

Prayer Thoughts and Requests

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God

2 Corinthians 5:21

(This verse is part of Paul's explanation of his ministry of reconciliation, urging believers to understand that God is not counting sins against them.)

“I knew to really minister to Rwanda’s needs meant working toward reconciliation in the prisons, in the churches, and in the cities and villages throughout the country. It meant feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, caring for the young, but it also meant healing the wounded and forgiving the unforgivable. I knew I had to be committed to preaching a transformation message to the people of Rwanda. Jesus did not die for people to be religious. He died so that we might believe in Him and be transformed. I’m engaged in a purpose and strategy that Jesus came to earth for. My life is set for that divine purpose in Jesus Christ. I was called to that – proclaiming the message of transformation through Jesus Christ.”

*John Rucyahana, The Bishop of Rwanda
Finding forgiveness Amidst a Pile of Bones*

Pray that the Lord empowers us to love one another unconditionally, forgiving and treating others with the same righteousness and compassion we have been given from Him

Pray that we may hold on to hope when all else seems lost

Pray that as we mourn the loss of our loved ones, as they rest in His presence, that we may be comforted with the hope of eternal life—ask that He strengthen our hearts to trust His promise of resurrection joy

Dear Heavenly Father, we can scarcely take on the love you have for us sinners who deserve nothing but condemnation. We praise you for your love, wisdom and mercy toward us, because through Christ there is no condemnation for those you believe in you.

Giving Guide

We thank you for supporting our local and global church through your giving. You may place a tithe envelope in any of the locked boxes at the sanctuary entrance doors or scan the QR code in the box below to give online.

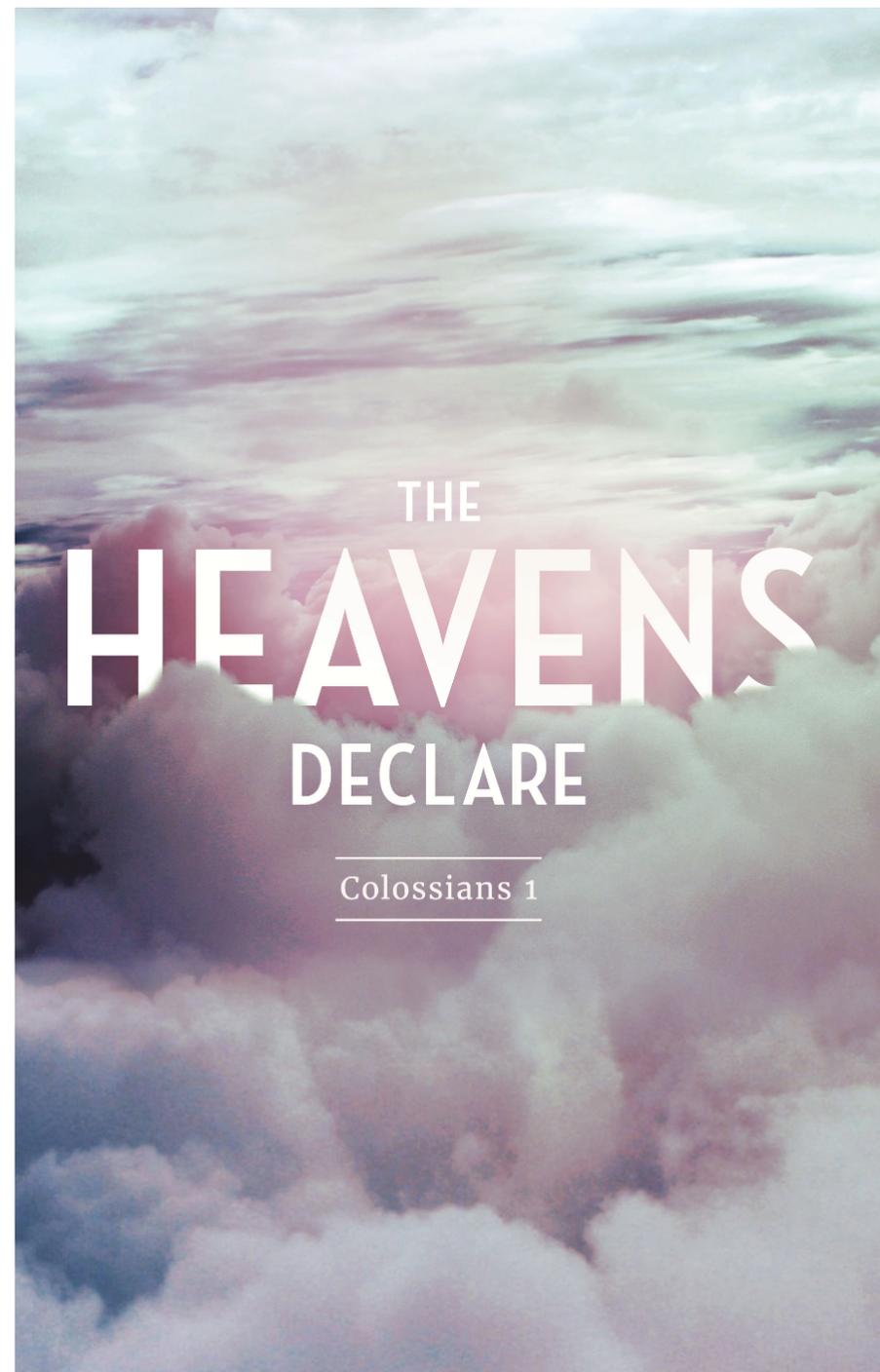
Financial Report through February 21, 2025

