

The Good News

Roanoke SDA Church

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September 2023

Cost of program and materials is
one-half off to the first ten people registered!

FINANCIAL *Peace* UNIVERSITY

See John Hodgkin soon for more details!

**Classes are starting at our church on Sunday,
September 3, from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
A light supper will be offered
each evening free of charge.**

Connections! Sabbath, September 16

You are invited to join us for Connections in the Fellowship Room on September 16 immediately following the worship service! This is an opportunity to renew meaningful relationships with our members and build new ones with our guests. Ministry leaders, please contact Carol Doudiken if you would like to have your ministry featured during Connections!

We will hear more about some exciting upcoming opportunities and have a chance to connect with our members and guests over some delicious appetizers.

Hope to see you there!



KIDS SING PRAISE CHOIR

The Kids Sing Praise ("KSP") Choir is for all children and youth from ages five and up! We want as many of our children involved in the KSP Choir as would like.

The KSP Choir will be meeting for practice on Sabbath morning, September 9, from 9:30 to 10:00; and then again on Sabbath afternoon, September 23 from 1:00 to 2:00.

The Choir will be practicing some new music and some music for the upcoming holidays. The Choir is open to all children so sign up today! See Nina Kesselring for more details!

The Lord's Supper Sabbath, September 23

The biblical ordinance of the Lord's Supper, or Communion, was established by Jesus to help keep His gift of salvation fresh in our minds. The symbols of unleavened bread and unfermented wine represent the body and blood of Jesus so freely given for our redemption.

Seventh-day Adventists hold an "open" communion, meaning if you believe in Jesus as your personal Savior, we welcome you to participate in this service with us.

Please join us on Sabbath, September 23, during our worship service and let's remember the gift of salvation together.



Mrs. Ruth Gearheart is the oldest member of our church family! She is a dear lady of 97 years! Ruth is the mother of Lynn Downey and Peggy Chitwood, who are also members of our church family. She currently lives with her third daughter, Brenda.

Ruth was baptized into our church family in 1950 and was a part of our church family even before that!

Please keep Ruth in your prayers that the Lord will continue to bless her every day!



Roanoke Adventist Christian School

School is in session! Seven returning students are in the classroom and it is our hope that we may see a few more students in the coming weeks. If you know of someone who is still thinking about enrolling a child, please encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible.

Have you noticed the new sign over the door leading into the school? The sign includes the school's new logo and name. The responses from our students, families and visitors regarding the new sign have been very positive.

Everyone is encouraged to mark their calendars for this year's Fall Festival. It will be held on Sunday, October 22, at the home of Ryan and Liz McLennan. Watch for additional details in upcoming bulletins and the October issue of this newsletter.

The church, led by the church's elders, recently prayed for God to bless all students and staff, including the students and staff of RACS and our homeschooled children. We are thankful for those prayers and look forward to them continuing throughout the coming school year!

"What I Believe and Why I Believe It!"

This Bible study group continues to meet each Thursday evening at 7:00 at the home of Robert and Shellie McLennan. The study is geared to kids, youth and adults. All ages are welcome! It's not too late to join!

The study topics are the twenty-eight fundamental beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The group meets on Thursday evenings at 7:00. See Robert or Shellie for more details.

Friday Night Vespers

Each Friday evening at our church, a small group meets to discuss the little book, "Steps to Christ."

The group members start out catching up from the week and chatting a bit. They will sing and pray together. The discussions are open, relevant and thought provoking.

The first Friday in September, Chapter 8, "Growing Up in Christ" will be the topic. The month of September will most likely take us through Chapter 11, "The Privilege of Prayer."

All are welcome to come for a casual time together as we welcome the Sabbath each Friday evening in September from 7:00 to 7:50.

Facility Expansion Ad Hoc Committee

A six member ad hoc committee was formed by the church board to study the church's needs with regard to space and ministry.

The first step for the committee will be to determine any unmet needs within our church. All ministry leaders, including the leaders of our school, will be approached for their input regarding their needs and will be encouraged to dream big! The committee will then report to the church board the leaders' needs with regard to ministry.

Once the list of needs is compiled and agreed upon by the board, the ad hoc committee will generate a concept plan. In other words, the next step in getting those needs met!

Ministry leaders, please be ready to share your ideas! The committee is open to hearing from all members about any of the unmet needs of our congregation.

Stay tuned for the next steps!



Roanoke Challengers Pathfinder Club

The Roanoke Challengers are starting off their second year with regular club meetings on Sabbath afternoons. In September, they will meet on the 2nd and the 16th, from 1:30 to 4:00.

