



APRIL 12, 2025

WELCOME

Welcome to Spencerville Seventh-day Adventist Church! We're delighted to worship with you today! Whether you're sitting in a pew or joining us online, we warmly welcome you into our community and we hope you feel God's love as we worship together. 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 is found on page 10, however, you can reach them through our website at spencervillechurch.org/contact.

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INTERNET ACCESS

Network: LCSA-Guest Password: lcsawifi

SUNSET TIMES

Today: 7:40 p.m. Next Sabbath: 7:48 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

REQUEST FOR BAPTISM

spencervillechurch.org/baptism

REQUEST FOR A BABY DEDICATION

spencervillechurch.org/dedication

REQUEST MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER

spencervillechurch.org/transfer

CHURCH CALENDAR

spencervillechurch.org/calendar

CONNECT GROUPS

spencervillechurch.org/connectgroups

TUESDAY NIGHT VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING

spencervillechurch.org/zoom/prayermeeting

FIND A SABBATH SCHOOL CLASS

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 Lerone Carson
Song of Praise	Praise to the Lord (Joyful, Joyful)	Praise Team
Children's Lesson		Pastor Chad Stuart
Scripture	Revelation 13:11-18	
Songs of Praise	Holy Forever Revelation Song	Praise Team
Prayer		
Sermon	Series: The Dragon and His Beasts, Part Three Message: "Breaking Up With My Love"	Pastor Chad
Song of Response	Christus Victor (Amen)	Praise Team
Benediction		Pastor Chad

The offering this Sabbath has been designated for Hope Channel International

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

Praise Team

Vocalists: Caleb Salazar, Crystal E. Ward, Jyremy Reid, Karen Miranda

Guitar: German Rodriguez

Strings: Deric Tomenko, Keri Tomenko

Piano: Hadid Cortez

SECOND SERVICE

11:30 a.m.

*Please assist us in maintaining a reverent spirit of worship by muting your electronic devices.
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Prelude	Improvisation on Thaxted	Asriel Davis, organ
Welcome		Pastor Lerone Carson
Introit	All Things Bright and Beautiful <i>John Rutter</i>	Sanctuary Choir
† Call to Worship	Revelation 13:11-18	Margaret Bota
† Hymn of Praise	No. 538, Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah TUNE: CWM RHONDDA	Congregation
Invocation		Pastor Chad Stuart
Children's Lesson		Pastor Chad
Special Report	Peru Mission Trip	Pastor John Gonzalez
Call to Prayer	No. 684, Hear Our Prayer, O Lord	Congregation
* Prayer		Jane Mwebi
Anthem	The King of Love My Shepherd Is <i>Harry Rowe Shelley</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Sermon	Series: The Dragon and His Beasts, Part Three Message: "Breaking Up With My Love"	Pastor Chad
† Hymn of Response	No. 201, Christ is Coming TUNE: CWM RHONDDA	Congregation
† Benediction		Pastor Chad
** Postlude	Fanfare <i>Henry Purcell</i>	Asriel Davis, organ

† Indicates congregation is to please stand

* Indicates congregation to please kneel

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

CHURCH BUSINESS

OFFICER NOMINATION

This is the second reading.

New Member Engagement Committee

Alyssa Truman

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

OUTGOING

This is the second reading.

Matthew Fennell to Crosswalk Adventist Church Company in Chattanooga, Tennessee

BUILDING SURVEY

YOUR INPUT IS REQUESTED

CHURCH MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO TAKE THE CHURCH BUILDING SURVEY AND SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS WITH OUR BUILDING COMMITTEE!

Attention church family! If you're a member of Spencerville Church, the Building Committee wants to hear from you! This survey is designed to gather crucial feedback from Spencerville Church members regarding the rebuilding of our church facilities. Your input is key to inform the committee as they steward the rebuilding process. To take the survey, point your web browser to spencervillechurch.org/buildsurvey Thank you!

CHURCH/SCHOOL LIFE

THE OFFERING FOR APRIL 12

*Today's offering is for
Hope Channel International*

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 offerings at spencervillechurch.org/give.

