

JULY 2026

Services

July 18

Divine Service - 11:30am

Lesson Study - 10:15am

Prayer Breakfast – 9:30am

Location

Southern Asia Adventist
Association (SAAA)
16060 Amina Drive
Burtonsville, MD 20866



Newsletter

Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 2 Corinthians 3:17 KJV



Regan Tenali



SAAA Church Building

Hope you had a wonderful July 4th celebration and enjoyed the time together with family and friends. As we reflect on the blessings of freedom, let's continue to thank God for the opportunity that He provides for us to serve one another. May we join together in planning and participating in everything God has prepared for SAAA.

This Sabbath, we are grateful and honored to welcome Regan Tenali as our guest speaker (pg. 2). We are also blessed to have Rajan Thomas 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

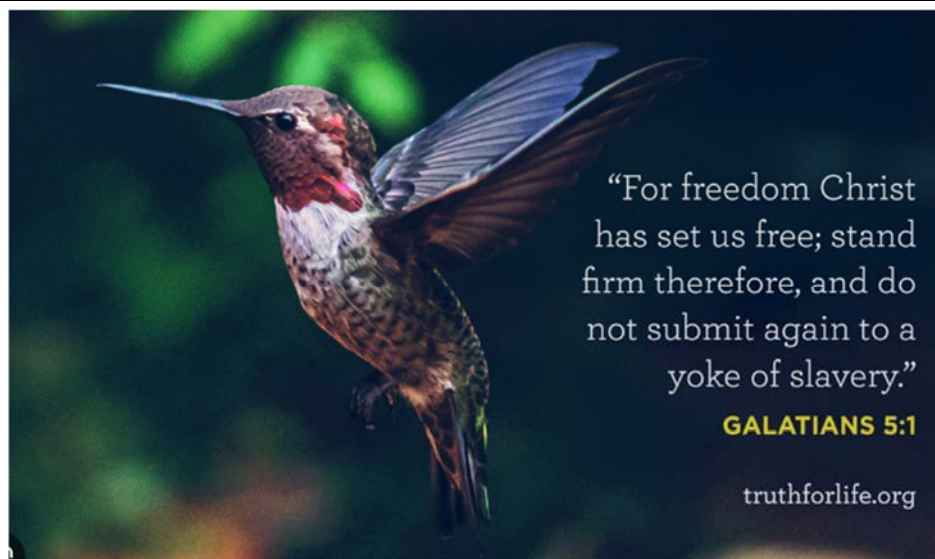
Sabbath Service @ SAAA

Bio of Regan Tenali:

Regan Tenali will be a junior this year at Spencerville Adventist Academy and has faithfully served as her class pastor for the past four years. She loves journaling, reading across different genres, traveling, and experiencing Broadway shows. Creativity is a big part of Regan's life, and she expresses it through scrapbooking, drawing, writing, and thrifting. She especially enjoys giving Bible studies and worshipping alongside her friends and family. As she looks to the future, Regan is prayerfully considering a calling to ministry, wherever God may lead.

Regan's older sister, Grace Tenali, will be a senior at Spencerville Adventist Academy. Regan's mother, Shelley Tenali, is the first-grade teacher at Spencerville Adventist Academy. Regan's father, Ed Tenali, is a physician assistant at Carroll Hospital. Regan's grandparents, Neelambaram and Elizabeth Tenali, graduated from Spicer College in 1966. The Tenali family is grateful to join SAAA this Sabbath!

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.



2026 Washington, D.C. 250th Anniversary Fireworks



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Facts about July 4th – Independence Day!

“On July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress unanimously adopted the Declaration of Independence, announcing the colonies' separation from Great Britain. The Constitution provides the legal and governmental framework for the United States.

The resolution had originally been presented to Congress on June 7, but it soon became clear that New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and South Carolina were unwilling to declare independence, though they would likely be ready to vote in favor of a break with England in due course.

The 13 original states were New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.

