

AUGUST 2026

Services

August 15

Divine Service - 11:30am

Lesson Study - 10:15am

Prayer Breakfast – 9:30am

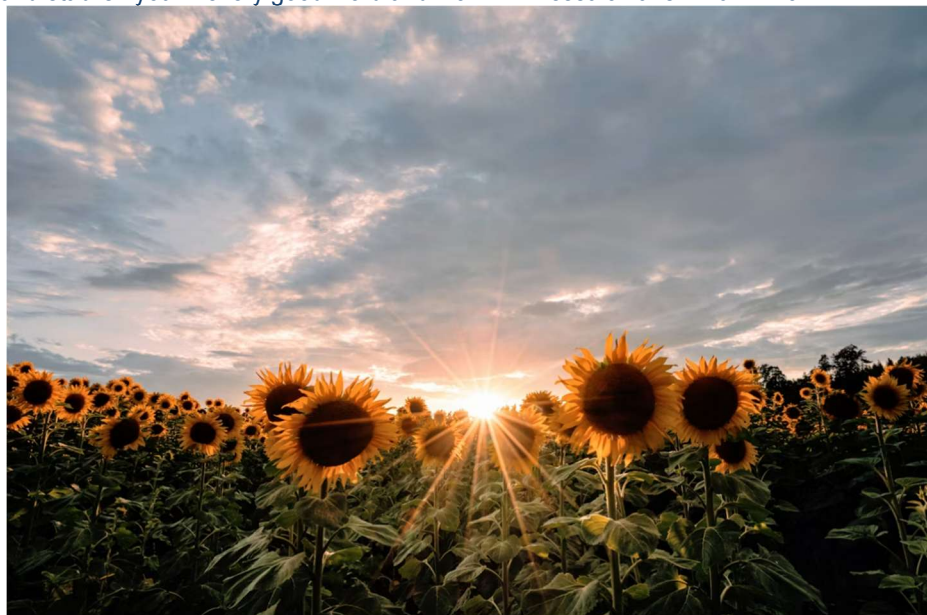
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Newsletter

Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 KJV



Pastor Michael Pedrin



Honoring Drs. Wilkinson 60th Wedding Anniversary

We give thanks to God for His guidance and continued blessing upon India and upon all nations as we celebrate India's Independence Day on August 15th.

This Sabbath we are grateful and honored to welcome Michael Pedrin as our guest speaker (pg. 2). We are also blessed to have Franklin Nadar leading us in the study of our Sabbath School lesson.

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Upcoming Events

July 18

Sabbath Service @
SAAA

July 19 & 26

SFF 9:30 am pg4

August 6-9

SAAA Camp
CAMP BLUE RIDGE
529 Old Mill Road
Montebello, VA 24464

August 15

Sabbath Service @
SAAA

Bio of Pastor Michael Pedrin:

Michael Pedrin comes from a Roman Catholic background and accepted the Seventh-day Adventist message in the 1990s.

He served for many years as a pastor and evangelist in India and has preached in numerous countries.

He is currently the Associate Pastor of the Remnant Church.

Michael holds a PhD in Biblical Studies, has authored over 20 books. His books are available at michaelpedrin.com.

Michael is married to Sushma Sharon. They have a 19-year-old son, Marc.

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



“When is Independence Day in India?”

Independence Day in India occurs on August 15 of every year. This day celebrates the date in 1947 when the Indian Independence Act came into effect, which

established India and Pakistan as separate countries, no longer under British imperialist rule. In India, this day is observed with flag-raising ceremonies, drills, and the singing of “Jana Gana Mana”—the Indian national anthem. (In Pakistan, Independence Day is celebrated on August 14.)

Why did the Indian Independence Movement start?

The Indian Independence Movement began because of growing dissatisfaction with the British raj, which denied Indians political rights and caused severe economic hardship. Farmers faced high taxes, local industries declined, and poverty increased. Exposure to modern political and philosophical ideas through education encouraged Indians to question colonial authority and demand greater rights and self-governance. Reformers and early leaders inspired a sense of national pride, while organizations such as the Indian National Congress provided a platform to demand change. Movements led by Mahatma Gandhi brought people together through peaceful protests.

How is Independence Day celebrated in India?

Independence Day is celebrated through festivities across India. Notably, the prime minister visits the Red Fort monument for a flag-raising ceremony and delivers a televised address that is broadcast nationwide. On the eve of Independence Day, the president of India addresses the country. August 15 is marked throughout India with flag-raising ceremonies, drills, and the singing of “Jana Gana Mana”—the Indian national anthem. Other traditional events include flying kites and wearing the tricolor (Indian flag colors).”

