

## Our Fundamental Beliefs

The Seventh-day Adventist Church maintains 28 fundamental beliefs based on the Church's interpretation of the Bible. Below is a brief summary of our beliefs and some scripture references. For more information visit <https://www.adventist.org/beliefs>

- The Holy Scriptures:** The Holy Scriptures are the written Word of God, given by divine inspiration through holy men of God who spoke and wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.
- Trinity:** There is one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a unity of three co-eternal Persons.
- Father:** God the eternal Father is the Creator, Source, Sustainer, and Sovereign of all creation.
- Son:** God the eternal Son became incarnate in Jesus Christ. Forever truly God, He became also truly man, Jesus the Christ.
- Holy Spirit:** God the eternal Spirit was active with the Father and the Son in Creation, incarnation, and redemption. He inspired the writers of Scripture.
- Creation:** God is Creator of all things and has revealed in Scripture the authentic account of His creative activity.
- Nature of Man:** Man and woman were made in the image of God with individuality, the power and freedom to think and to do.
- Great Controversy:** All humanity is now involved in a great controversy between Christ and Satan regarding the character of God, His law, and His sovereignty over the universe.
- Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ:** In Christ's life of perfect obedience to God's will, His suffering, death, and resurrection, God provided the only means of atonement for human sin, so that those who by faith accept this atonement may have eternal life.
- Experience of Salvation:** In infinite love and mercy God made Christ, who knew no sin, to be sin for us, so that in Him we might be made the righteousness of God.
- Growing in Christ:** By His death on the cross Jesus triumphed over the forces of evil.
- Church:** The church is the community of believers who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
- Remnant and Its Mission:** The universal church is composed of all who truly believe in Christ, but in the last days, a time of widespread apostasy, a remnant has been called out to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.
- Unity in the Body of Christ:** The church is one body with many members, called from every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.
- Baptism:** By baptism we confess our faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and testify of our death to sin and of our purpose to walk in newness of life.
- Lord's Supper:** The Lord's Supper is a participation in the emblems of the body and blood of Jesus as an expression of faith in Him, our Lord and Savior. This service is open to all believing Christians.
- Spiritual Gifts and Ministries:** God bestows upon all members of His church in every age spiritual gifts which each member is to employ in loving ministry for the common good of the church and of humanity.
- The Gift of Prophecy:** One of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is prophecy. This gift is an identifying mark of the remnant church and was manifested in the ministry of Ellen. G. White. As the Lord's messenger, her writings are a continuing and authoritative source of truth which provide for the church comfort, guidance, instruction, and correction.
- Law of God:** The great principles of God's law are embodied in the Ten Commandments and exemplified in the life of Christ.
- Sabbath:** The beneficent Creator, after the six days of Creation, rested on the seventh day and instituted the Sabbath for all people as a memorial of Creation.
- Stewardship:** We are God's stewards, entrusted by Him with time and opportunities, abilities and possessions, and the blessings of the earth and its resources.
- Christian Behavior:** We are called to be a godly people who think, feel, and act in harmony with the principles of heaven.
- Marriage and the Family:** Marriage was divinely established in Eden and affirmed by Jesus to be a lifelong union between a man and a woman in loving companionship.
- Christ's Ministry in the Heavenly Sanctuary:** There is a sanctuary in heaven, the true tabernacle which the Lord set up and not man.
- Second Coming of Christ:** The second coming of Christ is the blessed hope of the church, the grand climax of the gospel.
- Death and Resurrection:** The wages of sin is death. But God, who alone is immortal, will grant eternal life to His redeemed. Until that day death is an unconscious state for all people.
- Millennium and the End of Sin:** The millennium is the thousand-year reign of Christ with His saints in heaven between the first and second resurrections.
- New Earth:** On the new earth, in which righteousness dwells, God will provide an eternal home for the redeemed and a perfect environment for everlasting life, love, joy, and learning in His presence.



Match the Children's Bible Story with it's main character on the right.

