

**OFFERING THIS WEEK is for the Local Church Budget**

December starts off the Christmas season in earnest for many people, even if merchants have been pushing the need to buy gifts for weeks already.

What makes the Christmas season special for you? Is it the music, the decorations, special foods, family gatherings, or the gifts—what you might receive, as well as what you might give?

Gift-giving can be problematic. What if someone gives you a gift, but you don't have one to give in return or vice versa?! Which matters more: the amount of money you spend on the gift or giving a "perfect gift" to a particular person? Let's reverse that; what if someone gives you a gift and it's not something you've ever wanted or will ever use? Should you put on a happy face and say something like, "How can I ever thank you enough for this gift?"

Each Sabbath we collect an offering as you give your gifts to God. We don't limit this to the Christmas season because Christmas happens every time we come to church. We come to worship the greatest gift of all time—the gift of God coming to this earth in the form of Jesus Christ.

Our gifts, whether they are wrapped in beautiful Christmas paper or given as cash or checks or through online giving with a credit card, show our thankfulness to God.

So, "Merry Christmas!" And let's take this opportunity to give our gifts to God.

~Steve Case

**WELCOME**

Grace and peace to you. This was the Apostle Paul's traditional greeting to the churches in God's Kingdom community—God's family of grace and peace. Family relationships are important to God and they're important to us too! We hope and pray that you find grace and peace and family here in our Kingdom community. Please take some time to check out our programs, church school, or a sermon or two. We hope you'll come back frequently, and we pray that God will richly bless you as you seek to know Him and grow in grace.

**PASTORAL TEAM**

Senior Pastor, Moises Ruiz (587) 877-0861, [mruiz@albertaadventist.ca](mailto:mruiz@albertaadventist.ca)  
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**WEEKLY SABBATH SCHOOL**

**Sabbath Breakfast** ..... Small Fellowship Hall..... **9:00 – 9:25AM**  
9:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Adult Class (1) ..... Main Sanctuary  
Adult Class (2) ..... Main Sanctuary  
Adult Class (3) ..... Board Room  
Adult Class (4) ..... (Tagalog) Small Fellowship Hall  
Children's Beginner..... Ages 0-3  
Children's Kindergarten..... Ages 4-5/Pre-K & K  
Children's Primary..... Ages 6-9/Grades 1-4  
Children's Junior ..... Ages 10-12/Grades 5-7  
Youth..... Ages 13-18/Grades 8-12  
Clerk ..... Helie Fabroa  
Prayer Ministry... Rohini Velpula 403-598-4697 & Afua Duodu 403-383-4168  
Treasurer ..... Pope Gondwe  
Secretary ..... Crystal Palaganas

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Sunset Today ..... 04:27 PM  
Sunset Next Friday ..... 04:25 PM  
**Offering this Week** ..... **Local Church Budget**  
Offering Next Week..... Adventist Community Services  
Next Communion Service .....  
Bulletin Info ..... [communications@reddeeradventist.ca](mailto:communications@reddeeradventist.ca)  
**SOUTH SIDE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL** ..... Kindergarten-Grade 9  
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**Church Prayer Line: 587-405-1252 Access Code: 5627126**  
**Fridays: 8:30PM**

2023	Oct	Oct		YTD	YTD	
Red Deer SDA Church	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Offerings	5,002	15,109	(10,107)	79,099	151,092	(71,993)
Expenses	26,710	15,109	(11,600)	158,279	151,092	(7,187)



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**SABBATH SCHOOL & LESSON STUDY**

**09:30 AM – 10:45 AM**

Lesson Study Review ..... by Class  
Sabbath School ..... Small Group

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**WORSHIP SERVICE**

**11:00 AM**

Prelude .....  
Welcome/Kingdom Building .....Sudhan Muthiah  
Prayer ..... Wanda Pelletier  
Tithes & Offerings.....Stephon Duodu  
Children's Story ..... Eric Sereti  
Praise & Worship.....Praise Team & Congregation  
*Joy To the World, SDAH 125*  
*I Cannot Tell, SDAH 255*  
Scripture Reading .....**Genesis 3:15**  
Sermon.....**"Love Letters"** ..... Pastor Donovan Diminyatz  
Response .....Praise Team & Congregation  
*What Child Is This, SDAH 141*  
Benediction..... Pastor Donovan Diminyatz

Praise Team: Sudhan M, Jaeden M, Lucia P  
Piano: Joash M  
Violin: Ayden P  
Guitar: Jonathan M  
Bass: Pope G

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

[www.reddeeradventist.ca/news](http://www.reddeeradventist.ca/news)

**Wednesday Evening Prayer Meetings & Kids Prayer Time** will be starting up again. Join us this Wednesday@7pm (Sept 13) where we will be studying lessons on thriving relationships. Kids prayer time will also be starting at the same time.

