

# The Good News

## Roanoke SDA Church

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## April 2024



TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH  
6-8 PM

LEARN TO MAKE:

Sushi ~ Fresh Rolls ~ Curries

Please feel free to bring your favorite international dish to share and the recipe to swap. Please email us to let us know you're coming!

[McLennanMD@gmail.com](mailto:McLennanMD@gmail.com)

### It's Time!

#### Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is about to begin.

As we gear up for another year of academic excellence and growth at the Roanoke Adventist Christian School, we want to provide you with important information about tuition and registration rates and financial aid opportunities.

The tuition rate for the coming year will be \$4,600 per child and the registration fee is \$400. There will be discounts available to families who register students prior to June 1st. There are also multiple sources of financial aid. You are encouraged to begin the application process as soon as possible to take advantage of these opportunities to save!.

We are committed to providing a nurturing and enriching learning environment for your child, and we look forward to welcoming both returning and new families to our school for the upcoming academic year. Additional info will be forthcoming so keep your eyes and ears open!



### Roanoke Adventist Christian School

We're thrilled to share some exciting news from our Roanoke Adventist Christian School! On March 10, three of our students participated in the Potomac Conference Spelling Bee.

While they didn't secure a spot among the top three finalists, Pierce Brenner, Jackson Passman, and Henry Brenner represented our school and church admirably. Their dedication and hard work were truly commendable, and they had a fantastic time participating in the event.

We couldn't be prouder of the achievements and the positive impression the boys left with fellow spellers. Below is a photo of the three boys at the Spelling Bee.

Let's continue to support and encourage our students as they excel spiritually, academically and personally.



**Ron Kelly**  
Guest Speaker  
April 5 & 6



Pastor Ron Kelly is the lead pastor at The Village Seventh-day Adventist Church, in Berrien Springs, Michigan. He has been serving as a pastor for over thirty years and has the reputation for sharing sermons with insightful messages and spiritual depth.

Please plan to join us on Friday evening, April 5, at 6:30, at the church to hear the first of a series of messages from Pastor Kelly.

On Sabbath morning, April 6, Pastor Kelly will present a message during the worship service then another on Sabbath afternoon at 2:00.

There will be a potluck lunch on Sabbath, so please plan to stay and eat.

### Bean Canning Tutorial Sunday, April 14 @ 10:00

You are cordially invited to join us for a fun and unique experience at Shellie McLennan's home on Sunday morning, April 14.

This will be a hands-on activity where you'll have the opportunity to learn valuable skills while actively participating. Bring your open eyes and ears, as Shellie guides us through the process step by step.

Once the canning is complete, we'll gather for a shared lunch, providing the perfect opportunity to relax, enjoy good food, and reflect on our morning's work.

Due to limited space, we encourage you to reach out to Shellie as soon as possible to secure your spot.



A Note from the Local Office on Aging:

"We would like to thank you for joining our fight against senior hunger through your donation of 180 pounds of food! Your donation made it possible for Soup for Seniors to provide 2,882 bags of nutritious and filling food to older adults in our community! Thank you so much for helping our older neighbors in need through your donation!"

This project was sponsored by our Outreach Ministry. This is another example of our friends and members going "beyond the walls" of our church to share the love of Jesus in our community!



### Beyond the Walls!

Garri, Gregory, John, Lee, Reggie and Rob spent some time recently to rebuild a fence in the Hodgkin's neighborhood. The recipient of their kindness and skills is the smiling lady, Chris, pictured between Gregory and Rob in the first picture below. Her fence had been destroyed recently in a wind storm. The men are certain they were more blessed than Chris by the time the project was completed!

The men did their work over two beautiful Sundays and a Monday. During the first stage of the job, they dug holes and installed posts. During the second stage, the men attached the rails and nailed pickets to the rails to create a beautiful new fence!

In addition to a fence, the men built relationships with one another and with Chris. This relationship opened the door to an invitation to study and worship together.

Thank you, guys, for sharing the love of Jesus "beyond the walls" of our church!

*Note: An unidentified source wanted to be sure everyone knew that Rob Little now is familiar with a post hole digger which is a new experience for him and Lee McLennan now understands how a cordless screwdriver works. Everyone has something to learn!*



A Life Lesson on a Recent Sabbath!

Sweet friendship! What could be better?

Thank you, Amor and Ezra, for showing us the innocence of loving one another!



### SAVE THE DATE

Plan to Join Us as We Celebrate 85 Academic Years of Quality Adventist Christian Education

Offered by

Roanoke Adventist Christian School

(a ministry of the Roanoke Seventh-day Adventist Church)

May 4, 2024

4120 Challenger Avenue  
Roanoke, VA 24012

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.

**Pick up your 2024  
CHURCH  
DIRECTORY  
TODAY!**

The 2024 Directory of Members and Friends is ready for pick up!

Because we want to make sure that everyone that wants a new directory, gets one, please take only one directory per family at this time.

If you would like to have a digital (electronic) copy, a password protected copy can be emailed to you. Please see Carol Doudiken to get a directory by email.



To Honor Jenny Leeth  
Sunday, April 7 @ 3:30  
At the Church  
All ladies are invited!

