

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend a warm welcome to all our members, visitors and friends to our first meeting of the year 2018. May the LORD richly bless all of us during this New Year.

## OFFERINGS & PLEDGES

The Offerings this morning are for general expenses. They help defray the costs of the rental of this facility and other related expenses in our worship and fellowship today, and the life of the association. Please be generous in your giving.

We are happy to inform you that our building project soil tests is in progress and we are expecting the report soon.

The members of the Board and the Executive committee would like to thank our members who are already contributing towards the building fund and we request our members to contribute towards our building project on a monthly basis.

We want to encourage and remind our members of your pledges and contributions toward the building program—for the maintenance of the current Brookeville property and the new building project. Please be sure to clearly mark your funds towards 'building project' as you plan your giving to SAAA. Thank you!

## FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TODAY

All are invited to stay for the Fellowship Lunch following the service. We sincerely appreciate those who have arranged for our lunch today

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us remember our community members who are sick—Wilkinson, Johnson Christian, Mary David, Thambiraj Nathaniel, John Selvaraj, Rajan Wessell, brother of Ravi Narasia.



# SOUTHERN ASIA ADVENTIST ASSOCIATION, INC.

## SABBATH SERVICES - JANUARY 13, 2018

### PRAYER BREAKFAST

10:00 AM

### SABBATH SCHOOL AT STUDY

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

*I SEE, I WANT, I TAKE*

SANCTUARY CLASS—Y. RATHAN RAJ

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS—DEVANAND JILLAPALLI & MOHANENJATI



### FESTIVAL OF PRAISE SONGS

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

DANIEL PRABAKER, CEPHAS ISAAC, MALA CHANDRAN, DEVA PRASAD

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“Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma - which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of other's opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become. Everything else is secondary.”

— by Steve Jobs

*Happy  
New Year  
2018*

### DIVINE SERVICE

11:30 AM

Prelude		Shirlin Monickam
Theme Song		“The Lord is in His Holy Temple”
Doxology	“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”	Congregation
Invocation		Jeyasingh Vedamuthu
Welcome		Subramanian Varadarajan
Hymn of Praise	“GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS” #100	Congregation
Intecessory Prayer		Dr. Raman Rao
Special Song of Praise		Rochelle Isaac
The Word	Daniel 4:10-15	Praktan Kokila
Message	“Leave the Stump Alone”	Jeyasingh Vedamuthu
Offering of Gratitude		Ponraj Maharajan
Offertory		James Selvadurai
Closing Hymn	“MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS” #522	Congregation
Benediction		Chitty Palivela
Postlude		Shirlin Monickam

Pianist—Shirlin Monickam

Chorister—Ravi Pitta

## #522—MY HOPE IS BUILT

My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

### **Refrain**

On Christ the solid rock I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.

2

When Darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace.  
in every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil.

3

His oath, his covenant, his blood  
supports me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way,  
he then is all my hope and stay.

4

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found!  
Dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne.

## #100—GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

### **Refrain**

Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

3

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

## JEYASINGH VEDAMUTHU

After graduating from SMC in 1973, Mr. Jeyasingh Vedamuthu worked in Madurai. In 1975, with his mother, he immigrated to USA. Since his arrival, he has been a part of SAAA.

He married Starlet Isaac, daughter of William and Annammal Isaac in the same year; and their home has been blessed with two children, Ivy and Jason.

Mr. Vedamuthu credits Mr. Benoy Pandit as his first employer in USA and was delighted to receive his first paycheck from him. From there on the LORD has led him in a wonderful way. Joined the MedStar Washington Hospital Center in 1981 as a Unit manager and worked there for 20 years in various capacities. His next move was to the MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, one of the finest institutions in the Washington Metro area where he worked for 15 years as the Administrative Coordinator for the Nursing Administration, until his retirement in February 2017.

Mr. Vedamuthu is actively involved in prison ministry visiting the correctional facility at Cumberland, MD on a monthly basis (working with the Seabrook SDA Church team). He is committed for the evangelism in our homeland and supports the work. A major portion of his time is spent outdoors maintaining a garden and enjoying the results of his hard work and loves to grow Orchids.

From a humble beginning in his adopted country, USA, when the minimum wage was \$2.25 an hour, gas was \$0.50 per gallon and one bedroom apartment rent was \$185 per month, God has blessed him and his family immeasurably. He thanks God as the source of all his blessings.

## SCRIPTURE READING

### DANIEL 4:10-15

<sup>10</sup> “While I was lying in my bed, this is what I dreamed. I saw a large tree in the middle of the earth.

<sup>11</sup> The tree grew very tall and strong, reaching high into the heavens for all the world to see.

<sup>12</sup> It had fresh green leaves, and it was loaded with fruit for all to eat. Wild animals lived in its shade, and birds nested in its branches. All the world was fed from this tree.

<sup>13</sup> “Then as I lay there dreaming, I saw a messenger, a holy one, coming down from heaven.

<sup>14</sup> The messenger shouted,

“Cut down the tree and lop off its branches!

Shake off its leaves and scatter its fruit!

Chase the wild animals from its shade

and the birds from its branches.

<sup>15</sup> But leave the stump and the roots in the ground,

bound with a band of iron and bronze

and surrounded by tender grass.

Now let him be drenched with the dew of heaven,

and let him live with the wild animals among the plants of the field.