**You can join in and participate in a lesson study on zoom at 9:30am.** Use this link to join in and take part: [albertaadventist-ca.zoom.us](http://albertaadventist-ca.zoom.us). Meeting ID: 937 9526 4185 ----- Passcode: Lesson

**Our church services are now streamed live on YouTube.** You can find our YouTube channel by search for "Red Deer Seventh-day Adventist Church." You can find YouTube on any browser by typing [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com), or by using the app on any device or smart tv. Please subscribe and you will be notified of future events and videos.

**Bookings:** For any booking inquiry of church facilities, please email [info@reddeeradventist.ca](mailto:info@reddeeradventist.ca)

**NOTE: Our responsibility for the Soup Kitchen is on the 4th Sabbath of each month from 3:00PM until 6:00PM... and the following Thursday 3:00PM to 6:00PM.**

**Membership Transfers** (*Second Reading*)

- Nathaniel and Kathy Antonio from Red Deer SDA to Lacombe Community SDA Church.
- Joy Salavante-N from Red Deer SDA Church to Canora SDA Church.
- David Gillespie from Bentley SDA Church to Red Deer SDA Church.
- Janeth Vasquez from Sylvan Lake SDA Church to Red Deer SDA Church.

**Fellowship Lunch TODAY, after the service**

**We are looking for smiles! On December 4 and 5,** we will have a professional photographer taking family portraits for our new church directory. As our church family continues to grow and change, it is nice to put a face to the names. The photo sessions are free; however, you may wish to purchase a photo package for yourself (just in time for Christmas). The sign-up sheet will be in the lobby, please sign up for a session today.

**Youth Winter Camp.** You are invited to join the youth group for a fun weekend of camping(indoor). **The fun starts December 21 at the SSCS gym and goes on until December 24. The cost for the weekend is \$40.** This price includes all meals and a weekend T-shirt. Bring your tents, sleeping bags, and teddy bears. Get ready for a weekend of fun as we connect with God and each other. If you are interested in attending, please contact Dudz Sending (403) 307-6264, [djsending@yahoo.ca](mailto:djsending@yahoo.ca). **The deadline to sign up and receive a t-shirt is December 14.**

**South Side Christian School Presents "Glory to God in the Lowest"**

You are warmly invited to join us on **Thursday, Dec. 14th at 6:30 pm** at the Red Deer SDA Church for a delightful evening of joy and celebration as our talented students present their Christmas Musical, "Glory to God in the Lowest." Indulge your sweet tooth at our Cookie Walk Fundraiser in the fellowship hall after the concert. For just \$25, you can take home a box of delicious homemade cookies. Your support will directly contribute to the success of our music program.

**Save the Date for Church Retreat 2024.** Join us at Foothills Camp (near Bowden) **starting with supper on Friday, January 19 and wrapping up the morning of Sunday, January 21 for our church winter retreat.** A retreat is a time to unplug and reconnect with God and each other. Our goal for the weekend is to find a God-given vision for our church this year. We hope to reconnect with old friends and make new friends through worship and fellowship, including board games, skating, snowshoeing, gym time, and more. There will be something for all ages and the whole family. Our church will be closed with no service on Sabbath, January 20, but we encourage everyone to join us for our retreat worship, even if you do not plan to spend the night.

We will be booking rooms in the Foothills Camp lodge, as well as in the cabins. **The lower east wing of the lodge will be reserved for Seniors and the top east wing for families with babies.**

Food costs for the weekend will be \$20 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for kids ages 5-12, with 4 years old and under eating for free. This includes three meals on Sabbath and one Sunday morning. Friday is planned to be a potluck supper.

*The prices for accommodations are listed below:*

- New Lodge Rooms w/Bathroom \$85/night (lower east wing - Priority Seniors)
- Lodge Rooms w/ Bathroom \$70/night (upper east wing - Priority Young Families)
- Lodge Room regular \$55/night
- Cabins A-F \$50/night

For more information, or if you would like to reserve your spot before **registration closes on January 10,** please email [info@reddeeradventist.ca](mailto:info@reddeeradventist.ca). Stay tuned for more information, including a detailed schedule.

**Burman University.** Be a part of our team.

- [Full-Time Tenure-track Faculty in Business](#) - School of Business
- [Carpenter/Painter](#) - Facility Maintenance

Scripture Reading Today

*Genesis 3:15*

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And I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring<sup>[a]</sup> and hers;  
he will crush<sup>[b]</sup> your head,  
and you will strike his heel."