The Challenger staff will participate in Leadership Training presented by the Potomac Conference Youth Department on Sunday, September 10 from 8:30 to 5:00. This will be an intensive day of training for the staff via zoom.

The big thing for the Pathfinders this fall is the Camporee to be held September 21-24 on the campus of Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, VA.

Pathfinders and any family members that will attend must register with Monique McFarlane by August 31 so the Club can be registered before the deadline.

Pathfinders will work on honors such as Lashing and Cake Decoration and will enjoy Archery and other recreational activities.

See Monique for detailed info regarding age, accommodation requirements, costs, etc. Don't delay! See Monique today!



ROSC: Revive Your Life

The health series, ROSC: Revive Your Life, continues to be well presented by Ryan McLennan and his many-membered team! The information seems to be well received by all participants and we encourage them to visit our church for services, as well as Connections! Please keep this outreach ministry in prayer!

Church Board Meeting

The 2023 Church Board met on August 14 to address some of the church ministries and business. So many things are going on with some requiring more discussion than others!

The following are some of the highlighted ministry items the board discussed:

- > The Deaconesses presented Gregory Gooden with the gifts given by the church in connection with the loss of his sister, Shashane.
- > Gregory gave an update on the Pastoral Search Committee scheduling a meeting with the conference representative.
- > Gregory will be out of the country August 18 through September 17. John Hodgkin will handle elder emergencies in Gregory's absence.
- > ROSC series is going well and will continue through September 20.
- > Hiring a Bible worker for our church was discussed at length. More research to be done.
- > Seven students for the new school year.
- > Mulch will be delivered August 28 and will need to be spread on the playground.
- > The board recommended Monique McFarlane to fill a vacant school board position.
- > Pathfinders will enjoy a Lake Day on August 20 and a Camporee September 21-24.
- > Electrical repairs will be made to lights in the sanctuary and two lights will be added in the foyer.
- > Updated info regarding a new digital sign for the church was presented. Further study is needed.
- > Ad hoc committee to study Facility Expansion for church and school use was established. The committee will report back to the board.

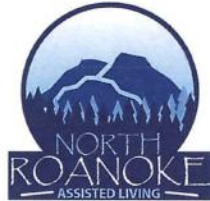
All church board members are encouraged to attend the next church board meeting on Monday evening, September 12 at 6:15 p.m. at the church.



It's That Time Again!

Yes, it is almost time for the 2023 Nominating Committee to be chosen so they can start their work!

Please be praying about how you want to serve this congregation. Let's pray also for the Lord's direction and guidance for our church and the committee as new ministry leaders are chosen!



We're Going Again!

Sabbath, September 9 @ 1:45

We are going to the North Roanoke Assisted Living to visit with the residents and sing and pray and more! This will be an outreach experience you won't want to miss! The facility is located at 6910 Williamson Road.

For all those wanting to go on September 9, a bag lunch will be provided after services for you. If you would rather, you may choose to bring your own quick lunch. We will leave the church about 1:15 and the afternoon program will start at 1:45.

You are invited to be a blessing to others while receiving a blessing in return! If you would like to sing a song or tell a story or share a devotional thought with the residents, please see Judy Hodgkin or Carol Doudiken! This ministry will be featured during the next Connections so watch for more details!

Armor Up!

Jennifer Dodge, Children's Ministry Leader, says, "VBS *On-the-Go* will be coming in the fall!"

If you or your children missed VBS this summer, you might want to take part in the fun this fall. Even if you enjoyed VBS in July, you are invited to have more fun witnessing to God's children during **VBS *On-the-Go***!

Watch for more details and be sure to let Jennifer know you want to be involved!



May you be blessed with the beauty of His grace and may His favor be lavished upon you!

September

- 2 Jamie Pruitt Gautier
- 4 Sherry Otto
- 7 Peniel Amo-Mensah
- 7 Darkas Mason
- 10 Ashleigh Forrester Austin
- 12 Roy Robinson
- 13 John Rardin
- 13 Shirley Pleasants
- 14 Brianna Agee
- 15 Daniel Clarke
- 19 Mariah King Willard
- 22 Blake Booth
- 22 Josiah Clarke
- 22 Audrey Howell
- 24 Mela Julin Cadaio
- 27 Elijah Deyerle
- 27 Josh Roth
- 27 Embelle Hackley



The October 2023 issue of **THE GOOD NEWS** will be distributed beginning September 30, 2023. Please send info and pictures to RoanokeSDAChurch@gmail.com Next Deadline: September 20, 2023

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Class Link: <https://www.fpu.com/A48981>

Location: Roanoke SDA Church

Coordinator: John Hodgkin & Mark Raleigh

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Day/Time: Sunday 6:00 pm

Start Date: September 3, 2023