

WELCOME

The image on the cover depicts the marvelous lost sheep parable of Jesus found in Luke 15:3-7. The church leaders were muttering that Jesus spent time with sinners. Jesus responded with the story of a shepherd who has 100 sheep but loses one of them. With great urgency, the shepherd hunts for the lost sheep. When he finds it, he rejoices with his friends and neighbors that the sheep has been rescued.

Jesus then states that heaven rejoices greatly when one sinner repents and entrusts his life to God's care. We hope you find Jesus, His love, and His desire to rescue you during our services today. Welcome to the Midland Seventh-day Adventist Church family!

WE BELIEVE

As a church family, we believe God loves us and wants us to spend eternity with Him. We take God's Word, the Bible, seriously. We study it diligently because it is filled with messages of hope and the love of Jesus, along with instructions for living rich, fulfilling lives, observing a Sabbath of rest, living healthfully, loving and forgiving others, and much more. To learn more about our beliefs, please visit Adventist.org/beliefs.

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THE COMING WEEK

Today Sermon: Mabio Coelho, Pastor
Offering: Combined Budget
Fellowship Meal
Pathfinder Sunshine Band at Swanhaven: 3:00 PM
Sunset: 5:03 PM

Tuesday Mid Week Service: 6:00 PM is canceled

Wednesday Email bulletin materials by 8:00 PM to
bulletin@midlandsda.org

Next Sabbath Sermon: Mabio Coelho, Pastor
Offering: Michigan Advance Partners
Communion Service
No Fellowship Meal
Sunset: 5:07 PM

FUTURE EVENTS

January 4 Sermon: Mabio Coelho, Pastor
Fellowship Meal

January 6 School Board Meeting: 7:00 PM

January 9 Church Board Meeting: 6:15 PM

January 11 Sermon: Brad Merrills
No Fellowship Meal

January 13 Elder's Meeting: 6:30 PM

January 18 Sermon: Mabio Coelho, Pastor
Fellowship Meal
Pathfinder Sunshine Band at Swanhaven: 3:00 PM

January 19 Health and Lifestyle Classes: 3:00 PM

January 25 Sermon: Aaron Cloutier, Local Member
No Fellowship Meal
Vespers: 5:30 PM
Tri-City School Constituency Meeting
Church Social

February 1 Sermon: Mabio Coelho, Pastor
Fellowship Meal

February 3 School Board Meeting: 7:00 PM



“... Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’”
Luke 15:6

DECEMBER 21, 2024

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

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WE STUDY

9:30 AM

Bible Study “The Hour of Glory: The Cross and Resurrection”

WE SING

10:35 AM

WE WORSHIP

10:45 AM

Welcome Bradley Merrills

Preparation “O Holy Night” • Fountain Academy

Hymn of Praise “We Three Kings of Orient Are” • 137

Family Prayer Cedric Merrills

Giving of Gifts Johnathon Merrills
Offering Combined Budget
Lamb’s Offering Tri-City SDA School
Offertory “Mary, Did You Know?” • Kaleb Brasee

Children’s Story Pastor Mabio Coelho

Special Music Aidan Khalil and Cedric Merrills

Scripture Reading Matt 2: 9-12 • Shayden Duman

Sermon Series: Lessons for the Last Days
Sermon: Learning from an Unexpected Visit •
Pastor Mabio Coelho

Hymn of Response “Angels We Have Heard on High” • 142

Benediction Bradley Merrills

Postlude “O Little Town of Bethlehem” • Kaleb Brasee

ELDER: Bradley Merrills • DEACON: Gerry Eurich
PIANIST: Tania Smoler-Coelho
CHORISTER: Michelle Cloutier

FAMILY MATTERS

For Reflection. The magi had been among the first to welcome the Redeemer. Their gift was the first that was laid at His feet. And through that gift, what privilege of ministry was theirs! The offering from the heart that loves, God delights to honor, giving it highest efficiency in service for Him. If we have given our hearts to Jesus, we also shall bring our gifts to Him. Our gold and silver, our most precious earthly possessions, our highest mental and spiritual endowments, will be freely devoted to Him who loved us, and gave Himself for us. *Desire of Ages* p. 65

Today’s Special Music is a medley of *What Child Is This* and *Away in a Manger* by James Murray, arranged by John Dempsey.

Health and Lifestyle Class. The class for December is canceled. We hope that you all will rejoin the class as it meets next on January 19.

Community Services. The Adventist Community Services Center will be closed December 23 but open on December 30.

Tri-City School Constituency Meeting and Vespers. On January 25, 2025 there will be a short vespers program at 5:30 PM followed by the Tri-City School constituency meeting. There will be a social activity after the meeting. Please plan to attend.

Future Special Events (see MidlandSDA.org for details)

- GYC at Columbus OH, December 27-31
- Teen Snow Outing at Camp Au Sable, January 10-12
- Man Camp at Camp Au Sable, January 24-26
- Constituency Meeting January, 25 at 5:30 PM.
- CAMPUS Winter Retreat at Camp Au Sable, February 14-17
- Teen Impact at Camp Au Sable, February 21-23
- Spring Youth Summit, March 9
- Faith Identity Trip, March 16-23

Areas of Financial Need.

- Pathfinder ministry
- Church Expense — to pay operating costs
- Tri-City School operation
- Student aid for an academy student

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FAMILY MATTERS (CONTINUED)

“I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people!” 1 Timothy 2:1 ESV

- Larry Truax — frequent migraines, back pain, chest pain, pain in both legs
- Doug Hasso, Michelle Cloutier’s brother — prayers for healing after multiple surgeries and no more complications
- Hilary’s mother, Terri Felsing — cancer treatment
- People suffering natural disaster, persecution or war

Christmas Giving. Do you have a hard time deciding on gifts for family members each year? Why not give a life-changing gift? Rather than another tie, imagine giving a goat or some chickens to a family living in one of the poorest parts of the world in honor of one of your family members. Help those who have no livelihood get a start through ADRA’s gift catalog. Just go to <https://giftcatalog.adra.org>

Strong Tower Radio: Tune in on-air on STR stations (locally at 90.7 FM) via Apple & Android apps, & STR.fm

- **All Christmas Programing.** The 48 Hours of Christmas begins at midnight on Christmas Eve.
- **STR Changing Lives.** Hear how co-worker, Pat, changed Mike's life by sharing Strong Tower Radio this Sunday at 3:30 AM, Monday at 4:00 PM, and Thursday at 1:00 PM.
- **STR's 15th Birthday.** Strong Tower Radio staff will celebrate the ministry's 15th birthday this Sunday at 5:00 PM and Monday at 10:00 AM
- **Time to Share STR.** December is a good time to share Strong Tower Radio Christmas programs with family, friends, and church members--airing now. *Christmas in My Heart* is on weekdays at 6:00 AM and 6:00 PM.

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