

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

The Christmas story of Christ’s birth in a stable includes visits by local shepherds and Wise Men from far away.

The shepherds, although the low-class people of Bethlehem, played a vital role for God’s people. Jerusalem, located only five miles (eight kilometers) from Bethlehem, needed “spotless lambs” for daily sacrifices and many more during festivals like the Passover. These shepherds took care of the little lambs to ensure they would be pristine enough for sacrifice. Maybe that’s why the angelic host appeared to the shepherds in Bethlehem, giving them a personalized invitation to visit the spotless Lamb of God who would take away the sins of the world. However, the shepherds had no gift for Baby Jesus. Instead, they joyfully proclaimed His arrival to the world (Luke 2:16–18).

The Wise Men represented the other end of the social and economic spectrum. Even though they were part of the wealthy intelligentsia, they still found themselves drawn to something far greater than themselves. Following the star, they came to Jerusalem (Matt. 2:1) and directly to the temple (*Desire of Ages*, p. 60), asking, “Where is the newborn King of the Jews?” Prejudiced and defensive religious leaders could point the Magi to nearby Bethlehem, but they refused to go there themselves. However, the Wise Men went. In fact, “wise men still seek Him.” And they worshiped and gave gifts.

This Sabbath you’re invited to worship and to give gifts, just like the Wise Men thousands of years ago.

~Steve Case

Church Budget Report						
2023	Nov	Nov		YTD	YTD	
Red Deer SDA Church	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Offerings	13,326	15,109	(1,783)	92,425	166,201	(73,776)
Expenses	7,089	15,109	8,020	165,368	166,201	832

**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)  
 Associate Pastor, Donovan Diminyatz (250) 788-6729, [ddiminyatz@albertaadventist.ca](mailto:ddiminyatz@albertaadventist.ca)

**WEEKLY SABBATH SCHOOL**

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

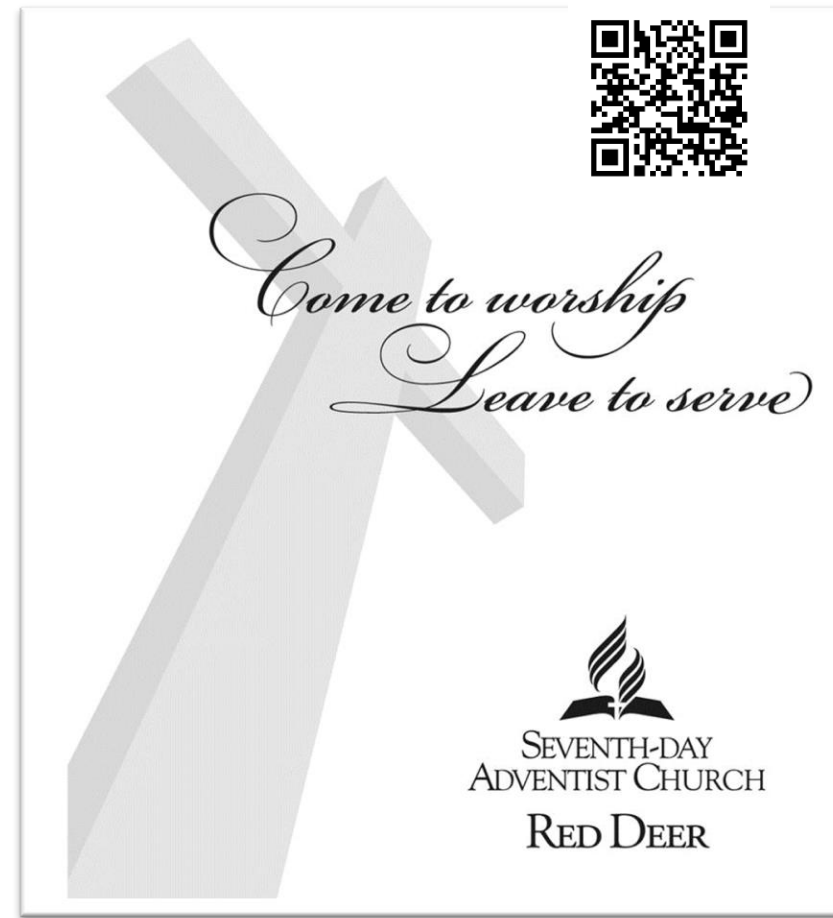
Adult Class (1) ..... Main Sanctuary  
 Adult Class (2) ..... Main Sanctuary  
 Adult Class (3) ..... Board Room  
 Adult Class (4) ..... (Tagalog) Small Fellowship Hall  
 Children’s Beginner..... Ages 0-3  
 Children’s Kindergarten.....Ages 4-5/Pre-K & K  
 Children’s Primary.....Ages 6-9/Grades 1-4  
 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 ..... 04:22 PM  
 Sunset Next Friday ..... 04:24 PM  
**Offering this Week** ..... **Local Church Budget**  
 Offering Next Week ..... Conference Advance  
 Next Communion Service .....  
 Bulletin Info ..... [communications@reddeeradventist.ca](mailto:communications@reddeeradventist.ca)

**SOUTH SIDE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL** ..... Kindergarten-Grade 9  
 Principal.....Martha Boehner  
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**Church Website**..... [www.reddeeradventist.ca](http://www.reddeeradventist.ca)

**Church Prayer Line: 587-405-1252 Access Code: 5627126**  
**Fridays: 8:30PM**



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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**

Opening Song ..... Praise Team & Congregation  
*O Come All Ye Faithful, SDAH 132*

Welcome/Kingdom Building..... Lucia & Ayden Polishuk

Prayer..... Fred Onsoti

Tithes & Offerings.....Jun Guanzon

Children's Story ..... Isabelle Doyon

Offertory ..... Strings  
*We Three Kings, SDAH 137*

Praise Time ..... Praise Team & Congregation  
*Now Is Born the Divine Christ Child, SDAH 133*  
*Hark the Herald, SDAH 122*  
*Tell Me the Story of Jesus, SDAH 152*

Scripture Reading..... **Matthew 2:1, 2**..... Malkia Onsoti

The Message..... **"A Hope for All"** ..... Pastor Moises Ruiz

Response Song..... Praise Team & Congregation  
*Go Tell it on the Mountain, SDAH 121*

The Blessing..... Pastor Moises Ruiz

Postlude ..... Strings

**Praise Team:** Amelie, Fred & Malkia Onsoti, Jason Doyon, Isabelle Doyon  
Strings: Sara Ross, Ayden & Lucia Polishuk (violins), Roland Scalliet (cello)  
Piano: Krish Yagamburn

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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.**

**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.**

**Fellowship Lunch TODAY after the service.** Thank you for all the wonderful looking and tasting items we have been able to experience so far.

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

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

**Parkview Adventist Academy:** We are looking for a [Fine Arts teacher](#) and a [Math/Science teacher](#) or one very talented teacher that can do both! Deadline for applications is December 15, 2023 or until a suitable candidate is selected. If anything, please pray that someone hears and heeds the call to serve at PAA. Contact [587-815-8800](tel:587-815-8800) | [principal@paa.ca](mailto:principal@paa.ca)

**ADRA Canada is hiring!** Individuals interested in applying are encouraged to visit [ADRA.ca/Careers](http://ADRA.ca/Careers) for more details and to submit their resume. Positions will remain open until filled. We thank all candidates for applying, but ADRA will only contact those selected for an interview.

**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.

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## Scripture Reading Today

Matthew 2: 1, 2

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi<sup>[a]</sup> from the east came to Jerusalem<sup>2</sup> and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."