

Holy Sabbath, March 30, 2024

# WELCOME

We're glad to have you with us as we worship this morning. Please take a moment and fill out the Connection Card in your bulletin, or contact us through our website at <u>spencervillechurch.org/contact</u>. Let us know how we can serve you, pray for you, or if you'd like to get involved in ministry here at Spencerville Church. We pray that your Sabbath is filled with many blessings. Thank you for worshiping with us!

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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: SpencervilleChurchGuest



@spencervillesda

# **NEED TO KNOW**

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER?

If you'd like to transfer your church membership or be baptized into membership at the Spencerville Seventh-day Adventist Church, please let us know by submitting 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:** 7:30 p.m. **Next Sabbath:** 7:37 p.m.

# **FIRST SERVICE**

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 & Prayer		Pastor Chad Stuart
Congregational Hymn	Above All	
Children's Lesson		Pastor Lerone Carson
Baby Dedication	Ali Kamal Allen	Pastor Lerone
Scripture Reading	Psalm 23	Jonathan Walter
Congregational Hymns	Worthy is the Lamb When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	
Prayer		Pastor Crystal E. Ward
Song of Meditation	Do Not Be Afraid P. Stopford	Sanctuary Choir
Gospel Presentation	"The Nervous Hours"	Pastor Chad
Congregational Hymn	Christ Our Hope in Life and Death	
Benediction		Pastor Chad

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Praise Team Vocals: Karen Miranda, Crystal E. Ward, Claudine Ward Guitar: Tim Soper Cello: Elise Welch Piano: German Rodriguez

# **SECOND SERVICE**

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Invocation		Pastor Chad Stuart
Children's Lesson		Pastor Lerone Carson
Baptism	Zachary Holm	Pastor Chad
Choral Anthem	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Arr. G. Martin	s Sanctuary Choir
Scripture Reading	Psalm 23	Vimala & Rob Abraham
Congregational Hymn	No. 362	
Scripture Reading	Psalm 139	Amy & Greg Whitsett
Congregational Hymn	No. 156	
Prayer		Christina Stuart
Choral Anthem	Do Not Be Afraid P. Stopford	Sanctuary Choir
Gospal Presentation	"The Nervous Hours"	Pastor Chad
Congregational Hymn	No. 251	
Benediction		Pastor Chad
Congregational Hymn	No. 669	

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# **CHURCH/SCHOOL LIFE**

### **THE OFFERING FOR MARCH 30**

Today's offering is for Local Church Budget

We appreciate your continued generosity in support of the Operating Budget of Spencerville Church. Our online giving page is available 24/7 to receive your contributions at <u>spencervillechurch.org/give</u>.

## PASSION WEEK CONCLUDES TOMORROW

Those in attendance this past week have experienced a profound journey of love, grace, sacrifice, and redemption as Matthew's Gospel has been explored each evening following the account of the final week of Jesus' earthly ministry. Everyone is invited to join us **this afternoon from 4:00-5:00 p.m.** There will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall following this time of music and word.

Yet the crucifixion of Jesus is not the end— He lives! As this powerful week comes to a close, you'll want to get up early to to join us for a **sunrise service tomorrow at 7:00 a.m.** as we celebrate the resurrection of our Savior and what it means for us today! Stay with us after the sunrise service and make your way to the Fellowship Hall for food and fellowship as we host breakfast for those in attendance. Learn more and RSVP to attend by visting <u>thepassionweek.com</u>.



## LOVE TO BIRD WATCH?

This afternoon at 3:00 p.m., join the new "Spencerville Birding Connect Group" led by Michael Campbell. Their first walk will be in Patuxent Refuge (north tract). Explore Maryland's diverse bird species with monthly walks near Spencerville Church. All levels welcome. Join us for friendship, prayer, and appreciation of nature. Contact group leader Michael Campbell at <u>thewalkingstick@gmail.com</u> for details.

## TUESDAY VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING

Join the **Tuesday evening** virtual meeting at 7:00 p.m. on the web, visit <u>spencervillechurch.</u> <u>org/zoom/prayermeeting</u>. When prompted, enter the password "*prayer*."

