



# SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST® CHURCH

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 Pastor Robert Lechner

**Welcome! We are all glad you came today!**

We extend a special welcome to our guests and members. If you are visiting or have a prayer request, we invite you to fill out the card in the back of the pew and put it in the offering plate this morning. Thank you for sharing this Sabbath with us and may God richly bless you as you worship today!

**Parents, we are blessed to have you and your children worshiping with us today. Relax and remember kids get the wiggles and can forget to whisper sometimes. They are learning how to worship during church service and we are privileged to teach them. We as a congregation are here to support you as your child learns how to worship in God’s House. Please do not get discouraged if you need to take your child out during the service and do not be afraid to come back. Children are a gift to our growing church family! “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.” - Matthew 19:14**

Prayer time	9:00 am
Sabbath School	9:30 am
Music Mediation	10:30 am
Worship Service	10:45 am
Hymn Sing	Ken Cooper
Children’s Story	Megan de Fluiter
Announcements	Mark de Fluiter

### At Your Service

Chorister	Ken Cooper
Deacon this Sabbath	Don Thompson
Elder this Sabbath	Mark de Fluiter
Greeter this Sabbath	Linda Criss
Organist	Cheryl Ingersoll
Pianist	Beth de Fluiter

*Call to Worship*  
***I cast all my cares upon you***  
***I lay all of my burdens down at your feet***  
***And any time that I don’t know what to do***  
***I will cast all my cares upon you***

### Worship Service December 12, 2020

<b>Invocation &amp; Welcome</b>	Mark de Fluiter
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<b>Hymn of Praise – “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”</b>	<b>#122</b>
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### Worship in Giving

<b>Offering Appeal – Adventist Community Services</b>	Mark de Fluiter
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<b>Offertory</b>	Megan & Beth de Fluiter
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### Worship in Word

<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Dee Dee Lechner
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<b>Special Music –</b>	Beth de Fluiter & Cheryl Ingersoll
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<b>Scripture – Luke 2:10-11</b>	Steve Hillis
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<b>Message– “No Christmas”</b>	Rob Lechner
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<b>Closing Hymn – “O Come, All Ye Faithful”</b>	<b>#132</b>
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<b>Benediction</b>	Rob Lechner
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<b>Offering Next Sabbath</b>	Local Church Budget
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Sunset Today 5:15 pm	Sunset Next Friday 5:17 pm
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## Church Events

<b>December 12</b>	Speaker – Rob Lechner Elder – Mark de Fluiter Deacon – Don Thompson <i>Great Controversy</i> distribution	10:45 am   After lunch
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## Coming Up

<b>December 19</b>	Christmas Program Elder – Tim Mercer Deacon – Clinton McCulloch Assembling/delivering fruit baskets Food Box Distribution	10:45 am   After lunch 1:45 pm
<b>December 25</b>	Merry Christmas!	
<b>December 26</b>	Speaker – Rob Lechner Elder – Matt Smith Deacon – Anthony Johnston	10:45 am

## Announcements

**Speaker Today:** Rob Lechner **Theme:** Christmas is and has been under attack. What if there were no Christmas?

**Sabbath Prayer Time:** “Prayer is the opening of the heart to God as a friend.” We will be having a season of prayer each Sabbath morning beginning at 9:00 am in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to join and bring your petitions before the throne of grace. If you have any questions, please call Julie Douville at 423-302-7465.

**Membership transfer:** First reading for Daniel Afilaka transferring from Windsor SDA Church in Birmingham, England to Johnson City SDA Church.

**Midweek Service** is on hiatus until further notice.

**Family Prayer Circle:** Please remember to join other members of our church family in prayer on Friday night at 8:00 pm in the privacy of your homes. Let's join our hearts together praying for a great resolution for the Covid-19 virus. Please stand together! For more information, call Connie Rasnick at 423-278-6600.

**Health Expo Volunteers needed!** The Health Ministries department would like to do a health expo on Sabbath and Sunday July 17-18, 2021. Before we plan all the details, we need to ensure that we have at least 35 people, both medical and non-medical, who will volunteer to help. Descriptions of the volunteer opportunities have been sent out via e-mail. We are tentatively planning to hold this expo at the Johnson City Mall. If you have any questions, call Fred (423-302-7266) or Julie (423-302-7465) Douville or e-mail [tricitynaturalhealthinitiative@gmail.com](mailto:tricitynaturalhealthinitiative@gmail.com).

