

The Good News

Roanoke SDA Church

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February 2024

February Guest Speakers

Rob Little and Pastor Ignacio Faz will be two of our Sabbath speakers in February. We will also welcome two guest speakers to our worship services in February.

On Sabbath, February 10, **Pastor Ian Jerome** will join us. Pastor Jerome serves a congregation in Lynchburg, the Smyrna Seventh-day Adventist Church. During the worship service on February 10, in addition to bringing a message of hope and encouragement, Pastor Jerome will preside over an ordination service for a new elder, a new deacon, and several new deaconesses. He will also officiate in another baptism on that Sabbath as well! All wonderful things! We hope you will join us!

On Sabbath, February 17, we will welcome **Pastor Chris Buttery**. Pastor Buttery currently serves a congregation in Louisville, KY, at the Louisville First Seventh-day Adventist Church. Watch for details about a possible Friday evening program with Pastor Buttery as well as afternoon presentations on February 17.

Please join us each Sabbath in February as we welcome one another, our guests and friends. We look forward to the messages we will hear and the opportunity to worship together!

Kids Sing Praise Choir



Choir practice is the first Sabbath of the month at 9:30 and the third Sabbath of the month at 1:30. Ages 5 and up are invited!



Sunday, February 18 @ 5:00

Valentine's Day isn't just for lovers! It is for friends who care about one another, too!

Our church family will enjoy a Valentine's Banquet together prepared and served by our own Social Committee members. The Social Committee is suggesting a donation of \$10.00 per couple or \$5.00 per individual. The Fellowship Room will be transformed into a lovely dining area and the planned entertainment during the meal will be delightful!

Friends of all ages are invited to come and spend some time together for an hour or so on Sunday evening, February 18! Childcare may be provided. Sign up soon and reserve your seats!

Red Cross Blood Drive

February 24 @ 8:30 to 1:30

We invite our church members and friends, as well as members of the community, to come together to donate life giving blood during our blood drives. Your blood donation will help those in crisis in many areas including our own community.

We will partner once again with American Red Cross for a Blood Drive on Sabbath, February 24, starting at 8:30. Please see Judy Hodgkin to sign up so you can donate.

Please pray that the donated blood will reach and help those who need it most and that members of the community will feel welcomed in our church.

Sabbath Afternoon Outreach to NRAL

Sabbath, February 10 @ 1:45

Going to the North Roanoke Assisted Living is an Outreach experience that is enjoyable for all ages!

The residents are always so happy to see us and they enjoy the songs and stories so much! They also enjoy the special birthday recognitions and the yummy treats we share before we leave.

Please bring a simple lunch with you on Sabbath, February 10, and a change of clothes if you'd like. We'll eat in the Fellowship Room then be on our way at about 1:15. The program will begin at 1:45 and last about one hour.

You are invited to be a blessing to others while receiving a blessing in return! Please see Judy Hodgkin for more details about this wonderful Outreach ministry! NRAL is located at 6910 Williamson Road just a few short miles from the church.





Welcome, Marisol and Family

Marisol Cruz is a single mom of two teenagers and a 21 year old! She and her two daughters, Angela and Alexa who attend school in other states, joined our church family in January and we are glad they did! Marisol's oldest child, Kenny, currently lives in Texas.

Marisol lives about 45 minutes from the church in Elliston and works full-time with inmates at a prison near her home.

One of the things Marisol loves, is working with puppets! She is in the process of developing a ministry using puppets to help share the love of Jesus with others.

Marisol has expressed an interest also in learning more about natural remedies.

If you see Marisol, please help make her feel welcome. Let's encourage her and lift her up in Jesus' name!

Sabbath School - An Important Part of Sabbath Worship

Sabbath School classes are offered each Sabbath morning starting at 9:30. There are classes designed for each age group from our smallest little ones to adults and all ages in between!

Sabbath School for the Adults and Young Adults is a great time to share ideas, ask questions and study God's Word together.

During Sabbath School, the little ones are learning songs and Bible stories and memory verses and enjoying a fun craft to go along with their lesson. The Teens and Youth are exploring what the Bible says about their own lives and how God's Word applies in them.

Please join us for the Bible Café starting at 9:00 and stay by for Sabbath School! You'll be glad you did!

Roanoke Adventist Christian School

Registration and tuition rates for 2024-2025 school year will be available by the end of February on the school's website.

www.Road2School.com

Please consider sending your child to our school.



Wishing you a beautiful birthday surrounded by family, friends and laughter!

God bless you with love!

Happy Birthday!

