

## SAAA Executive Committee

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## SAAA Website

### Development:

Rebranding project underway.

### Project team:

**Charles Merab (Web site developer and Administrator/Owner– Iron Web Design)**

**Brandon Injety: Project Manager**

**Joseph Pakianathan: Project facilitator**

**Content: Executive Committee and Board Members**

Contributions: SAAA Members

## Maryland COVID-19

- Please follow local guidelines.

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## Alerts

### Monthly Sabbath Service:

#### Program Schedule:

**Date:** April 10, 2021

**Time:** 10:00 AM to 1:15 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada).

*Sabbath Lesson Study 10:00AM*

*Divine Service 11:15AM*

*Social Networking 12:45PM or soon after Divine Service.*

**Sermon Title:** NAZARETH

**Scripture:** JOHN 1:45-46 & MATTHEW 28:6

## Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88012704471?pwd=ZlFScStxQ2tYRGpYUG9Wc3pCWGFFZz09>

Meeting ID: 880 1270 4471

Passcode: 802248

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## Membership Due Date Extended June 30, 2021

SAAA Annual Membership fee – EC Committee encourages members to invite family and friends to join. Membership form available via

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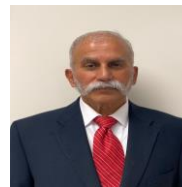
## Announcements

### April Sabbath Service:

Religious Committee **Coordinator: Alka Pandit**

**Sabbath School Lesson:** Cathy & Nathan Purushothaman

**Divine Hour Speaker: Chaplain/Pastor Chandradas Ephraim**



Pr. Chandradas Ephraim is a third-generation Adventist from Pragasuram, Tamil Nadu, India. His adherence to Adventist institutionalism as a way of life for spiritual advancement was devotedly instilled by his scrupulous parents, whose conscientious attachment to the SDA Church was commendable in the local community. Being anchored in Adventist faith with the virtues of perseverance and God's will, his educational pursuits in the disciplines of religious philosophy and history at Spicer Memorial College and in the University of Pune, India, pedastelled him to pastor the Madurai Central SDA Church, T. Nadu, India, prior to becoming a seminarian in Andrews University in 1981.

From the infancy of his life in the USA, the constancy of his trust in the Lord so persuasively sustained his hopes to encounter the enormity of the complexities of daily life meaningfully. Pr. Ephraim is eternally thankful to God for the miracles of genuine friendships and authentic relationships with a broad range of friends, family members, church leaders, pastors, and professionals. The wonder of graduation from Andrews University Seminary, the emancipating employment in the embassy of India, the joy of family's immigration to the USA, and the pastoral ordination by the Potomac Conference of the SDA Church are enduringly foundational and promotional to his growth as a chaplain. With an attainment of ecclesiastical endorsement from the Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries at General Conference level and five units of Clinical Pastoral Education earned from the reputable healthcare establishments such as: National Institutes of Health, Medstar Washington Hospital Center, and Adventist Healthcare, Pr. Ephraim became a Board Certified Chaplain through the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy, a nationally known accredited agency. Being a chaplain at the Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, MD, between 2008 and 2017, he was blessed to minister to hundreds of patients and families from all walks of life with clinical, emotional, and spiritual crises. His baptismal experience in the baptistry of SASDAC, Spencerville SDA



## Announcements

### SAAA Sub Committee Chair

Religious Committee – Premila Pedapudi  
 Social Committee – Joy Devaraj  
 Project Committee – Dr. Devanand Jillipalli  
 Hospitality Sabbath Potluck – Rajee Thomas  
 Website/Rebranding – Brandon Injety  
 Camp Director – TBD  
 Marketing - TBD  
 Building Fundraising – Kingston Benjamin and Praktan Kokila  
 Building Committee – Selvin Inparaj

### SAAA Board Chair

Krupavaram Meessarapu

### Members:

Paulson Tharapatla  
 Neeraja Jillapalli  
 Swinitha Osuri  
 Pierson Tharapatla  
 Don Injety  
 Starlet Vadamuthu  
 Maharajan Ponraj (Treasurer)  
 Jeyasingh Vadamuthu (Past President)  
 Kingston Benjamin - current President

