Mentone

Seventh-day Adventist Church





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)

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.

Men's Ministry Meeting is today at 1 pm in the Multipurpose Room, bring your own lunch and join us for a time of fellowship.

We are saddened to inform our church family that Pastor Bowes' mother, Carole Sue Bowes, passed away to her rest in Jesus, Sabbath, 12/13. Please keep Pastor Rodney, Julie, and Sierra, his father, sister Sharla and her husband in your prayers, during this sad time of loss. May they find hope in our Lord's promise of His soon return and that Glorious Resurrection morning!

Our Church Communion Service is scheduled for Sabbath, January 3, 2026.

See what's happening next week at www.mentonechurch.org/events and in the monthly calendar on the bulletin board.

Birthday Blessings!

December 27th – Ernesto Gaona **28**th – Haley Lathrom **29**th – Miguel Ortiz **31**st – Debra Brown **January 1** – Samuel Florian, Michelle Del Amen, Rachel Leon **2**nd – Vivian Chavez (formely Liberty Arretche) **3**rd – Lou Ann Strachan



Bulletin information must be submitted to office@mentonechurch.org by Sunday at 8 pm

Church at Worship

December 27, 2025, 8:30 am* 11:00 am**

Prelude Organ

Welcome and Announcements Elder Gary Strunk

Introit⁺ Organ

Invocation Pastor Daniel Gomez

Songs of Praise #132 O Come, All Ye Faithful

#142 Angels We Have Heard on High

Opening Hymn #211 Lo! He Comes

Worship in Giving Gary Strunk

Conference Advance

Offertory Handbell Choir

The First Noel

Lambs Offering Gary Strunk

Children's Story Anique Augustus* Marsha Nagel**

Scripture Reading Melisa Aree* Avielah Sprenkle**

Matthew 4:17

Prayer Song⁺ Congregation

#668 O Thou Who Hearest

Worship in Prayer Avielah Sprenkle* Trent Logan**

Worship in Song Handbell Choir

At the Manger

Sermon Pastor Daniel Gomez

Kingdoms, Thrones, Crowns, & Crosses

Closing Hymn #623 I Will Follow Thee

Benediction Pastor Daniel Gomez

+ Please Kneel

Platform Elder: Gary Strunk

Song Leader: Anna Sparks* Garcia Family**

Pianist: Kathleen Sparks* Trent Logan**

Organist: Judy Northrop

Lead Deacon: David Garcia Sunset Tonight: 4:48 pm Sunset Next Week: 4:53 pm

Mentone Church Life

December 27, 2025

Life Stream has an after Christmas special for the blood drive tomorrow Sunday, December 28. \$20 Stater Brothers gift cards when you sign up before December 24 and additional \$10 for signing up a new blood donor, plus a \$20 Amazon gift card for a Thank You!

Youth Sabbath School Outreach Project - Please join us in collecting men's neck ties used or new for Bible workers in India. Michael Robinson's sister, Bobbie Joe Srikureja, (Evangelism Coordinator in India), is asking that we collect 300 neck ties by December 31. The SACH Clinic is partnering with us to get donated ties from those who attend their Christmas Party. Thank you for your support, you can donate ties in the container in the lobby. If have any questions, please contact Tina Robinson (509) 808-6587.

Our citrus fruits are ready to be picked! Please see flyers in the foyer or poster in bulletin board for information. It seems our avocados need more time to ripen and be ready to be picked. 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, and Support family in Thailand and raise \$7000 to translate the book Thoughts from Mount of Blessings into the Khmer language.

A Memorial Service is planned on Sunday, January 4, 2026 at 11:00 am for Janet Williams, Janell Burk's mother.

Religious Liberty Sabbath program is planned for January 10, 2026 and we will be blessed to have Steve Allred speaking during the sermon hour at both services.

Simple Massage Techniques and Hydrotherapy for the cold and flu season class is planned for Sunday, January 25 from 3-5 pm in the Fellowship Hall 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.

