

# The Good News

Roanoke SDA Church

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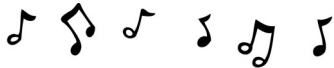
## July 2023



### Happy Independence Day!

Irving Berlin wrote, "God bless America! Land that I love! Stand beside her and guide her, through the night with a light from above!"

Let's remember this prayer as we are reminded of the birth of our nation. As we pledge our patriotic allegiance to our nation, let's pledge our true allegiance to our Lord and Savior!



### KIDS SING PRAISE CHOIR Is on a Summer Break!

Practice will begin again  
sometime in August!  
Stay tuned for more  
information!

### FRIDAY NIGHT VESPERS 7:00 - 7:50

"Vespers" refers to a time of evening prayer and worship. And that's what will be happening each Friday evening at our church.

Garri Ogata, a new member of our church family, will lead out in our new Vespers programs and will coordinate the meetings of this group of friends and neighbors who gather to pray, study and worship! The first Friday Night Vespers took place on June 23 and will continue through the coming weeks reading and discussing the book, "Steps to Christ."

You are invited to stop by the Fellowship Room at the church on any Friday evening at 7:00 and join us for Vespers!

"For where two or three [or more!] are gathered in my name, there am I among them." Matthew 18:20

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# VBS

July 17-21, 2023  
6:00-7:30 pm  
Roanoke SDA Church  
4120 Challenger Ave.  
Meal at 5:30pm  
Ages 3-11

## ARMOR UP

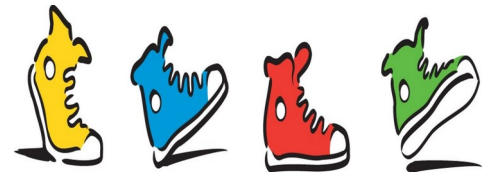
BELT OF TRUTH   BREAST OF RIGHTEOUSNESS   SHOES OF PEACE   SHIELD OF FAITH   HELMET OF SALVATION   SWORD OF SPIRIT

EPHESIANS 6:10

### Walking Sundays July 2 @ 7:30 a.m.

Please plan to join us the first Sunday in July at the Virginia Varsity Storage parking lot located at 102 Edinburg Street in Roanoke. Grab your walking buddy and let's lace up those tennis shoes and keep moving!

As is the case with all of our events and opportunities, friends and neighbors are always welcome! So bring them along!



### Connections! Sabbath, July 15

You are invited to join us for Connections and an opportunity to build meaningful relationships with our members and guests.

Please plan to drop by the Fellowship Room immediately after services and have a snack, meet and greet our guests and find out more about the ministries being featured in the coming weeks.

Information is available about new and exciting upcoming events to which you and your friends are invited! So come and bring a friend!

Please join us on Sabbath, July 15, for more delicious treats and some great conversation! We're hoping for some fresh produce to share!

## Church Board Meeting

The 2023 Church Board met on June 12 to address some of the ministries and business of our church. 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 board voted the church's digital sign be designated as a gathering place in the event the building is evacuated.
- < Friday Night Vespers will begin June 23 at 7:00 led by Garri Ogata.
- < A second ROSC: Revive Your Life series will be held August 16 through September 20.
- < Petra's Shoe Ministry and William's Sock Ministry will be emphasized in the coming months.
- < A new school sign will be installed soon.
- < Children's Ministry needs VBS volunteer workers.
- < A new computer for the church office will be purchased.
- < Authorized signatories to the church's account will be reduced by two individuals.
- < New mini-blinds will be purchased for the church's windows.
- < Head Deacon and Head of the Security Team will be given access to our security camera playback function.

All church board members are encouraged to attend the next church board meeting on Monday evening, August 14 at 6:15 p.m. at the church.

### Worship Team

Meetings are held via Zoom the first Wednesday evening of each month as the team makes plans for worshipful and meaningful worship services. Suggestions are welcome. See Patty McLennan.

