tim Lale	Sebrena Sawtell
Willy Calderon	Nahum Herter	Gina Lombard	Sharmathi Shadrach
Kevin Cargill	Kelly Howell	Kimberly Malin	Brian Show
Ji Chang	Faith Hunter	Kondwani Malinki	Jamie Timon
Jodie Chilson	Jennifer Imbraguglio	Amy Martin	Keri Tomenko
Carlos Cordero	Shyamala Injety	Jonathan Moats	Cheryl Toscano
Sheena Crawford	Diane Jacobson	Salma Moretta	Trent Truman
Carla David	Richard Jacobson	Geri Mueller	Judy Vandeman
Maitland Di Pinto	Wendy Jenkins	Sam Neves	Joseph Warren
LaTia Dukes	Costin Jordache	Mark Noble	Al Watson
Jocelyn Erhart	Jeff Juneau	Evelyn Oliveira	Connie Watson
Shirley Evans	Stephanie Juneau	Mario Oliveira	Bill Young
Joy Faehner	Debora Kent	Lynn Parker	
Nancy Fennell	Ken Kline	Joe Perry	
Falvo Fowler	Bill Knott	Silvio Pionatto	

# FINANCIAL REPORT

**COMBINED BUDGET GIVING AS OF  
FEBRUARY 25, 2023 - WEEK 35 OF 52**

**CURRENT DEBT AS OF FEB 15, 2023 \$2,605,222**

Received: \$415,343

Receiving Goal: \$413,626

2022-23 Church Budget: \$580,000

## ONLINE GIVING



To make a donation, visit the church website at [spencervillechurch.org/give](https://spencervillechurch.org/give) or scan the QR code with your mobile device. Thank you for your generosity!

# STAFF DIRECTORY

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