

The Good News

Roanoke SDA Church

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March 2024



**Guest Speaker
In Roanoke
Sabbath
March 2
11:00**

We will welcome Pastor John Nixon, II, Associate for Pastoral Ministries for the Potomac Conference, as our speaker on the first Sabbath in March.

Pastor Nixon is from Brooklyn, NY, and has served as a pastor for twenty-two years. He currently works alongside Pastor Rick Labate in Pastoral Ministries. Pastor Nixon is the conference representative working with our Pastoral Search Committee to find us a pastor.

Please help us make Pastor Nixon feel welcome as we worship together.

Kids Sing Praise Choir

The Kids Sing Praise Choir is for all children and youth from ages five and up! Nina Kesselring is the director and she enjoys teaching the children new songs to sing as they praise Jesus!

The Kids Sing Praise Choir will have two practice sessions in March. On Sabbath morning, March 2, they will practice from 9:30 to 10:00. On Sabbath afternoon, March 23, they will practice at 1:00.

Any children and youth who want to join the Choir are welcome at any time! Just see Nina Kesselring.

Lamb's Offering for March

Worthy Student Scholarships

The March donations for Lamb's Offering will be used for Worthy Student Scholarships.

With rising inflation rates and increased costs, it is often a real sacrifice for families to keep their children enrolled in our school.

Thank you for your generous support, financial and otherwise, of the Roanoke Adventist Christian School and its families with your donations to the Lamb's Offering.



**Saturday Night
March 30 @ 7:30**

Come out for some fun on our second annual Karaoke Night and support our Roanoke Challengers Pathfinder Club as they raise funds for the Camporee in August!!



We will move our clocks forward one hour on Sunday, March 10!

Let's welcome the birds and the flowers on the First Day of Spring on Tuesday, March 19!



Some of our members and friends have worked together to prepare a beautifully meaningful program to commemorate the life of Jesus Christ our Lord.

This special program will focus on His sinless life, sacrificial death, and glorious resurrection, and the promised second coming!

The morning's program will include spiritually uplifting music and spoken words, along with the symbolic Ordinance of Humility and the Lord's Supper.

"We Will Remember!" will be presented on Sabbath, March 30, during the worship service. The program will begin promptly at 11:00, so don't be late! You won't want to miss a minute of this special program.

You are invited to come and bring your families and friends as we gather to worship our Lord together.

Once again, this worship service will be Sabbath, March 30, starting at 11:00 in the sanctuary. Please make plans to attend!



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May 4, 2024

4120 Challenger Avenue
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Shelly Caswell-Parrish
Guest Speaker

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

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

Alumni and Former Teachers
will be special honored guests.

Outreach to NRAL Sabbath Afternoon

March 9 @ 1:45

You are invited to bring a simple lunch with you on Sabbath, March 9, then go with us in the afternoon to visit the residents at the North Roanoke Assisted Living. The program will begin at 1:45 and last about one hour.



The residents will be waiting for us to come sing with them, pray with them and share the love of Jesus with them.

If you would like to tell a story or share some music, or share any other act of kindness toward the residents, please let Judy Hodgkin know. Pictured are some of our children singing with the residents about the love of Jesus! We love it when the children come and so do the residents!

NRAL is located at 6910 Williamson Road just a few short miles from the church. Please join us for an hour of singing, praying and praising Jesus. All are welcome!



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



March

- 4 Deena Jordan
- 4 William Pleasants
- 6 Shamina Dillard
- 6 Kristen McLennan
- 9 Steven Pate
- 10 Annalise McLennan
- 11 Faith Cadiao
- 14 Lucky Deyerle
- 15 Bonnie Atkinson
- 15 Sophia McLennan
- 18 Steven Greenway
- 19 Bentley McLennan
- 20 Ryan McLennan
- 20 James Pate
- 22 John Pleasants
- 23 Brandon Roth
- 27 Mikey Deyerle
- 29 Ana Hernandez

The Youth Department of the Melrose Ave SDA Church invites you to

A Knight to Shine!

MARCH 17, 2024

04.00 PM - 08.00 PM

DRESS CODE : **FULL ARMOR OF GOD**

Join us for a **Gala Knight** where you can be your authentic self. This is an opportunity for adults, ages 18 and up to unwind, be free and elegant in the presence of like-minded people. **TICKETS ARE \$45.** Register by **March 8th.** **Food and entertainment will be provided!**

REGISTER NOW

www.eventbrite.com/e/a-knight-to-shine-tickets

The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center
110 Shenandoah Avenue
Roanoke, VA, 24016

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Something you may have missed!



Peniel Amo-Mensah's family gathered on the platform as Pastor Ian Jerome, pastor of the Smyrna SDA Church, read the baptismal vows to Peniel, to which he clearly responded to positively! ↗

Pastor Jerome performed the baptism as Peniel's father, Kofi, looked on and took pictures!