To financially support any of our church ministries, please mark your tithe envelope accordingly. Any undesignated contributions turned in by tithe envelope will remain in the local church



	Yearly Budget	Monthly Budget	Rec. this month	Budget to date	YTD Rec.
Church Budget*	\$223,200	\$18,600	\$6,448	\$34,340	\$24,854
Media Ministry	\$20,500	\$1,708	\$354	\$3,160	\$531

*Church Budget consists of: Christian Education (41%), Church Expense (30%), Operating Reserves (Working Capital) (4%), Evangelism (3.5%), Building Maintenance (3%), Community Services (3%), Media Ministry (3%), Personal Ministries (3%), Sabbath School (3%), Contingency (2%), Adventurers (1%), Pathfinders (1%), Worthy Student (1%), Youth/YA (1%), and Social Committee (0.5%)



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Colossians 1

February 28, 2026

Happy Sabbath and Welcome to the Cicero SDA Church

Sabbath School – 9:45 a.m.

There are adult Sabbath School classes located in the church sanctuary and in the fellowship hall – please feel free to join either class. For the location of children and youth classes, please ask a greeter for directions.

Worship Service – 10:50 a.m.

Mission Spotlight

Welcome & Announcements

Jeff Sajdak

Praise through Singing

Worship through the Written Word

Ron Clark

Colossians 1:16-17

Garden of Prayer

Ron Clark

Children's Story

Shannon Weis

Shine & Share

Worship through Giving

Jeff Sajdak

Indiana Advance

Music for Meditation

Cicero Mens Quartet

Worship Through the Spoken Word

Pastor Jesus

"The Heavens Declare: From Cosmos to Community"

Closing Hymn

#352

This Is My Will

Sunset tonight at 6:35 p.m.

Sunset next Friday at 6:43 p.m.

Announcements

Welcome

We are glad each of you has joined us today as we worship our Creator God. If you are visiting with us, we warmly invite you to join us for lunch in the fellowship hall after the service.

Membership Transfers – First Reading

To Cicero:

Kevin & Teresa Lehman from Morganton SDA Church, Morganton, NC

Yolanda Izquierdo Atalaya from Iglesia Adventista de Payet, Lima, Peru

Magly Jaciel Marchena Izquierdo from Iglesia Adventista de Payet, Lima, Peru

From Cicero:

Brent & Ronda Byers to Columbus SDA Church, Columbus, IN

Reach Out Sri Lanka

As we count down the last days before our trip, we have one more request for you to consider. As with any new place we go, sometimes plans are slow to come together. We know God is leading though, and we have an outline finally of some medical outreach we can do while there. Please consider a donation to help us offset the costs. We can also use some adult or child chewable vitamins. If you'd like to provide those, please be sure they are here at the church by **next Sabbath**. If you'd like to donate to the medical outreach, give to **Reach Out Sri Lanka - Construction** fund (we'll use that fund to help with the medical portion as well). Please see the bulletin insert for a list of those going and prayer requests.

Bridal Shower

There will be a bridal shower for Alanna Taylor tomorrow at The Jensen Room, 209 W Brinton St. in Cicero. See the bulletin insert to RSVP, or text 317-379-3886.

In Sympathy

We are sad to announce that our brother in Christ, Elwin Shull, went to his rest this past Monday. There will be a remembrance service for Elwin on Sabbath, April 25 at 4:00 p.m. More details will follow as we get closer to that date.

Men's Retreat

The Indiana Conference is hosting a men's retreat March 13-15 at Timber Ridge Camp. The *Men of Courage* retreat will be a time to build authentic brotherhood, seek God together, and be reminded of the unique and vital role men play as leaders, servants, and examples in their homes, church, and community. RSVP through the conference website, or see Pastor Aaron's weekly email.

Member in Recovery

As most of you know, Tootie Teeter recently had surgery on her shoulder following a fall. She is currently on the acute rehab wing at Riverview, Rm 3904. She plans to go home on Tuesday to continue OT and PT there.