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“The Welcoming Father: Lost, Found, and Loved”

By Pastor Ricardo Cala
Saturday, September 6, 2025

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NEW HERE? WELCOME!

Welcome and come visit us
again and again!

1st Service: 9:00AM

Sabbath School: 10:15AM

2nd Service: 11:30AM



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The Pastor's Message

Brothers and sisters, today we gather around one of the most powerful pictures of God's love in all of Scripture—the story of the welcoming father. Jesus told us three parables in Luke 15: the lost sheep, the lost coin, and finally, the lost sons. In each story, the theme is the same: heaven rejoices when the lost are found.

But in the parable of the prodigal son and his elder brother, Jesus takes us deeper. Here we see that sin is not only wandering off like sheep or slipping away like a coin—it is actively rejecting God, wishing Him out of the picture, and living as though He were dead. And yet, how does God respond? Not with rejection, not with judgment, but with mercy. The father runs to embrace his broken son and pleads with his bitter son to join the feast.

This is the heart of the Gospel: our heavenly Father is not an employer calculating wages, but a Father lavishing forgiveness. Both the rebellious and the self-righteous are invited into His house. And the reason this welcome is possible is because of the “third Son”—Jesus Himself. He is the perfect Son who bore the shame, took the punishment, and opened the way for us to be received with full acceptance.

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Worship Schedule

9:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Roger Harrison

Opening Hymn

SDA Hymnal #388 Don't Forget the Sabbath

Responsive Reading

SDA Hymnal #859 (Psalm 98)

Anthony Simpson

Intercessory Prayer

Anthony Simpson

Prayer Response

SDA Hymnal #684 Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:1-32

Sermon

The Welcoming Father: Lost, Found, and Loved by Ricardo Cala

Sermon Response Hymn

SDA Hymnal #334 Come Thou Fount

Worship in Giving

Roger Harrison

Closing Remarks

Roger Harrison

Charge & Benedictory

Ephesians 3:20-21 | Anthony Simpson

10:15AM ~ Sabbath School

Lesson 10: The Covenant & The Blueprint

Facilitator: Chris Garrity.

Quarterly - Exodus

11:30 AM SERVICE

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Maria Agard

Opening Songs

Selected

Little Lambs Offering

Ellena Seme

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:1-32

Intercessory Prayer

Joash Mokua

Song Response

SDA Hymnal #684 Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Special Music

Jada Mohammed

Sermon

The Welcoming Father: Lost, Found, and Loved by Ricardo Cala

Sermon Response Hymn

Selected

Worship in Giving

Hendricks Saint-Luc

Closing Remarks

Maria Agard

Charge & Benedictory

Ephesians 3:20-21 | Maria Agard

Calendar of Events

September 2025

5 - 7 - Chesapeake Conference Children & Youth Leaders' Convention (CYLC)

6 - Potluck after second service and AY at 3pm

13 - First Adventurer and Pathfinder Meetings for the 2025-2026 year

14 - Intenational Festival (11am - 2pm at the Western YMCA)

20 - Potluck after second service and Community Service at 2:30pm

26 - Children's Vespers

27 - Women's Ministry Social & Zumba (6:30pm-8pm)

October 3 - November 1: Evangelistic Series: Hope for Humanity

October 2025

4 - Potluck after second service and AY at 3pm

5 (Sunday) - Parking Lot Fundraiser and Work Bee

11 - Children's Sabbath

18 - Potluck after second service and Community Service at 2:30pm

24 - Children's Vespers



WEST WILMINGTON
WOMEN'S MINISTRY

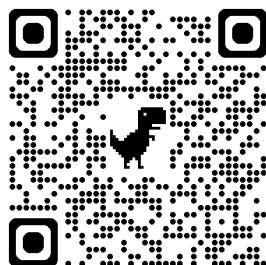
SOCIAL & ZUMBA

Join WWSDA Women
on Sep 27 from 6:30 -
8:00 p.m. at WJA for
a laid-back, laughter-
filled evening of
delicious bites, sweet
treats, great
conversation, and
Zumba!

