

# The Good News

Roanoke SDA Church

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## October 2023



**Guest Speaker**  
**Tim Rumsey**  
**Sabbath, October 21**

Our civil and religious freedoms are under great attack in the world today. This series of meetings with Tim Rumsey entitled "Liberty on the Line," will be packed full of Bible prophecy insights and current events that reveal the Bible's principles of freedom.

Please join us on Sabbath, October 21, for this series of meetings. Lunch will be provided.

**Sunday, October 22**  
**SAVE THE DATE!**



## Fall Festival

### Churchwide Week of Prayer

**October 1-7, Sunday- Sabbath**  
**7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.**

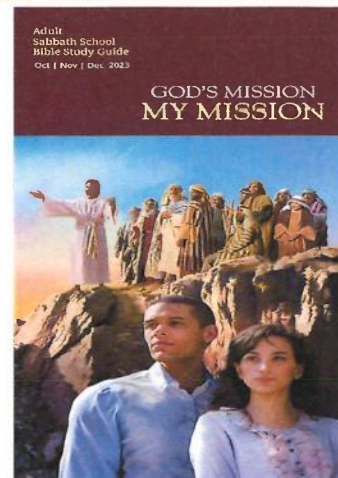
We are all invited to participate in a Week of Prayer specifically praying for our nominating process. We will be praying individually each morning at 7:00 and then together via ZOOM each evening at 7:00.

A number of items can be on our Prayer List during this Week of Prayer. First and foremost, we want to pray for the nominating committee process. We can pray for those currently serving and

1. for the selection process to be initiated on October 7;
2. for the individuals chosen to serve on the 2023 Nominating Committee;
3. for our church members who will be selected to serve as ministry leaders in 2024; and
4. for our church members who will serve as participants on various ministry teams in 2024.

We can also pray for the pastoral selection process as a spiritual leader is identified to serve our district.

**LET'S PRAY TOGETHER!**



### Adult Sabbath School

Throughout the fourth quarter Sabbath School lesson book, *God's Mission My Mission*, we will examine how effective mission connects with people's lives. It goes beyond preaching truth to living it. The mission is more than a series of events, it is an ongoing process that reaches people's hearts not just their heads. It is a work driven by the example of a compassionate Savior who came and lived among us.

It is now our mission to not only share the truth about God and His unfailing love, but we are also called to demonstrate that truth.

**Come, let's study together as we learn to live God's mission every day! Join us on Sabbath mornings at 9:30 in the Fellowship Room.**

### Connections Breakfast!

You are invited to join us for *Connections Breakfast!* We will gather in the Fellowship Room on Sabbath morning, October 14 from 9:00 to 10:00! We will connect over some delicious hot breakfast items provided by some of the ROSC team members! We will also have selections you might find on a Continental-style breakfast buffet!

This breakfast will provide an opportunity to renew meaningful relationships with our members and build new ones with our guests. We 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!

The KSP Choir meets for practice on the second Sabbath morning of each month from 9:30 to 10:00 and then again on the fourth Sabbath afternoon of each month from 1:00 to 2:00.

The Choir will share a special selection during the worship service on Sabbath, October 7. They are also practicing some new music for the upcoming holidays. Kids, sign up today! See Nina Kesselring for more details!



### We're Going Again!

Sabbath, October 14 @ 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 October 14, 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!

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Please keep the leaders  
and the participants in prayer.

## 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.

All are welcome to come for a casual time together as we welcome the Sabbath each Friday evening in October 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 was to determine any unmet needs within our church. All ministry leaders, including the leaders of our school, were approached for their input regarding their needs. Ministry leaders were encouraged to dream big!

The committee came back together to prepare a report for consideration by the board with regard to ministry needs. The report included individual and shared room needs and square footage. Comparisons were made between what the need is and what we have available.

Once the report is agreed upon by the board, the committee will generate a concept plan. In other words, the next step in getting those needs met!

Stay tuned for the next steps!



