

## **GET TO KNOW OUR MISSIONARIES** **SPEAKING AT OUR MISSIONS CONFERENCE**

### **Mark & Joy Sims**

Joy lived in Little Meadows, PA and grew up in the SABC, where her parents, Glenn & Helen, served in a number of number of ministries over the years. It was their example and hospitality toward missionaries who stayed in their home that led Joy to first consider becoming a missionary.

Beginning at age 9, Mark began to have a Christian influence in his home that increased as he grew older.

Mark & Joy met at Word of Life Bible Institute, Schroon Lake, NY, and began dating at the end of the year. They attended a missionary conference and committed themselves to pursue missions if they felt the Lord's calling. In the following year, circumstances led them to believe that that was, indeed, the Lord's plan when the former theology prof at WOLBI encouraged them to consider serving as missionaries in France.

They graduated from Columbia Bible College and began to pursue ministry in France. They arrived on the field in 1988, and for the next 12 years evangelized and sought to plant churches.

Although they continued in evangelism throughout their career, Mark began teaching in Chad, Africa, which grew to be his main ministry eventually including the Central African Republic and Cameroon.

Joy continued in evangelism, particularly through hospitality and teaching quilting which, along with Mark's teaching in Africa and several countries in Europe continues even today.

After 33 years of service, they officially retired and moved to near Lynchburg, VA but continue to return to all these ministries. Mark teaches twice a year in Germany and Prague and once a year in Chad. Joy returns to France each year to continue her quilt camps with the many saved and unsaved French women with whom she remains in contact.

### **Matthew at Life Choices**

Matthew is the Director of the Courageous Choices Men's Program at Life Choices Center in Binghamton. Matthew's journey began in Long Island, NY, where he grew up as the youngest of three in a middle-class family. His early years were marked by poor choices and destructive behaviors, leading to a period of incarceration. However, a personal encounter with God transformed his life, leading Matthew to embrace Jesus as his Savior and Lord, and to commit to a life of service.

Matthew discovered his God-given purpose while working in a substance abuse treatment program, where he quickly realized that he "serves God by serving people." His passion and dedication led him to a pivotal moment when Executive Director Michelle Brown and the Life Choices Center Board, guided by God's direction, launched a full-time men's program to support individuals through and beyond unplanned pregnancies. Matthew stepped into the role of Men's Program Director in January 2022, with the vision to "change the world, one man at a time."

Under Matthew's leadership, the Courageous Choices Men's Program has thrived, serving nearly 300 men, many of whom come from unchurched backgrounds and face significant worldly influences. Despite the challenges of rapid growth, the program has become a beacon of hope, fostering an environment of trust and vulnerability. The result of this supportive foundation is the ongoing development of relationships that enhance the lives of these men and their families.

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# Welcome

**September 15, 2024**



**South Apalachin Baptist Church**

KNOW CHRIST | PROCLAIM CHRIST | SERVE CHRIST

## Praise & Worship Service

September 15, 2024

*Welcome – We are Glad you are Here!*

Prelude..... Nancy Crane

Announcements

Praise & Worship ..... Praise Team

Songs: **Because He Lives (Amen)**

**A Thousand Hallelujahs**

**His Mercy is More**

*Children grades K-4 are dismissed to the Fellowship Hall.*

Scripture & Prayer: **Proverbs 1:1-7** ..... Gary Slater

Message ..... Donny Terry

Closing Song: **All I Have is Christ** ..... Praise Team

Closing Prayer ..... Donny Terry

## Announcements

**WOMEN'S FUNCTIONAL STRENGTH CLASS:** The class for the session starting on September 23 has been postponed until November. Stay tuned for new dates.

**PAL/GAL:** Our Pal/Gal program is a mentoring opportunity for women in the church to come alongside school-aged girls in their life and encourage them in their walk with the Lord. Gals need to be in 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade who regularly attend our church and Pals need to be 21 years of age or older. We suggest that the Pals initiate at least 4 activities a year with their Gal to build that relationship and encourage the Pals to connect with their Gal in other ways weekly/monthly. If you're currently in this program and would like to continue OR if you're interested in joining this opportunity, please see Brita Terry as soon as possible.

**LADIES FAITH GROUPS:** Information has been sent out via email. If you did not receive anything or you would still like to join, please reach out to Jill Turlington, 443-798-4130.

