

Pastor's Corner

The Church Is Its People

God's Church is not a building. God's Church prospers when they come together as members of the same church family with a purpose. More than anything, that purpose coalesces around Jesus Christ and Him Crucified.

Macau was a Portuguese colony from the mid-1500s until 1999 when it reverted back to China. I have never been to Macau, but I'd like to. I came across an interesting tidbit of information about a burned-down church building in this city. Macau is not a huge city; it's only about 12 square miles. Try to imagine an area that's about three miles wide and four miles long. The thing is that with a population of about 680,000 and an area of 32.9 square km (12.7 sq mi), it ranks number one in the world of the most densely populated places on the planet. So, every tiny bit of land is highly prized and sought after.

If you take a tour of the city, you will certainly be taken to the bottom of a hill. There you can see the most recognizable landmark in the city—the ruins of St. Paul's Church—a church that burned down in 1835. The only thing that remains is the front of the church, which is left as a reminder of what was there before. Behind the front facade there is nothing.

To me this serves as a reminder that God's Church Family is not a building—although we need proper facilities, parking, and amenities—it's people like you and me. Our firm foundation is not the church building foundations; it is God, and He is always with us. He is always in our midst as we gather together as a Church Family (**Matthew 18:20**). **“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them.”**

May we remember that God is in the midst of our Church Family!

Pastor Ion

The Mission of the Springtown Seventh Day Adventist Church is:

- Surrendering ourselves completely to God's love and allow Him to fill us with His Holy Spirit
- Demonstrating in our lives the love and character of Jesus Christ
- We work with God by sharing the Good News of God's truth, love, healing, freedom and forgiveness to all
- Preparing people for the soon return of Jesus Christ

**Welcome to
Springtown SDA Church**
April 27, 2024

Sabbath School
Lesson Study

10:00-10:40am
Janie Conner

Church at Worship

10:50am-12:00pm

“**But the Lord is in His holy temple: let all the earth
keep silence before Him.**” Habakkuk 2:20

Seeking His Presence

Abe Miranda

Welcome to Worship

Saul Quirarte

Hymn of Praise

#245 *More About Jesus*

Kids Korner

Abigail Quirarte

Praise & Prayer

#318 *Whiter Than Snow*

(#290 Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus)

Saul Quirarte

Offering – Texas Vision

Belia Gullickson

Scripture

1 John 2:15-17

Liz Carriker

Sermon

Grasping for the Wind

Abe Miranda

Closing Hymn

#327 *I'd Rather Have Jesus*

Closing Prayer

Abe Miranda

Church Website

www.springtownsdachurch.com

Sunset Tonight: 8:09pm

Next Sabbath: 8:14pm

Announcements

- * **Church Potluck!** Please stay and enjoy a fellowship meal with your church family.
- * To join our church by baptism, profession of faith, or membership transfer, or to schedule a Child Dedication or a Teen Prayer, please see **Pastor Ion**, an elder, or **Liz Carriker** (209-365-3840). For **pastoral visits** or **Bible studies**, please see **Pastor Ion Groza** (817-721-5174).
- * Suggested items for the **Blessing Box** include but are not limited to: fruit, vegetables, pasta sauce, cereal, shelf stable milk, rice, boxed meals, easy open soups, crackers and diapers.

Important numbers:

First Elder, Wayne Bolan

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Serving

Elder

Saul Quirarte

Deacon

Charles Clubb

Deaconess

Liz Carriker

Piano

Audio/Visual

Saul Quirarte

Troy Carriker

Monthly Budget

\$1,400.00

Evangelism

\$ 600.00

Total Budget

\$2,000.00

Received for April

\$2,136.50