PASSION WEEK BEGINS TOMORROW

We'd love for you to bring a friend, family member, neighbor, or co-worker—everyone is welcome, no matter where they are on their faith journey! **Join us for a special time together at 7:00 p.m. each evening, starting tomorrow and continuing through Saturday, April 19, with a beautiful sunrise service at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 20.**

This year, we'll walk through the final week of Jesus' earthly ministry through the eyes of Mark's Gospel, experiencing the powerful story of love, grace, sacrifice, and redemption. Each evening will offer a meaningful, immersive time of worship through word and song as we reflect on the events that led to Jesus' death—and celebrate His victorious resurrection!

SERVE WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY ON COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY!

As a church community, we worship together, pray together, and play together.

Let's also serve together! Although we serve faithfully all year, we're dedicating a day, **Sunday, April 27**, to serve our community collectively! Our Community Services team has coordinated a variety of service projects for all ages and abilities. To see a list of projects, visit spencervillechurch.org/community-service-projects.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO SUPPORT DISPLACED FAMILIES!

One of our projects for Community Services Day will assist over 100 families who are trying to build a new life in a new country. The Community Services team has created a list of pressing needs: groceries, clothing, children's toys, etc. **A bin will be at the church each Sabbath and at the Academy through April 26.**

To download the donation list, visit spencervillechurch.org/displaced or stop by the Community Services table in the foyer today to receive a printed copy. Thank you in advance for your support and for being the hands and feet of Jesus for these families!

"THE WIDOWS' MIGHT" CONNECT GROUP

The next gathering of this group will be held at 11:00 a.m. on **Thursday, April 24**, at the Olive Garden Restaurant located at Laurel Lakes Centre - 14650 *Baltimore Avenue* in Laurel. Attendees are

responsible for their own meal and tip. Please RSVP on or before April 17 by calling the church office at 301-384-2920.

FIND A SABBATH SCHOOL CLASS

We offer a variety of Sabbath School classes where you're welcome to join the discussion or simply listen. Visit spencervillechurch.org/sabbathschool to find the list of Sabbath School classes, descriptions, and a facility map showing where each class is located.

VACATION BIBLE EXPERIENCE

Our Children's Ministries is excited to invite all children between the ages of 0 and 11 for a week of fun activities and learning about Jesus! Join us **June 23 to 26, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** for an exciting Alaskan adventure. We'll learn to journey with Jesus in a wild world where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, rivers race, and glaciers glisten! As we trek the tundra, we'll remind kids that Jesus is a faithful friend and guide whom we can always trust! He's our True North!

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. *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.

TUESDAY VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING

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

NO MIDWEEK ON APRIL 16, JOIN US AT PASSION WEEK INSTEAD!

Our Midweek worship that takes place every Wednesday night at the school will not meet this week because of Passion Week. Instead, we invite you to join us in the General Conference auditorium at 7:00 p.m. beginning Sunday, April 13, as we explore the final week leading to Jesus's death and resurrection

PRAYER NEWSLETTER

Are you receiving the weekly newsletter from Prayer Ministry? Visit: spencervillechurch.org/prayerministry to sign-up.

A REMINDER ABOUT FOOD IN THE SANCTUARY

We are grateful to the Lutheran Church of St. Andrew (LCAS) for sharing their space with us each Sabbath. We want to do our part to care for this facility. LCAS has requested that we not bring food into the sanctuary on Sabbath. We realize that many children will need a snack between Sabbath School and Church. There are tables in the foyer that can be used for this purpose. We thank you in advance for your help on this matter!

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. 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!

CAMP MEETING 2025

You're invited to the 2025 Chesapeake Conference Camp Meeting, **June 17-21**, on the campus of Highland View Academy in Hagerstown, Maryland. You will enjoy inspiring messages, engaging seminars, and meaningful activities for all ages. The theme is year is "*Hope Rising: Finding Light in the Darkness*". Whether you're coming with family, friends, or on your own, there's something for everyone! This year, we are blessed to welcome John Bradshaw and Eric Flickinger from *It Is Written* as our featured speakers.

To access the schedule, registration links, and Camp Meeting app, please [visit ccosda.org/campmeeting](https://ccosda.org/campmeeting).

