



THE TRIUNE

Monthly Newsletter from Asian Indian Christian Church



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Editor's Note

The Triune is a monthly newsletter that serves as a means of expression for the members and friends of AICC. It also serves to report on the activities and events of AICC.

The Editors encourage all members to contribute testimonies, articles, ideas, view points, etc., for The Triune. Kindly submit your articles by 20th of August for inclusion in our next issue, September 2016.

We sincerely hope and pray that this Newsletter will glorify God and edify its readers.

Please direct your questions/comments to Pastor or Editors.

In Him,

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ON LINE WORSHIP

1st Day of every Month @6.00am

PRAYER TIME

Every Wednesday @9.00pm

ASIAN INDIAN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

"THAT THEY ALL MAY BE ONE" - JOHN 17:21

172 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE

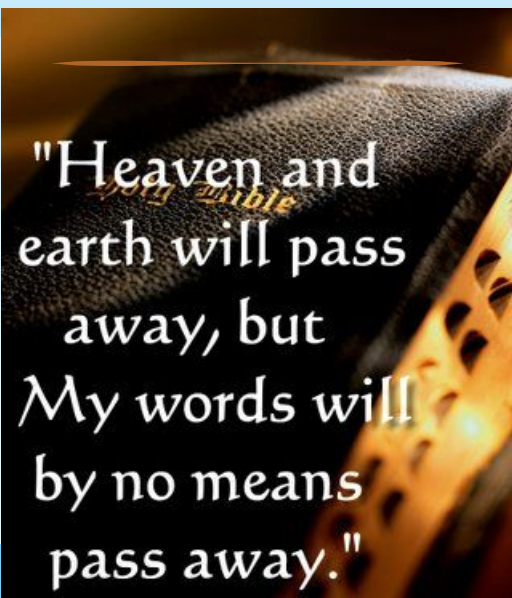
BERKELEY HEIGHTS, NJ 07922

WORSHIP SERVICE

Every Sunday @10:00am

HOLY COMMUNION

First Sunday of every Month



Our Vision

"To establish a worshipping and witnessing church to cater to the spiritual needs of the Asian Indian community in the USA, enabling them to come together for worship, fellowship and service in the community at large through activities such as regular Sunday Worship, Sunday School, Teen Ministry, Youth Ministry. Music Ministry, Counseling, Evangelism, Missions and Social Activities.

Our Mission

As a Community Church, AICC strives to bring together Christians to be blessed with the Word of God and Holy Sacrament to unite as a congregation for worship, fellowship, service and witness; to bridge cultural, ethnic and social barriers; to build a cohesive spiritual community rooted in the Biblical teachings and the love of Jesus.



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Rev. Dr. Kamalesh Stephen

Sensing God's Presence all through summer and beyond

Greetings! Trust your summer is going well with children's summer camps, vacation Bible school and other family activities and vacations. My prayer is that the rest of the summer is as exciting like before. Like someone said, while many churches scale down their activities during summer, we at AICC are gearing up for more things to do for the rest of the summer; also, for the new school and church year that will dawn on us in September. The Vacation Bible School reminded us of the most important theme in all of scriptures that God is with us (God Emmanuel)

Pastor's Desk

wherever we go and will watch over us and will not let us go until He has accomplished all that He has promised. (Genesis 28:15) What a sobering thought!

The annual retreat will remind us of our need to spend time with God whose desire is always to minister to the deepest needs of our life. Jesus knew the importance of spending time with His Father and urges us to do the same. The things that have distracted us during the year must be surrendered to the sovereign will and purpose of God and we must seek ways to "fix our eyes of Jesus." May we submit our lives in humble obedience to the work of the Spirit during our time at the retreat and may we sense the work of the Spirit in our midst.

The upcoming teen mission trip will help us recognize the relentless love of God for the whole world. The Christian life is about being in partnership with God and being the hand and feet for Jesus. My prayer is not so much about our ministry to the poor but that their lives (the poor and the marginalized)

may have a mark on ours.

