

## Christmas Eve Service

There will be a time of music, readings and sharing here at the church on Christmas Eve, starting at 6:00 p.m. Please bring some cookies to share after the program.

## Prayer Thoughts and Requests

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

(This verse is part of a larger conversation in the Gospel of John where Jesus is speaking to Nicodemus, a Pharisee, about spiritual rebirth and the choice between darkness and light.)

God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving.

*Josiah Soto*

Pray for good weather and protection for both the participants and visitors during the remainder of our Journey To Bethlehem. We ask for divine blessings for both success and impact. May His honor rest upon us toward the event that it leaves a lasting positive effect on all who participate. Grant us the wisdom and inspiration to execute this event with excellence. Keep us all physically safe, guard our hearts and minds. All the glory to the Lord

Pray for family, friends, and community members

Pray for peace on earth and goodwill among all

Pray for those in need around the world and asking for the opportunity to be a blessing to others

Pray for protection, shelter and food for the needy, poor, homeless—whatever the circumstance of cause may be

Praise God for His greatest gift to us, Jesus, our Prince of Peace

Pray we keep our focus on Jesus and not on the distractions of the season, such as gift giving and parties and food

## 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.

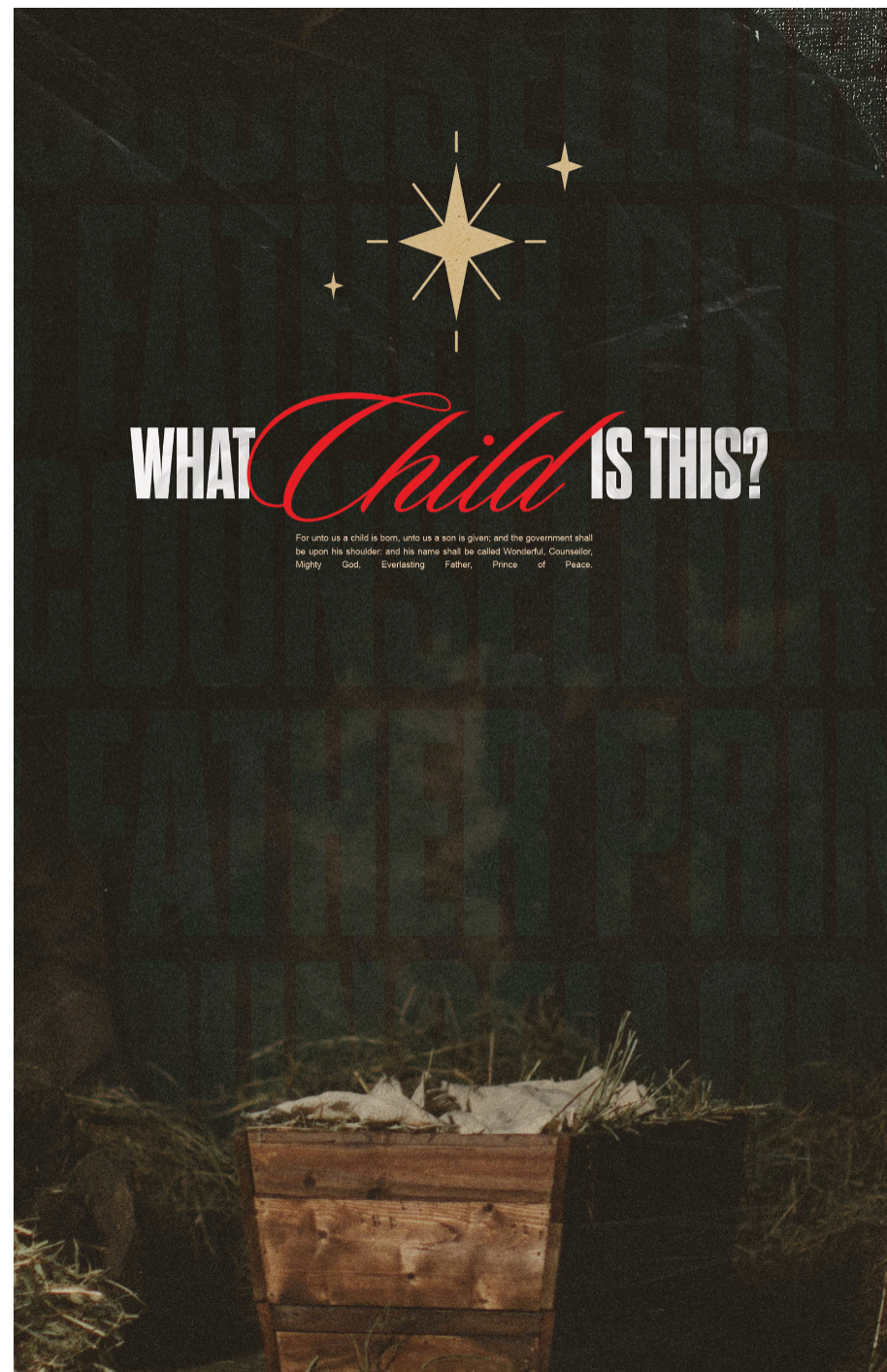
### Financial Report through November 30, 2025