- \_\_\_ Who is the Son of God?
- \_\_\_ Who got out of the boat and walked on the water towards Jesus?
- \_\_\_ God changed who's name to Israel?
- \_\_\_ Who was swallowed by a giant fish?
- \_\_\_ Who was thrown into the lion's den?
- \_\_\_ Who built the Ark for the great flood?
- \_\_\_ Who went to Heaven in chariots of fire?
- \_\_\_ Who parted the Red Sea?
- \_\_\_ Who did God choose to lead the battle of Jericho?
- \_\_\_ Who's father gave him a robe of many colors?
- \_\_\_ Who was promised to be the "Father Of All Nations"?
- \_\_\_ Who's strength was in his uncut hair?
- \_\_\_ Who was unable to speak until his son was born?
- \_\_\_ Who betrayed Jesus?
- \_\_\_ Who baptized Jesus in the Jordan River?
- \_\_\_ Who defeated Goliath the Giant with a slingshot and a stone?
- \_\_\_ Who was the first person to find out Jesus was not in his tomb?
- \_\_\_ Who was the greedy tax collector who climbed a tree to see Jesus?
- \_\_\_ Who's wife turned to a pillar of salt because she looked back?
- \_\_\_ Who was blinded on the Road to Damascus and heard the voice of Jesus?

1. Jesus
2. Jonah
3. Noah
4. Peter
5. David
6. Abraham
7. Elijah
8. Daniel
9. Lot
10. Moses
11. Samson
12. Joseph
13. Saul
14. Mary
15. Zechariah
16. Judas
17. Joshua
18. Zacchaeus
19. John
20. Jacob



## SOUTH LANCASTER VILLAGE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

February 24, 2024

75 Sawyer Street • P. O. Box 866  
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978-365-2754  
[www.villagesdachurch.org](http://www.villagesdachurch.org)

**Sabbath School 9:45am to 10:50am**

Praise and Hymns .....SLA Robotics Team, Choristers  
Licky Blaney, Pianist

Prayer ..... Will Molina

Welcome & Superintendent’s Remarks..... Bupe Mziray

Presentation ..... SLA Robotics Team

4<sup>th</sup> Commandment.....Congregation  
<sup>8</sup> Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: <sup>10</sup> but he seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not to any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, they manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: <sup>11</sup> For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it. *Exodus 20:8-11 NKJV*

Mission Story ..... Mission 360 Weekly Story

Hymn of Meditation ..... Hymn #286  
*Wonderful Words of Life* (first stanza and chorus only)

Sabbath School – Lesson 8: Wisdom for Righteous Living  
*Memory Text*  
 So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom”  
*Psalms 90:12 NKJV*

Sanctuary Class .....Lewis Blackwell

Chapel..... Tom Philippou

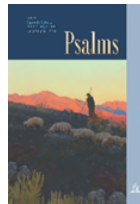
Hybrid Class (Library/Zoom) ..... Young Adults  
*This class is studying the Lesson Book: Inverse SDA Quarterly*  
*\*Contact Christopher Bazile or Jethro Jean-Baptiste for login details*

Lower Division Lessons:  
 Beginners–Primary ..... <https://www.gracelink.net/>  
 Junior.....<https://guidemagazine.org/>  
 Earliteen .....<https://www.realtimefaith.net/>

The topic of our lessons during the first quarter of 2024 is, “Psalms” Study online at [www.ssn.net.org](http://www.ssn.net.org), the It Is Written app or download the Sabbath School Quarterly SDA app from the Play Store.

- ◆ To pick up your quarterly from the church contact Beth Currie.
- ◆ Quarterlies are also available at the ABC.

