

Gila Mountain

**Seventh-day Adventist Church
November 23, 2024**

**SONG SERVICE - 9:00 to 9:15 AM
SABBATH SCHOOL - 9:15 to 9:30 AM**

Song Service		Alice Nichols
Theme Song	"Wonderful Words of Life", verse 1	Hymn No. 286
Welcome		Harold Weir
Scripture & Prayer		Romans 12:4 & 5
Mission Report		DVD
Mission Offering		Deacons
Special Feature	"It takes a Chorus"	Harold Weir

LESSON STUDY - 9:30 to 10:40 AM

Adult Class	Harold Weir	South Overflow Room
Adult Class	Frank Kemmerer	North Overflow Room
Adult Class	Bill Warner	South Conference Room

CHURCH SERVICE - 10:45 AM to 12:15 PM

Song Service		Alice Nichols
Announcements		Pete Ramos
Call to Worship	No. 815	Pete Ramos
Introit	Remain seated	Elders Kneel
Hymn of Worship*	"O, When Shall I See Jesus"	No. 448
Invocation*		Pastor Phil Vecchiarelli
Children's Offering & Story	For Worthy Student	Jeff Fish
Tithes & Offerings	Conference Advance - Elementary Ed	Jeff Fish
Doxology*	Congregation	No. 694
Scripture & Prayer**	Colossians 3:12 & 13	Pete Ramos
Sermon	"Emotional Health & the Last Day Events" #5	Pastor Phil
Hymn of Dedication *	"At the Cross"	No. 359
Benediction*		Pastor Phil
Postlude		Deacons

*Please stand if able **Please Kneel if able

Organist - Sharon Acord Pianist - Yvonne Charpentier
Violinist - Margaret Kemmerer

WELCOME

We welcome you this Thanksgiving time where we pray that the fears you carry will nudge you through the door of courage, where burdensome times will be transformed; that you will find new privileges of grace, new challenges, opportunities and new growth. Come, worship the Lord with thanksgiving and praise!

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Today & every Sabbath right after the Church Service in Fellowship Center. All are welcome!

EVENTS CALENDAR

Sabbath Eve, @ 5 pm; Vespers is a Bible study, "God's Love." Bring your Bibles.

No Tuesday office hours or Bible Study with Pastor Phil Until Dec 3rd.

Wednesday @ 6 pm; Prayer Mtg. in the north overflow room. Bring a copy of "Desire of Ages".

November 23 right After Vespers; Game night in Fellowship Center. Bring your favorite games & snacks.

Angel Tree Project for the children of incarcerated parents; Donations are being gathered for a few months. Please write "Angel Tree" on your tithe envelopes & also it will be listed on the EGiving app.

THANKSGIVING BOXES - We are giving out food boxes just before Thanksgiving & need monetary donations for this. Please give liberally and just mark the Tithe envelopes "Food Boxes".

HOW TO OBSERVE THANKSGIVING

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
Count your gains instead of your losses.
Count your joys instead of your woes;
Count your friends instead of your foes.
Count your smiles instead of your tears;
Count your courage instead of your fears.
Count your full years instead of your lean;
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.
Count your health instead of your wealth;
Count on God instead of yourself.

ARE WE THANKFUL?

"One of them came back to Jesus, shouting, 'Glory to God, I am healed!' He fell flat on the ground in front of Jesus, face downward in the dust, thanking Him for what He had done...Jesus asked, 'Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the nine?'"
(Luke 17:15-17)

I have often thought about how exciting it will be when we get to heaven and our eyes will be opened to all the miracles God did for us - most of which we were unaware of. We will also come to realize how many times we rationalized away many of the miracles...like the nine lepers who were healed.

The cartoon character, Charlie Brown, gave several suggestions as to why the nine lepers never returned to Jesus to give thanks. They reveal a whole lot about human nature. Here is his ideas:

- One man waited to see if the cure was real.
- One waited to see if it would last.
- One said he would see Jesus later.
- One decided that he had never really had leprosy.
- One said he would have gotten well anyway.
- One gave the glory to the priests.
- One said, "O, well, Jesus didn't really do anything."
- One said, "Any rabbi could have done it."
- One said, "I was already much improved."