## Roanoke Adventist Christian School

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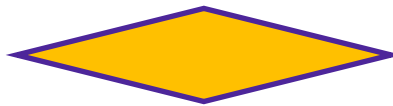
Please feel free to contact the school via phone or email.

Summer Hours:

Monday & Friday  
8:00 - 5:00  
(Work from Home)

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
9:00 - 4:00  
(Work in Office)

Vacation: June 19 - 30



### Worshipping Safely Security Team

We often think about safety in the work place, in shopping areas and other places where people gather. We also want to consider safety when we come to church each week.

That's why we have the Roanoke SDA Security Team. This Team is currently made up of the following individuals: Rob Little, Lead; Marc Buch; Gregory Gooden; Reggie Long; Ron Robinson and Roy Robinson.

The Team is developing safety plans for our church involving fire and other emergency evacuation plans as well as responses to intruders intending harm, etc.

If something comes to your mind regarding safety, please don't hesitate to contact any of the above listed individuals to share any suggestions or concerns you may have.



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

### July

- 1 John Tryon
- 3 Alexis Lucas
- 5 Maria Hernandez
- 5 Summer Pate
- 6 Morgan Dillard
- 6 Claudine Katete
- 7 Novia Gooden
- 10 Terrie Harney
- 13 Tommy Anderson
- 15 Robert McLennan
- 16 Judy Hodgkin
- 16 Grace Neil
- 16 Jocabed Torres
- 17 Schneider Mervil
- 18 Lorelie Agee
- 18 Elizabeth P. Allison
- 18 Dwayne Clarke
- 20 Hunter Doudiken
- 21 Brandie Booth
- 21 Pat Joiner
- 22 Patty McLennan
- 26 Chad McLennan
- 27 Isabelle Allison
- 27 Peggy Chitwood
- 27 Betty Harlow
- 30 Murray Joiner
- 30 Tara Royal
- 30 Melanie Swecker

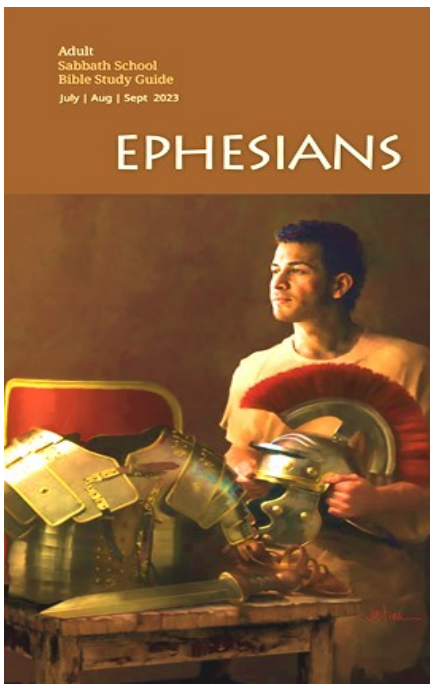
### Visitors Welcome

Church member Shirley Pleasants recently enjoyed a visit from Gregory Gooden and Carol Doudiken as well as from the Pathfinders!

Sharing the love of Jesus with others is a wonderful way to spend the Sabbath hours. Anyone can do it!







Adult Sabbath School  
Bible Study Guide  
Third Quarter 2023

July 1st will be the first Sabbath of the third quarter of 2023. During the third quarter (July, August and September), the adults will use the Bible Study Guide entitled "Ephesians."

Ephesians is a letter from Paul found in our Bible and it speaks especially to times like our own in which the allure of the world and the passing of time threaten to dull Christian discipleship.

The message of Ephesians lifts up Christ and accents the significance of following Him as engaged, active members of His church as we live out the hope of His return.

We will have the privilege of listening prayerfully to Ephesians and experiencing anew the excitement of following Jesus!

Adult Bible Study guides are available in Fellowship Room during Sabbath School and at the front desk. Please join us on Sabbath mornings at 9:30 as we gather together to study God's Word! The bonds of friendship formed when studying together is priceless! Don't let the opportunity slip away!