February

- 2 Brian Hurt
- 2 Vanessa Pleasants
- 5 Amber Armstrong
- 5 Colin Lancaster
- 6 Logan Dovidio
- 6 Mariah King Willard
- 8 Magenta Tembo
- 9 Richie Price
- 10 John Hodgkin
- 13 Greg Grisso
- 19 Alex Gonzalez
- 19 Jerry Payne
- 20 Donovan Royal
- 21 Sara Williams
- 24 Bill Nicely
- 26 Taylor Agee
- 26 Christian Chitwood
- 26 Yari Corsi
- 27 Becky Pendleton
- 28 Iggy Martinez

Friday Night Vespers

This group continues to meet at the church each Friday evening starting at 7:00.

A variety of topics will be discussed by the group from week to week. For February, those topics will be:

- The Sower
- Who Touched Me
- Hostile Work Environment

There will be no meeting on Friday, February 16, due to another meeting presented by Pastor Chris Buttery.

This Vespers group is for all ages and you are invited! Let's gather as together we welcome the Sabbath hours.

STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Stewardship is more than just money. It also encompasses our time and our talents. Stewardship is a way of life impacting everything we do. As part of stewardship, our church encourages systematic giving as a part of worship. We teach the principal of returning to God a tenth, or a tithe, of our increase, as well as giving of offerings freely to support our local church.

While tithes and offerings are received each week during our worship service on Sabbath, some of our members and friends choose to mail their tithes and offerings to the church or use online giving. Adventist Giving is available [HERE](#). You might want to give it a try.

Let's be good stewards of what God has given us. If you have any questions about stewardship, please see any one of our elders.

Church Board Meeting

Notes from the Meeting

The first meeting of the 2024 church board meeting was held on Monday, January 8. Below are some of the highlights of that meeting.

- > New photo church directory is coming
- > The gas stove in the kitchen needs work or to be replaced.
- > Monique McFarlane will be asked to serve as a Deaconess.
- > Addy McLennan will be asked to served as a Jr. Deaconess.
- > No news on our search for a pastor.
- > William Dodge will be asked to serve on the Finance Committee.
- > Mark Raleigh will be asked to serve on the Communications Team.
- > Pathfinders are selling tickets for Movie Night on January 27.
- > Adventurer Day is February 24.
- > School encouraged a recommendation from the committee working on a new church sign.
- > Screening for Protect the Child was emphasized.
- > Board to explore outside help with regard to Finance Committee Chairperson.
- > Receipts for reimbursement must be Turned in to the Treasurer within 30 days.
- > Work on the retention ponds continues.

Meeting agendas are prepared the week before the meeting and sent to all board members several days before the board meeting date. The February Church Board meeting will be held on Monday, February 12, at 6:15.



Roanoke Challengers Pathfinder Club News

The Pathfinders PBE Team participated in its first competition on January 20. Although the team members were a bit nervous at first, they scored well and have advanced to the next round of competition! Yay!

The PBE Team will next compete on February 17 in Maryland. Let's pray for our Pathfinders as they prepare by Bible study!

Do You Remember?

Can you remember back when the Christmas season was just beginning? We had just enjoyed Thanksgiving and all of a sudden the Christmas season was starting.



Some were putting in a lot of time and effort to build and decorate the above float depicting Noah's Ark for the Vinton Christmas Parade!

The results are in! The Roanoke Adventist Christian School's float was awarded Second Place in the "Religious" category!

Congratulations, team! Well done!



Adventurer Club

The Adventurer program was created to assist parents in their important responsibilities as a child's primary teacher and evangelizer. The program aims to strengthen the parent/child relationship and to further the child's development in spiritual, physical, mental and social areas.

Adventurers is for children ages 5 to 9 and their parents! See Nina Kesselring for more information.

The March 2024 issue of **THE GOOD NEWS** will be distributed beginning February 24, 2024
Please send info and pictures to RoanokeSDAChurch@gmail.com
Next Deadline: February 20, 2024

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Shelly Caswell-Parrish
Guest Speaker

Shelly is a Former RACS Student and is a Current Principal at of OAKS Adventist School.

She is the daughter of two former teachers and has two sisters, one is her twin.

Alumni and Former Teachers will be special honored guests.

Who to Contact?

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Roanoke Adventist Christian School:
Jackie Powell-Long
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Something you may have missed ... The Movie Night put on the Pathfinders as a fundraiser for their camporee trip in the summer should be counted as a success! They worked hard and looked great doing it! They made over a \$1,000! Watch for more fundraising activities as the trip is not inexpensive! Thank you, Pathfinders, for a fun evening!



Pathfinder Day

Sabbath, January 20, 2024



Gabby and Magenta (both on violins), and Peniel (on the organ) and Sammy (on the piano) played a beautiful instrumental selection while the offerings were collected!



Dejayaye shared her talent for singing when she sang "Blessed Assurance!" Beautifully done!



Jackson did a nice job of sharing God's Word with the congregation during the service.



Gregory, perhaps our most "mature" Pathfinder, enthusiastically shared a message of Love and Hope!