13<sup>th</sup> Sabbath School Offering – March 30, 2024  
 Southern Asia Division



**Worship Service 10:50am**

Prelude ..... Organ/Piano

Ministry Matters.....Sharon Brown

Introit..... Organ/Piano

Opening Hymn..... Hymn #218  
*When He Cometh*

Invocation..... Lamont Plowden

Welcome .....Renrick Mayers

Children’s Worship ..... Loy Blackwell

Giving Opportunity .....Renrick Mayers  
 Offering: Local Conference Budget

Prayer ..... Lamont Plowden  
 Prelude: *Now, Dear Lord, As We Pray* (1<sup>st</sup> stanza) ..... Hymn #671

Scripture Reading ..... Jayden Molina  
<sup>16</sup>Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. <sup>17</sup>If that *is the case*, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. <sup>18</sup>But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.”  
*Daniel 3:16-18 NKJV*

Praise and Worship ..... Praise Team

Sermon ..... Lamont Plowden  
 Teach, Pray and Believe

Closing Hymn..... Hymn #590  
*Trust and Obey*

Benediction ..... Lamont Plowden

**Offering Schedule Sunset Schedule**

Mar. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Local Church Budget	Feb. 24 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm
Mar. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Adventist World Radio	Mar. 1 <sup>st</sup>	5:39pm

*Special offerings are to be placed in a giving envelope.  
 Loose offering is for the local church budget.*

**Online Giving** The link for donations/online giving has been improved & simplified.  
 ♦ Online Giving: <https://www.villagesdachurch.org/giving.html>  
 ♦ Checks can be mail to P. O. Box 866, South Lancaster, MA 01561

**Online Services** are live streamed on YouTube at Village SDA Church Live Streaming and choose videos to select the service or at the church website [www.villagesdachurch.org](http://www.villagesdachurch.org) and scroll down to Latest Service.

**Upcoming Events...**

2/24 at 4:45pm	Vespers hosted by Sharon Brown
2/25 at 9:00am	SNEC Church Officer Training (Zoom)
2/26 at 7:00pm	Church Board (Fellowship Hall)
2/27 at 10:00am	Bread of Life Food Pantry (Fellowship Hall)
2/28 at 7:00pm	Prayer Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
3/2	SLA Children’s Church
3/2 at 4:00pm	Men’s Ministry (Chapel)
3/2 after Vespers	Church Business Meeting
3/8 at 7:00pm	House of Refuge (Village Church)
3/14 at 6:00pm	Experience SLA
3/15 at 8:00am	SLA Visitation/Step Up Day
3/29	SLA Constituency Meeting (SLA Chapel)

**Church Family Prayer Needs** Please include the list below in your daily prayers. To add someone on the prayer list, email their first or last name to [SLVillage.Bulletin@gmail.com](mailto:SLVillage.Bulletin@gmail.com) and put “Prayer” in the subject line. Personal details regarding a prayer request are not needed.

Bazile Family	Jinx	Peguero Family
Beneche	Kids in our Church	Perrone
Bible Study Group	Ludlow Family	Political Unrest
Bruso	Malcolm Family	Powell Sisters
Church Leadership	Mayer	Seymour & Drew Families
Coltey	Mel	SNEC Leadership
D	Missing Members	SLA Students/Teachers
Elderly and Shut-in	Missionaries	Sylvain
Hazard	National Leadership	Vega Family
Homeless	Ngunda/Magembe	Youth/Young Adults

*\*Names are refreshed quarterly*

- **Online Prayer Sessions** are available for the church family and take place each day. Participants call 848-220-3300 and use code #5640047.

<u>Morning</u>	<u>Afternoon</u>	<u>Evening</u>
6:30am Daily	12:30pm Sabbath in Sanctuary	8:15pm Sun – Thurs 7:00pm Fri