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	\$20,898	\$206,040	\$209,581
Media Ministry	\$20,500	\$1,708	\$576	\$18,960	\$17,336

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



*December 6, 2025*

## 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, youth, and young adult classes, please ask a greeter for directions.

### Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements	Jeff Sajdak
Praise through Singing	
Worship through the Written Word	Sophie Furtney
<i>Revelation 3:20</i>	
Garden of Prayer	Benjamin Mung
Children's Story	Chavelli Brewster
Shine & Share	
Worship through Giving	Madeline Clark-Camacho
<i>Church Budget</i>	
Music for Meditation	
Worship Through the Spoken Word	Pastor Vic Van Schaik
<i>"The Sermon in a Frame"</i>	
Closing Hymn	#289
<i>The Savior is Waiting</i>	

Sunset tonight at 5:19 p.m.

Sunset next Friday at 5:20 p.m.

## Announcements

### Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to each of our visitors. We also want to give a hearty welcome home to our conference president Vic Van Shaik, who will be sharing the message today.

### A Special Birthday Celebration

Today is Charles and Ramona Trubey's birthdays (90 and 89 years young!). In honor of their birthday, they will be giving out cookies in the lobby following the church service. Stop by and wish them a Happy Birthday!

### Senior Christmas Party

All those 65+ years of age are warmly invited to a Senior Christmas Party on Saturday, December 20 at 5:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. By the grace of God it will be a blessed time of fun and fellowship! Food will be provided, but please plan on bringing a white elephant gift to exchange. Please RSVP to Angela at (314) 265-6939 by December 15. We look forward to seeing you!

### Diaper Sprinkle

It's a diaper sprinkle for the Griffin baby boy number two! We could use a little help from you. Bring items to the church before the big day. Drop off anything you can share to bless their growing tribe by December 7. Contact Betsy Sajdak with any questions.

### Sri Lanka Mission Trip

We still have a few spots open for our trip to Sri Lanka in March. If you're interested, please contact Steve Arany.

Our biggest need right now is financial support for the construction projects and trip scholarships. Be a part of mission whether you go on the trip or not. You can give to *Reach Out Sri Lanka - Trip* or *Reach Out Sri Lanka - Construction*.

### Night of Hope

Indiana Academy's annual Christmas Concert, *Night of Hope*, will be presented here at the church next Sabbath, December 13, at 7:00 p.m. We invite everyone to come enjoy a night of music and worship.

### Pastor Appreciation

If you would like to give a gift to our pastors this holiday season in appreciation for all they do for us, mark your tithe envelope "Pastor Appreciation". Please turn these in no later than December 7.

### 2026 Devotional Books

The 2026 Pacific Press devotional book order forms are now in the lobby, along with a viewing sample of the adult daily book "Living in the Light" and a Signs of the Times book "Danger Deceptions". Feel free to take an order form and get a copy of these great study aids for yourself or as a gift.