

### Business Meeting Today

Please stay by for a brief business meeting.

### Upcoming Events

Jan	3	Pastor Jim	Rabbi Jesus
Jan	10	Pastor Charles	Apprentice
Jan	17	Pastor Mike	Apprentice to Jesus
Jan	24	Pastor Mike	Communion
Jan	31	Pastor's Panel Discussion	
Feb	7	Pastor Jim	
Feb	14	Pastor Charles	

### Fellowship Lunch - today

Please join us as we talk and eat together today in the fellowship hall.

### 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, 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.

### Pathfinders Today 2pm

Parents don't forget Pathfinders will be meeting today in Fellowship 3, green doors.

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Elder for Hospital and Home Visitation

# Tucson Desert Valley



## Rabbi Jesus

## Welcome

January 3, 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.*



# 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 -- Rabbi Jesus

- Everyone follows someone!  
Who do you follow?
- By beholding we become changed.  
Which direction are you being changed?
- Scripture is given to us to hide in our heart so we won't wander away from God  
Are you memorizing scripture?
- Jesus is the ultimate revelation of who God is!  
Are you following him so close, others think you might not be normal?
- Practical trouble follows when you listen and obey the master!
  - Family - Jesus said
  - Enemies - Jesus said
  - Goals - Jesus said
  - Greatness - Jesus said
  - Fear - Jesus said
  - Sins - Jesus said
- What does the schema theory mean, and how does it apply to you?
- What changes in your life is God prompting you to make to follow Him?

## Family Worship

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

- Keep it short
- Keep it interesting
- Adapt to age of the child  
Younger - shorter, Older - longer
- Keep it personal, be real
- 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.



Additionally . . . Follow this link to download the family worship devotionals. And 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.



Match the numbers with the words in the net. Place them on the lines below.

31	16	2	5	26	
28	35	19	18	13	6
23	4	31	38	20	
11	24	36	2	1	
14	7	13	17	31	
8	9	7	22	12	
31	10	30	33	15	
3	20	39	31		
32	1	37	25	21	
29	31	27	34		

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- Cradle Roll
- Kindergarten
- Primary
- Junior Lesson Studies

PARENTS: WEEK 1

### Danger at Home; Safety in Egypt

**Bible Point:** God is with us through everything  
**Key Verse:** "The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him" (Psalm 137)

**Big Picture:** To trust that God is with us, providing guidance no matter what comes our way.

**MONDAY Jeremiah 21:15-17**

In the midst of the Christmas story in which angels sing, shepherds are invited, and magi come from faraway places to honor the birth of Jesus, we have the discordant note of tragedy and loss. It does not often get highlighted during our holiday festivities, but its reality, even though most of us have been shielded from the worst expressions of this, is still felt too often in our world today. God's amazing expression of love and grace was met with reactive demonstrations of cruelty and disregard for the lives of those who were seen as a threat to those in positions of power. So when Matthew tells his story of the birth of Jesus, he also finds himself drawing from the language of Jeremiah who gave voice to the cries of those who suffered cruelly and unjustly at the hands of others. This is the context in which the good news of great joy for all people came into the world. It is a sobering reminder, and Matthew tells the truth. But as the passage from which Matthew quotes—and the message of Jesus itself—reminds us, it is not that reality, as tragic as it may be, that ultimately defines us. In the darkness, the light still shines, and there is hope! As you reflect on today's passage, consider the following questions:

- In the midst of Rachel's grief, weeping for her children, what words of hope do Jeremiah's words also convey?
- How can we best be attentive to the very real loss and suffering that people (ourselves included) experience in the world, and yet also be a source of hope and light in the darkness without denying the reality of either?
- Are you aware of others who are feeling the debilitating load of grief and loss, and for whom hope seems elusive? How can you be an encouraging, supportive presence for them?
- Are there places in your life right now where you identify more with pain and loss than resilience and hope? How are you processing this?

Take a few moments to share with God what is on your heart as you reflect on this passage, those questions, and any other thoughts or feelings that may be surfacing for you.