The Fiery Furnace with Shadrach, Meshach & Abed-Nego

Daniel 3

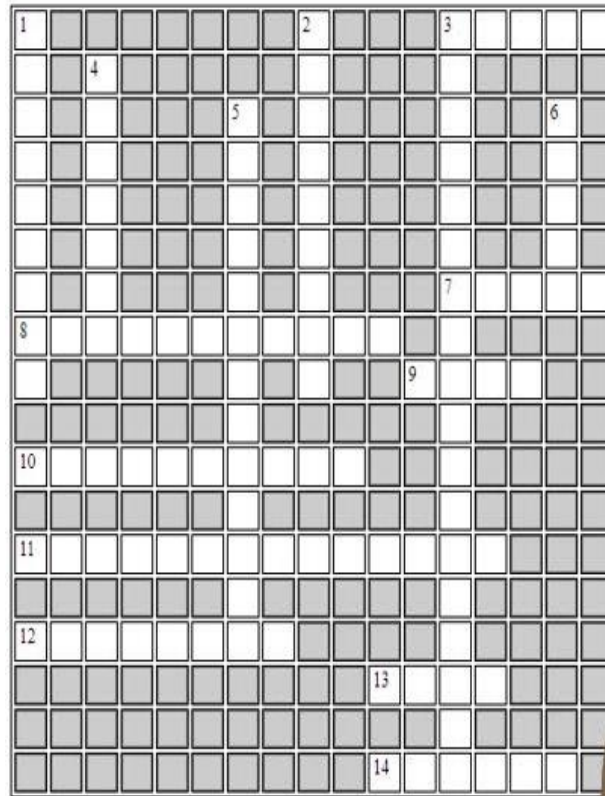


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- Abednego
- Babylon
- Chaldeans
- fiery furnace
- four men
- gold image
- King Nebuchadnezzar
- loose in fire
- Meshach
- new decree
- ninety feet
- promotion
- seven times hotter
- Shadrach
- tied up
- worship God only

The Fiery Furnace with Shadrach, Meshach & Abed-Nego

Daniel 3



- Word Bank
- affairs of Babylon
  - angry
  - Babylon
  - captives
  - Chaldeans
  - Daniel
  - fiery furnace
  - four
  - gold
  - Jerusalem
  - Nebuchadnezzar
  - ninety feet
  - not harmed
  - seven
  - three



Across

Down

- 3. How the king felt when they refused to obey his decree
- 7. The furnace was these many times hotter than normal
- 8. How tall the image was
- 9. The number of men walking in the fiery furnace
- 10. This happened because they obeyed God
- 11. The king at the time
- 12. Why they were in Babylon
- 13. What the image was made of
- 14. The book in the Bible we can read this
- 1. These men told the king about the Jews
- 2. Where they were from
- 3. What they were in charge of
- 4. The country where they were
- 5. The punishment for not worshipping the image
- 6. The number of men thrown in the fiery furnace



# Bible Quiz

## Fiery Furnace

Match the question with the answer on the right.

- \_\_\_ Which king laid siege to Jerusalem?
- \_\_\_ Daniel and his Hebrew friends were taken prisoner back to which kingdom?
- \_\_\_ What were the names of Daniel's three friends?
- \_\_\_ How did the three Hebrew boys disobey the King of Babylon?
- \_\_\_ How did the king punish the boys?
- \_\_\_ How many times hotter was the furnace?
- \_\_\_ What happened to the men who threw the boys into the fire?
- \_\_\_ What did the king see?
- \_\_\_ Who was the fourth person in the fiery furnace?
- \_\_\_ What happened to the three boys after they came out of the fire?

- 1. Seven
- 2. Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego
- 3. They were given more important jobs
- 4. Nebuchadnezzar
- 5. Four men walking about safely in the fire
- 6. Burnt to death
- 7. Babylonia
- 8. The Angel of God (Yeshua)
- 9. He had them thrown into the furnace
- 10. They refused to worship the king's golden image



**Welcome to the Village Church!** The Village Church is committed to the spiritual, physical, and emotional well-being of our members. We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today and hope you are blessed.

### Announcements

#### From the Board...

- **Child Safety** is of the utmost importance in our church community! The Southern New England Conference participates in Shield the Vulnerable, a program that focuses on reducing potential dangers to children. Three recommendations being implemented immediately include:
  1. *Escort family members* seeking water or the restroom during services.
  2. *Two teachers* are needed in each Sabbath School class (except beginners where parents are present).
  3. *Background checks* are conducted for each person working with our children including Sabbath School, Adventurers and Pathfinders. This has been in place for several years.