The Roanoke SDA Church, under the direction of Jennifer Dodge, held its first International Celebration Sabbath on June 3, 2023. The service included many greetings from individuals in their native languages!

A highlight of the International Celebration was the colorful procession of twenty flag bearers – many of whom were dressed in their country's colors and styles - marching into the sanctuary.

Another favorite was the Kids Sing Praise Choir, directed by Nina Kesselring, singing a delightful song entitled "African Worship Song."

The service included personal testimonies given by Tim Hogan, Chad McLennan and Liz McLennan who have each served as missionaries in faraway places.

A beautiful hymn, "I Cannot Tell Why," sung by Chinagozi "Chingo" Nwankwo from Nigeria and accompanied by his friend, Nathan Adams, on the guitar, was another favorite.

John Hodgkin and Roy Robinson shared the Word of God reminding everyone that we are all part of God's family and loved by our Father in heaven regardless of the color of our skin or the sound of our words.

The day was topped off with a delicious lunch of a variety of foods prepared and served by families from many nations.

The whole day was a wonderful celebration of God's family!





## Roanoke Adventist Christian School

During the next few weeks, look around and you may see examples of the new marketing and rebranding of the school with a new logo, new signage above the school entrance and new school letterhead. New brochures will be available in the church foyer for you to help distribute in the community as well.

The new logo brings a fresh new look to the school and is one of the goals established as a result of the school's strategic and marketing plans.

Please also visit the school's website to see it's new look at [www.road2school.com](http://www.road2school.com).

Classes will begin again for the 2023-2024 school year on Friday, August 21. We are current recruiting and enrolling new students. Families can meet with staff by appointment by calling 540-798-6061 or using the website.

The August 2023 issue of **The GOOD NEWS** will be distributed beginning July 29, 2023  
Please send info and pictures to [RoanokeSDAChurch@gmail.com](mailto:RoanokeSDAChurch@gmail.com)  
Next Deadline: July 20, 2023

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## Sabbath Visit

Just a few days before sweet Mary Snow went to sleep to wait for Jesus' return, Gregory Gooden and Carol Doudiken visited with her and shared The Lord's Supper. Mary was grateful to be able to participate in this special service! The Pathfinders recently blessed Mary with a visit, too!

You can tell by the smile on Gregory's face that he received a blessing as well!



## "Simple Truths For Life"

### Podcast



"Simple Truths for Life with Charles Tapp" is a weekly podcast heard around the world. This podcast provides simple answers to some of life's every day struggles directly from God's Word..

You can search for "Simple Truths for Life" on your favorite podcast platform - Spotify, Apple iTunes, etc.

Potomac Conference President, Elder Charles A. Tapp, presents the messages on "Simple Truths for Life." He has over 50 programs now available and new episodes come out each week.

This is a great way to hear the truth on the go!

## What is Outreach Ministry?

Outreach ministry is the practice of looking beyond ourselves to the people around us.

Outreach ministry is being attuned to what our neighbors need, and maybe what our community needs, then taking action to meet those needs.

Outreach ministry is sharing the love of Christ as we serve others and connect with our friends and neighbors.

A big budget and a five-year plan are good but not necessarily what is needed for successful outreach ministry. What is needed most are workers! Committed people who are willing to share their time and talents. We can simply start with whatever is already in our hands that we can offer to someone else.

Maybe we meet a fellow walking down the street and we offer him a cool bottle of water. Maybe we visit a nearby neighborhood leaving a beautiful book at each door praying for the residents and asking Holy Spirit to do His work. Maybe we visit with those that don't have families or don't get visitors and bring some smiles, prayers and a little bit of love to their afternoon.

What is your idea of Outreach Ministry? Please share your ideas and encourage others to do the same. We have some Good News to share! Let's get busy sharing it with those we meet. Let's encourage our fellow members to dream of big and small ways to reach out to others! Then let's just do it!