The Sunday school is gearing up for another new year with new curriculum while some are planning for a church wide participation in a local shelter to serve Thanksgiving meal for the uncared in our communities. So you see, as much as summer is a break for the many of us, God's care for the world and its people are unceasing. God will not rest until justice rolls on like a river and righteousness like a never-failing stream! (Amos 5:24)

In the many activities during the summer and also in the quiet moments, may you sense the work of God in your midst. God is present in both the buzzing activities of our life and the times that we set apart to hear the soft and caring voice of God. This is my only prayer, set apart some time and hear the voice of God and after you have heard, ask for strength to be obedient to that still, small voice.

May the Lord richly bless you and keep you under His care as you journey thru the rest of the summer!

AICC Annual Retreat 2016

August 5th - 7th

Tuscarora Inn and
Conference Center
3300 River Road,
Mount Bethel, PA 18343



Ashok Vedanayagam
Founder, Sishya

Home
Obedience
Money
Entreaty

Event Coordinators: - Mahesh & Priya Pakianathan



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"Strangers in the Land" - Reggie Rao

In the Old Testament, Jehovah, reminds us (who are His by Covenant), to set aside a portion of our harvest, for strangers in the land. Time to pause and ponder. We were 'strangers' in a foreign land at one time and our 'hosts' heeded God's commandment. Thus, this land, a second home to (David's) stars and by His only son's stripes, is blessed repeatedly for being mindful of strangers - immigrants legal and illegal, refugees, visitors, tourists, merchants, diplomats and of course the vagrant deviants. The God of Ancient Times remembers to bless those who remember and honor His Word.

Many of us accept that the generosity of our hosts has much to do with our status and prosperity. Some do not (and quite emphatically). Indeed, they may argue that their prayers have helped sustain this land. But like the gardener who beseeched his master to spare a barren tree - there is a peculiar gift we can bring as hope to a 'failing', fearful generation. The gardener was willing to get his hands dirty with manure to bring fertility back to a barren tree. Can we likewise, volunteer to save a generation, threatened by a divine hand of correction? How can we demonstrate our appreciation for their setting aside

a handful or two or more of 'grain' for us to gather?

There is much that we can "Give" rather than "Receive". For instance, many of us are into Technology. Compared with the percentage of Asian Indian Christians excelling at Technology, hundreds of our 'Hosts' are unable to acquire basic, required tools for employment or advancement. If we sift through the layers of disbelief and denial, we realize that these tools are too expensive for the average 'host' to acquire. Technical Schools, Colleges and even Trade Schools charge exorbitant rates for training. Many of us think nothing of strolling into Retail Stores and purchasing PCs, Laptops and latest software. Whereas, many average families are unable to budget even for necessities, have defaulted on loans and are living with parents and in-laws. Some share living quarters with limited access to facilities.

The recent RNC and DNC events shed some light on this sad reality. Hopelessness and anger have seeped into the framework of our society. Outrageous claims and accusations rule our way of life. As the frustrations increase, growing numbers are tempted to believe that they must also

'participate' in demonstrations and express their anger. When they win media attention, they are motivated to clamor for even more. Voices of reason are drowned. Elderly leaders come out of closets and warn of dire happenings. They warn the very wealthy, to heed the Word, to set aside a portion of their harvest for God and a 'handful' (or two or three) for the strangers in the land. But in response, only mocking, angry words rise up to burn their ears. Have the hecklers not heard the "earthly story with a divine meaning" - a rich man who denied Lazarus the beggar, crumbs from his sumptuous table? But when Hell claimed the rich man's soul, he opened his eyes and begged Abraham, to make Lazarus, dip the tip of his finger in water and cool his tongue!

In this our present society of 'stiff-necked' deniers, is there an opportunity for Asian Indian Christian groups, to offer their services for little or no fees? Can they bring training within the reach of the disenfranchised, the forgotten neighbor? Rather than expect the unfortunate to depend on public funds and agencies to shoulder this real problem, can we pitch in and organize? It is a great opportunity to emulate the gardener who pleaded with his Master, not to raise His Hand against a failed purpose in life.

...(to be continued)

God's Boxes

I have in my hands two boxes, Which God gave me to hold.
He said, "Put all your sorrows in the black box, And all your joys into the gold."

I heeded His words, and in the two boxes, both my joys and sorrows I

stored, but though the gold became heavier each day, The black was as light as before.

