

Tucson Desert Valley

Upcoming Events

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| Jan | 17 | Pastor Mike | Rich Young Ruler |
| Jan | 24 | Pastor Mike | Communion |
| Jan | 31 | Pastor's Panel Discussion | |
| Feb | 7 | Pastor Jim | Hottub Discussions |
| Feb | 14 | Pastor Charles | A Letter from the Heart |
| Feb | 21 | Pastor Mike | |
| Feb | 28 | Pastor Mike | |
| Mar | 07 | Pastor Mike | |
| Mar | 14 | Pastor Mike | |
| Mar | 21 | Pastor Jim | Joining Jesus |
| Mar | 28 | Pastor Charles | Cultural Baggage |

Prayer Cards - '26

In the chair in front of you is a prayer request card. Feel free to take it and share with us your specific prayer request. Your request goes to the group that meets on Tuesday evening at 4:30pm, where we take all the cards and pray specifically for each of the issues mentioned.

Prayer Updates

And yes we love to have updates on how your prayers and ours may be being answered. Stay in touch.

Upcoming Committees

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| Finance Com | Jan 21 |
| Governance Bd | Jan 28 |
| Business Mtg | Feb 14 |

Announcements

Connect, Today at 11:15am,
Room 3 of the School
Come connect with God, others, and yourself in a new way

Conference Bylaws Committee Open Meeting
Sunday, Jan 18th, 2026 10:00am
For info on inperson or zoom attendance grab the printed information next to the bulletins

Church Pastors

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Senior Pastor, Evangelism, Education, Strategic Plan

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Pastor Jim and Janell Brauer
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Retired: Admin Pastor, Board Chair, AV Director

Jamelle Diehl
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Elder for Hospital and Home Visitation

Announcements (Cont.)

Vespers, Next Friday at 7pm
Room 3 of the School
Bring your friends who haven't been in church too much! This is spearheaded by our youth and young adults. Come curious



Rabbi
Jesus

Welcome

January 17, 2026

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, widowed, divorced, gay, filthy rich, dirt poor, no hablo Inglés. We extend a special welcome to those who are crying new-borns, skinny as a rail or could afford to lose a few pounds.

We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or like a person who can't carry a note in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Catholic than the Pope, or haven't been in church since little Joey's Baptism.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, and junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion;" we've been there too.

If you blew all your offering money at the dog track, you're welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts... and you!

--Anonymous--



Orientation to Our Church

First, we are a Grace based Adventist Church, which simply means we understand God's grace is wildly generous for every believer. Man's works do not save him, nor do his bad works cause him to be lost! Accepting Jesus salvation and His righteousness does provide salvation, you are perfect now in Christ alone! Never you!

We also believe and know that sin is so sticky that without a daily walk with Jesus himself, you will quickly become self deluded and slide back into practices where the devil can pick you off easier.

We invite you to see all of our beliefs as framed by our understanding - Grace alone in Christ alone thru faith alone, as taught by Scripture alone, and brings Glory to God alone.

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Teaching the Word: Rich Young Ruler

1. What did Jesus say for you to give up in order to become His disciple?
2. What are some things you are scared to let go?
3. How often does holding onto our power or sense of it often hurt us in the end?
4. Not everyone is called to give up wealth or influence, how could we be authentic disciples with the wealth and influence we have? Are we building up His kingdom or our own?
5. Doing everything right does not necessarily mean we are truly doing the right thing with the right motives. With all the ways life influences us, how do we keep Jesus in the center of who we are?
6. "Costly grace is the treasure hidden in the field; for the sake of it a man will go and sell all that he has. It is the pearl of great price to buy which the merchant will sell all his goods. It is the kingly rule of Christ, for whose sake a man will pluck out the eye which causes him to stumble; it is the call of Jesus Christ at which the disciple leaves his nets and follows him."
Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Family Worship

Here are **basic principles** for family worship:

- a. Keep it short
- b. Keep it interesting
- c. Adapt to age of the child
Younger - shorter, Older - longer
- d. Keep it personal, be real
- e. If you aren't interested, they won't be either.

Sample Worship

Prayer - *Dear Jesus, thank you for being here with us now, amen*

Song - *Ask if they have a favorite, take turns choosing. Learn sign language symbols as they grow older.*

Brief Lesson - *see lesson helps*

Question: *after brief lesson point. What did we learn from this story?*

Prayer: *Have each child pray outloud.*



- Cradle Roll
- Kindergarten
- Primary
- Junior
- Lesson Studies

Additionally . . . Follow this QR code to download the family worship devotionals. An example is found here in the right column,. There is also an app available for iphone and android that makes it even easier to access the devotionals.

The Children and Jesus

The people brought little children to Jesus for Him to place His hands on them and pray for them. How did the disciples react to the children?

Solve the math problems to fill in the blanks.

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| $5 - 3 = \underline{\quad}$ | $2 + 6 = \underline{\quad}$ | $10 - 4 = \underline{\quad}$ | |
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| $7 - 4 = \underline{\quad}$ | $8 + 5 = \underline{\quad}$ | $4 + 6 = \underline{\quad}$ | $2 + 3 = \underline{\quad}$ |
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The disciples



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PARENTS: WEEK 3

The First Disciples Meet Jesus

Bible Point: Jesus calls us family and friends.
Key Verse: "Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God" (John 1:12).
Big Picture: Seeking to better embrace the reality of Jesus relating to us as our friend.

MONDAY
1 John 3:1

What is it that you are seeing today that helps shape the experience of your day and define who you are? There are so many things to see. We have a world that is in turmoil in many places, and a great deal of uncertainty regarding what will happen and whether those in positions of power will act in ways that are hurtful and destructive. Perhaps we see people who have disappointed us in some way, or others from whom we draw encouragement and hope. Perhaps we see those whom we have disappointed. What we turn our attention to, and how the things we dwell upon influence and shape us, are significant. As we begin a new week, today's passage invites us to take a long, lingering look at a powerful reality that can shape us in profound ways. As you take a few moments to ponder and perhaps follow the invitation of this passage, consider the following:

- What are we invited to see, gaze upon, and allow to absorb our attention?
- Ponder for a moment the implications of the word "lavish" that is used in this passage. What does that imply about the way God regards us?
- If you are a parent, reflect on those first moments when your children were born, the impact that had on you, and how that changed you as you think about how God feels about us. If you aren't a parent, think about what it means to be a beloved child in a loving family in a similar way. What surfaces for you as you think about this?
- To what extent are you able to personally and confidently claim the phrase, "And that is what we are!?" Why are you able to do so, or what prevents you from doing so?
- What else are you sensing as you reflect on this passage?

Take a few moments to respond to God in prayer.