

# Mentone

Seventh-day Adventist Church



**1230 Olivine Ave - Mentone, CA 92359**

**(909) 492-0738**

**[www.mentonechurch.org](http://www.mentonechurch.org)**



# Church at Study

10:00 am

## Children's Classes

Cradle Roll (Ages 0-Early 2)

Primary (Ages 7-9)

Beginners (Ages 2-3)

Junior (Ages 10-12)

Kindergarten (Ages 4-6)

## Youth

Earliteens (Ages 13-15)

Youth (Ages 15+) in PF Rm

## Adult Classes

Young Adults (Ages 18-35, Co Op Rm)

Spirit of Prophecy (Fellowship Hall)

Quarterly (Sanctuary)

New Believer's Class (Upper Rm)

Quarterly (Rm behind piano)

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**Thank you for choosing to worship with us today.** If we can help you in any way, please let us know by contacting one of our pastors, greeters, elders, deacons, or deaconesses, or by our church app/website.

**Stephen N. Allred is our guest speaker today at both services.** He serves as Director of Government Relations for the Church State Council, a Religious Liberty ministry of the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. He is a licensed attorney and ordained Seventh-Day Adventist minister, with degrees in law and divinity. Steve served as a pastor for over 14 years, including his time at seminary, and has practiced law for over a decade. He is married to Cheri, with whom he has three wonderful children. Most of all, Steve is passionate about uplifting Jesus, doing justice, loving mercy, and promoting liberty of conscience.

**Today is our Fellowship Meal** following the second service. The theme is soups and salads. Join us for fellowship in the Fellowship Hall and stay for **The Church and The Sword: Early Adventists and Politics**, followed by a Q & A with Stephen N. Allred at 2:30 pm in the sanctuary.

**Birthday Blessings!**

**January 10<sup>th</sup>** – Mary Veronica Nallathamby, Rosemary Morgan, Jayne Nelson, Amanda Green **11<sup>th</sup>** – Anthony Bonilla **12<sup>th</sup>** – Sofia Garcia, Ron Harrison, John Shin **13<sup>th</sup>** – David Morris **14<sup>th</sup>** – Isabel Yoona Chong, Sam Katrib **16<sup>th</sup>** – David Gavrielov **17<sup>th</sup>** – Intissar Issa, Daniel Morgan, Abraham Thomas, Janet Ganding, Essie Lee



Bulletin & AV information must be submitted to  
[office@mentonechurch.org](mailto:office@mentonechurch.org), [av@mentonechurch.org](mailto:av@mentonechurch.org)  
by Sunday at 8 pm

# Church at Worship

January 10, 2026, 8:30 am\* 11:00 am\*\*

Prelude	Organ
Welcome and Announcements	Elder David Smith
Introit <sup>+</sup>	Organ
Invocation	Stephen N. Allred
Songs of Praise	#100 Great is Thy Faithfulness #221 Rejoice, The Lord is King
Opening Hymn	#213 Jesus is Coming Again* #619 Lead On, O King Eternal**
Worship in Giving	David Smith
Offertory	Children's Choir
<i>I'm Trying to be Like Jesus</i>	
Lambs Offering	David Smith
Children's Story	Merrill King
Scripture Reading	Judah Smith
Daniel 2:44* Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:6-8**	
Prayer Song <sup>+</sup>	Congregation
<i>#668 O Thou Who Hearest</i>	
Worship in Prayer	Doug Yowell* Shawn Lathrom**
Worship in Song	Children's Choir
Surely the Lord is in This Place	
Sermon	Stephen N. Allred
The Church & The Sword: A Counterfeit Kingdom* The Church & The Sword: How to Fight Like a Christian**	
Closing Hymn	#214 We Have This Hope
Benediction	Stephen N. Allred

<sup>+</sup> Please Kneel

Platform Elder: David Smith  
Song Leader: Taton Family\* Morgan Family\*\*  
Pianist: Lou Ann Strachan\* Justin Smith\*\*  
Organist: Anna Sparks

Lead Deacon: Loren Smith  
Sunset Tonight: 4:58 pm  
Sunset Next Week: 5:05 pm

# Mentone Church Life

January 10, 2026

**Please continue to lift David Meyer in your prayers**, he was admitted to Redlands Community Hospital on 12/31/25 due to difficulty breathing. He is improving and breathing on his own now, but not sure when he will go home. Also lift Ethel up in prayer, as she's fighting a respiratory illness herself.