With curiosity, I opened the black, I wanted to find out why, And I saw, in the base of the box, a hole which my sorrows had fallen out.

I showed the hole to God and mused, "I wonder where my sorrows could

be?" He smiled a gentle smile and said, "My child, they're here with me."

I asked God why He gave me the boxes, Why the gold and the black with the hole? God said, "My child, the gold is for you to count your blessings. The black is for you to let go."



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Junior Bible Quiz Prep

When I have decided to join the Junior Bible Quiz competition, I started to hear it improves my knowledge of God's words, Creates confidence, helps me work as a team and get me involve more into the Word of God. There are many challenges I came to know after preparing and practice with the JBQ study guide. Can you beat the Buzzer ?, Compete with new friends, Who can answer the question faster? I have decided to come up with the right plan for my preparation.

When I am studying JBQ, I usually split or divide, the number of questions for each day. For example, I have thirty ten point questions to go for the week. I

would do five questions a day since $30 / 5 = 6$, so I could finish one day earlier to practice, Once learned the questions, I would keep on reciting them until I got them correct. Then, I would go up to my mom. My mom would underline or circle the parts I missed so the next time I would focus on that mistakes, and correct that error. All the practice I do in the home improving my performance week by week.

On Sundays in church, We usually have the practice run as a team. While answering the quiz, if we miss a single word or use a different word, the whole answer is counted as wrong. We also need to recite memory verses without a single mistake. We answer

six questions correct get positive quiz out and miss three ends up in negative quiz out. We encourage one another to do better and thrill to press the buzzer when we know the answers.

It is not all about winning in JBQ. It helps me to improve my Bible knowledge, and my faith grows deep in the heart. I want to finish this with one of my favorite memory verse learned from JBQ. Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Rachel

Victors in Christ

This summer I had the opportunity to attend the Passion Camp from July 18-22 in Daytona Beach, FL. The Christian Camp was all about leading students in Middle School and High School to live their lives for the glory of Jesus. Worship was led by celebrities that included Louie Giglio, Brad Jones, Chris Tomlin and the Passion Band. There were high-energy Squads Wars and life-changing Community Group discussions. This experience truly

strengthened my spiritual relationship with Christ. I was able to start new friendships and strengthen bonds with my church peers.

The theme that stuck with me during the entire time was a simple saying, "We are not victims but victors in Christ". This truly meant a lot for me. Being a Christian isn't a negative thing. Now I am confident that it is the best thing that could happen to a person. Being a Christian doesn't have any negative effects at all, even though it may seem like it sometimes. There are

sacrifices which a Christian has to make along the way and these may seem like you are a victim of your religion - Giving up friendships, or sacrificing time to be with the Lord, etc. At the end of the day, you become a victor.

Christianity will always benefit you and in the long run if not now, you will live eternally.

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Asian Indian Christian Church
Prayer Night
Join us and pray for India
Friday, August 12th 8.00pm





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VBS 2016 - Deep Sea Discovery

It was an amazing three day journey of diving deep to find treasures for all the kids and volunteers at the Deep Sea Discovery VBS at AICC. The weeks of prayer and preparation finally led us up to the actual day of VBS on July 14th. The theme verse for VBS was "God is with me and will watch over me wherever I go" Genesis 28:15. Each day the kids enjoyed an in depth study on God Knows me (God knows Noah's heart Gen 6-9), God Hears me (God heard Jonah's prayer Jonah 1-3), God Strengthens me (Jesus strengthened Peter in the storm Matt 14), God Loves me (Jesus loves the disciples and each one of us John 21), God Sends me (God send Paul to tell His story Acts 13 and 14).

The day was split into two sessions and the each session started with lively singing and introduction of the theme which got the kids all excited for the day's activities.

The kids were grouped as Baby Seals, Starfish and the Sharks. The groups took turns participating in the centers

set up for each session - Science, Craft, Lessons and Snacks. Theme appropriate Science Centers were set up which the kids looked forward to for each session. A big hit were the sea themed healthy snacks which were devoured by the young and the old alike!! The groups did a Bible lesson and worked on creating posters for each session along with memorization of the memory verse. They all looked forward to their turn at the craft center to let their imaginations run wild in creating beautiful art pieces. The day ended with a close out session and review of the songs and theme for the day with a quick knowledge check!! Bubbles and little gifts made the sessions even more exciting and the kids wanted more of it!!

