

Missions Update
PV & Aruna Joseph
 Serving in India
 Baptist Mid Missions



Thanks so Much for Praying for us,

March, 2024

We were so glad Daya, our middle daughter, was with us for six months. She continues to search for what's the best God has for her. We are more than eager and willing to do our part on her journey of changes, transitions, concerns, and decision making. What's encouraging is her love of reading, especially the Scriptures. I am sure the Lord in His own way and time will help her choose the plan He has for her. She always says Zion is on her heart. Going through tough times is hard and takes a lot more to get back on for a forward journey of God's will and purposes.

Sneha, our oldest seems to like living in India. We are grateful for that. Dheenj, our youngest, and Obi her husband, are ever busy building up their careers. It's so gratifying to see both of them love the Lord and serve actively in their local Church.

PV had been thinking and talking about possibly going to the US in March to fulfill his visa requirements. With Daya needing to leave for her Visa requirements, they both left on March 1. God was so good! Everything fell so smoothly into place. Tickets were purchased, they had a place to stay at our Home Church, they had a free car on arrival etc. Just to praise the awesomeness of God - PV contacted a Pastor friend about a car. The friend later told him that, just the day before, a member of his Church had met him at the church office and mentioned his willingness to share a car for the use of people, especially in Christian Service. How awesome is that? Perfect Timing, Perfect Provision

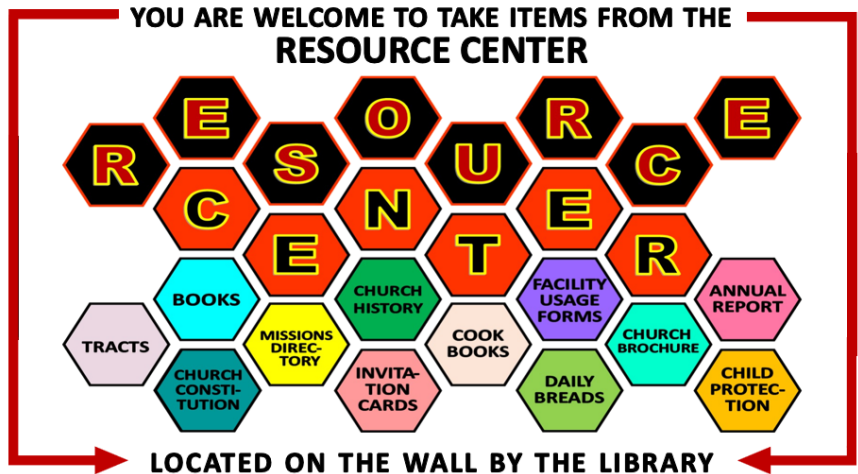
Our Home Church Pastor had an apartment available, folks from church willingly came to pick them up at the airport, and later another friend dropped him off. Amazing God. PV visited our youngest daughter and her husband in Columbia, Missouri and flew back home from there on March 26.

When we first came to India, one of our major ministry decisions was that, unlike many works here, we would not do Empire Building. To that end, in all these many years, even in the times when we have been away for a whole year, the Ministry here has continued without any difficulties or problems. Praise the Lord! We have good men who totally run the school, take care of the accounts, provisions for the mess, checking on teaching and non-teaching staff, checking on Village Churches, take care of this huge property with its thousands of trees and lots of buildings.

Since PV's departure, we have had 2 Village Church Anniversaries, School Class 10 public exams started on Monday, March 18. Work on the playground that started while PV was here is continuing with a lot more equipment being put in. This has been the dream and prayer of many, many years. 15 more Class 9 students have joined the hostel last week as the school requires Class 10 students to be residential, they have extra tuition throughout the year, morning and evening, to prepare them for their final public exams.

There is also a concerted effort here to rent out our large and lovely facility to Christian groups for meetings and conferences. So, beds that we had in storage were all spruced up, we have one 2-bedroom apartment available, that is being cleaned up for speakers. Evening campaigns are in full swing by our teachers, one village every evening, to recruit new students for next year. With schools becoming a very lucrative business, there is cutthroat competition for students. The academic year is winding down. 1/2-day classes from next week due to the intense heat of Summer. Final exams to be announced for remaining classes when the State Board sends its schedule. Summer holidays from mid-April through mid-June. I'm kept in the loop, as is PV. Indians, mostly all, use WhatsApp which allows free messaging and free calls, national and international. Blessings!

Take care and God Bless, PV and Aruna Joseph



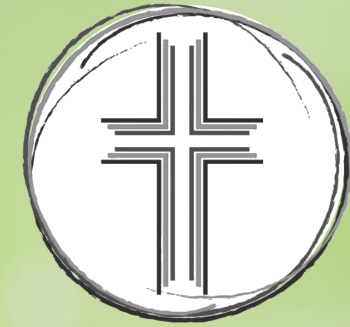
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Welcome

April 14, 2024



South Apalachin Baptist Church

KNOW CHRIST | PROCLAIM CHRIST | SERVE CHRIST



Praise & Worship Service

April 14, 2024

Welcome to our Worship Service!

