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Apex Mosque Newsletter



The first day of Ramadan is on **Wednesday, May 16** and last day of Ramadan is going to be on **Thursday, June 14, 2018**, followed by Eid on Friday, June 15, 2018

Apex Mosque would like to congratulate the community for the arrival of the blessed month of Ramadan. It's that time of the year, which brings our community close to each other worshipping together in harmony and peace connecting to our God spiritually. As always, May Allah the Almighty make this upcoming Ramadan a source of blessing, forgiveness and salvation for all.

We pray to Allah the Almighty that all of you have a blessed Ramadan and a spiritually uplifting experience. Please continue to provide us feedback by sending an email to: [apexmosque733@gmail.com](mailto:apexmosque733@gmail.com)



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## ***A Call From Allah: "O seeker of the good, come near & O seeker of evil, refrain"***

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "There has come to you Ramadan, a blessed month which Allah has enjoined you to fast, during which the gates of heaven are opened and the gates of Hell are closed, and the rebellious devils are chained up. In it there is a night which is better than a thousand months, and whoever is deprived of its goodness is indeed deprived." [Narrated by al-Nasaa'I & Ahmad]

He (may Allah be pleased with him) reported again that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "On the first night of the month of Ramadan, the Shayatin are shackled, the Jinns are restrained, the gates of the Fires are shut such that no gate among them would be opened. The gates of Paradise are opened such that no gate among them would be closed, and a caller calls: 'O seeker of the good; come near!' and 'O seeker of evil; stop! For there are those whom Allah frees from the Fire.' And that is every night." [At-Tirmidhi].

Let us all respond to Almighty Allah & His Messenger's call for that which brings life to us. Let us all take advantage from every breath of Ramadan.

***Ramadan Kareem, Imam Khalid Shahu***



## A Message From the President

It is a blessing of Allah SWT to witness Ramadan again. The month in which Allah SWT says: “The month of Ramadan in which was revealed the Qur'an, a guide to mankind, and clear proof for guidance and distinction” (2:185). Ramadan Mubarak to all of you! We, the Apex Mosque board, staff, and volunteers, are so happy to serve you during this month and throughout the year. It is noticeable that our community is growing so fast, and the challenge to serve it adequately is growing as well, but, with the grace of Allah SWT and your great support and engagement, we are able to succeed Alhamdulillah. Accordingly, I would like to notify you that Apex Mosque has created a strategic plan for the next three years that you can review at page. Please continue your support and make Dua to Allah SWT to give our community more success and prosperity.



## Apex Mosque 3 Years Strategic Plan (2018-2020)

### Strategic Plan Goals

Improve spiritual, educational, and social services to Apex Mosque growing community  
Develop the facility to accommodate Apex Mosque growing programs and activities  
Improve Apex Mosque financial status to pay off the facility and focus more on programs and human development

### Objectives

#### Tarbiya and Spirituality

Increase spiritual activities and retreats for brothers and sisters  
Hire a hafiz to focus on teaching Quran for children and adults, and to replace the Imam during his absence

#### Education

Hire an expert in education to assess and improve our part time education programs  
Obtain license for a full time day-care program (Al-Manara)  
Prepare for an elementary full time school - after improving current part time programs

#### Youth Leadership

Engage young adults in the masjid activities and empower them with effective spiritual programs and leadership trainings  
Hire a part time youth leader to focus on driving the youth towards the above endeavors

#### Social Support and Family Development

Assist the needy based on Apex Mosque financial capacity  
Provide trainings and workshops to parents on how to raise children

#### Outreach and Civic Engagement

Strengthen relationship with neighbors and churches  
Encourage Apex Mosque community to engage in society and contribute to its betterment: blood drive, Habitat, election...etc.

#### Safety and Security

Continue improving the safety and security system

#### Finance

Search for new strategies to increase Apex Mosque financial status  
Initiate a campaign to pay off the facility



Apex Mosque is hiring several babysitters throughout Ramadan. We are planning month-long activities and crafts for all children who attend. There is no fee to drop children with the babysitters. Please make use of these arrangements. If your children (12 years or less) are not praying by your side, they must be in the babysitting. Mothers with babies should be in the reading room at all times.

The Masjid has the responsibility to provide frequent friendly reminders for parents and children on the rules and manners of the Masjid. These reminders can be boring and even irritating, but please understand that they are needed.