General Announcements

Pastor Rick's Calendar

Pastor Rick would love the opportunity **to connect with you - whether it's for prayer, a chat, spiritual guidance, or just to catch up!** We've made it easy for you to schedule a time that works best for you using our online calendar. Just scan the QR code, pick a slot, and you're all set.



Interested? Scan the QR code to sign up!

Bulletin/Communications Updates: If you would like to place an announcement in the bulletin, newsletter, social media, or website, please email it to the communications team at communication@westwilmingtonnsda.org **by Tuesday at noon.**

Calendar Management: As our church continues to grow and serve in many ways, we kindly ask all ministry leaders and members to be mindful of the church calendar when planning events or using shared spaces.

Before setting up or reserving a space, please be sure to:

- Check the bulletin (Page 5)
 - Check the church calendar for any scheduling conflicts
 - Connect with the Worship Elder on duty to ensure alignment
- This helps us steward our space well, avoid overlaps, and honor everyone's time and efforts. Thank you!

COLOSSIANS 3:23
"WHATEVER YOU DO, WORK AT IT
WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AS WORKING
FOR THE LORD, NOT FOR MEN"

CHURCH WORKBEE & CLEAN UP

SUNDAY OCTOBER 5 (1PM-5PM)

WE INVITE YOU ALL TO JOIN US AS WE
DECLUTTER AND CLEAN OUT OUR CHURCH.

WE HOPE TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN A WARM,
SAFE, CLEAN, AND INVITING ENVIRONMENT FOR
OUR MEMBERS AND VISITORS.

MORE HEARTS, MORE HANDS, MORE IMPACT!
~ PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US~

THANK YOU, CHURCH FAMILY



WEST WILMINGTON
WOMEN'S MINISTRY TRIP

**21 MARCH 2026
@ 7PM**

SIGHT & SOUND
THEATRES

JOSHUA

LIVE ON STAGE

\$100 per adult & \$44 per child (ages 2-12)
(Pay by Cash to Cynthia or via CashApp to
\$InskipAllsop by December 15, 2025)

Attendees are responsible for their own
transportation (carpool encouraged)

Wilmington Junior
Academy Childcare Center

WE'RE HIRING

We're hiring! The Wilmington
Junior Academy Childcare Center is
looking for a **Preschool Teacher &
Childcare Director**.

Are you?

- ✓ Passionate about working with children
- ✓ Patient
- ✓ Reliable & Dependable
- ✓ Team Player

Interested?

Email Your Resume to:

Mike Marinkovic
mike.marinkovic@gmail.com



BECOME A MASTER GUIDE

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

The Master Guide Club continues to be the highest level of leadership within the Adventurer/Pathfinder/Youth programs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It focuses on one's personal spiritual life, growth, and general leadership skills.

To get started, you would need to complete the Pathfinder Basic Training at Mt. Aetna on September 5-7, 2025. Register using the QR code provided.

To learn more about Master Guide requirements and to register, please contact Dee at 302-963-0218.



Children & Youth Corner



Save The Date!

Little Night In Bethlehem

December 6th 5-8pm



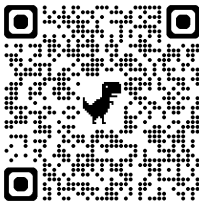
Everyone is welcome!
Rain Date: December 20th

West Wilmington SDA
3003 Millcreek Rd,
Wilmington, DE 19808

For more information
wwchildrensministry@gmail.com

Pathfinder & Registration

The Adventurer and Pathfinder Registration is now open. Scan the QR codes below to register your child.



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Thank you!!

AUGUST 2025 FINANCIAL UPDATE JULY 2025 - JUNE 2026

MONTHLY BUDGET

Total Received MTD
\$5,441.66

Monthly Goal
\$11,819

Amt Needed MTD
\$6,377.34

ANNUAL BUDGET

Total Received YTD
\$14,796.99

Annual Goal
\$141,828

Amt Needed YTD
\$8,841.01

MONTHLY SCHOLARSHIP

\$806.75

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

\$2,311.74

Figures as of 8/23/2025



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