3,000 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PATHWAY TO HEALTH CONFERENCE IN ST. LOUIS

Pathway to Health is looking for 3,000 volunteers to help demonstrate God's love in St. Louis, **May 4 to 9, 2025**. Pathway to Health is a humanitarian service of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Medical, dental, and non-medical volunteers are urgently needed. Stop by the AWR booth in the foyer today for more information or visit pathwaytohealth.org/register.

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.

CALENDAR

APRIL

- 13-18 Passion Week - 7:00 p.m. - GC
- 15 Virtual Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 16 No Midweek Worship Service, Join the Passion Week Service at the GC
- 19 Passion Week - 4:00 p.m. - GC
- 20 Passion Week Sunrise Service - 7:00 a.m. - GC
- 26 Adventurer Investiture - 4:00 p.m. - SAA
- 27 Community Service Day
(See item on page 6)

STAFF DIRECTORY

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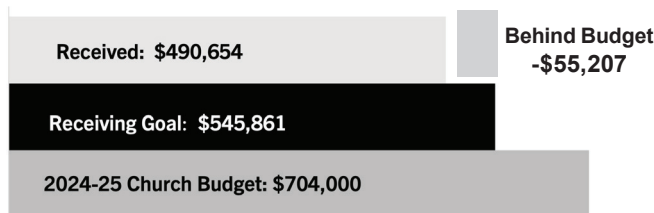
OTHER CONTACTS

Prayer Requests..... ext. 140.....prayerline@spencervillechurch.org
 Member Care Line..... ext. 141..... membercare@spencervillechurch.org
 Spencerville Academy..... 301.421.9101..... info@spencerville.org
 Chesapeake Conference301.596.5600info@ccosda.org
 National Domestic Violence Hotline..... 800-799-7233

FINANCIAL REPORT

OPERATING BUDGET RECEIVED

Through Week 38 - March 29, 2025



fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024

CAPITAL BUDGET RECEIVED

\$646,815

*received through March 29, 2025 for
fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024*

CURRENT DEBT

\$2,419,212

as of March 15, 2025

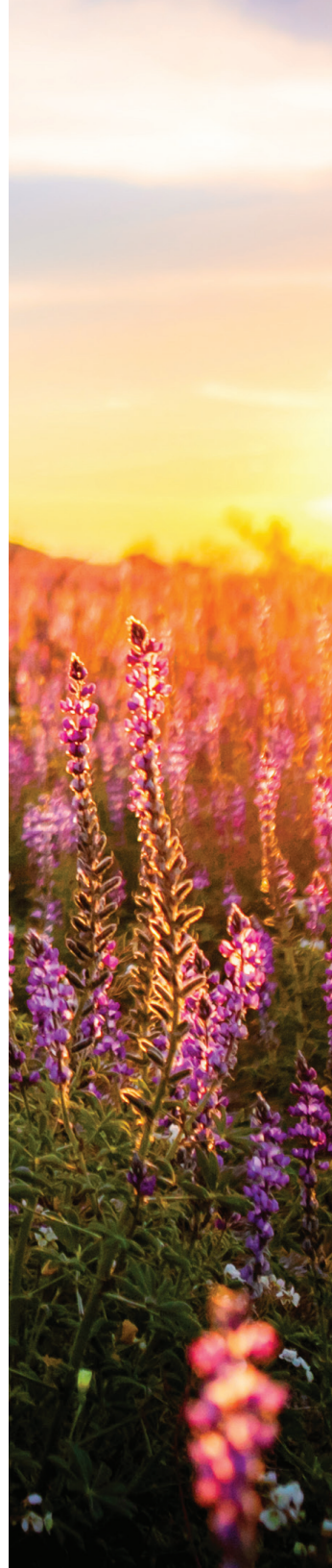


Meeting at:

The Lutheran Church of St. Andrew
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THE DRAGON AND HIS BEASTS: BREAKING UP WITH MY LOVE, PART THREE

April 12, 2025

WHAT LED GOD'S PEOPLE WEST TO AMERICA?

◆ The Sea Beast:

And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads. ² And the beast that I saw was like a leopard; its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority.