Isha prayer will start at 9:45PM, on Tuesday May 15<sup>th</sup>, and will change to 10pm, from May 31<sup>st</sup> - June 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Taraweeh at Apex Mosque are 8 Raka't, followed by 3 Raka't Shaf' & Witr and Duaa.

The Tahajjud is 8 extra Raka't, which are performed as follow:

- ◆ In the first 20 days of Ramadan, we perform them immediately after Shaf' & Witr
- ◆ In the last ten days of Ramadan (during Itikaf), we perform them before Suhur

This year we are blessed to have Sh. Ahmed Rarwan as the Imam of Taraweeh, who will be assisted by our Imam Khalid Shahu. May Allah help us witness all the Taraweeh of Ramadan

# PRAYER TIMES



Day	May/June	Ramad.	Fajr	Iq	Sunrise	Duhr	Iq	Asr	Iq	Maghrib	Isha	Iq
Wed	16	RAM 1	4:30	5:00	6:09	1:12	1:30	5:00	5:30	8:17	9:27	9:45
Thu	17	2	4:31	5:00	6:08	1:13	1:30	5:00	5:30	8:17	9:28	9:45
Fri	18	3	4:30	5:00	6:07	1:13	1:30	5:01	5:30	8:18	9:29	9:45
Sat	19	4	4:29	5:00	6:07	1:13	1:30	5:01	5:30	8:19	9:30	9:45
Sun	20	5	4:28	5:00	6:06	1:13	1:30	5:01	5:30	8:20	9:31	9:45
Mon	21	6	4:27	5:00	6:05	1:13	1:30	5:01	5:30	8:20	9:32	9:45
Tue	22	7	4:27	5:00	6:05	1:13	1:30	5:01	5:30	8:21	9:33	9:45
Wed	23	8	4:26	5:00	6:04	1:13	1:30	5:01	5:30	8:22	9:34	9:45
Thu	24	9	4:25	5:00	6:04	1:13	1:30	5:01	5:30	8:23	9:35	9:45
Fri	25	10	4:24	5:00	6:03	1:13	1:30	5:02	5:30	8:23	9:35	9:45
Sat	26	11	4:24	5:00	6:03	1:13	1:30	5:02	5:30	8:24	9:36	9:45
Sun	27	12	4:23	5:00	6:02	1:13	1:30	5:02	5:30	8:25	9:37	9:45
Mon	28	13	4:23	5:00	6:02	1:13	1:30	5:02	5:30	8:25	9:38	9:45
Tue	29	14	4:22	5:00	6:01	1:14	1:30	5:02	5:30	8:26	9:39	9:45
Wed	30	15	4:20	5:00	6:01	1:14	1:30	5:03	5:30	8:27	9:40	9:45
Thu	31	16	4:20	5:00	6:01	1:14	1:30	5:03	5:30	8:27	9:41	10:00
Fri	1	17	4:19	5:00	6:00	1:14	1:30	5:03	5:30	8:28	9:42	10:00
Sat	2	18	4:19	5:00	6:00	1:14	1:30	5:03	5:30	8:29	9:43	10:00
Sun	3	19	4:19	5:00	6:00	1:14	1:30	5:03	5:30	8:29	9:44	10:00
Mon	4	20	4:18	5:00	5:59	1:15	1:30	5:04	5:30	8:30	9:45	10:00
Tue	5	21	4:18	5:00	5:59	1:15	1:30	5:04	5:30	8:30	9:46	10:00
Wed	6	22	4:18	5:00	5:59	1:15	1:30	5:04	5:30	8:31	9:47	10:00
Thu	7	23	4:17	5:00	5:59	1:15	1:30	5:04	5:30	8:31	9:48	10:00
Fri	8	24	4:17	5:00	5:59	1:15	1:30	5:04	5:30	8:32	9:49	10:00
Sat	9	25	4:16	5:00	5:59	1:15	1:30	5:05	5:30	8:32	9:50	10:00
Sun	10	26	4:16	5:00	5:59	1:16	1:30	5:05	5:30	8:33	9:51	10:00
Mon	11	27	4:16	5:00	5:59	1:16	1:30	5:05	5:30	8:33	9:52	10:00
Tue	12	28	4:16	5:00	5:59	1:16	1:30	5:05	5:30	8:34	9:52	10:00
Wed	13	29	4:15	5:00	5:59	1:16	1:30	5:05	5:30	8:35	9:53	10:00
Thu	14	30	4:15	5:00	5:59	1:17	1:30	5:06	5:30	8:36	9:53	10:00
Fri	15	Shaw 1	4:15	5:00	5:59	1:17	1:30	5:06	5:30	8:36	9:54	10:00