Prelude Carolyn Titus

Announcements Darren Dodge

Praise & Worship Praise Team

Songs: **Battle Belongs**

God is For Us

From Whom All Blessings Flow

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

Scripture & Prayer: **Colossians 3:15-17** Dan Jackson

Message: **Worship the Lord** Pastor Cory

Closing Song: **There is a Fountain** Praise Team

Closing Prayer Pastor Cory

Schedule of Events

Today April 14, 2024

9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Morning Worship Service
 12:15 pm Family Fellowship Dinner
 5:45 pm The Loft - Move-up for Sixth Graders
 6:00 pm Missions Prayer Service

This Week **April 15-20, 2024**

Mon	7:00 pm	Safety Team Meeting	Fellowship Hall
Tue	1:00 pm	Movers and Shakers	Gym
	6:00 pm	Sneaker Night	Gym
	7:00 pm	Small Group	Strope's
Wed	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Auditorium
Thu	8:00 am	Retired Men's Breakfast	Blue Dolphin
	1:00 pm	Movers and Shakers	Gym
Fri	4:30 pm	Men's Basketball	Gym

Next Sunday **April 21, 2024**

9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Morning Worship Service
 5:45 pm The Loft
 6:00 pm Evening Service - Update of Mapleridge Ranch

Looking Ahead **Save the Date**

Mon, Apr 22 Quarterly Business Meeting @ 7 pm
 Wed, Apr 24 VBS Meeting @ 6:30 pm
 Apr. 26-28 Marriage Conference with Roger DePriest
 Sun, Apr 28 Piano Concert - Carolyn Titus @ 6 pm
 Sat, May 4 Mother Daughter Tea Party @ 11 am - 2 pm
 Sat, May 11 Church Work Day
 June 7-9 The Loft Camping at Rock Mountain Bible Camp
 July 15-19 Vacation Bible School - Backyard Kid's Club
 Aug 3-4 Church Family Camping at Rock Mountain

Announcements

MISSIONS TRIP - Matthew Outman is fully funded for his short-term missions trip to Hungary. Thank You!!

MOVERS & SHAKERS - Every Tuesday & Thursday from 1 PM-2 PM in the gym. Open to anyone who would like to come and exercise with us.



SAFETY TEAM MEETING
MONDAY
APRIL 15
7:00 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL



Carolyn Titus
PIANO CONCERT
 Sunday
 April 28 @ 6 PM

Summer Opportunity

Vacation Bible School - *Breaker Rock Beach*

July 15-19, 2024 - Afternoons



Instead of traditional VBS this year our church is seeking to hold 5-Day Clubs in our community. We plan to use materials created for VBS and modify them to fit this venue. We are targeting July 15-19 in the afternoon for our clubs.

Do you live in a neighborhood where there are children in grades K-6? And if so, would you consider allowing us to use your yard? We would take care of everything.

Or, do you have contact with a place in the community where children live nearby where we could hold a club? If you are interested in helping us find locations please reach out to Sharon Colavito or Nancy Crane.

If you are an adult interested in helping with this effort, or a youth who has completed 6th grade and up, and want to share how you are interested in being part of this exciting event, please join us on:

Wednesday, April 24th at 6:30 pm

Following this meeting, we will prepare for our clubs by holding teacher training classes on Wednesday evenings, specifically to train our youth to teach and lead these clubs in lessons, songs, games, greet and get to know children.

- Pray for our youth to catch the vision to reach our community for Christ and share the love of Jesus.
- Pray for the children that haven't yet heard the gospel to get to hear the good news of salvation.
- Pray that we are able to show God's love to our community.

FRIDAY - APRIL 26

SESSION 1:
 6:00PM - 7:30PM
FULFILLED MARRIAGES
 GENESIS 1:1-24



REGISTER ONLINE:

The marriage conference is provided at no cost! Please help us plan by registering online.

SATURDAY - APRIL 27

SESSION 2:
 9:30AM - 10:30AM
PURPOSEFUL MARRIAGES
 GENESIS 1:26-32

SESSION 3:
 10:45AM - 11:45AM
INTIMATE MARRIAGES
 GENESIS 2

SUNDAY - APRIL 28

SESSION 4:
 9:45AM - 10:45AM
SUFFERING MARRIAGES
 GENESIS 3:1-7 (Q&A)

SESSION 5:
 11:00AM - 12:00PM
REDEEMED MARRIAGES
 GENESIS 3:8-22

CHILDCARE PROVIDED:

To help us plan, let us know how many children will be attending by registering in advance.

SEE MORE INFORMATION ON POSTCARD AT RESOURCE CENTER.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A Mother Daughter Tea Party

MOTHERS, GRANDMOTHERS, AND AUNTS
 WELCOME WITH GIRLS 5 TO 16
 \$10 PER PERSON

DRESS UP, WEAR A FANCY PARTY HAT!
 ENJOY TEA, LUNCH, A STORY TIME, A PHOTO
 BOOTH, AND CRAFTS YOU CAN MAKE AND TAKE.

SATURDAY | 4 | MAY

11 o'clock - 2 o'clock
 SOUTH APALACHIN BAPTIST CHURCH
 4116 PENNSYLVANIA AVE

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