To incorporate Missions as a part of VBS, the kids were explained the need for back packs and school supplies for children in a Foster Home - Miriam's Heart and how they can participate and help. The older kids raised money by selling treats while the little ones helped out with chores at home to collect points for Missions project.

The final day celebration ended on Saturday with the kids singing a few songs they learnt along with a character play of each theme and recitation of memory verses. All the guests and kids stepped out to enjoy an outdoor celebration complete with a cookout, carnival games, snow cone machine and a cotton candy stand. Sprinklers and water slides were set up for the little ones to cool off and everyone had a great time.

Praise God for safety and good weather conditions throughout the VBS. A special thanks to all the volunteers who came and helped in so many ways - this would not have been possible without YOU!!

Some feedback from the kids - I want VBS to go on for 100 more days!! Our hope is that along with the fun memories the seeds planted in their hearts will grow and multiply and they will be reminded of our Almighty God's promise and His faithfulness in their lives.

Selina Moses

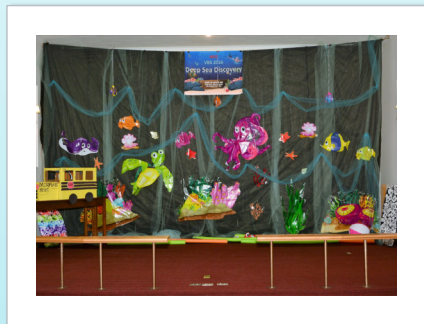




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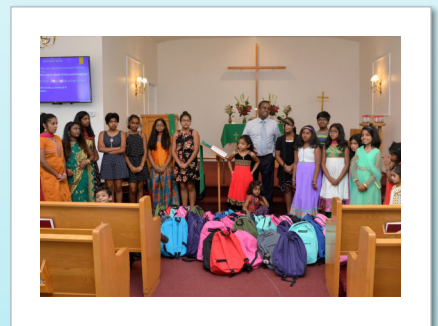




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GRAVITATIONAL WAVES (continuation from July article...)

In 1959 one Joseph Weber in Pennsylvania tried to measure gravity using an aluminum bar. He was observing for a decade to see any change in size of the bar. There was no positive result.

Next came LIGO (the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory), one in Livingston, Louisiana and the other one at Hanford, Washington. A laser beam was made to split and move over two perpendicular paths each 2.4 miles long. At the end of these paths, the beam was reflected back and combined at the origin. This cancels out each other. In LIGO when a gravitational wave passes through; one arm get stretched and the other gets squeezed. Since the two beams have to travel different lengths, an interference pattern is created, and this could be measured.

1.3 billion years ago two black holes, one 36 and the other 29 times the mass of our sun collided. This increased the mass of black holes by 62 solar masses. The balance 3 solar

mass was dissipated by different radiations, part of which was gravity waves. This wave spread at the speed of light and reached our earth on Sept. 14th on 2015s. It was calculated that the collision happened at a distance of 1.3 billion light years. (Approximately, this distance in miles = 1,300,000,000 years, X 365 days. X 24 hours, X 60 minutes, X 60 seconds, X 186,000 miles per second = 762,540,480,000,000,000 miles) The wave was strong enough to be detected by LIGO during the last second of collision when it reached the earth. LIGO at Louisiana detected the wave first and was detected at LIGO Washington after seven-thousandths of a second because of the distance between the two observatories.

Since there are only two locations of measurement, the actual source where the collision happened could not be accurately extrapolated. In the future a few more sensitive instruments will be

coming up on line. A third LIGO will come up in India in a few years. Then we will be able to pinpoint the source of collision more narrowly.

The vastness of the universe is mind boggling, and cannot be comprehended by human mind. The distance from earth to the place where the black holes collided is a minuscule part of the known universe. It goes without saying how great is its creator who made His Son to suffer and die for saving our souls. He treats our souls much more precious than his other vast creations.

All BECAUSE HE LOVED US – WE INSIGNIFICANT CREATURES compared to the vastness of the universe (Even our Solar System is nothing compared to the size of the known universe) !!!.