These are the groups that have been arranged:

- Monday 7PM
- Tuesday 9AM - Childcare Provided
- Tuesday 11AM - Senior Women
- Wednesday 10AM - In-depth Bible Study - 2 hours
- Thursday 12:45PM
- Thursday 7PM

**SABC LADIES RETREAT:** Open to ladies over 18, Dates: November 8-10, We will be staying at a house in Honesdale, PA and are planning for a weekend of fellowship, relaxation and time in the Word together. 18 openings. See the sign up on the bulletin board, or see Pam Sickler for more information. Hope you can join us.

## Schedule of Events

**Today** **September 15, 2024**

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service with Donny Terry
- 5:30 pm The Loft - **Reset Back to School Bash** at Cal Tab, Drop off - 5:30 pm and Pick up - 9:00 pm at SABC
- 6:00 pm Evening Service with Jonathan Bacon

**This Week** **September 16-21, 2024**

- Tue 11:00 am Titus 2 Tuesday Senior Women's Group Maxam's
- 6:00 pm Sneaker (Volleyball) Night Gym
- 7:00 pm Small Group Welch's
- Wed 7:00 pm Final Kids Klub Staff Prep Meeting
- 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Auditorium
- Thu 8:00 am Retired Men's Breakfast Blue Dolphin
- Fri 5:30 pm Men's Basketball Gym

**Next Sunday** **September 22, 2024**

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 6:00 pm The Loft
- 6:00 pm Evening Service

**Looking Ahead** **Save the Date**

- Wed, Sep 25 Kids Klub Begins, 6:30 pm, Gym Building  
Child care will be provided
- Sep 25-29 Missions Conference (see schedule)
- Sun, Sep 29 No Loft or Evening Service
- Sun, Oct 6 Evening Service in place of Missions Prayer Service
- Mon, Oct 21 Quarterly Business Meeting
- Sat, Oct 26 Fall Festival
- Nov 8-10 Ladies' Retreat



**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup>  
1:00 – 5:00 PM  
INVITE OTHERS  
SIGN UP TO HELP!**

Start inviting others as we desire neighbors and those from the community to join us. Sign up on the bulletin board if you are willing to help in the areas mentioned below. See Jen Dodge if you have questions.

- Snack Table Assistants, Craft, Pumpkin Chunkin, Greeters
- Inflatables/Bounce House, Decorate Car, Face Painting
- Extra Bags of Candy for Trunks, Advertising and Invites
- Provide Box of Bags of Chips, Single-Serve Cookies

## Missions Conference

September 25-29, 2024

**Send & Go: Striving Side-by-Side**

*Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind*

**STRIVING SIDE BY SIDE**

*for the faith of the gospel. Phil. 1:27*

**Jared & Leah Haynes • Mark & Joy Sims**

**Life Choices Men's Program • Golden Key Prison Ministry**



Date	Time	Event - Speaker(s)
Wed 9/25	7:00 pm	Adults - Golden Key Prison Ministry - Curt Carter, Kids Klub Service Project
Fri 9/27	6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Teen Event - Jared Haynes Adult Session* - Mark Sims Dessert Pie Social**
Sat 9/28	8:00 am 9:00 am	Breakfast Buffet** Split Sessions* Men's Group - Life Choices Men's Program Women's Group - Leah Haynes & Joy Sims
Sun 9/29	10:00 am 11:00 am 12:30 pm 1:45 pm	Adult Sunday School* - Mark & Joy Sims Worship Service* - Jared Haynes Family Fellowship Meal** Prayer Focus* - All Missionaries No Loft or Evening Service

\*Nursery Provided, \*\*Signup on the Bulletin Board

**MISSIONS CONFERENCE OFFERING:** From now until the end of the Missions Conference, please consider contributing to our Missions Conference offering which will be divided among each participating missionary, at the discretion of the Missions Committee. Fill in the amount by "other" on the back of your offering envelope.

**CONTRIBUTE ITEMS FOR GIFT BASKETS:** You are welcome to contribute small items (lotions, teas, handmade gifts, etc.) for gift baskets for our missionary wives, Joy Sims and Leah Haynes. Place your items in the basket in the foyer.

**SIGNUP:** Please sign up on the bulletin board for Friday evening Dessert Pie Social, Saturday morning Breakfast Buffet, Sunday Family Fellowship Dinner, and Missionary Meals (pick up a recipe card, fill it out for the dish you bring and return it to the dinner).

**WANTED TO BORROW:** Please let Nancy Crane know if you have a small globe, world map puzzle or other similar item that could be used as part of centerpieces for the missions conference dinner.