



**DECEMBER 28, 2024**

# WELCOME

We're glad to have you worshipping with us this Christmas season. Please take a moment to explore the resources listed below. Let us know how we can serve, pray for, or help you get involved in ministry at Spencerville Church. The contact information for our pastoral staff can be found on page 11. Alternatively, you may also reach out through our website at [spencervillechurch.org/contact](http://spencervillechurch.org/contact). Thank you for worshipping with us. May God richly bless your time worshipping here today.

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## INTERNET ACCESS

Network: LCSA-Guest Password: lcsawifi

## SUNSET TIMES

Today: 4:49 p.m. Next Sabbath: 4:53 p.m.

## CONNECT WITH US

   @spencervillesda

## RESOURCES

Quick links for common requests related to life in the Spencerville Church community:

### REQUEST PRAYER

[spencervillechurch.org/prayer](http://spencervillechurch.org/prayer)

### REQUEST FOR BAPTISM

[spencervillechurch.org/baptism](http://spencervillechurch.org/baptism)

### REQUEST FOR A BABY DEDICATION

[spencervillechurch.org/dedication](http://spencervillechurch.org/dedication)

### REQUEST MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER

[spencervillechurch.org/transfer](http://spencervillechurch.org/transfer)

### CHURCH CALENDAR

[spencervillechurch.org/calendar](http://spencervillechurch.org/calendar)

### CONNECT GROUPS

[spencervillechurch.org/connectgroups](http://spencervillechurch.org/connectgroups)

### TUESDAY NIGHT VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING

[spencervillechurch.org/zoom/prayermeeting](http://spencervillechurch.org/zoom/prayermeeting)

### FIND A SABBATH SCHOOL CLASS

[spencervillechurch.org/sabbathschool](http://spencervillechurch.org/sabbathschool)

# 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

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Children's Lesson

Pastor Lerone Carson

Songs of Praise

How Deep the Father's Love for Us  
Jesus Paid it All

Prayer

Sermon

"The Examined Heart"

Elder Bill Knott

## COMMUNION

Ordinance of Humility

*Upon returning to the Sanctuary, please sit in the pews without the white ribbons.*

Ordinance of Lord's Supper

*Bill Knott and Pastor John Gonzalez*

Song of Response

When We All Get to Heaven

Benediction

Elder Knott

*The offering this Sabbath has been designated for Chesapeake Advance*

Tithe and offerings will be collected at the back doors following the worship service,  
you may also give online at [spencervillechurch.org/give](https://spencervillechurch.org/give),  
or by mail using the address on the back cover.

**Praise Team**

The Zinke Family

# SECOND SERVICE

11:30 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.*

Prelude	A Canticle of Peace <i>Franklin Ritter</i>	Maggy Neyra, organist
Welcome		Pastor Crystal E. Ward
† Invocation		Elder Bill Knott
† Hymn of Praise	No. 136, Good Christians, Now Rejoice TUNE: IN DULCI JUBILO	Congregation
Ordination of Elder	Amy Whitsett	Elder Knott
Children's Lesson		Pastor Lerone Carson
*Congregational Prayer		Ricardo Flores Sr.
Hymn of Advent	No. 204, Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus TUNE: HYFRYDOL	Congregation
Sermon	"The Examined Heart"	Elder Bill Knott

## COMMUNION

### Ordinance of Humility

*Upon returning to the Sanctuary, please sit in the pews without the white ribbons.*

Ordinance of Lord's Supper  
*Bill Knott and Pastor John Gonzalez*

† Indicates congregation is to please stand

\* Indicates congregation to please kneel

† Hymn of Response	No. 214, We Have This Hope	Congregation
	TUNE: GENERAL CONFERENCE	

† Benediction		Elder Knott
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** Postlude	Sing the Glad Song	Maggy Neyra, organist
	<i>Franklin Ritter</i>	

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

# WORSHIP NOTES

## JANUARY WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

**January 4:** “An Old Truth For A New Year” with Pastor John Gonzalez

**January 11, 18, 25:** “Radical, Like Jesus,” a three-part sermon series with Pastor Chad Stuart

# CHURCH BUSINESS

## MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

### INCOMING

*This is the first reading.*

**Noreen Harmon** from Atlantic County Adventist Church in Northfield, New Jersey

*This is the second reading.*

**Patricia Goodman** from Metropolitan Adventist Church in Hyattsville, Maryland

### NEW MEMBER BIO

*Patricia* is a Doctor of Rheumatology at the Arthritis and Pain Center of Prince Georges County. She has two grandchildren; Connor, 12, and Kendall, 7 who attend church with her, and are students at Spencerville Adventist Academy. Patricia enjoys attending the Women's Sabbath School class on Sabbath mornings.