## American Red Cross Blood Drive

October 28 @ 8:30 to 1:30

We are hosting a blood drive in October as it is a great way for our church to help care for our community and our healthcare workers who sacrifice so much for us.

There are many good reasons why donating blood is important. Blood donations help save lives with blood that cannot be manufactured. Blood is needed somewhere about every two seconds and our donations can help fill that need. Only 37% of our country's population are able to donate blood. We want to help fill the need by donating as often as we can. It may be members of our family or our friends who may need our blood someday.

But the most important reason we have blood drives is because we want to follow the example of Jesus in serving and helping others.

Please join us by making a donation of life-giving blood on Sabbath, October 28, between the hours of 8:30 and 1:30. See Judy Hodgkin as soon as you can to schedule your time.

## It's That Time Again!

Yes, it is almost time for the new committee to begin their work! Nominating Church members will be asked to select the 2023 Nominating Committee near the beginning of the worship service on Sabbath, October 7. Please be prayerfully considering the selection options you will make.





## 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:

- > Connections at Breakfast is scheduled for Sabbath, October 14 at 9:00. All are invited.
- > No real updates on pastoral search except it is being worked on.
- > ROSC #2 is going well. ROSC #3 is scheduled for January 23 - February 27.
- > Pathfinders approved for additional \$5,000 to purchase tents, etc., for camping trips.
- > Pray for the Youth within our church family. Volunteer teachers needed for Youth Sabbath School.
- > Four additional individuals want to transfer into our church family.
- > Lighting repairs in the sanctuary have been made and new lights in the foyer have been installed.
- > Handrails will be installed on the platform steps soon.
- > Nominating Committee 2023 will be selected on Sabbath, October 7. Seven members with a minimum of five at each meeting. No more than one individual from each family and no more than two related members.
- > Week of Prayer scheduled for October 1 - 7 for all church Nominating Committee.

All church board members are encouraged to attend the next meeting on Monday evening, October 9 at 6:15 p.m.



## Pathfinders to Raise Money for Camporee 2024

One of the ways the Pathfinders will be raising money to go to Gillette, WY, in August 2024 to spend some time with lots and lots of other Pathfinders, is by holding a Bike-a-Thon!

This Bike-a-Thon is scheduled to take place at Smith Park on Sunday, October 15, from 8:30 until 2:00. Smith Park is tucked beside the Roanoke River Greenway and Wiley Drive, between Wasena Park and River's Edge Sports Complex South.

Parents will meet at the pavilion in Smith Park that Sunday morning to check in and register their biker/s. For safety reasons, the bikers will have a staggered start beginning at 9:00. The ride will conclude no later than 11:30. Just in time for a picnic!



Jennifer Dodge will provide a list of guidelines to help make this a fun and safe ride for those participating and for others using Smith Park that day.

Volunteers are needed to help make mile marker signs and encouraging signs; individuals to accompany groups of bikers; station attendants to distribute water and snacks; and some to make bike repairs along the ride. Please see Jennifer if you would like to volunteer your support of this Bike-a-Thon!

If you haven't been asked to sponsor a biker yet, please track down a Pathfinder and offer to support their efforts! Let's help our Roanoke Challengers go to Gillette, WY!



May your days be filled with

LOVE, JOY and PEACE!

Happy Birthday!

### October

- 2 Petra Dodge
- 3 Billy Squier
- 6 Kyndal Pate
- 8 Joyce Hurt
- 13 Paula Buch
- 13 Robert Kesselring
- 13 Susan Timmons
- 18 Reggie Long
- 19 Tom Bond
- 21 Ron Robinson
- 22 Nina Kesselring
- 22 Jamie Neuhs Morton
- 24 Autumn Pate
- 24 Mevlyn Snow
- 25 Fredrick Tembo
- 26 Carol Doudiken
- 26 Gregory Gooden
- 27 Tim Doudiken
- 28 Ted Lancaster
- 29 Darryl Agee
- 31 Rie Robinson



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