## Apex Mosque's Ramadan Calendar of Major Events & Talks

**Green:** Major Events

**Red:** Between Tarawih Talks

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Taraweeh 15 Begin	1st Day of 16 Ramadan	Imam 17 2	Imam 18 3	Imam 19 4
Ibrahim 20 5	Imam 21 6	Ihab 22 7	Imam 23 8	Asif 24 9	Mosq Report 25 10	Fundraiser 26 11
Competition 27 12	MAPAC 28 13	Ihab 29 14	Islam in 30 15 Spanish	Asif 31 16	Imam 1 After Jumua Fund 17	Relief Fund 2 18
Ibrahim 3 Quran Contest Test 10:30-1:30 19	Imam 4 20 Itikaf Beg.	Ihab 5 21	MAPAC 6 22	Asif 7 23	Imam 8 24	Quran Celeb. 9 25
Imam 10 26 Laylat Al-Qadr	Imam 11 27	Ihab 12 28	Imam 13 29	Asif 14 30	Imam 15 Eid Al-Fitr	16 2
17 3	18 4	19 5	20 6	21 7	22 8	Eid Al-Fitr 23 Celebration

Cross-Generations Quran School  
**Ramadan Quran Contest 2018**  
**Let Us All Compete in Memorizing**

**SURAH FOR MEMORIZATION**

Level I: (Ages 6-10)  
 Surat Al-Ghashiyah # 73

Level III: (16 yrs. And up)  
 Surat Taha # 20

Level II: (Ages 11-15)  
 Surat Al-Waqi'ah # 53



**IMPORTANT DATES**

Registration has begun on April 14<sup>th</sup>

Application Deadline: June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Testing Day: June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10am-1pm

Announcing Winners: June 9<sup>th</sup> bet. Taraweeh

**\*To register, fill out the form and drop it in the Drop Box at the Mosque\***

**TAJWEED HALAQAH**

**SISTERS HALAQAH**

- Only for Arabic Speakers (Every  
 Thur, 10am-12:00

- Only for Non- Arabic Speakers  
 Every Fri. 11am-12  
 @ Yusor Conf Room

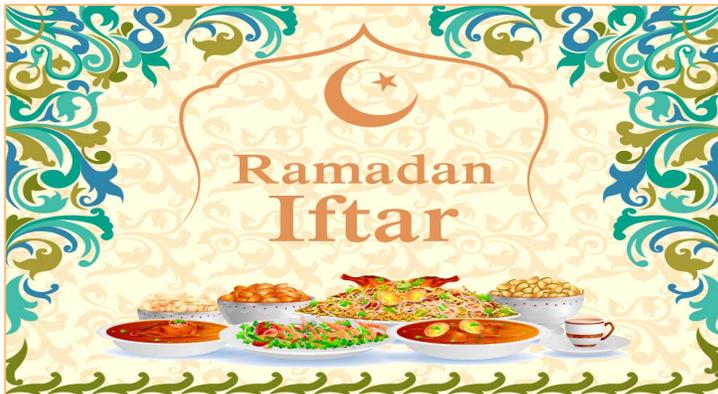
For more info, contact:

[meriemyassine@gmail.com](mailto:meriemyassine@gmail.com)

**BROTHERS HALAQAH**

Every Sun 6:30-7:30pm @ the  
 Musalla. For more info, contact:

[yfahim2012@yahoo.com](mailto:yfahim2012@yahoo.com)



*On weekdays (except Thursday) we will host Iftar for 100-120 attendees. On Fridays and Saturdays, we will host Iftar for the broad community and expect 250-300 attendees. During the last ten nights, we will also host Suhoor for 120 people.*

*At \$10 per person, weekday Iftars cost up to \$1,200 and week-end Iftars \$2,500-\$3,000 and Suhoor \$500 (not accounting for paper wares, cleaning staff, etc.). We are seeking individual and group sponsors to fully or partially sponsor this cost. Please sponsor Iftar and Suhoor: 919-949-3569*

Apex Mosque

**FUNDRAISING IFTAR**

Led by Imam Khalid Shahu

REGISTER NOW  
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RAMADAN KAREEM

Tickets: Register online @ [www.apexmosque.org](http://www.apexmosque.org) or obtain the ticket at Apex Mosque

**Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**8:00 PM**

**\$20 per person**  
 Children 14 years and under are free

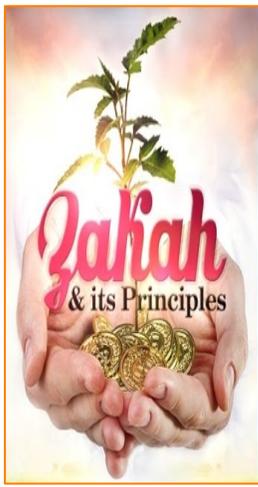
**For more information visit**

733 Center Street  
 Apex, North Carolina, 27502

[www.apexmosque.org](http://www.apexmosque.org)

(919) 579-9576

Babysitting and Children's Activities are Provided



### ZAKAT AL-MAL

Zakat Al-Mal is 2.5% of your annual savings. For your convenience, a special box is available for your Zakat.

If you have any questions about Zakat, please email the Imam at: [apexmosqueimam@gmail.com](mailto:apexmosqueimam@gmail.com)

### ZAKAT AL-FITR

Zakat al-Fitr this year is \$13 per every person in the family (child or adult, male or female). Apex Mosque starts collecting Zakat Al-Fitr by the middle of Ramadan. For your convenience, a special drop box is designated for it. If you have any questions about Zakat Al-Fitr, email the Imam at: [apexmosqueimam@gmail.com](mailto:apexmosqueimam@gmail.com)

### FIDYAH = \$7 per Missed-Day

If you miss a day or more of Ramadan, due to illness, traveling, or due to menstruation or periods for women, you have 2 ways to make it up:

1. To make up the fasting of that day as soon as you have a chance.
2. If for health issues you can not make it up, then you MUST feed a poor (\$7 meal) for every day you missed or – if you can't identify a poor – pay to the mosque where you usually pray, a fidyah of \$7 for every day you missed, and the mosque will use that money to feed poor people, as the need for it rises.

## Al Itikaf\* الإعتكاف THE SPIRITUAL RETREAT

- The Itikaf will begin on June 4<sup>th</sup>, after Maghrib & continues until Jun.14 after Maghrib. We encourage you to join this once-a-year transformational Spiritual journey.
- Young adults (15+) and grown-ups are welcome to spend the last 10 days of Ramadan in the Masjid. Amenities and sleeping arrangement for full and partial Itikaf will be made available. Note, registration and signing a code of conduct form are required for all those interested.
- A security agent will be at the main entrance lobby, from Maghrib till Fajr. Those who are willing to join the itikaf must show a photo ID and sign up in and out.
- No Kids under age 15 are allowed for Itikaf during last 10 days. 15 yrs. Kids can join the itikaf but be part of the program at all times.

## Educational Programs



### APEX MOSQUE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2018-2019

- **CROSS-GENERATIONS QURAN SCHOOL:** It offers classes of Quran Reading, Tajweed and Memorization, on Mondays, Wednesdays & Saturdays, for kids of all ages
- **THE VOYAGE PROGRAM:** It offers Islamic vision and practice to youth ages 14-17, on a variety of faith, cultural and identity issues. It meets by weekly on Fridays and Saturdays.
- **Arabic for Non-Arabic Speakers (ANAS):** Offers one-hour class twice a week (Mondays & Wednesdays / 6-7pm), for adults.
- **AL-IHSSANE SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Provides a great environment for kids of all ages to learn and embrace Islamic values and character.
- **AL-MANARA PRESCHOOL:** It's a part-time preschool (Mon – Fri / 9:00am-1:00pm), with the option of after school babysitting. For kids 3-5 yrs. An excellent environment, where kids learn Islamic values, Arabic language, English, Math and Science
- **TANWEER CIRCLES:** Meets every Friday, from 6-7pm, **only for girls**, ages 7-10. Hands on Islamic Values

**Registration is Open. To learn more about each of these programs and to register for school year 2018-2019, visit Apex Mosque Website, at: [www.apexmosque.org](http://www.apexmosque.org)**

# FEATURED VIDEOS

## Breeze # 1: What Do I Want to Achieve in Ramadan?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8lr8FISh-rg>

## Breeze # 2: What Is the Purpose of Fasting in Ramadan?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4qEFmDCoZRU>

## Breeze # 3: The Virtues of Qiyyam/Tahajjud in Ramadan?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=irebw8Gexbw>

## Breeze # 4: What Are the Virtues of Quran in Ramadan?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h6Fgpxnbydg>

## Breeze # 5: What Are the Virtues of Spending in Ramadan?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QwECWpCfO64>

## Breeze # 6: The Virtues of Supplications (Duaa) in Ramadan



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gZ5Av\\_aVwVg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gZ5Av_aVwVg)

## IMPORTANT DATES & OCCASIONS OF THE MONTH TO OBSERVE



The Night of 27<sup>th</sup> of Ramadan this year falls on June 10<sup>th</sup>. The Mosque revives the entire night with a unique spiritual program. Don't Miss it.