As of December 15, 2025

Church Budget: \$316,653.80 (Goal-to-Date: \$328,714.39)

Annual Goal: \$341,240.52

Building Fund: \$111,562.27

Christmas offering: \$4,066.35

Staff Information

Senior Pastor: Fred Dana (845) 313-4822 Associate Pastor: Rodney Bowes (951) 500-8559 Church Secretary/Clerk: Maggie Bonilla (909) 492-0738

Spanish Coordinator: Samuel Florian (951) 640-5567 Youth Ministry Leader: Daniel Gomez (626) 900-5593 Church Treasurer: Intissar Issa (909) 214-9200

BLOOD DRIVE

Scan the code to make your next appointment!



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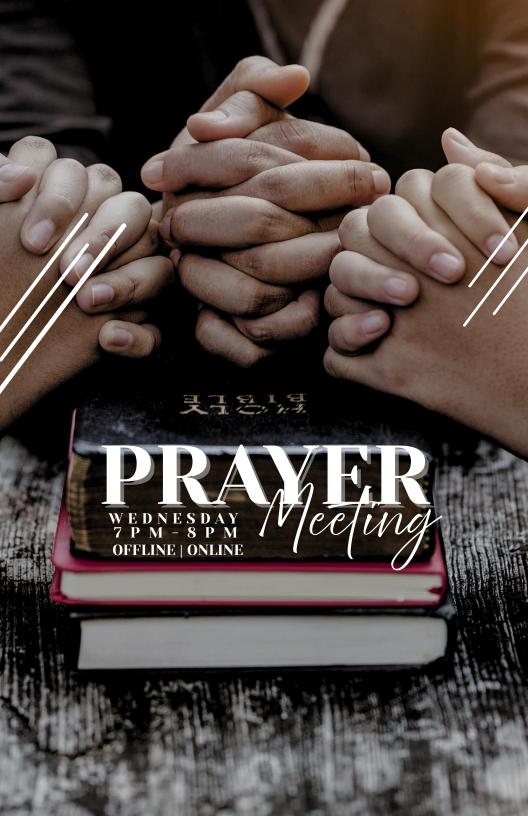
Sunday, Dec. 28, Sunday, Feb. 22, & Sunday, Apr. 19 9:30 am to 2:30 pm 1230 Olivine Ave., Mentone in the bloodmobile