## **MIDWEEK AT SPENCERVILLE**

Join us every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. for Midweek at Spencerville. During our Midweek service, we'll sing together, enjoy a short teaching time, and then break into groups for a time of prayer—all within about an hour. If you have young children (ages 5-10), they'll enjoy the songs with the adults in the Sanctuary, before being dismissed to Midweek Kids, an exciting and purpose-built kids program led by Pastor Lerone and her team! Wednesday evenings at Spencerville Church are a time for the whole family!

# **10-3-2 GIVING INITIATIVE**

Last year, we launched a new giving initiative called the 10.3.2 initiative. You may remember seeing it in the bulletin, or hearing Pastor Chad mention it from the front on Sabbath. Our goal under the 10.3.2. initiative represents 10% of income to tithe, 3% to the church operating budget, and 2% to the capital fund. Endorsed by the Spencerville Church board and finance committee, the 10.3.2 initiative is also in line with North American Division recommendations.

Returning 10% of our income to God as a tithe is biblical (Genesis 28:20-22, Numbers 18:36, Malachi 3:8-10) and should always be our first priority as Christians. However, we also have regular local expenses at Spencerville Church, such as funding for our ministries, electricity for lighting, water, bathroom supplies, Sabbath School materials, and more. For a church of our size, these expenses can be significant and are paid for through our operating budget, which is why giving 3% of income is suggested to defray these ongoing monthly expenses. The final recommendation is 2% of income is for our capital budget. The capital budget covers larger, non-regular expenses, such as equipment like air conditioners, carpets, roofing, sidewalks, our IT infrastructure, and much more. It also pays the monthly mortgage on the horse farm property next door, allowing us to expand our facility's footprint at some point.

Above all, there is a blessing found in prayerfully returning to the Lord a portion of that with which He has blessed us. "Test me and see, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need" (Malachi 3:10). The 10.3.2 initiative provides recommendations or goals for giving in each of these areas.

If you're not currently returning a tithe, prayerfully start there. If you're not giving to the operating or capital budgets, pray about starting to give in these areas while asking God to guide you in giving more over time as He continues to bless you.

# FIND COMMUNITY IN A CONNECT GROUP



View a list of open Connect Groups and sign up using the QR code below, or visit: <u>spencervillechurch.org/</u> <u>connectgroups</u>.

# **CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BULLETINS**

Activity bulletins are available each Sabbath for children ages 3-6 and 7+. The bulletins are available in the Children's Sabbath School classrooms or at the Welcome Desk in the foyer.

### **MOM'S NIGHT OUT**

Moms of children ages 0-6 are invited to join us for our monthly meetup, on Sunday, April 7 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Moms' Night Out is an opportunity for Moms of young children to connect with each other. Please RSVP for the meeting at spencervillechurch.org/mops

#### PICTURES FOR ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY

Get your photo taken for our upcoming digital church directory! On April 6, 13, and 20, we'll have a photo station in the church foyer, along with a table staffed with helpful volunteers to assist you with our Church Center app.

Our new directory is "digital first" through the Church Center app. However, there will be a printed paper option made available by request. The printed version is anticipated to be available by the fall of this year. More information will be available at the table next month.

### ADULT QUARTERLY STUDY GUIDES

The adult Quarterly Study Guides for the 2rd quarter, beginning April 6, are available for pick up at the Welcome Desk in the foyer. Study Guides are available in English, Spanish, and Russian languages.

## VACATION BIBLE XPERIENCE

Save the date for Vacation Bible Xperience June 24 through June, 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Children's Ministries is excited to invite all children between the ages of 0 and 11 for a week of fun. This year we are visiting Jesus' hometown of Nazareth, where we'll stand up for our faith among people who doubt that a carpenter's son is really God's Son. We will experience what life was like for Jesus as a child, as well as meet Mary and hear her stories about Jesus. Watch this space for more Vacation Bible Xperience details.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY!**

On **Sunday, April 28**, Spencerville Church will hold its first annual Community Service Day. Our Community Services team has put together a number of service options in which you, your family, and your Connect Group can participate.

Visit <u>spencervillechurch.org/service</u> to review the projects, locations, and sign up for a time slot that fits your schedule. Questions may be directed to <u>community@</u> <u>spencervillechurch.org</u>.

Don't forget to take photos during your service project to post on your social media accounts. Make sure to tag the church @spencervillesda and use the hashtag #spencervilleserves!

### **CHURCH NEWSLETTERS**

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 <u>spencervillechurch.org/weekly-update</u>.