--The Editors of Encyclopedia Britannica, Aug. 4, 2026

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- Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey has declared August 15 as India Day to honour India's Independence Day and recognise the contributions of the Indian-American community to the state, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu also issued a similar proclamation
- The declarations highlight the Indian diaspora's contributions to fields such as medicine, science, technology, education and business, while encouraging residents to celebrate India's cultural heritage and democratic values



JOIN OUR WORKOUT!

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

Please join us via zoom on Sundays from 9:30am–10:30am. (Schedule on pg2)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81858299367?pwd=YjU5U3V4cnB6dGMzWUthcjh3b1BuUT09>

Meeting ID: 818 5829 9367

Passcode: 630486

"Never forget: You are a limited edition.
There's no one like you!"



SAAA Building

Support God's house through your generous giving and prayers.



Riddles you know

What has to be broken before you can use it? An egg	What month of the year has 28 days? All of them	What is full of holes but still holds water? A sponge	What can you break, even if you never pick it up or touch it? A promise
What goes up but never comes down? Your age	What gets wet while drying? A towel	What can you keep after giving to someone? A promise	What gets wet while drying? A towel
I shave every day, but my beard stays the same. What am I? A barber	I have branches, but no fruit, trunk or leaves. What am I? A bank	What can't talk but will reply when spoken to? An echo	The more of this there is, the less you see. What is it? Darkness
What has many keys but can't open a single lock? A piano	What is black when it's clean and white when it's dirty? A blackboard	What gets bigger when more is taken away? A hole	What invention lets you look right through a wall? A window



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Celebrating our 2026 Graduate

SAAA extends a warm congratulations to our graduate. We are proud of your outstanding achievements. May God continue to lead you!



Our first grandson, Isaac Quentin Osuri graduated from Bethesda Chevy Chase (BCC) High School, on June 1, 2026.

Isaac graduated with high honors and won several awards. He was awarded an International Baccalaureate, inducted into the National Honor Society, given the Seal of Bi-literacy and a Meritorious Service Award.

Isaac, as a musician, plays in the BCC Jazz Band and in the School's Orchestra. He is an avid participant in school dramas and acted in plays at the Imagination Stage, in Bethesda. Also, Isaac is a certified Eagle Scout!

Isaac had several college admissions to top notch institutions but he decided to go to the University College of London. He plans to major in Urban Planning and Development, in the Engineering School.

SAAA 2026 Camp at Blue Ridge



Our time together in Blue Ridge was a blessing. It was a wonderful experience to spend time in the fresh mountain air, relaxing, and enjoying the beautiful scenery and fellowship. We greatly missed those who were unable to join us. Please continue to see the photos on the next page.

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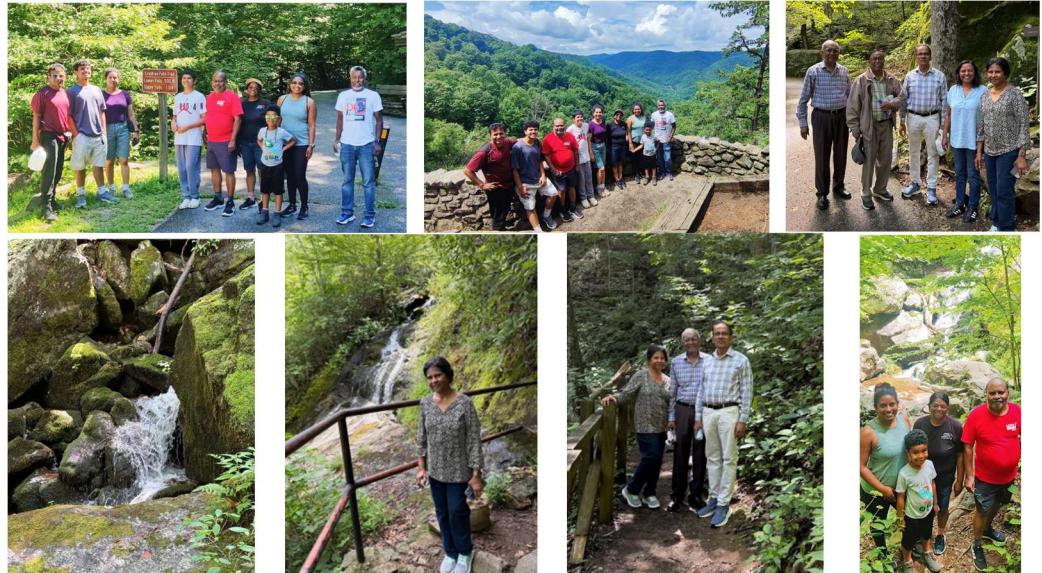
Jeyasingh Vedamuthu

"The time has come to accept in our hearts and minds that with freedom comes responsibility." Nelson Mandela.

Camp Blue Ridge



Crab Tree Falls



Blue Trail Crossing