—Revelation 13:1-2, ESV

◆ The Merging of Church and State:

“The group of (Puritan)Separatists remained in Holland for a decade, suffering persecution and corrupting worldliness. With religious and political tensions rising in Europe, they feared for their security and freedom. Faced with these fears, they saw an alternative in the wilderness of North America.” —Malcolm Gaskill, University of East Anglia

◆ Persecution:

The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with a flood. —Revelation 12:15, ESV

Developing Religious Freedom in the New World

Roger Williams came to the New World. Like the early Pilgrims he came to enjoy religious freedom; but, unlike them, he saw—what so few in his time had yet seen—that this freedom was the inalienable right of all, whatever might be their creed... Williams “was the first person in modern Christendom to establish civil government on the doctrine of the liberty of conscience, the equality of opinions before the law.”—Bancroft, pt. 1, ch. 15, par. 16. He declared it to be the duty of the magistrate to restrain crime, but never to control the conscience. “The public or the magistrates may decide,” he said, “what is due from man to man; but when they attempt to prescribe a man’s duties to God, they are out of place, and there can be no safety; for it is clear that if the magistrate has the power, he may decree one

set of opinions or beliefs today and another tomorrow; as has been done in England by different kings and queens, and by different popes and councils in the Roman Church; so that belief would become a heap of confusion.”

–Ellen White, *The Great Controversy*, 293-94.

America is Here By God’s Divine Will and Has Been Blessed by God

“The Lord has done more for the United States than for any other country upon which the sun shines. Here He provided an asylum for His people, where they could worship Him according to the dictates of conscience. Here Christianity has progressed in its purity.”

–Ellen White, *Maranatha, The Lord Is Coming*, 193

BUT...A BREAKUP IS COMING

It’s not us, it’s her...

Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. ¹² It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed. ¹³ It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people, ¹⁴ and by the signs that it is allowed to work in the presence of the beast it deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived.

–*Revelation 13:11-14*

- **Rising out of the earth** = The second beast comes from the New World (The United States of America)
- **Exercises all authority of first beast** = Merging power of church and state persecution
- **Two horns but no crowns** = This is not a monarchy, there is no kingly power
- **Looks like a lamb** = seems to be christ-like
- **Speaks like a dragon** = appearance of good but satan is the power behind it

WHEN THE BREAKUP COMES!

¹⁵ *And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain. ¹⁶ Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich*

and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead,¹⁷ so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. —Revelation 13:15-17

Results:

“In our land of boasted freedom, religious liberty will come to an end.”
—Ellen White, *Evangelism*, 236

Liberty of conscience, which has cost so great a sacrifice, will no longer be respected.” —Ellen White, *The Great Controversy*, 592

“*All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.*” —2 Timothy 3:12.

“some of them will be thrust into prison, some will be exiled, some will be treated as slaves. To human wisdom all this now seems impossible...”
—Ellen White, *The Great Controversy*, 608.

Our Response:

1. There is no time to delay--give our hearts to Jesus today!

◆ **Lower Authority:**

“Disaster produces the questioning, the anxiety, and the suggestibility that are required (for RAPID alteration of a belief system); only in its wake are people moved to abandon old values of the past.”

—Michael Barkun

◆ **Higher Authority:**

“The agencies of evil are combining their forces and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be RAPID ones.” —Ellen White, *Testimonies for the Church* Vol. 9, 11.

◆ **Highest Authority:**

“*But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you SUDDENLY like a trap.*³⁵ For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth.”

—Jesus, *Luke* 21:34-35

2. Work While We Still Can!

“We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work.” –Jesus, John 9:4

He commands His servants to present the last invitation of mercy to the world. They cannot remain silent, except at the peril of their souls. Christ’s ambassadors have nothing to do with consequences. They must perform their duty and leave results with God. ¹

3. Rejoice in What God is Doing!

For Us...

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

–Jesus, Matthew 5:11-12

We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. – The Apostle Paul, Romans 5:3-5

² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

– James, the brother of Jesus, James 1:2-4

For Others...

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. ²⁹ Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit. – The Prophet Joel, Joel 2:28-29

WHAT WILL THAT RESULT IN...

The work will be similar to that of the Day of Pentecost.

– Ellen White, *The Great Controversy*, 611

“The great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening.” Ibid.

¹ Ellen Gould White, *The Great Controversy Between Christ and Satan*, Vol. 5, *Conflict of the Ages Series* (Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1911), 609–610.