**Country Life Natural Food order:** The next Country Life Natural Food order will be delivered on December 28. Catalogs are available in the lobby or you can visit [www.clnf.org](http://www.clnf.org) to view it online. Order sheets are available in mailbox #63. Deadline to order is December 15 by noon. If you have questions, call Julie (423-302-7465) or Fred (423-302-7266) Douville or e-mail [tricitynaturalhealthinitiative@gmail.com](mailto:tricitynaturalhealthinitiative@gmail.com)

**Fruit baskets:** We will be assembling and delivering some fruit baskets next Sabbath, December 19, after church. Anyone who is interested in helping is invited to stay and help. Please bring your own lunch to eat before we start. If you have any questions, please call Julie (423-302-7465) or Fred (423-302-7266) Douville or see Pastor Rob.

**OASIS High School Retreat:** The Georgia Cumberland Conference’s annual high school retreat for SDA students (grades 9-12) is going virtual for 2021 on February 5 and 6. This event is especially designed for SDA students who do not attend an SDA school. The event is free, but please register by February 1 for planning purposes. For more information or to register, go to [www.gccsda.com/events/oasis2021](http://www.gccsda.com/events/oasis2021). If you have any questions, please call Alyse at 706-629-7951, ext. 346.

**LSCA Special Project:** Living Springs Christian Academy is currently raising funds to put air-conditioning in their gymnasium. They have \$37,174.97 available, but need a total of \$39,000. Please prayerfully consider supporting this special project to make the gym more “user-friendly” during warm weather!

**Cohutta Springs Youth Camp** is looking for ministry-minded young people to work at camp next summer. If you will be at least 18 years old by summer 2021 and you are looking for a way to minister, summer camp may be the right fit. Applications are being accepted at [www.cs-yc.com](http://www.cs-yc.com). Click on "Staff Application" under the Staff heading.

### TIPS FROM YOUR CHURCH TREASURER

**Address change:** If your address has changed at any time during 2020, the treasurer requests that you write your new address on a tithe envelope, highlight it or circle it to indicate that it is new, and drop it in the offering box. This will greatly assist him in getting your 2020 receipts out to you in a timely manner.

**Tax deductions:** To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, please do not file your 2020 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church. You may lose a deduction for some contributions if you do so.

### Combined Church Budget Offerings as of 12/5/2020

	Budget	Received
<b>December-to-Date</b>	<b>\$3,124.75</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>7/1/20-to-Date</b>	<b>\$65,619.75</b>	<b>\$56,925.95</b>
<b>Annual Budget</b>	<b>\$149,988.00</b>	
<b>2020 Calendar Year Tithe</b>		<b>\$412,124.63</b>

## **Prayer Requests**

If you have a prayer request, contact our Prayer Ministry Leader, Julie Douville, by calling/texting her at 423-302-7465.

*You also helping together in prayer (2 Corinthians 1:11)*

## **Praising God for many answered prayers!**

### **New prayer requests:**

*Continue Praying for:* Connie Rasnick, Becky Heath, Javier Barragan, Evon Morrow, Kevin, Keith & Tony Riggsby, Anne Olney, Teresa Stout, Joyce Casteel, Ruth Powers, Rob & Rosalee Rose, Lawrence & Karen Chronister, Johnny Ottinger, Vivian Swink, Brooke Burleson, Pam Burleson, Mike & Penny Shell, Marie Dannenberger, Betty Goins, and Howard & Betty Metcalfe's son, Ronnie.

## **Bulletin Announcements**

Please email bulletin announcements to Karen Cote at [info@johnsoncitysda.org](mailto:info@johnsoncitysda.org) by Wednesday midnight or call/text her at 423-429-7326. Please use email if possible.

## **Facebook and Webpage**

Please like us on Facebook and visit our website, [johnsoncitysda.org](http://johnsoncitysda.org).

## **Church Officers**

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## ***Our Church Mission***

***Developing deeper relationships with God and  
nurturing genuine friendships within our community.***