Think about it...are we thanking God for all He has done and is doing for you? Or are we, like the lepers, rationalizing away God's miracles?

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**Apostle Paul - 2 Corinthians 9:15** "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift!"

## CHURCH FINANCE INFORMATION

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| Monthly Church Budget.....              | \$4,300.00  |
| Church Budget Funds recd in Nov.....    | \$3,009.25  |
| SS Missions Offering.....               | \$174.41    |
| SS Expense Offering.....                | \$169.00    |
| Building fund for future new wings..... | \$38,126.69 |
| Worthy Student .....                    | \$8,388.46  |
| Angel Tree Project.....                 | \$355.12    |
| Tech for Kajjado.....                   | \$1,136.72  |
| Thanksgiving Food Boxes.....            | \$870.45    |
| YACS Washington Trip.....               | \$2,184.00  |

## "THANKSGIVING"

Thanksgiving is coming soon  
With lots of food on the table  
And family coming in the door  
To share this feast and more.

There will be laughter and sharing,  
Homemade pies, rolls and cake.  
Neighbors coming by to say hello,  
Wishing us well & laughter galore.

When giving thanks, I'll think of you  
And wish that you were here.  
To share this day of love & grace;  
Thoughts of you I will embrace.

We'll give God thanks for family,  
A blessed year and for the food.  
Thanks for the love here this day,  
That we're together and can pray.

*"My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise. Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early. I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations." Psalm 57:7-9*

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~\***SUNSET TABLE**\*~

Tonight, Nov 23, 5:34 PM Friday, Nov 29, 5:33 PM

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Watch online: [YouTube/Gila Mountain SDA Church](http://YouTube/Gila Mountain SDA Church)

[YouTube/Golden Thread Ministries](http://YouTube/Golden Thread Ministries)

## HYMN STORY - "Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart"

While in his teens, Henry Smith, Jr., picked up his brother's guitar, ordered from the Sears catalog, and began to learn to play it. His songwriting ventures started during those years and have lasted until the present. Of the nearly three hundred songs he has written, only one has been published—that's right, only one, but what a song!

Henry went on to study at King College in Bristol, Tennessee, earning a degree in psychology. He also studied at Union Theological Seminary and earned a master of divinity degree.

I was delighted with the following story he related to me:

"I had been writing a lot of songs, but in 1972, while a sophomore in college, the Lord seemed to increase His blessings as He poured out His Spirit upon me. I began putting psalms to music, which revitalized my songwriting.

"In 1978, at the Williamsburg New Testament Church, in Williamsburg, Virginia, where I was attending, the pastor taught us from the Scriptures how Jesus became poor in order that we might be made rich in Him. I remember that some other Scriptures were woven into his lessons, making it a good background for a song. Later, in my apartment, I wrote the song 'Give Thanks'.

"Shortly thereafter, my wife, Cindy, and I, although at that time we were not married, sang the song at the church. We repeated it a number of times over a period of several weeks. There happened to be a military couple who attended the church for a while who carried songs learned in the United States back with them to Germany. As far as I know, that is how my song got to Europe. It did a lot of traveling before Integrity Music picked it up and published it. It is a 'God thing' that the song has become so widely known.

"In 1986, eight years after the writing of the song, a friend brought a cassette tape to me and said, 'Listen to this song and see if you have ever heard it.' After listening to it, I said, 'I wrote that song!' My friend had ordered the Hosanna! tape from Integrity Music, and 'Give Thanks' was listed as 'author unknown.' I then called Integrity and told them that I had written the song. Their response was 'Good! We have been trying to find you.' I then signed a writer-publisher agreement with them. Now, more than fifty companies have recorded 'Give Thanks', and it has been published in a number of books."

"Give Thanks" is one of the most widely used songs in churches in the United States, but I think I can understand why so many people in impoverished lands love this song so deeply."

At the time of this writing, Henry and Cindy reside in Mechanicsville, Virginia, and have two children, Shari and Joshua. He is a small-group worship leader at the Mechanicsville Christian Center.