## Eid-ul-Fitr Mubarak

Eid Al-Fitr will fall on Fri, Jun 15. Eid prayer will be two shifts: 8AM & 10AM. Because Eid falls on Friday, there will be only one Jumua prayer at 1:15pm



Eid Celebration will be on Sat. June 23<sup>rd</sup>, from Asr to Isha @ the grounds of Apex Mosque. Families are invited to join the joy of Eid



Fasting 6 days of Shawal is highly recommended by our Prophet (SAW). You can start fasting as soon as the day after Eid & you can fast them separately or consecutively.

# News And Events

## OUR OUTREACH: WORKING HARD FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR CITY & SOCIETY

"The Outreach Department has continued to work in the broader community to increase the visibility of the Apex Mosque and to spread the true message of Islam in a time where perceptions are masking reality. Visitors have continued to stop by where members have provided tours, informational pamphlets and answers to questions. The mosque has continued routine meetings with members from St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Raleigh and with Fellowship of Christ Church in Apex. The meetings include discussions around each other's faith perspective on various topics, current events and also community service projects including collecting supplies for refugees, non-perishables for a local food bank and packing meals for Rise Against Hunger. Recently, mosque members have also started a monthly book club with residents from the surrounding areas.

The Outreach Department has also partnered with Habitat for Humanity and their Interfaith Build where for the fifth consecutive year, the mosque is working with other faith communities in constructing a home for a qualified family. The Apex Mosque has continued to maintain its close relationship with the Apex Police Department as mosque members participated in a public service announcement and a panel discussion for providing community trust training to the Apex Police Department officers.

In closing and as a reminder, Surah Al Maidah instructs to "cooperate in piety and righteousness." There are many opportunities for members from the Apex Mosque to work for the betterment of society as a whole. If anyone would like to participate in these activities or has ideas for new activities and would like to lead them, contact Br. Asif Ansari at [apexmosque733@gmail.com](mailto:apexmosque733@gmail.com)

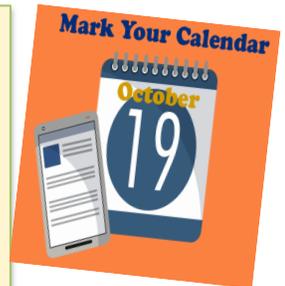


## The Beloved Seerah Conference 2018

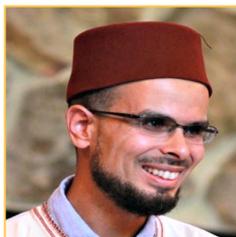
Friday - Sunday, October 19-21

Theme: "The Prophetic Method to Build a Prophetic Individual & Community"

المنهاج النبوي لبناء الفرد والجماعة



Ubaidulallah Evans



Hassan Lachheb



Zaynab Ansari



Suhail Ghanouchi



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Michael Dan



Qari Hamid Askam



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# Planning Ahead



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Do it for your own peace of mind...

The  
*Spiritual  
Retreat*

*A Journey of the Soul*

*Do You Have a Special Thirst to the Divine?*

**Join a Blessed Time of Great Companionship,  
Dhikr (Meditation), Reflection, Qiyyam,  
Experience Transformation, While Enjoying the  
Beauty of Nature**

Mark your  
Calendar

**November 22-25, 2018**

**Damascus, Virginia**

**\*Only for Adult Brothers**



**To reserve your spot, contact Imam Khalid**

[apexmosqueimam@gmail.com](mailto:apexmosqueimam@gmail.com)

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Adam Travel

*Umrah 2018 - December 22-31*



## **Packages:**

- \$2490 per person based on quad occupancy
- \$2590 per person based on triple occupancy
- \$2690 per person based on double occupancy

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Othmane at:  
919-418-2230**

## **The Package includes:**

- Round Trip Ticket from IAD-MEDINA-IAD
- 4 nights in Dallah Taiba hotel – 4.5 stars including breakfast
- 4 nights in Hilton convention – 5 star hotel including breakfast
- Visa processing included
- Land transportation is included
- Ihram and Small bottle of Zamzam water will be distributed