**Something you may have missed ...** We are ALL praying for Ryan Long as he leaves us to join the United States Airforce!

Our prayers for safety and a positive experience go with him! We will be praying for Reggie and Jackie Long and the rest of Ryan's family, too, as they will surely miss him!



Jesus (Robert McLennan) inviting the children to come to Him!

**Greeley, Colorado!  
Here We Come!**

On April 19-20, the Roanoke Challengers PBE Team will participate in the next, and final, round of the 2024 Pathfinder Bible Experience! There are four levels and, at each level, the teams scoring 90% or higher of the highest score at their testing site make 1st place and are invited to go on to the next level. Our PBE Team has scored in 1st place in each of the first three levels.

The Team, along with members of their family and staff of the Pathfinder Club, will now make their way to Greeley to compete in this final round. Please keep our PBE Team in your prayers as they continue as students of the Bible!

**"Beloved"**

On Sabbath, March 23, our Children's Ministry team, along with lots of children and just as many adults, presented a delightful yet spiritual program reflecting on the love of Jesus as our Bible teaches!

Many individuals worked together on platform decor, costumes for children and adults, memorization, and music to present a beautiful program. During the program, the children and adults alike raised their voices to sing praises to our risen Savior!

Our church members and friends love seeing our children, alongside our younger adults and more seasoned adults, leading out in our worship services as we work together to have our worship services represent all members of God's family!

To God be the glory!



**Roanoke Adventist  
Christian School**

In March, the Roanoke Adventist Christian School students, under the direction of head teacher/principal Jackie Powell-Long, dedicated a school day to an outdoor clean-up project for the new local branch office of Global Partners in Peace and Development ("GPPD"), a ministry actively engaged in humanitarian work across five countries worldwide.

The students worked diligently to clean up the outdoor area and then planted bushes, enhancing the aesthetics of the surroundings of GPPD.

We commend our students and staff for their exemplary dedication and service to our community.



Petra, Addy and Annalise sweetly singing "Remember Me."

# Board Meeting

A Church Board meeting was held on Monday, March 11. The topics covered were many and diverse. Here are some of the highlights of the discussions.

- > An Affirmation of Faith will be added to the worship service beginning in April.
- > A Ministry Moment will be added to the worship service highlighting various ministries.
- > Pastoral search committee continues to meet as the search continues for a pastor to lead our congregation.
- > Pathfinders continue to raise funds for the Camporee in August.
- > A professional promotional video is being prepared to help promote our school.
- > Plans are being made for the 85th Anniversary of the school on May 4, 2024.
- > The board approved the 2024-2025 budget for the school.
- > A more secure delivery system for the church's mail is being explored.
- > A surveillance camera will be added in the church office.
- > Gregory emphasized the need for ministries to provide material to the clerk prior to the meeting so the info can be circulated in advance.

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

The April Church Board meeting will be held on Monday, April 8, at 6:15. All Board members are encouraged to attend Board meetings the second Monday of each month.

*"The gospel commission of Jesus tells us that making disciples, which includes baptizing and teaching, is the primary function of the church (Matt. 28:18-20). It is, therefore, also the primary function of the board, which serves as the chief committee of the church." SDA Church Manual, 2022 Edition, p. 135.*

## The Taste of Italy in Salem

For over twenty years Mamma Maria's, an Italian restaurant located at 2025 W. Main Street, Salem, has brought the luscious flavors of Italy right here close to home!

From zesty, flavorful salads, to mouthwatering gluten-free pasta – and, of course, deluxe pizza pies! Come delight your taste buds with authentic Italian recipes, and only the freshest ingredients.

Let's enjoy a meal together on Sunday afternoon, April 21, at 4:30 at Momma Maria's in Salem! All are invited!



### Coming Soon!

Sunday, June 30, All Day!

We're thrilled to announce the Pathfinders will be hosting a huge yard sale to support this summer's camporee. To make this event a resounding success, we need your help!

Please consider setting aside any gently used household items, sporting equipment, tools, small appliances, dishes, furniture, toys, bicycles, or any other items you no longer need. Your donations will go a long way in helping the Pathfinders raise the necessary funds!

Let's come together and support our Roanoke Challengers and make a positive difference in the lives of our youth. Your generosity and contributions will be greatly appreciated.

Stay tuned for more details about drop-off locations and dates.

## Roanoke Challengers Pathfinder Club Fundraising



### Rent-a-Pathfinder

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?

Sign up at the church for any job or activity you would like help with from a Pathfinder! Things like mowing, raking, weeding, window washing or other household chores are areas where a Pathfinder can help!

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.

Please see Pathfinder Directory Jackie Powell Long or Assistant Director Robyn Forbes. They can answer any questions you may have!

The May 2024 issue of  
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will be distributed beginning  
April 27, 2024

Please send info and pictures to  
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Next Deadline: April 20, 2024

### Who to Contact?

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Roanoke Adventist Christian School:  
Jackie Powell-Long  
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# Bowling Fun

On a Sunday in mid-March about twenty-five members and friends of our church family showed up at Lee-High Lanes to spend some fun times together! Some were bowling - or attempting to anyway - and some were watching, but all were having fun!

Thank you, Social Committee, for planning this event! We are looking forward to the next event you have planned for us!

