

WELCOME

Everyone knows that Jesus wasn't born on December 25. But Christmas came the day Jesus was born. It's hard to understand how Christmas has come to be what it is. Do you think Pope Julius I ever dreamed Christmas would become what it has when he announced December 25 as the day to celebrate Christmas in 353 AD?

Do you think that St. Nicholas had any idea he would be honored by so many people today because of his tendency to secretly and anonymously give gifts to people around him? He died December 6, 353 AD. Do you think he would be pleased with the outcome of Christmas today?






In 1832, it was Professor Charles Follen who first put candles on a tree in America. Do you think he envisioned the complex and elaborate decorations of Christmas would evolve to such a state?

Some don't like Christmas. They think it's pagan. But we should understand it's how we treat that day that makes it pagan or not. It's been a long time since 353, and longer still since Jesus was born under a special star of joyous angelic hosts. As we approach Christmas against this year, it gives us an opportunity to stop in the midst of decorations and expensive gifts to consider the events of the Christmas story and celebrate Jesus. He is the still the reason for the season.

Pastor Ben

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WORSHIP

DECEMBER 14, 2019

SAF Christmas Breakfast & Celebration

11:00am Worship

WE WORSHIP WITH SINGING

Praise Team

PASTOR'S WELCOME

Pastor Benjamin Orian

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

featuring the children of Springdale Adventist School

"HALLELUJAH LIGHT HAS COME"

Megan Knudson

CHRISTMAS READING

Matthew 1:18-25

"NOEL"

Eva Turner

WORSHIP THE CHRIST-CHILD IN PRAYER

James Shepherd

"MARY DID YOU KNOW"

Faryl Boyking and Danita Mullins

CHRISTMAS READING

Isaiah 9:6-7

WE WORSHIP BY GIVING

Christmas Love Offerings - SAF Ministries

CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS

Pastor Benjaimn Orian

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS"

Siena Orian



»» THIS WEEK

@ Springdale Adventist Fellowship & School

15 SUNDAY

No Events Planned

16 MONDAY

SAS Back to School, School Office open 7:30 - 3:00
5:45p Prayer Time in the Sanctuary

17 TUESDAY

5:45p Prayer Time in the Sanctuary

18 WEDNESDAY

5:45p Prayer Time in the Sanctuary
6:30p Adventurers, Pathfinders, Prayer Meeting

19 THURSDAY

5:45p Prayer Time in the Sanctuary

20 FRIDAY (Preparation Day)

5:05p Sabbath Begins
5:45p Prayer Time in the Sanctuary
7:00p The Well - Candlelight Christmas Vespers

21 SABBATH

9a "The Well"
10a Bible Study and Sabbath School
11a Worship Service
5:06p Sabbath Ends

To see a our full calendar, go to our website at gosaf.com for all our upcoming ministries, events, and programs.

»» NEWS NOTES

MOVIE NIGHT | TONIGHT

The Pathfinders are hosting a fundraiser movie tonight, beginning with worship at 6:00pm in the gym. Tickets will be \$8 at the door. The movie is "The Christmas Nativity." Proceeds from ticket sales and snacks will benefit the club.

SAF CANDLELIGHT SERVICE | DECEMBER 20

Invite your family and friends to join us for Annual Christmas Candlelight Service "A Night With the King" on Friday, December 20th at 6:00 pm. Refreshments will follow the service.

CREATION MUSEUM & ARK ENCOUNTER

Experience Creation and Bible history at the life-size, Noah's Ark! Walk through the ark and see how the animals might have been arranged. See the living quarters. See how much space there was! SAF and SAS are co-sponsoring a trip for families to go on this 4-day trip to experience Bible stories in a way you've never imagined before. More details coming soon. If interested, talk to Pastor Ben to reserve your seats!

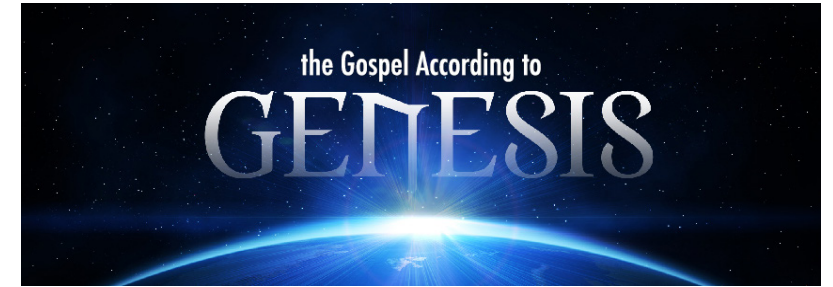
HOST INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

SAS has 4 Korean exchange students coming January 1-19 and we are seeking host families for them. If you want to host 2 of them, you will receive \$1,000 to offset any incurred expenses. If interested, please talk to Pastor Ben or Megan Knudson as soon as possible.

PRAYER WARRIORS

Especially this time of year, there are many needs, concerns, and frustrations. There are also reasons to give thanks and praise. SAF has a team of prayer warriors that is committed to praying for these very concerns. Unless you desire otherwise, prayer requests are kept confidential among the prayer warriors. If you would like to have the prayer warriors join you in prayer, use the prayer request card in the seat in front of you. When completed, you may turn it in with the offering when it is collected. If you prefer, we also have a prayer wall at our website, www.gosaf.com, that you can use. Requests made there may also be kept confidential, unless you allow the request to be posted live.

»» SERMON SERIES



They say history repeats itself. The Bible proves it. Everything you need to know about humanity is chronicled in colorful detail. Why do we do the things we do? Why do we choose the things we choose? Why do we prefer the forbidden fruit instead of the way of obedience? Genesis tells the story. It's the story of man running away. And God chasing after him to save him. It's the story of the Gospel of Jesus. And it can all be found in Genesis.

Beginning January 11, 2020...

PREACHING SCHEDULE

Dec 14 Christmas Breakfast and Program (Bring a Guest!)
Dec 21 Pastor Ben *The First Pastors*
Dec 28 Shelby West
Jan 04 Mike Colburn

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER | Mon - Fri, 5:45pm

You are invited to congregational prayer Monday-Friday at 5:45pm and Sabbath after fellowship meal in the sanctuary. This will last as long as there are people willing to pray. We are intentionally setting aside time to pray for our: Church Leaders, School teachers, Church unity, evangelism, ministries, and personal prayer requests. (These personal requests will not be the confidential prayer cards turned for Prayer Warriors; only what's on the heart at the time of prayers).

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