# CHURCH/SCHOOL LIFE

## THE OFFERING FOR DEC. 28

*Today's offering is for the  
Chesapeake Advance*

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 tithe and offering at [spencervillechurch.org/give](http://spencervillechurch.org/give).

## FIND A SABBATH SCHOOL CLASS

We have many Sabbath School classes where you can join the discussion, or sit quietly and absorb the discussion around you. Visit [spencervillechurch.org/sabbathschool](http://spencervillechurch.org/sabbathschool) to find the list of Sabbath School classes, descriptions, and a facility map showing where each class is located.

## POTLUCKS TO RETURN STARTING IN JANUARY!

Come and dine with your church family **next Sabbath, January 4** as we return to a regularly scheduled potluck, now on the first Sabbath of each month. We will begin promptly following the 11:30 worship service (at approximately 1:00 p.m.) in the Multipurpose Room at Spencerville Academy.

Please bring your fully prepared hot or cold dishes to the school starting at 9:45 a.m., noting that all food must be ready to serve, as the school kitchen will not be available. Please bring enough food to feed your family and 4-6 additional people. Doing so will ensure that our guests have plenty to eat! We look forward to dining and fellowshiping with you!

## FIRST QUARTER ADULT STUDY GUIDES AVAILABLE NOW

Quarterlies for the first quarter of 2025 are available for pickup at the Welcome Desk in the foyer.

## MIDWEEK AT SPENCERVILLE

Join us every **Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** in the Spencerville Adventist Academy auditorium for Midweek—a time of singing, a short message, and group prayer, all within 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!

## END-OF-YEAR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for your faithfulness in returning your title, and supporting the ministries and expenses of our church. We've had our challenges this year, and your commitment and dedication to the financial needs of the Spencerville Church is greatly appreciated!

### *Mailed Contributions:*

To have your contribution included in the 2024 calendar year, it must be postmarked no later than December 31. **All envelopes post-marked on or before December 31 will be treated as a 2024 contribution.** Envelopes postmarked after December 31 will be included with 2025 contributions.

### *Hand-delivered Contributions:*

Because we no longer have a church office, there is no provision this year for hand-delivered contributions.

### *Online Contributions:*

Contributions made online by debit or credit card through [AdventistGiving](#) will be receipted in the year that the AdventistGiving server receives the authorization to charge your card.

## ATTENTION ALL HIS TEAM MEMBERS AND LEADERS!

*HIS Team Vespers and Workshop 2025: Refresh, Reflect, Recharge.*

Join us on **January 18** for a truly amazing HIS Team gathering. This will be a time of connection, encouragement, and purpose, and we can't wait to share all the details with you soon. Stay tuned—you won't want to miss this!

## FAITH CONNECTIONS: JOIN OUR NEW CONNECT GROUP

Join Andre Hastick in a study for community and outreach! Designed to build and strengthen connections, this Bible study will dive into essential Biblical truths with a distinctly Adventist and relational perspective. Whether you're deepening your faith or exploring for the first time, you'll find a supportive community here. This is more than just a study—it's an outreach to the community and a way to share God's love in a setting that's open to all. Come grow, connect, and make a difference!

**Mondays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., every other week, beginning Jan 18, 2025 until April 28, 2025** at the Panera Bread in Maple Lawn.

## MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISING

This year's Youth Mission Trip will take place from **March 16-25, 2025**. Our youth are headed to Iquitos, Peru, to serve in partnership with the People of Peru Project,

a ministry dedicated to transforming lives and communities through the love of Christ.

Our team would like to make a lasting impact! Your help is needed to enable our youth to purchase Bibles and Spirit of Prophecy books to bring to Peru. If you feel led to support this important project, you may do so in one of the following ways:

**Donate Online:** You may donate online through [AdventistGiving](#) using the field labeled "Youth Mission Trip."

**Donate by Check:** Please make your check payable to "Spencerville SDA Church" and include "Youth Mission Trip" in the memo line.

**Prayer for the Mission Trip:** Please pray for the mission trip over the next several months. Pray for the people in Peru and for the hearts of our young people as they serve them.

We're grateful for your consideration and support!

## ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO MAKE A TAX-FREE GIFT TO A CHARITABLE CAUSE?

Did you know that individuals aged 70 1/2 and older can transfer up to \$105,000 from their IRA account to a charity of their choosing tax-free during 2024? These transfers, known as qualified charitable distributions or QCDs, offer a great way to give to a worthy cause. And, for those at least 73 years old, QCDs count toward



the required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year. For more information, visit [bit.ly/irs-tax-free](https://bit.ly/irs-tax-free) and, as always, consult your tax advisor.

## **DONATE TO REBUILD OUR CHURCH**

We're grateful for the many people who have asked how they can financially help Spencerville Church after the fire! A secure, easy-to-use donation page is available on our church website at [spencervillechurch.org/rebuild](https://spencervillechurch.org/rebuild). However, if you've already signed up for AdventistGiving and want to donate to the rebuilding efforts, please add the amount to your digital envelope on our Adventist Giving website using the line item labeled "Capital/Rebuild." Please feel free to share the link with anyone who asks how they can help!

## **SIGN UP TO RECEIVE OUR CHURCH NEWSLETTERS**

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

## **SAA APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

Spencerville Adventist Academy's 2025-2026 school year applications are officially

open! Start your student's application at [spencervilleacademy.org/apply](https://spencervilleacademy.org/apply) to ensure you're prepared for the new student enrollment period. Priority enrollment for Spencerville Church members runs from **January 30 through February 11, 2025**. Application questions may be directed to the school office at 301.421.9101.

## **SAA ACADEMY DAY**

Attention all 8th-11th graders: This is your exclusive invitation to preview Spencerville Adventist Academy. Join us on Wednesday, **January 22, 2025** between 8:30 a.m. and 2:15p.m.

You will be engaged in innovative and Christ-centered activities that give an up-front view of the kind of academic experiences you could have here at SAA and most importantly the type of education that will prepare you for your future. Come ready to be inspired, challenged, and excited about what's ahead! Pro Tip: Dress for success or wear your school uniform. Everyone who attends should register using the link: [spencervillechurch.org/academy-step-up-2025](https://spencervillechurch.org/academy-step-up-2025)

## **SAA STEP-UP DAY**

Spencerville Adventist Academy invites PreK – 7th grade students to this exciting event on **January 22, 2025**. This is your opportunity to experience life in the next grade meet future teachers and explore new routines. Register students attending using

this link: [spencervillechurch.org/academy-step-up-2025](http://spencervillechurch.org/academy-step-up-2025)

*Special for PreK and Kindergarten parents:*

Attend from 8:30-11am for a guided school tour, Q&A session, and an information presentation tailored just for you! Call our front office to register your attendance at (301) 421-9101.

### 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).

# CALENDAR

## DECEMBER

31 No Virtual Prayer Meeting

## JANUARY

- 1 Happy New Year!
- 1 Midweek Worship - SAA - 7:00 p.m.
- 4 Monthly Potluck Lunch following Second Service in the SAA Multipurpose Room
- 18 H.I.S. Team Vespers & Workshop
- 22-31 10 Days of Prayer - 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. (Location TBA)

## SAVE THE DATES

- Feb. 1 State of the Church in the SAA Auditorium - 5:30 p.m.
- Feb. 1 International Social in the SAA Multipurpose Room - 6:30 p.m.

*For a complete list of Spencerville Church events visit our website: [spencervillechurch.org/calendar](http://spencervillechurch.org/calendar).*

# STAFF DIRECTORY

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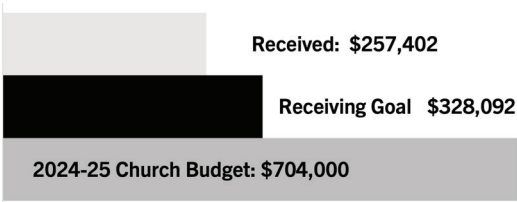
## OTHER CONTACTS

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Member Care Line..... ext. 141..... [membercare@spencervillechurch.org](mailto:membercare@spencervillechurch.org)  
Spencerville Academy..... 301.421.9101..... [info@spencerville.org](mailto:info@spencerville.org)  
Chesapeake Conference .....301.596.5600 .....[info@ccosda.org](mailto:info@ccosda.org)  
National Domestic Violence Hotline..... 800-799-7233

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## OPERATING BUDGET GIVING

December 14, 2024 - Week 24 of 53



## CURRENT DEBT AS OF DEC 15, 2024

\$2,442,651

## OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2024-25

\$704,000

(our fiscal year began July 1, 2024)



Meeting at:

The Lutheran Church of St. Andrew  
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Silver Spring, MD 20905

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