

**The Church at Worship**

December 12, 2020

Introit\*\* Elizabeth Cruz

Prayer \* Mike Opeka

Welcome Jim Porter

Opening Song #518  
"Standing on the Promises"

Worship in Giving Jim Porter  
NAD Adventist Community Services

Doxology \*\* #694

Children's Story Mike Opeka

Lamb's Offering Local Student Aid

Special Music Jocelyne & Eliana Eberhardt

Scripture Reading Youth  
Matthew 24:1-8

Sermon Mike Opeka  
"Beginnings"

Closing Song #584  
"There's a Spirit in the Air"

\*Please kneel

\*\*Please stand

**Church Budget**

Year	Budget	Offerings	Over (Short)
Q1&Q2	20,900	25,114.69	4,214.69
Q3	10,560	11,521.38	961.38
October	3,520	3,918.54	398.54
November	3,520	3,177.80	(342.20)
December	3,520	1,130.90	(2,389.10)
<b>YTD</b>	<b>42,020</b>	<b>44,863.31</b>	<b>2,843.31</b>

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CHURCH

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## Welcome to Ava Seventh-Day Adventist Church!

We extend a special welcome to all our guests today. Sabbath is a time set apart by our Creator for worship and communion with Him and we pray our time together will be edifying and encouraging. Please see the greeter in the lobby for any assistance. We hope you will come again and consider becoming part of our family.

### The Church at Study

Prayer Team	9:00 - 9:15
Sabbath School Class Period	9:30-10:20
SS Quarterly	Adult
Young Disciples	Youth/Teen
Cradle Roll/Kindergarten	Middle L Class
My Bible First	Primary/Junior
Intermission	10:20 - 10:25
Sabbath School Program	10:25 - 10:50
Pathfinder Induction Ceremony	
Announcements, Prayer and Praises	10:50 - 11:10
Jim Porter	
Church Worship	11:10
Sunset tonight 4:47 pm	Sunset next Friday 4:49 pm

## Announcements

The Pathfinders will have their induction ceremony this morning during the Sabbath School program!

There will be a meeting of the Questionnaire Team after lunch today, followed by a Bible Study.

Tonight's piano recital is limited to students and their families to keep attendance down. Lesa will live stream on her FB page so you are welcome to watch that way!

Don't forget to turn in your eligible canned goods labels (no frozen products). Best Choice labels are worth 3¢. Worthington & Loma Linda labels are worth 25¢. We only need the UPC, so please trim off the excess.

There will be a Mid-week Meeting on Wednesday, Dec 16<sup>th</sup>. The pastor plans to be there – so bring your Bibles and let us study together! We will not meet the following week due to the Christmas Holiday.

The Pathfinders will meet on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm for their Christmas party. The following week there will not be a meeting due to the Christmas Holiday.

Local Community Services is temporarily closed to the local community on Tuesdays. The center will continue to be open to CSC workers and volunteers. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please speak to Cherie Downs.

You can help with the Opeka's unexpected medical expenses by writing "Benevolence – Opeka" and the amount to allocate on a line on your tithe envelope.

The bulletin information is due by 7:00 pm each Wednesday. Please submit your information to the church email at [avasdachurch@gmail.com](mailto:avasdachurch@gmail.com) or call Judy Ulrich at (417) 683-3343.

### Last Week's & Today's Birthdays

Dec 5: Cyndi Jetton; Dec 10: Jennifer Duffield

Dec 12: Janitza Densmore; DeEtta Atherton

### Upcoming Birthdays

Dec 16: Randy Eastland; 31: Nathan Porter

Jan 1: Connie Porter; 2: Connor Clark

Jan 6: Gwyn Downs; 9: Lilia Perlee

Jan 9: Debra Zell; Jessie Mae Burger

Jan 11: Ayden Dorris; Arden Wood

### Upcoming Anniversaries

Dec 15: Jim & Connie Porter

## Calendar of Speakers & Events

Today during SS	Pathfinder Induction Ceremony
Today during Worship Service	Mike Opeka
Today after Worship Service	Fellowship, BYO Lunch
Today after lunch	Questionnaire team/Bible Study
Today @ 6pm	Piano Recital
December 16 @ 6pm	Pathfinder Christmas Party
December 16 @ 6:30pm	Mid-week Meeting
December 19	Pastor Terry Wolfe
December 23	No Pathfinder Meeting
December 23	No Mid-week Meeting
December 26	Jim Porter
December 26 after Lunch	Bible Study Group will meet

### Thought for the Day

"Tests will come to every one of us. We know not how many will be placed in peculiar positions where we shall have opportunity of showing forth the glory of God. We are to keep in view the honor of our heavenly Father. History will repeat itself. In this age the great test will be upon the point of Sabbath observance. A rival sabbath is exalted, as was the great golden image in the plain of Dura. Leaders claiming to be Christians will call upon the world to observe the spurious sabbath that they have made. All who refuse will be put under oppressive laws. This is the mystery of iniquity, the devising of satanic agencies, carried into effect by the man of sin." *Christ Triumphant p 178*

### Prayer Corner

**Please join us in lifting the following up in prayer today and throughout the coming week:** Please pray for Arden & Belinda Wood as he faces back surgery on Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> and she faces toe surgery in the near future. Also keep Connie Opeka and her mother in your prayers. Continue to pray for Mary Egan, Mike Opeka, Julianne Downs, Hanna Nickell (Jim Calkins' daughter), Bob Wynn & John Horner for healing. Pray also for Laura Cruz, Gwyn Downs. Pray always for our pastor, our children, our members, our friends, and those who are in need and hurting. Let someone who isn't here today know they are missed. Let us continue to pray for the filling of the Holy Spirit in us as individuals and as a church body as we represent Him in our homes and in this community.