#### SPENCERVILLE DOUBLES PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

The Spencerville Athletic Booster Club will be hosting our Spencerville's Doubles Pickleball Tournament on **Sunday, April 21. Doors open at 7:30 a.m.** The event is being held at Spencerville Adventist Academy. Bring your family out to support you. Prize drawings and concessions will be sold. We hope to see you there! For more information, feel free to email: <u>SpencervillePickleball@</u> <u>gmail.com</u> Register by March 22: <u>bit.ly/</u> <u>SAAPickleball</u> (\$35 fee per player).

### SPENCERVILLE ACADEMY 5K/1K RACE

Spencerville Adventist Academy hosts the 8th Annual Cross Country 5k/1k Race and 1K Kids Fun Run is **April 7**. Race starts at 9:00 a.m. on the SAA campus. All participants will receive a complimentary race T-shirt and commemorative medal. Awards for winners in each category as well as best costume. Register at <u>spencervillechurch.org/saa5k</u>

#### SPENCERVILLE ACADEMY PRESENTS "FIDDLER ON THE ROOF"

Spencerville Adventist Academy proudly presents the timeless classic, "Fiddler on the Roof," on **April 11, 13-14**. Be captivated by the enchanting story and mesmerizing performances.

Secure your seats and for additonal information call 240-883-3538. Don't miss your chance to experience this beloved musical masterpiece brought to life by our talented high school students.

# 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 <u>prayerline@spencervillechurch.org</u>.

# **PRAYER NEWSLETTER**



Are you receiving the weekly newsletter from Prayer Ministry? Use the QR code to sign up, or visit: <u>spencervillechurch.org/</u> <u>prayerministry</u>.

#### DONATIONS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S HOME

Last month, Spencerville Church hosted a seminar on human trafficking led by our own Amanda Rodriguez. Amanda is the director of Turn Around, Inc., which provides counseling, support, and advocacy for victims of human trafficking, domestic violence, and more.

Later this month, Turn Around is opening a home for trafficked children in the greater Baltimore area. The home will serve 8 children at a time and will also house the staff needed for counseling and supervision. Amanda has provided a list of things needed to make this home a warm and welcoming place for these children who have already endured so much. Please prayerfully consider giving to this worthy cause.

#### Needed items include:

- Twin bedding (sheets, pillows, pillowcases, blankets, bedspreads)
- Towels, hand towels, and washcloths
- Place settings (dishes, glasses, flatware, cups)
- Shelf-stable food items (catsup, mayonnaise, mustard, salt, pepper, sugar, etc.)
- Cooking supplies (pots, pans, mixing bowls, cooking utensils, cookie sheets, hot pads)
- Kitchen items (can opener, trash can, trash can liners, paper towels, dish soap)

- Cleaning supplies
- Hygiene products (soap, toothpaste, body wash, shampoo and conditioner, sanitary products, toilet paper)

Items purchased can be brought to the church over the next several Sabbaths and placed on the white cart in the foyer. Online orders may also be delivered to the church address at:

Turn Around c/o Spencerville Church 16325 New Hampshire Ave. Silver Spring, MD 20905

Please ensure that all online orders are clearly addressed to Turn Around.

# CALENDAR

#### MARCH

- 30 Passion Week // 4:00 p.m. Reception to follow
- 31 Passion Week Sunrise // 7:00 a.m. Light Breakfast to follow

#### APRIL

- 5 Youth/High-School Vespers // 6:00 p.m.
- 6 Adventurer Meeting // 2:30 p.m.
- 6 Pathfinder Meeting // 2:30 p.m.
- 7 Mom's Night Out // 4:00-6:00 p.m.

For a complete list of events taking place at Spencerville Church, you can find the calendar on the website at spencervillechurch.org/calendar.

# **FINANCIAL REPORT**

#### LOCAL COMBINED BUDGET GIVING FEBRUARY 24, 2024 - WEEK 35 OF 52

Received: \$440,515

Receiving Goal: \$469,156

2022-23 Church Budget: \$650,000

#### CURRENT DEBT AS OF FEB. 15, 2024 \$2,518,054

# **ONLINE GIVING**



To make a donation, visit the church website at <u>spencervillechurch.org/give</u> or scan the QR code with your mobile device. Thank you for your generosity!

# **STAFF DIRECTORY**

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National Domestic Violence Hotline		



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