## April 2023

## Services

April 8 Divine Service - 11:15am Lesson Study - 10:00am

# Location

Englise Baptiste Church 10002 Riggs Road Adelphi MD, 20783



# Newsletter

God proved His love on the Cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, 'I love you.' -Billy Graham





Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"



Pastor J.S. Navarose



Prospective Church Building

Happy Easter! Pastor J.S. Navarose will be giving us our message (pg2). In the following pages of this newsletter you'll find information on staying healthy, CDC update, and other engaging materials for you.

We would like to include highpoints of your achievements. Please email them to Marjorie Inparaj at minparaj@omm.com.

## Contact Us

Email:

Mailing Address P.O. Box 4818, Silver Spring MD 20914

## Upcoming Events

April 8

Sabbath Service Clothing Donation pg4 Easter Fun Activity pg4 April 9, 16, 23 & 30 SFF 10:00 am pg4

May 13 Sabbath Service

May 7, 14, 21 & 28 SFF 10:00 am pg4

June 10 Sabbath Service

June 4, 11, 18 & 25 SFF 10:00 am pg4

July 8 Sabbath Service

July 2, 9, 16 & 30 SFF 10:00 am pg4

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#### Speaker Bio. Pr. J.S. Navarose

Born in a CSI family, to John Samuel and Rajamoney in Tirunelveli District in Tamil Nadu. The parents were visited by Adventist Pioneers like Pr. KoilPillai Sr., Pr. Gurupatham, and were baptized by Pr. Yesudian, father of Dr. John Willmott, in the 50s. After elementary school, he went to ED Thomas High School at Tanjore with 4 of his siblings. He then went to Lowry Memorial High School for one year. Due to his parents' inability to support all children in boarding school, he was moved to a local Government School. After finishing college, he started to work as a teacher at Chennai Adventist High School in 1972. He got married to Hannah David from Sri Lanka in 1979. After 9 years, he moved to Madurai Central Adventist school with his newborn baby, Anita Bernice. He worked as a Chemistry Teacher and was promoted to Headmaster. Worked 6 years and met 4 Principals, that included Pr. P. Thomas, Pr. K. Varghese, Pr. S. Chandra, and Pr. S. Sundaram.

Then in 1986, he was promoted as Principal and moved to Madurai North School. There, he worked for 6 years, bought 6 Acres of land, put up buildings, started an annex school. During that time, he also worked towards obtaining Higher Secondary recognition from the Tamil Nadu Government. With the help of a few dedicated teachers, we started visiting homes of church and non-church members, and due to that ministry we were able to penetrate the nearby village, and started a church there.

In 1992, was transferred to Bangalore Spencer High School as the Principal and worked there for 9 years. He was also appointed as the Bangalore Central Tamil Church Pastor. This is where they put up a new 3 Story Building and Built the Kannada SDA Church.

He was ordained as a Pastor by the South India Union and the Karnataka Section and he started the PUC Program.

In the Tamil Church he and the others started a revival meeting on every Gandhi Jayanthi weekend, for all the Adventist church members in and around Bangalore and is still going on today. We also made provision to have the Building project.

In December 2000, we moved to the US with a heavy heart. Still the memories of Chennai, Madurai and Bangalore lingers in our heart and mind. After coming here my Daughter Anita got married to Raj Mohan from Bangalore.

God was good with us on our journey, gave many friends and well wishers on the way. All praise and honor go to God the Almighty.



#### Don't be a Stastistic, Amanda Harkless

By June 1, only 46% of people who made a resolution are still keeping it. Here are three tips to help you keep to your goals.

**1. Make a plan.** Start each week envisioning when/how you'll eat or move your body. It should be something achievable if you want to remain consistent. (Ex. I'll eat salad 3x/week)

2. Have backups. If you can't fit in a run, do a

10 minute workout on YouTube. There are tons of options available for all capabilities and interests, whether it's yoga or a high intensity workout.

**3.** Create rewards/consequences. If you stuck to your goal of only eating sweets 3x/week, reward yourself with \$5 towards a new outfit. By the end of the month, you could have earned \$25. If you didn't meet your goal, spend time combatting one of your biggest distractions. For example, restricting TV until you exercise each day. This will help shift your priorities.

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### CDC Update, Mahiela Inparaj

The New Omicron Subvariant (XBB.1.5), also known as the "Kraken" has been spreading this year, although long-term data on this variant is not available at this time, it is contagious & it is still recommended to get vaccinated, and the bivalent booster.

Ways to stay safe :

- Get the vaccine & booster
- Wear a mask
- Avoid close contact with others
- Wash your hands often
- Get tested and stay home if you have any symptoms



CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

Prayer Requests: Keep the following items in your prayers. Healing for those with health challenges, comfort for those who have lost loved ones and prosperity for SAAA

#### Fundraising Have any ideas?



#### **Building Project**

Support the building project with monetary contributions and prayers.

#### This Year 2023:

1-1-2023 Friday 2-2-2023 Friday 3-3-2023 Friday 4-4-2023 Friday 5-5-2023 Friday 6-6-2023 Friday 7-7-2023 Friday 8-8-2023 Friday 9-9-2023 Friday 10-10-2023 Friday 11-11-2023 Friday 12-12-2023 Friday

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#### Fun Facts of India

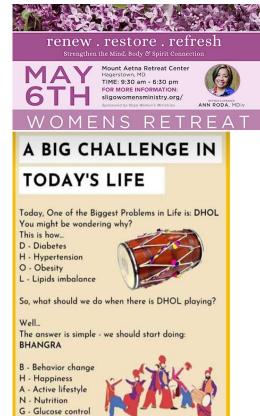
**The Hindu calendar has six seasons** Instead of the typical four-season cycle most countries recognize, India follows a six-season calendar, recognizing spring, summer, monsoon, autumn, prewinter, and winter.

#### India is divided into 29 states

Not many foreigners realize that India is subdivided into states. Some of these states – like Assam, Kashmir, and Goa – are more easily recognized thanks to products like Assam tea, Kashmir silk, or the popular tourist destinations in Goa.

#### Tea is the national beverage of India

Indians love tea; the beverage is served throughout the day and with meals in every household. India is the secondlargest producer of tea in the world, following closely behind China.



#### **Clothing Donation**

Hope you are Spring cleaning. We are closing our collection by April 8. If you are still interested in donating, please reach out to Marjorie Inparaj (301) 873-3461.

**R** - Risk reduction

A - Abstinence from substance abus

#### Sunday Funday Fitness (SFF), let's do it 🕅, Stanley Monickam

Need some energy, please join us via zoom every Sunday from 10 am – 11 am. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81858299367?pwd=YjU5U3V4cnB6dGMzWUtHcj h3blBuUT09 Meeting ID: 818 5829 9367 Passcode: 630486

#### **Easter Fun Activity**

Fun activities lead by Ernest Ponraj. Please join us on Saturday, April 8 from 5:30 pm - 8 pm at the residence of Marjorie & Selvin Inparaj, 14509 Jaystone Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20905.

#### SAAA Camp

Please save the date from July 20-23. The camp will be at Shenandoah Valley Academy. We are excited about camp and plan on having a blast!