

Church Campout/Day in the Park

We're only a little over a month away from our annual church campout and day in the park! The dates are August 28-29. If you are interested in camping with us, please contact Jerry Hill so he can work out the reservations. We need to have a final campsite count before much longer. Thanks!

Prayer Thoughts

For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with words of wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

1 Corinthians 1:17

"The Christian way is different, harder and easier, Christ says give me all. I don't want so much of your time and so much of your money and so much of your work, I want YOU."

C.S Lewis

Thank Him for our faithful Sabbath School teachers, for the time they dedicate to studying and sharing God's word with all of us—we appreciate how each of them focus on the power of the Cross and not on human wisdom

Pray that He delivers our country from pride, division, and reliance on worldly philosophies—instead may the life-changing power of the cross be the ultimate foundation, bringing unity, truth and genuine transformation to our land

Lift up those whose lives have been severely impacted by devastating natural disasters; we also pray for the first responders, volunteers, and relief organizations working tirelessly to provide assistance

Ask the Lord to grant you the courage to share the gospel boldly without relying on human eloquence and to keep you free of pride so the message of the cross remains the focus

Thank you Dear Lord that salvation relies entirely on Christ's sacrifice, not human eloquence or pervasive arguments. Amen

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 July 4, 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	\$422	\$115,898	\$96,442
Media Ministry	\$20,500	\$1,708	\$25	\$10,665	\$9,615

*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%)



July 11, 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 – 11:00 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements	Randy Griffin
Praise through Singing	
Worship through the Written Word	Jordan Reichert
<i>1 John 4:8</i>	
Garden of Prayer	Jordan Reichert
Children's Story	Kathy Griffin
Shine & Share	
Worship through Giving	Randy Griffin
<i>World Budget</i>	
Music for Meditation	Andrew Lay
Worship Through the Spoken Word	Pastor Jesus
<i>"Designed for Love: The Heart of Human Existence"</i>	
Closing Hymn	#585
<i>When Christ Was Lifted From the Earth</i>	

Sunset tonight at 9:13 p.m.

Sunset next Friday at 9:09 p.m.

Announcements

Welcome to Cicero

We are happy to see each of you here today! If you're a visitor with us, we invite you to join us for a fellowship lunch after the service.

July Social Event

We hope that many of you can join us tomorrow evening for a time of food and socializing with your church family. We're planning a pitch-in picnic – so bring your favorite picnic foods to share. After we eat, there will be outdoor games, or you can bring your favorite table games to play. We'll meet at 6:00 p.m. at the elementary school.

Jim Thompson Memorial

A memorial service for Jim Thompson will be held here at the church next= Saturday, July 18. Visitation with the family will take place from 3-4:00 p.m., followed by the memorial service at 4:00 p.m. The service will be live-streamed. Following the service, a meal will be served and everyone is invited.

Fundraising Opportunities

We have several different funding needs to focus on this summer. We invite you to give to them as you are moved. Thanks in advance for your support!

Barnabas Project – Support the funding of our summer pastoral intern program. Andrews University matches the funds raised. **Goal: \$3,100 Raised: \$308**

Pathfinder/Adventurer Needs – help support our Pathfinder club with the costs of their trip to the NAD Bible Experience, or help support our Adventurer club's need to repair their trailer. **Pathfinder goal: \$4,500 Raised: \$1,500. Adventurer goal: \$1,500 Raised: \$1,150**

Timber Ridge Summer Camp Scholarships – help send kids to camp this summer by giving to the TRC Opportunity Camper Fund. **Goal: \$1,800 Raised: \$630**

Prayer Retreat

The Indiana Conference is holding a retreat on prayer titled "Forgiveness" on July 25 at the Kokomo SDA Church, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Registration is required to attend, but there is no charge. See the bulletin insert for how to register, or talk to Pastor Jesus or an elder for assistance in registering.

Sabbath Evening Vespers

Michael Shull and Brandon Cain are planning to start a Sabbath evening vespers program at the church at 6:00 p.m. starting August 1. This will be a weekly program suitable for all ages. Singing, prayer, devotional thoughts, and family fellowship will be the focus of the programs. Make plans to support this ministry and close out the Sabbath with your church family.