

Missions Update
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Greetings in our Lord's name,

March 2025

Joanne and I want to thank the churches and individuals who were so kind in sending us love offerings for Christmas, it was such a blessing, thank you. The Christmas season is really the busiest time of the year here as I'm sure it is for many of you. We had a great Christmas program with a lot of people getting involved in the program. As a result, we have several people coming to church now on a regular basis. For us, after all the effort that goes into the Christmas program, when we see one soul saved or one person come to church regularly, it is more than worth the effort. Now with several people coming to church, please pray with us that they will continue in the faith.

We praise God for the third discipleship class that He has enabled us to start. The first discipleship class is for those who are in their late twenties and early thirties; the second discipleship class is more for teens who don't really know the local language, Kannada, so the class is in English; and the third class is for teens who speak the local language. I will tell you that these classes are the highlight of my day. I have put together a syllabus that is appropriate to the context we live in here in Mysore. Please pray for these classes because there are young people not just from our church but those who have been invited to join us. I have made it very clear that we are Independent Baptist but we are happy to have anyone attend who is saved, and who want to study the Bible and apply its principles in day-to-day life. It is really nice to see these young people figure out how to be a true Christian with Biblical principles, and still live in a culture

that does not have a Christian world view. Combining the three classes, there are 45 young people in the discipleship program.

Lord willing, on the 24th of April we will be flying to the States for a few weeks: Michael and Stephen will be graduating on the 9th of May and we wanted to be there for their graduation.

Michael will be graduating from Seminary, and Stephen from Bible College; both of them are at Pensacola Christian College. Michael has to work 'till the 24th so all of us will leave for India on the 4th of June. We will be in the States just about six weeks. We will be based out of our home church in the Chattanooga, Tennessee, area with a trip to Pensacola. If you would like for us to visit you sometime during our stay in the States, please do let me know. Email us at bimidauid@yahoo.com.

Please do pray for the ministry here, there are a few people who are willing to obey the Lord in the waters of baptism, which is a blessing. There are others who are reluctant to be baptized because of family and social concerns, please pray with us for these individuals.

The church will conduct our annual Vacation Bible School in May. We are usually here in Mysore for VBS but we will not be here this year. It will be good to see the congregation take up the responsibility and the leadership. Please pray for the VBS coming up in a couple of months; last year we had over 200 in VBS. It was a lot of work but it was a blessing.

Thank you for all that you are doing for the preaching of the gospel here in this part of the world.

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Welcome

April 13, 2025



South Apalachin Baptist Church

KNOW CHRIST | PROCLAIM CHRIST | SERVE CHRIST

Praise & Worship Service

April 13, 2025

Welcome - We are Glad you are Here!

Prelude Carolyn Titus

Announcements

Praise & Worship.....Praise Team

Songs: *All My Ways*

Cornerstone

It Was Finished Upon That Cross

Children grades K-4 are dismissed to the Fellowship Hall.

Scripture & Prayer: **Galatians 5:13-15**Dan Johnson

Message: *True Freedom*.....Pastor Cory

Closing Song: *Behold Our God*Praise Team

Closing Prayer.....Pastor Cory

Our Sympathies

We wish to express our sympathies to the Darpino family as Roy entered into the presence of his Lord and Savior on April 9, 2025. A Memorial Service will be scheduled at a later date.

CHURCH WORKDAY

Saturday
May 10th

Meet: 8:00 am to Eat
8:30 am to Work
(Backup Date – May 17th)



Schedule of Events

Today **April 13, 2025**

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 12:15 pm Family Fellowship Dinner
- 5:45 pm The Loft
- 6:00 pm Evening Service - I Samuel 9 - First Impressions

This Week **April 14-19, 2025**

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| Tue | 6:00 pm | Sneaker Night | Gym |
| | 7:00 pm | Holden Small Group | Double Classroom |
| | 7:00 pm | Strope Small Group | Homes |
| Wed | 6:30 pm | Prayer Meeting | Auditorium |
| Thu | 8:00 am | Retired Men's Breakfast | Blue Dolphin |
| | 6:30 pm | Maundy Thursday Service at Community Independent Bible Church in Little Meadows | |
| Fri | 5:30 pm | Men's Basketball | Gym |

Next Sunday - EASTER SUNDAY **April 20, 2025**

- 8:30 am** Easter Sunday Breakfast - SIGN UP
- 10:00 am** Worship Service - Communion
- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL - NO LOFT - NO EVENING SERVICE**

Looking Ahead **Save the Date**

- Mon, Apr 21 Quarterly Church Business Meeting
- Sat, Apr 26 Memorial Service for Ed Swackhammer
Visitation - 11:00 am, Funeral - 12:00 pm
Followed by a Meal in the Gym
- Sun, Apr 27 Evening Service with Andrew Lindsey, Missionary to Russia with Kostya Rudoy
- Sat, May 10 Church Work Day (If poor weather - May 17)
Watch for sign up in a few weeks
- Sun, May 18 Spring Concert with Carolyn Titus
- Fri-Sun, Jun 6-8 Spring Conference with Mark Sims on "Suffering and Sovereignty" at SABC
- Fri-Sun, Nov 7-9 Ladies' Fall Retreat

New Book

Douglas Strope has published a book entitled "Bible Prophecy: As revealed In Today's Newspaper" through Amazon Kindle. Those interested can obtain a copy in e-book or paperback form at the Amazon website by entering the author's name.

EASTER SUNDAY

JOIN US!

APRIL 20, 2025

BREAKFAST - 8:30 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE - 10 AM

MUSIC • MESSAGE • COMMUNION

BREAKFAST SIGN UP ON THE BULLETIN BOARD
INVITE FRIENDS & FAMILY - INVITATION CARDS IN FOYER

Easter Breakfast Signup

Today is the last day to sign up for Easter Breakfast on the bulletin board, have your item at the church by Wednesday, this week, and place your name on your item.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Community Independent Bible Church
Little Meadows, Pennsylvania
Thursday, April 17th 6:30 pm
Songs • Message • Communion

Missionary Housing & Meals

Please sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to provide housing and/or meals on April 26-28 for Andrew Lindsey and his wife and two children, ages 4 & 2 (no allergies).

Carolyn Titus

PIANO CONCERT

Sunday
May 18 @ 6 PM