48 of the 56 signers were born in America. Two were born in England (Button Gwinnett, Robert Morris), two in Ireland (George Taylor, Matthew Thornton), two in Scotland (James Wilson, John Witherspoon), one in Northern Ireland (James Smith), and one in Wales (Francis Lewis).

Benjamin Franklin was the oldest Signer at 70 years old. He was born on January 17, 1706 in Boston, Massachusetts.

Famous line in the Declaration of Independence - We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

The first-ever fireworks display to recognize the Fourth of July holiday was held on July 4, 1777.

July 4th was not deemed a federal holiday until 1870, nearly 100 years after the nation was founded.

What is a good 4th of July snack?

Stars and Stripes Homemade Chex Party Mix

- **3 cups Rice Chex or Corn Chex cereal.**
- **3 cups Blueberry Chex cereal.**
- **1 cup miniature marshmallows (from 10.5 oz bag)**
- **1 cup pretzel sticks (about 50 from 15 oz bag)**
- **1 package (11 oz) white baking chips.**
- **3 tablespoons red, white and blue nonpareils or jimmies.**

Overall, potato chips claimed the single largest share of any Fourth of July food category.”

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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=YjU5U3V4cnB6dGZMZWUtHcjh3blBuUT09>

Meeting ID: 818 5829 9367

Passcode: 630486

"I believe in America because
we have great dreams, and
because we have the
opportunity to make those
dreams come true."

Wendell Willkie

SAAA Building

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



FOURTH OF JULY JOKES

FUN JOKES FROM TWOKIDSANDACUPON.COM

- **True or False-** The Declaration of Independence was written in Philadelphia? False- It was written in ink.
- **Why did Paul Revere ride his horse from Boston to Lexington?** Because the horse was too heavy to carry!
- **What did one flag say to another flag?** Nothing- he just waved!
- **What did revolutionaries wear to the Boston Tea party?** Tea Shirts.
- **Did you hear the joke about the Liberty bell?** It cracked me up!
- **What did the little firecracker say to the bigger firecracker?** Hi, pop!
- **Why did the duck say bang?** Because he was a firecracker.
- **What do firecrackers eat at the movies?** Pop-corn!
- **What did one little firework say to the other?** My pop is bigger than your pop.
- **How do pandas stay cool on the Fourth of July?** Bear conditioning.
- **What do dads like to eat on the 4th of July?** Pop-sicles.
- **What did Luke Skywalker say on Independence Day?** May the 4th be with you!



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

Celebrating our 2025/2026 Graduates

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



Samina Thomas, daughter of Reuben and Sabitha Thomas, graduated from Elementary School at Forcey Christian School and moving on to Middle School.

Samina enjoys reading, playing the piano and gaming. She completed elementary school at Forcey with highest honors and was a finalist in the ASCI International Math Competition. She is looking forward to joining her brother, Rowan, in Middle School at Forcey this Fall.



Nina Palivela, daughter of Bina and Chitty Palivela, has graduated from University of Maryland, Baltimore County in December 2025, earning her degree in Biology and Psychology. Nina is presently preparing for the MCAT as she continues her journey toward a future in the medical field.



Jeremiah Krupavaram Joel, grandson of long term SAAA member Krupavaram and the late Clara Meesarapu graduated from Spencerville Adventist High School with Highest Honors. Highlights of his Senior year were spending time with friends, playing on the school's volleyball and basketball teams, acting in the drama club and participating in the Peru mission trip.

He will be attending University of Maryland College Park this fall.



Adriana V. Koilpillai
B.S. Public Health Science | B.A. French Language and Literature
College Park Scholar International Studies

Adriana Koilpillai, daughter of Jaya Koilpillai, graduated in May 2026 from the University of Maryland. She earned her degree in Public Health Science and French Language and Literature. She will be preparing for medical school this year, with a goal to study and practice medicine in the neuro and psychiatry fields. Adriana hopes to serve global communities into a life of service.