**The 10 Days of Prayer 2026, Unleashed!** Is from January 7 - 17. "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth". John 14:16, 17. Here is the website to get further information and resources for you and your family to follow the materials and topic. <https://www.tendaysofprayer.org>

**Mary Kelly would like to thank everyone** who provided the delicious meals for her, during her post op recovery from surgery. She feels the healthy vegan meals helped her heal quickly. May God bless your kindness!

**Thank you, Church family for generously donating ties for Bible workers in India.** They will happily receive those in February! Michael & Tina Robinson and Bobbie Jo Srikureja (Michael's sister).

**Our citrus fruits** are ready to be picked! This fundraising for several church youth ministries. We'd love your support! ☺

**Persimmon Christmas Project** – Rade & Rohini will be selling persimmons to raise funds for the Christmas offerings. Contact Rohini (909) 801-0406.

**Our Christmas Offering this year will include the following** – Pakistan Flood Relief \$5,000, The Great Controversy Coloring Books for L.L. Literature Ministry \$3000, Support family in Thailand and raise \$7000 to translate the book Thoughts from Mount of Blessings into the Khmer language.

**Safe Massage Techniques and Natural Remedies class**, Sunday, January 25 from 3-5 pm by Elder Gary Strunk.

**Pastor Don MacLafferty** will be speaking at Mentone on January 28 – 30, 2026. Wed. 6-8 pm, Thurs. 9 am – 12 pm & 6-8 pm, and Friday 9 am – 12 pm. More information to come as it gets closer.

## **Financial Information as of December 29, 2025**

Church Budget: \$334,308.41 (Goal-to-Date: \$341,839.03), Annual Goal: \$341,839.03

Building Fund: \$118,180.54

Christmas Offering: \$6,211.35

## **Staff Information**

Senior Pastor: Fred Dana (845) 313-4822

Spanish Coordinator: Samuel Florian (951) 640-5567

Associate Pastor: Rodney Bowes (951) 500-8559

Youth Ministry Leader: Daniel Gomez (626) 900-5593

Church Secretary/Clerk: Maggie Bonilla (909) 492-0738

Church Treasurer: Intissar Issa (909) 214-9200

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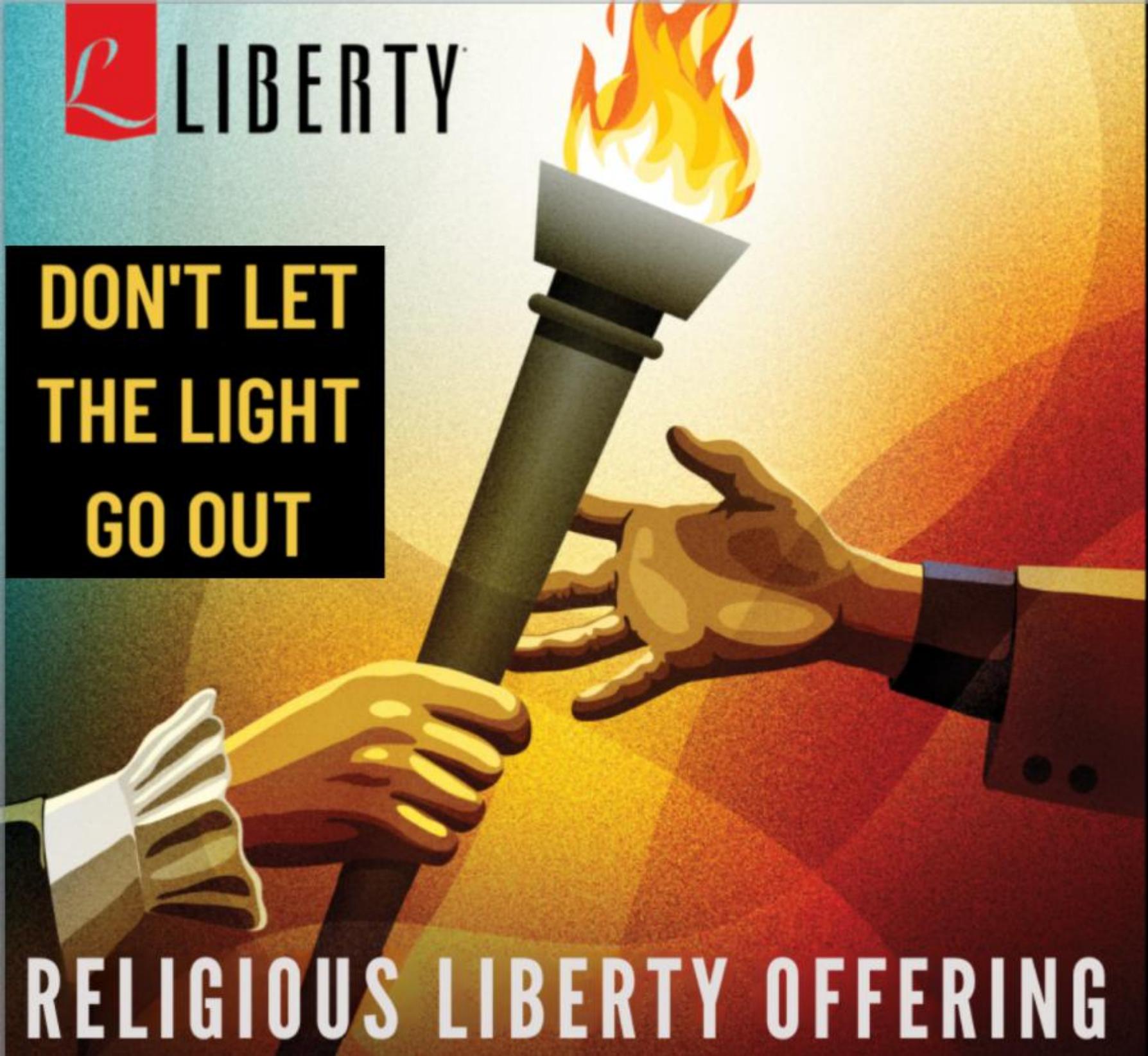
# PRAYER