This song reminds us that every good thing with which we have to do, or which we possess, is a gift from our heavenly Father. He wants us to be so

grateful that we will "enter his gates with thanksgiving and come into his courts with praise" (Ps. 100:4).

## PRAYER CONCERNS

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Changes or additions? Email or phone 928.342.1378 or [sharonacord@gmail.com](mailto:sharonacord@gmail.com)

Bonnie Fuentes' friend Bert vacationing in Italy & hospitalized for over a month & no further details, 10-yr old friend Kiki has inoperable brain tumor  
Lois Shepherd's sis-in-law Betty Jean passed away recently Betty Jean's son Tony had surgery for 3 Aneurysms recently & will have more surgery soon  
Bertha Wydler's bro Ed is hospitalized with urinary issues  
Sherry Westphal had total knee replacement 11-14 & will recoup 3-4 months  
Bill Clugh's TX friend Dan Walsh is recovering from COPD & other health issues & needs spiritual help  
Sharon Acord's Dau Tammy's friend Floyd lost his father Frank Buwa 11-4, Gr son Chris' health & heart issues, Gr son-in-law Ryan Chemo & radiation for cancerous throat tumor & more surgery later  
Frank Kemmerer's 24 yr old friend Emily Fry recovering from brain tumor surgery & to start chemo & radiation soon, friend Stacy's breast cancer  
Maggie Adelbai's is still courageously taking another round of cancer treatments,  
Harold Weir's Brother Paul is having pulmonary embolism issues  
Dean Cairns, sis has plaque issues in arteries  
Marilyn Hauck's friend Janis' son, dau & gr kids, Nan's son & sis-in-law,  
Nancy Wagerle update: she is doing well, off hospice & hopes to come to Yuma Fall of 24  
Julie Mann could have serious concussions complications in future & Hubby Tim's lungs are compromised & he's on oxygen.  
Jon Bell's son-in-law Jonathan's health, Jon's dau Vicky's health  
Becky Cross' cousin Jackie's asthma & vertigo & hubby Mick has BP & new med issues  
Lufern's Peppard's Gelsy Snyder & mom Claudia Snyder, Yancy  
Denise Hughes needs prayers for her son Andre  
Lanelle Northrop for her stroke recovery on her right side  
Don Kellogg from Portland, OR is in rehab with failing health  
Vicky Campbell's son Eric in Birmingham, UK is in the process of dying, Son Matthew in Nogales, AZ in group home having difficult time,  
Kitson nephew Don's alcoholism, infant Bennett (Benny) has infantile spasms (epilepsy) hydrocephalus medicine doesn't work & doctors want to do brain surgery  
Darline Grimmett's son Vaughn is having heart & blood clot issues & her health issues  
Jonathan Knoch's mom, Reneé Cayo's stroke recovery & career & living changes  
Ruby Weir's sister Jackie & nephew James Burmaster has cancer,  
Ronda Harrison's sister, Carol Eccel, recovering from a HA & needs prayers spiritually, too  
Dwayne Buikema's health issues, Dau Billi health issues, son Josh, Spiritual health of children Kori, Erin, Billi, Meagan & Josh  
Irene Seay's gr dau Elizabeth in Calif fighting cancer  
Gregory Brown has many health issues  
Bill Sinock's work in returning to China, their children & gr kids  
Kellie Sands' friend, Billie has serious personal needs & spiritual needs

**Yuma Central**—Judi Ozuna, Daina Shepherd, Elsie Knight, Brandon Strickland & boys, Fredrika Green's brother, Connie Radigan's brother, Madeleine Wilson's daughter, Perez' daughter cancer treatments, Keny Hernandez's friend Jamie, Betty Lou Phillips, Vince Lorona, Eileen Powell, Judy Vietz' little Dash, Margaret Thompson, Ralph & Gladys Roberge, Beverly Peterson, Juan & Nevair Sanchez, Siegfried's daughter Melissa, Terry Radigan, Merle Johnson, Jasmin Huerta, Ralph Roberge has cancer in his eye & taking more tests. Praise! Efoui Abotsi & Marty Almandinger are recovering well from knee surgeries, Jeanne's friend Jaylee in Utah needs wisdom & comfort in a difficult time, Angel Perez spent some time in the hospital recently,