Please do your part to help ensure our community remains a safe place for all to grow spiritually, emotionally, and physically. Questions regarding this program can be directed to Suzanne Young.

#### General Announcements...

- **Adventurer Club** gives children ages 4-9 the opportunity to participate in peer group activities that will not only improve their social skills but help them learn meaningful object lessons to draw them closer to Jesus. Contact Gina Decene at [adventurers@villagesdachurch.org](mailto:adventurers@villagesdachurch.org) for more details.
- **Bread of Life Food Pantry** is inviting all to minister to our community. In addition to the needs below, feel free to on Tuesday morning for food box preparation and distribution.
- **Church Business Meeting** is scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup> following vespers. All members in regular standing are encouraged to attend and are entitled to vote. Key agenda items that will be discussed include:
  1. New Annual Church Budget and Treasurer's Report
  2. Current Member Report and Visitation Report
  3. Community Service Center Proposal
  4. SLA Subsidy Report and Proposal
- **Free Concert Series** at the College Church features the Southwestern Adventist University Orchestra from Texas on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm. All are welcome to enjoy the concert.
- **House of Refuge** welcomes all to praise Jesus through music and testimony on the second and fourth Friday of each month from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the church Fellowship Hall. The second Friday is open for everyone, and the fourth Friday is especially for high school age youth. If you would like to share your voices, talents and let your heart be filled with love and peace, please contact Becki Renzi.
- **Kids Choir** for ages 6-12 is going to start practicing soon. Please contact Glorie Lopez at [glorielopez@yahoo.com](mailto:glorielopez@yahoo.com) to register your participation.
- **Men's Ministry Meeting** is scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00pm in the chapel to plan the annual Mother's Day Breakfast. Please contact Norman Brown with any questions.
- **Musicians Wanted** Do you like to sing or play an instrument? Would you like to participate in the worship service? Volunteers are encouraged to contact Glorie Lopez at [glorielopez@yahoo.com](mailto:glorielopez@yahoo.com)

- **Pathfinder Club** This is a worldwide organization of young people and all young people ages 10 to 16 are welcome to join. If you have the red pathfinder field uniform shirt, please wear it for every meeting. Contact Lisa Drew at [pathfinders@villagesdachurch.org](mailto:pathfinders@villagesdachurch.org) for more information.
  - **Believe The Promise** is the International Pathfinder Camporee theme in Gillette, Wyoming August 5-11, 2024. The camporee will highlight the exciting story of Moses. Our club is planning to participate and could use your spiritual and monetary support.
- **Sick and Shut-In** We have several members who have been unable to attend services due to illness or mobility challenges. Three members who welcome cards and wish to be remembered in prayer are:
  - Marie Barthalemy (aka Sylvain) at home
  - Karen Perrone at Beaumont Rehabilitation; 238 W. Main St., Rm. 321; Northborough, MA 01532
  - Jinx Tull at Sunrise Assisted Living; 6 Beth Ave.; Leominster, MA 01453

#### Atlantic Union Conference...

- **School of Evangelism** is hosting **free** virtual training sessions every Sunday in February from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Training will be provided by evangelists Mark Finley, Carlton Byrd, John Bradshaw, Glen Samuels and Arnaldo Cruz. Areas of training include: Bible Work • Church Planting • Multi-Cultural Evangelism • Personal Evangelism • Public Evangelism • Small Group Evangelism. To register for training sessions scan the QR Code.



