

**December 28, 2019**

**SONGS FOR SABBATH—9:20 AM**

Opening Song	<i>Day by Day</i>	Hymn #532
Welcome		Stan Warren
Scripture & Prayer	Matthew 9:37, 38	
Mission		DVD
Remarks		Stan Warren
Bible Lesson	#13 Leaders in Israel	DelRoy Guild

**Memory Verse:** “And all the people went their way to eat and drink, to send portions and rejoice greatly, because they understood the words that were declared to them” (Nehemiah 8:12, NKJV)

**PRAISE AND WORSHIP—10:50**

Call to Worship	<i>Praise to the Lord</i>	Hymn #1
Invocation		Jose Ochoa
Welcome /Announcements		Stan Warren
Children’s Story		Noelia Oase
Opening Song	<i>Faith is the Victory</i>	Hymn #608
Offering	AZ Advance-Evangelism	Stan Warren
Scripture	Hebrews 12:1, 2	David Smith
Prayer Song	<i>The Lord is in His Holy Temple</i>	Hymn #692
Prayer		Benjamin Rivera
Sermon	<i>The Race</i>	Jose Ochoa
Closing Song	<i>Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus</i>	Hymn #290

On Duty Today: Jim McLain: Name / Deaconess: Minnie Martinez

Pianist: Eunice Richard / Organist:

Greeter: Carol Ritacca

Pastor: Gladstone Simmons

Elder: Jimmy Sanders

**What’s Happening at Midvale Park Church**

**Welcome to all our visitors! Please come again soon!**

Prayer Request Cards are in the pew pockets, Please put in the offering plate.

**Potluck:** Every week except Communion Sabbath—January 4

**AY:** 5.00 p.m. Every Sabbath at the church.

**Women’s Bible Study:** Every Tuesday, 10;00 a.m. at the church.

**Prayer Meeting:** To be announce soon.

Those interested in Prayer Meeting, contact the church phone number for details.  
520-428-7220

"Shall We Have a Christmas Tree?"--God would be well pleased if on Christmas each church would have a Christmas tree on which shall be hung offerings, great and small, for these houses of worship. [NOTE: REFERENCE IS MADE IN THIS ARTICLE TO CURRENT BUILDING PROJECTS. AS THE PRINCIPLES SET FORTH IN THIS CONNECTION ARE APPLICABLE TODAY, THESE SPECIFIC REFERENCES ARE LEFT IN THE ARTICLE.] Letters of inquiry have come to us asking, Shall we have a Christmas tree? Will it not be like the world? We answer, You can make it like the world if you have a disposition to do so, or you can make it as unlike the world as possible. There is no particular sin in selecting a fragrant evergreen and placing it in our churches, but the sin lies in the motive which prompts to action and the use which is made of the gifts placed upon the tree. {AH 482.1}

The tree may be as tall and its branches as wide as shall best suit the occasion; but let its boughs be laden with the golden and silver fruit of your beneficence, and present this to Him as your Christmas gift. Let your donations be sanctified by prayer. {AH 482.2}

Christmas and New Year celebrations can and should be held in behalf of those who are helpless. God is glorified when we give to help those who have large families to support. {AH 482.3}

Adult Bible Study in the Sanctuary at 9:50 AM

Youth, Primary & Junior, Kindergarten & Cradle Roll Bible Study In classrooms at 9:50 AM

**Bible Studies:** If you are interested, please tell Jimmy Sanders

**Treasurer’s Report**

<b>Budget: Annual: \$88,400.00 Monthly: \$7,366.67 Weekly: \$1,700.00</b>				
<b>Week</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Rec’d Total</b>	<b>Over/Under</b>
12/21	\$86,700.00	\$3,161.23	\$85,157.84	-1,542.16
<b>Includes \$2,215.23 online giving for December 21 report.</b>				

**Saguaro Hills SDA Christian School** with Grades K-8 is located at

4280 W. Irvington Rd., Tucson, AZ 85746 / Phone: 520-325-1454

Check out the website at [saguarahillsschool.org](http://saguarahillsschool.org)

**Church E-newsletter:** To Receive our weekly newsletter, bulletins, prayer request, and news, please sign up at <http://eepurl.com/cUFrqH>

**Prayer Requests:** Midvale Park Church & members; Saguaro Hills School, teachers/students; Pastor Simmons; Bible students; Missionaries; Lay Bible workers in their own countries; Orphanages; Orphans; Mission Schools; Missing members; Alex & Josie Torres; Chris & Leonor Shirkey & Mom; Nancy Willis-Fuller & family, Sally Medina; Gloria Obregon; Jessie & Roxie Kuffel; Maria Sandoval; Dolores Litton; Myrna Peterson and Leona Griffin, Ed Swena (Kaye Spargur's Brother), Amelia Nance, DelRoy Guild.

**Website;** [www.midvaleparksda.org](http://www.midvaleparksda.org) / Email: [midvaleparksda@gmail.com](mailto:midvaleparksda@gmail.com)

**On Duty Next Week:**

**Sermon:** Pastor Gladstone Simmons

**Platform Chair:**

**Sabbath School:** Carol Ritacca

**S.S Teacher:** Stan Warren

**Children's Story:**

**Deacon on Duty:** Alex Torres

**Deaconess on Duty:** Karen Baumann

**Greeter:**

**Kitchen:**

A Tree Laden With Offerings Is Not Sinful.--Let not the parents take the position that an ever-green placed in the church for the amusement of the Sabbath school scholars is a sin, for it may be made a great blessing. Keep before their minds benevolent objects. In no case should mere amusement be the object of these gatherings. While there may be some who will turn these occasions into seasons of careless levity, and whose minds will not receive the divine impress, to other minds and characters these seasons will be highly beneficial. I am fully satisfied that innocent substitutes can be devised for many gatherings that demoralize. {AH 482.4}

Provide Innocent Enjoyment for the Day.--Will you not arise, my Christian brethren and sisters, and gird yourselves for duty in the fear of God, so arranging this matter that it shall not be dry and uninteresting, but full of innocent enjoyment that shall bear the signet of Heaven? I know the poorer class will respond to these suggestions. The most wealthy should also show an interest and bestow their gifts and offerings proportionate to the means with which God has entrusted them. Let there be recorded in the heavenly books such a Christmas as has never yet been seen because of the donations which shall be given for the sustaining of the work of God and the up-building of His kingdom. {AH 483.1}

**Bulletin Information:** Send to [tapler2000@gmail.com](mailto:tapler2000@gmail.com)

Sunset Today: 5:27 p.m.

Sunset next Friday: 5:33 p.m.