Young people taking a stand to follow Jesus! What could be better?



Rie Robinson's whole family came to celebrate her baptism on Sabbath, January 20!

Pastor Ignacio Fax walked Rie through her baptismal vows and her father, Roy, actually performed the baptism. →

We could almost hear the angels singing! Praise the Lord!



Game Night on Saturday night, January 27, was a well-attended hit for the Social Committee. →

Family members of all ages had a great time playing games!



Dani and Ian keeping an eye on soon-to-be big sister, Isla! ↗

← Our head elder, Gregory Gooden, seemed to enjoy the baby shower honoring the Ian and Dani Muir family on February 11, almost as much as the guests of honor!

We are excited to meet Ian and Dani's new little addition to their family!



On Sabbath, February 4, 2024, Pastor Ian Jerome, pastor of the Smyrna SDA Church in Lynchburg, conducted an ordination ceremony in our sanctuary.

During the ceremony, Betty Harlow, Linda Janetzo, Sherry Otto and Mona Robinson were ordained to God's service as Deaconesses. Mela Cadiao was sick and will be ordained at a later date.

Also during the ceremony, Ryan Long was ordained as a Deacon and Chad McLennan was ordained as an Elder.

It was a lovely spiritually rich service led by Pastor Ian.

2024 is promising to be a great year in our church!



Church Board Meeting

Notes from the Meeting

A 2024 Church Board meeting was held on Monday, February 12. The topics covered were many and diverse. Here are some of the highlights of the discussions.

- > Sign ups ongoing for pictorial church directory
- > Elders have nothing new to report regarding a new pastor for our church
- > Finance Committee Chairperson position still vacant
- > Board will explore Branch Sabbath School options
- > Pathfinders continuing to raise funds for Summer Camporee
- > New blinds to be purchased for Fellowship Room by church/school
- > Schools' 85th Anniversary to be celebrated May 4, 2024
- > Spring Work Day at the church on Sunday, March 30, starting at 10:00
- > Options for a new church sign continue to be explored
- > Michael and Mary Gaither transferring Memberships
- > Additional volunteers to be screened for Protect the Child
- > Ministry budget requests need to be turned in to the treasurer
- > Church's front doors will remain locked according to policy
- > Key Use Policy to be reviewed and revised as necessary
- > Varsity Landscaping to complete retention pond repairs

Meeting agendas are prepared the week before the meeting and sent to all board members several days before the board meeting date.

The March Church Board meeting will be held on Monday, March 11, at 6:15.

ROSC: Revive Your Life

The third series of seminars is now history. But that doesn't mean the participants, and others, won't have a chance to spend more time together learning to live healthier lives.

Watch for upcoming details about learning to can beans, make soap and bake your own bread, among other events!

Quiet Sabbath Bags For Kids!

Luzia Raleigh has crocheted some delightful animals for our children's to hold and hug during the worship service from Sabbath to Sabbath. She and Mark have purchased new colorful bags for the animals to live in during the week when the children are somewhere other than in the sanctuary for worship! Thank you, Luzia, for your dedicated hard work!



Please return the new bags to their container at the end of the worship service as Luzia will be maintaining the bags for the children's use.



Coming Soon!

Sunday, June 30, All Day!

Please be setting aside and holding onto household items, sporting equipment, tools, small appliances, dishes, furniture, toys, bicycles and other items for a huge **YARD SALE** at our church to help the Roanoke Challengers raise money for their Summer Camporee!

The April 2024 issue of
THE GOOD NEWS
will be distributed beginning
March 29, 2024
Please send info and pictures to
RoanokeSDAChurch@gmail.com
Next Deadline: March 20, 2024

Roanoke Challengers Pathfinder Club Fundraising



Do you have any odd jobs around your house that you'd like to get done? Would those jobs be easier to complete if you had a couple more young hands to help?

Well, we have a plan for you! You can Rent-a-Pathfinder for the day, or more, during the month of April!

Just sign up at the church for any job or activity you would like help with from a Pathfinder or two! Activities like mowing, trimming, raking, weeding, window washing, laundry dish washing, house straightening, etc., are some chores or projects a Pathfinder can help you complete.

Two or more Pathfinders, **WITH** a supervising adult, will be dropped off at each "signed up for" project location! The Pathfinders will be picked up when the project is complete, or in four hours, whichever comes first.

You will pay for the labor provided by the Pathfinders at a rate of \$10-\$20 per hour or however much you would like to donate for the Pathfinders fundraising efforts to get them to the camporee in Gillette, Wisconsin in August.

This is some creative fundraising! Won't you help? Thank you for your generous support of our Roanoke Challengers!

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