Praise be to God. Let us remind ourselves to be humble and be thankful to Him.

(sourced from an Astronomy Magazine)

Jayaraj Thomas

Join Online as a Family service Time

6-6:30 AM

Dial 646-307-1300

Access code 1371145#

FIRST OF THE MONTH

1st Day of Month

"On the first day of the ... month shall thou set up the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation."

Exodus 40:2

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Birthdays

- August 04 Sunil Mamidi
- August 07 Sunil Luther
- August 08 Shubhada Suriyawanshi
- August 09 Madhu Luther
- August 11 Rehma Solomon
- August 11 Violet John
- August 12 Beulah Samson
- August 14 Stephen Pakianathan
- August 17 Aashish Luther
- August 23 Thomas Jeyaraj
- August 24 Peter Kollory
- August 24 Catherine Alice Poorna
- August 27 David Samuel
- August 27 Samantha Immanuel

Wedding Anniversaries

- Aug 02 Rev. & Mrs. Thompson
- Aug 16 Sunil & Priya Mamidi

Fellowship Hour

Interested in hosting Fellowship Hour after service, Please contact Sumitra Stephen or Beula Samson.
email fellowshiphour@aiccnj.org

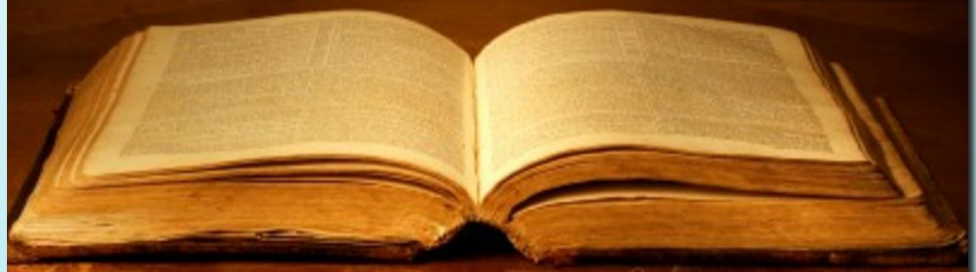
Correction & Omission

Any correction or omission, please bring it to the attention of triune editors.

Month at a Glance

Aug 01	Monday	6.00 am	Online worship
Aug 05	Friday		AICC Annual Retreat at Tuscarora Christian Retreat Center
Aug 06	Saturday		
Aug 07	Sunday I		
Aug 12	Friday	8.00 pm	AICC Prayer Night
Aug 13	Saturday		Teens leave for Mission Trip
Aug 14	Sunday II	10.00 am 10.30 am	Sunday Worship Service Sunday School Classes
Aug 21	Sunday III	10.00 am 10.30 am 11.30 am	Sunday Worship Service Sunday School Classes Teen Fellowship Class
Aug 27	Saturday	11.00 am	Grand Parents Get Together
Aug 28	Sunday IV	10.00 am 10.30 am 11.30 am	Sunday Worship Service Sunday School Classes Teen Fellowship Class

Trust in the Word of God



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About Us

Asian Indian Christian Church (AICC) was born out of a vision to bring together people of Indian origin for Christian worship, fellowship, service and mission. It was established in July 1989 with a commitment to fulfill the spiritual, social and cultural needs of the Asian Indian community.

Over the years, AICC has witnessed tremendous growth in membership and expansion in its ministry and presently worships at the 172 Springfield Avenue, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey. AICC is a vibrant church with several ministries, programs and activities designed to spread the Good News of the Gift of Salvation to all people.

AICC has touched the lives in many people in the Tri-state area over the past 25 years by sharing the love of Jesus, while helping them to grow. Worship services are conducted every Sunday at 10 am in English, Sunday School at 10.30 am and Teen Ministry at 11.30 am.

AICC serves as a shining beacon for families desiring a unique worship and fellowship experience.

Programs Offered

Sunday School

Teen Ministry

Youth Ministry

Women's Fellowship

Men's Fellowship

Praise and Worship

Mission and Evangelism

Bible Study

Confirmation Classes

All Night Prayer

Annual Church Retreat

Annual Revival Meeting

Monthly prayer Fellowship

Music Ministry



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