#### South Lancaster Academy...

- **Christian Education Sponsors Needed...** The Worthy Student Fund at SLA helps several students stay in a Christian education environment. Your help is needed to keep them there! Please mark your tithe envelope to donate to this cause or send a check to SLA.
- **Experience SLA** are events designed for prospective parents and student.
  - Open House - March 14<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm-8:00pm. This evening is designed for prospective families considering SLA for the 2024-2025 school year. It features a science fair, peek into classrooms, teacher meet & greet, Q&A with Administration and Registration Assistance.
  - Visitation Day - March 15<sup>th</sup> 8:00am-11:30am. Sign your children up to shadow their prospective class for a day.



#### Southern New England Conference...

- **Adventist Book Center** is here to help you grow your spiritual and physical health. When was the last time you visited the ABC in person or online? Did you know that in addition to the traditional books and vegetable protein options they now offer online shopping and books for kindle and nook, and recipes at <https://www.abchealthfoods.com>:
 

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday-Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
11am-3pm	10:00am-5:30pm	9:00am-1:00pm
- **Church Officers Training** is scheduled for Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> on Zoom from 9:00am-12:00pm. Registration is required so instructors can adjust their presentations and provide materials appropriately. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/2024snec>, use the QR code or call 978-365-4551 to register.



- **Empowered for Action** is one day seminar designed to mobilize members for Ministry. Join the SNEC Personal Ministries, Sabbath School, and Adventist Community Services departments on Sabbath, March 16<sup>th</sup> at Camp Winnekeag from 9:00am-6:00pm. Key topics will include: Building Community Connections, Outreach Strategies, Making attractive Sabbath School and increasing attendance, and more... Lunch will be provided for those who register using the QR code or calling 978-365-4551
- **I'm A Believer... Share Your Why?** is the SNEC social media campaign scheduled for February, March and April. Join the digital disciples to receive weekly email updates and inspiring ideas on how you can create content about your faith. Register and take part in the opportunity by scanning the QR code.
- **2024 Mission to Taiwan** Young Adult and Youth Sabbath School Ministries are sponsoring a trip to Taiwan April 3-15, 2024. Please pray for God to lead the plans that are being finalized and for the trip to be a success.
- **Spring Spiritual Revival Retreat** will be at Camp Winnekeag March 29-31. The theme of this retreat is "In the Spirit and Power." Our guest speaker Pastor Pavel Gois will share how to experience God's leading, and move from discouragement to joyful freedom.



**For Such A Time...** God wants to use us as His hands and feet. During Black History Month we will feature several Seventh-day Adventists who have used their talents, some quietly and others more openly, to steer others to Jesus.

**Eric Thomas (ET)** is a motivational speaker, author, consultant, and minister. Speeches by Thomas are popular on YouTube. "ET, The Hip Hop Preacher" has become a global phenomenon! Thomas was born in Chicago, Illinois and raised in Detroit, Michigan. He was born to a single, teenage mother. After various arguments with his parents and aunts, he dropped out of high school and lived homeless on the streets of Detroit for two years.



While he was homeless, he met a preacher who inspired him to go back to school and eventually change lives. He also took a job at an Olive Garden on the westside of Detroit. Around this time, Thomas met his wife, De-De Mosley, at the Detroit Center Seventh-day Adventist Church. They then moved to Huntsville, Alabama, attended Oakwood University, and they were married as college students. While the typical undergraduate student takes between four to six years to complete their studies, ET took 12. For most, that would have signaled the end of any future academic aspirations. For ET, it was a springboard from which his academic success would be launched! He earned a Master's Degree and Ph.D. in Education Administration from Michigan State University. As CEO of his Consulting Firm, ETA LLC., Eric has led his team through the doors of dozens of reputable organizations and Fortune 500 companies such as General Electric, Quicken Loans, AT&T, Nike, Under Armour, New Balance and UPS. He has also consulted for major Universities and the major sports teams within the MLB, NBA, NFL and MLS. -ET is the epitome of hustle, drive, determination, and success. Millions of followers have been able to apply the principles revealed in his award nominated autobiography, *The Secret to Success*, which has scaled the social media charts with over 50 million hits. His sophomore release, *Greatness Is Upon You*, features 24 life changing fundamental precepts and is meeting with equal success.

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