## Meeting

WEDNESDAY  
7 PM - 8 PM  
OFFLINE | ONLINE

 LIBERTY

DON'T LET  
THE LIGHT  
GO OUT



RELIGIOUS LIBERTY OFFERING

Guest Speaker:  
Stephen N. Allred,  
JD, Mdiv

Jan. 10 | 8:30 & 11:00 am

He serves as Director of Gov't  
Relations for the Church State  
Council, a religious liberty  
ministry of our Pacific Union  
Conference of the SDA Church.

Church  
Bulletin



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[mentonechurch.org/giving](http://mentonechurch.org/giving)

# Safe Massage Techniques & Natural Remedies

by Elder Gary Strunk, MPH, CMT

When: Sunday, January 25, 2025  
Time: 3:00–5:00 p.m.  
Where: Mentone SDA Church  
Fellowship hall



Massage properly done can be a treat—soothing and therapeutic at the same time! But many novices use improper and sometimes painful techniques. They fail to understand that different body types require different massage approaches. In this class, we will cover the following topics:

- How to assess and safely reduce pain, inflammation, and muscle tension with massage.
- How to assess and treat various forms of headache pain using safe massage.
- How to combine massage with hydrotherapy in order to release tension in neck, arms, legs, trunk, etc.

# Live Like Elijah

*Join us!*

Jan 28 - 30, 2026

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**Don MacLafferty**

*Guest Speaker*

**Discipleship Seminar**

Jan 28, 2026 - 6 PM - 8 PM

Jan 29, 2026 - 9 AM - 12 PM

6 PM - 8 PM

Jan 30, 2026 - 9 AM - 12 PM

## TOPICS INCLUDE:

- PERSONAL DEVOTIONS
- FAMILY WORSHIP
- CHILDREN'S TIME  
WITH GOD



Optional RSVP

# U-PICK

MON.-THUR. 8-4

WE HAVE ORANGES,  
LEMONS, GRAPEFRUIT,  
POMELO, AND AVOCADO.

ALL CITRUS IS \$1/LB  
AVOCADOS ARE \$2/LB

FUNDS GO TO HELP YOUTH  
PROGRAMS AND MENTONE  
SDA SCHOOL STUDENTS  
JOIN THE COSTA RICA  
MISSION TRIP IN THE  
SPRING! ORDER USING THE  
QR CODE BELOW!





*let's go to*  
**COSTA RICA**

Join Mentone SDA School and Church on a mission trip to Costa Rica in an effort to build a classroom and host a VBS in Liberia Costa Rica. The trip will last from April 1-8, 2026 and is focused on developing a heart for missions in children, youth, and young adults.  
Everyone is welcome!