### Monthly Feature

23 March 2021 | *Voices of Fire*, a Netflix docuseries about gospel music, featured Zina Johnson, choir director at Allegheny East Conference's Capitol Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church in Washington, D.C. "The series, produced by recording artist Pharrell Williams, follows his uncle, Ezekiel Williams, and a team of gospel leaders as they travel to Hampton Roads, Virginia, searching for talented singers to build a world-class gospel choir," [explained the Columbia Union Visitor](#). Johnson was one of 75 people chosen out of thousands who auditioned <https://atoday.org/netflix-docuseries-features-adventist-choir-director/>

[Adventist.org](http://Adventist.org)

## SAAA Community

### Speaker Bio Continued:

Also, the actualization of his calling is very propitiously evident at the Medstar Washington Hospital Center where he proactively assists the FRONTLINE workers, patients, and families currently, in the midst of Covid-19 crisis with a heart of pastoral kindness and the face of Adventist image.

Pr. Ephraim is married to one Lilly from Kerala and blessed with two lovely daughters named: Sheba and Virginia, who are graduates of the University of Maryland. And three of his younger sisters: Mrs. Jenila Moses, Mrs. Theja Varadarajan, and Mrs. Ajantha Muthuraj are ardent supporters of SAAA. He strongly believes that this Association is a family oriented entity and we must prepare ourselves to meet the Lord in the air.

### FUN FACTS:

The scientific term for brain freeze is "sphenopalatine ganglioneuralgia".

Canadians say "sorry" so much that a law was passed in 2009 declaring that an apology can't be used as evidence of admission to guilt.

Back when dinosaurs existed, there used to be volcanoes that were erupting on the moon.

The only letter that doesn't appear on the periodic table is J.

One habit of intelligent humans is being easily annoyed by people around them, but saying nothing in order to avoid a meaningless argument

### SAAA Newsletter Name Challenge:

We have received suggestions from members and will select a new Name and announce during April Sabbath Service Social networking

## Fundraising Reminders

### Projects: Social Media

**Facebook and other social media platforms provide fund raising options**

**Amazon Charities:** Smile Amazon.com. Please consider selecting SAAA as the Charitable Organization of choice When we purchase items from Smileamazon.com

Amazon contributes a certain percentage of total sales towards selected charitable organization.

### SAAA Building Project

We are on to a great start with fundraising and we encourage all to prayerfully consider supporting and watch God's blessing take us all the way towards successfully breaking ground at our Burtonsville Maryland Property!

**SAAA Rebranding and New Website Launch Date:**

[WWW.SAAA.org](http://WWW.SAAA.org)

New features added for Membership and community.SAAA EC and Board encourages suggestions from our members

### SAAA Logo Challenge End April 2021:

We are still accepting suggestions for SAAA Logo, please forward to SAA Presidents attention via Eail [Kingstonb1@yahoo.com](mailto:Kingstonb1@yahoo.com)

### Our thoughts and prayers

- Are with families who have lost their loved ones, others currently at Nursing and Rehabilitation homes.
- Those who are facing Covid19 difficulties.
- Most of all we appreciate our frontliners and our caretakers.

Thank you!

### Building Project Monthly Pledge 2021

Monthly \$2,500

**Annual Survey:** Dear Members, Family and Friends, and SAAA Community:

When we look back on our achievements in 2020 and look ahead to a new year, we are anxious to hear your ideas so that we may direct our efforts to accomplish more in 2021. So please take a few minutes to complete the survey by clicking the link below.

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/create/?ut\\_source=create\\_survey&ut\\_source2=li\\_home\\_bottom](https://www.surveymonkey.com/create/?ut_source=create_survey&ut_source2=li_home_bottom)

Username: [saaa.org](http://saaa.org)  
 Password: Riggs123

Wishing you all a Hearty and Healthy New Year 2021!

**Other fundraising opportunities**  
**Amazonsmile.com**

Select SAAA as your charitable organization at work (CFC campaign) to receive a portion of total sales amount towards our organization.