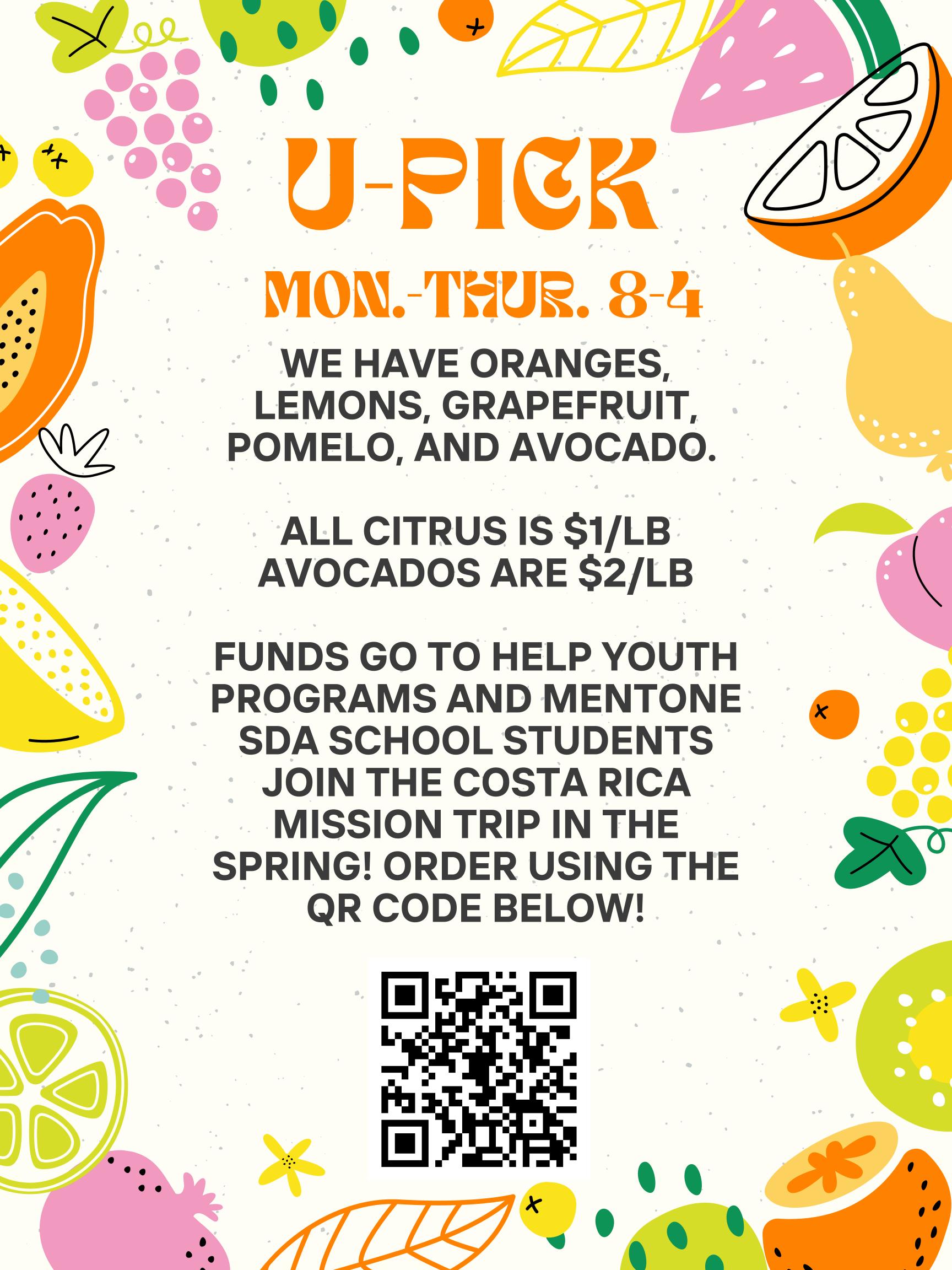
For appointments, call 800.879.4484, visit Istream.org/mentone, or scan the QR code above.



■ LifeStream Blood Bank

Every donation earns
donor store points. Earned donor
store points can be used to purchase
virtual prepaid Mastercards,
LifeStream branded items, and more.
The choice is yours.





Cets go to COSTARICA

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!



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 adversion to giving testimonies to individual people and laying down rules. (See for example Early Writings 76 and 8 Manuscript Releases 238-39.)

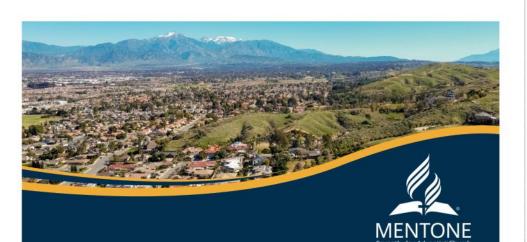
Her true passions were writing and preaching about the love of God in Christ and pointing people to the Bible. "Her writings, which were guided by prophetic revelation through visions and prophetic dreams, must be read and understood with this perspective." (Understinding Ellen White, pg. vi)

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 arrnaged for Ellen to talke with a Methodist Adventist minister, Levi Stockman. This deeply spiritual counsel from this minister completly 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.



Services Will Be Provided On a First-Come First-Served Basis

- Free Medical Care
 - Well woman exams, papsmears, back to school physicals exams, gastro-intestinal, heart, lung, and orthopedic bone evaluations, and free pharmacy service
- Free Dental Care

Full dental evaluations, including cleanings, fillings, and extractions

And Much More!

Lifestyle Medicine, Hydrotherapy, Mental Health, Chaplaincy, Haircuts and Much More!



About Liberty & Health Alliance

Liberty and Health Alliance is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded by Seventh-day Adventist Christians who believe that life is a gift from God and that He offers whole-person health to all. We welcome and support people of every background and faith on that journey.









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 and sign up for emails for conference details.