# FUYU PERSIMMONS

Investment Project



All proceeds will go to the

**Mentone SDA Church  
Christmas Offering!**

Call/text

Rohini 909-801-0406 | Rade 310-704-2836

# INSIGHTFUL UNDERSTANDING OF THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

To often Mrs. White has been viewed as having two main objectives-- rebuking sinners and giving rules. I would invite you to read at least two statements that will reveal her true feelings of reluctance and aversion to giving testimonies to individual people and laying down rules. (See for example Early Writings 76 and 8 Manuscript Releases 238-39.)

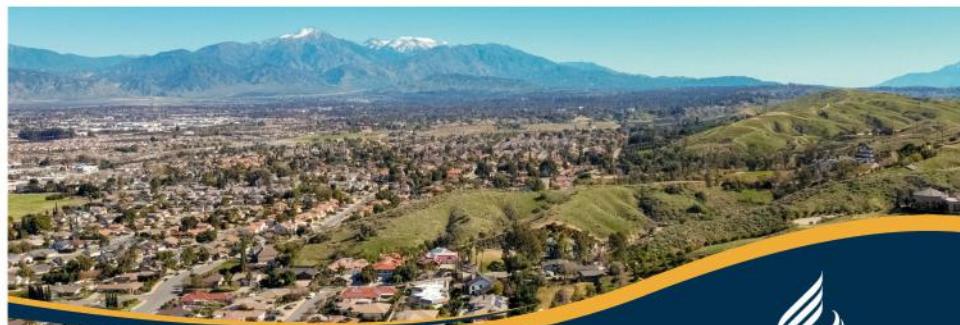
Her true passions were writing and preaching about the love of God in Christ and pointing people to the Bible. "Her writings, which were guided by prophetic revelation through visions and prophetic dreams, must be read and understood with this perspective." (Understanding Ellen White, pg. vi)

Because of her accident at the age of about 9, Ellen Harmon (White) had her educational plans thwarted. This led to bitterness toward God. She also feared hell, which she inherited from her Methodist faith, which in turn added to her viewing God as a tyrant. After a few years of spiritual turmoil her mother arranged for Ellen to talk with a Methodist Adventist minister, Levi Stockman. This deeply spiritual counsel from this minister completely changed her view of God and in later years, the parental love of God became her favorite theme. Her favorite hymn became "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" by John Wesley. (Review & Herald, Dec. 13 1906, 10)

Ellen herself wrote about the spiritual counsel Pastor Levi Stockman gave. "My views of the Father were changed. I now looked upon Him as a kind and tender parent, rather than a stern tyrant compelling men to a blind obedience. My heart went out towards Him in a deep and fervent love." (Life Sketches Original Manuscript, 43)



Ellen G. White (Seated in the middle) with her family at Elmshaven August 24, 1913



## **ADOPT A HOMEBOUND MEMBER**

### A VISITATION MINISTRY INITIATIVE

A simple but meaningful gesture, such as a visit, a phone call, or a chat, can make a difference, creating bonds of affection and continuous fellowship. We aim to support the emotional well-being of our members, seeking to fight their loneliness and minimize the effects of isolation and sadness.

“... thou art thy brother’s keeper. Thou shouldest have a watchful care for thy brother, be interested for his welfare, and cherish a kind, loving spirit toward him. Press together, press together.”

(Ellen G. White, 1T 113.3)

“The generous soul will be made rich,  
And he who waters will also be watered himself.”

(Proverbs 11:25; NKJV)

We invite you to join this vital ministry, and we pray that God will give us all a giving and loving spirit.

# Growing Better

YOUR FAITH. YOUR FAMILY. YOUR FIELD.

JANUARY 20-25, 2026 | GLEN ROSE, TX

## NATIONAL AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE

As part of our Christian family, don't miss out on an incredible opportunity to deepen your connection with God's plan for agriculture in your life!

Join us at Riverbend Retreat and Conference Center in Glen Rose, Texas from January 20-25, 2026, for our National Agricultural Conference.

Engage in enriching sessions, forge lasting bonds and nourish your soul through learning how to experience an agrarian lifestyle.

**Early Bird Registration opens Sept. 11, 2025.**

Visit our website [www.adventistag.org](http://www.adventistag.org) and sign up for emails for conference details.

Scan to stay in the loop!

