

Good News for 2020



International Speaker Coming to Roanoke SDA Church!

Randy Skeete was invited about two years ago by our End Times Events Ministry Team to come speak at our church and the dates are now here!

Elder Randy Skeete will speak on **“Preparing the Soul”** beginning **Friday, June 12 at 7:00**. His bold, dynamic presentations will continue on **Sabbath morning, June 13**, for Sabbath School and the Worship Service.

Lunch will be provided for those staying for his Sabbath afternoon presentation starting at 1:30.

Elder Randy Skeete is the Campus Evangelist for the **Center for Adventist Ministries to Public University Students**.

Elder Skeete also has a supportive ministry of international evangelism that has taken him to all the inhabited continents. He is a graduate of Oakwood College (now University) and of the Theological Seminary at

Second Reading

This notice takes the place of a Second Reading that would typically be included in our weekly church bulletin if we were meeting regularly together in one location. A vote on this transfer will be taken on June 6, 2020, the first Sabbath we have an opportunity to meet at the church.

The Church Board recommends the **TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP** of **Beverly Scott** from the Paradise SDA Church to the Roanoke SDA Church.

The Lord's Supper Sabbath, June 20

The Lord's Supper symbolizes our acceptance of the body and blood of Jesus, spilled and broken for us. This special occasion serves as a reminder of all that Jesus has done for in the past and promises to do for us in the future!

The Lord's Supper includes partaking of the symbols of the body and blood of Jesus as an expression of faith in Him. The unleavened bread (bread made without yeast) represents His body that was sacrificed for us and the grape juice represents His blood that was spilled on our behalf.

During the Lord's Supper, Christ is present to meet and strengthen His people. As we partake, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again.

Preparation for the Lord's Supper includes self-examination, repentance and confession of sins. While normally the service of foot-washing is also a part of the preparation process to signify renewed cleansing, we will not include that part of the service during this time of social distancing.

Participation is open to all who believe on Jesus as their personal Savior. If you are unable to attend services at this time or not quite ready to meet at the church, please contact Roy Robinson or Pastor Raduly to arrange for an elder to bring communion to you.

*My peace
I give unto you
Let not your heart
be troubled,
neither let it be afraid.*
— John 14:27



Sabbath School News

During this time of “sheltering in place” we have been greatly blessed to be able to view Sabbath School live streaming programs with Patty McLennan and John Hodgkin.

You have probably noticed that over time the quality of our live streaming programs have been improving. When bad things happen, Satan means it for evil, but through this challenging time, we have been able to implement and establish our live streaming Sabbath School programs.

The first Sabbath in June, we are excited to begin meeting together on a limited basis at the church. We will continue, however, to live stream Sabbath School and the church service. In fact, when we have completely returned to normal, including our Bible Café, it is our plan to continue live streaming Sabbath School as an outreach of our church. Think of it, you will be able to invite friends and family around the world to tune into our Sabbath School Study time.

God bless you and we look forward to seeing you soon!

~ Submitted by Judy Hodgkin
RSDA Sabbath School Coordinator

NAD Issues Response to Recent Deaths and Racial Turmoil in U.S.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America is responding to the tragic killings of Ahmaud Arbery in Georgia, Breonna Taylor in Kentucky, George Floyd in Minnesota, and other recent events that clearly document the racial divide destroying the quality of life for so many and the very fabric of our democratic society. As Christians we condemn such actions of hate and violence and call for justice to be served for the victims and their families.

Walls of separation that serve to destroy the essential rights of human dignity, self-worth, and freedom have been built up. These rights are required for all Americans to live and thrive in their local communities. Some of those who have been trusted to protect all members of society have broken their solemn pact to serve others; especially those in need. Americans should never have to live in fear of going out in public just because of the color of their skin or their ethnicity. We can and must do better.

We urge all our church members to prayerfully consider how they interact with everyone in their communities. We ask you to speak out against injustice and hatred, just as Jesus did when He was on this earth. We can make a difference for those who are marginalized and betrayed by others, and we must provide a forum for the voices of the victims of hatred and racism. Our actions can speak louder than words. We can lead by example in how we treat others and demand that all people be treated equally and fairly. As the most ethnically-diverse Christian faith in the United States, our voices represent nearly every community in this country. They must be heard as we serve to heal our broken communities with the love and compassion of Jesus.

~ North American Division Administration
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May God grant you friendship and warm love within your home.

May He surround you in the quiet peace that's found in Him alone.

June

3 Alexandra Hernandez
3 Cindy Grisso
3 Colleen Pleasants
4 Christy Squier
5 Mark Melius
6 William Dodge
7 Chloe Chitwood
7 Connie Grisso
8 Deborah P. Rardin
9 Howard Timmons
13 Pritee Jane Muncy
16 Reagan Dillard
18 Tony Roth
19 Aiden Mason
25 William Dodge V
25 Brandy Ratliff
27 Gerald Abbott
27 Mildred Nichols
29 Marsha Bolton

Project GLOW - Go Light Our World!

As many of you know, we have been meeting on ZOOM every Sabbath since the beginning of April for Children's and Youth Sabbath School. It has been a HUGE blessing to my family and it helps keep us connected through this time.

After a recent ZOOM session with the Youth Sabbath School class, we came up with Project GLOW (#GLOW). We brainstormed names and they came up with Go Light Our World - GLOW.

The goal of this project is to ignite and/or keep the fire burning for Jesus. We are to be a light for Jesus through what we do for others, God's animals and our planet. We can shine our lights for Jesus in many different ways and it can cause others to also shine their lights for Jesus.

I've asked the children and youth groups to begin, or continue being, a light for Jesus. The attention is not drawn to us, but to our Lord who uses the Holy Spirit to work through us. We are God's hands and feet and He will receive all the glory.

In order to keep track of what everyone is doing, I'm asking for pictures to document this Project. Please text or email pictures of your GLOW activities to me. I will collect all the photos and put them in a power point to share with the groups during our Sabbath School times and may use them at church as well.

I encourage everyone to participate in Project GLOW. You don't have to be part of our Sabbath School on ZOOM in order to participate in this Project. This is open to everyone in the children and youth age range. Families that do things together are encouraged to share as well. We are in this together!

We will have a contest to come up with the perfect logo for this Project. We will have two age groups (3-11 and 12-21) and a logo design will be picked from each group. I will pick the logo design that best portrays the mission of this Project and, if your logo is picked, you'll receive a gift card from Children's Ministries! Here are the contest rules:

Contest Rules for both age groups (with the exception of No. 5 below):

1. Create a logo design with the words "Project GLOW"
2. Include the words "Go Light Our World" into the logo
3. Include a visual of what you think the words represent
4. Be creative
5. Group 12-21 may use a digital or paper version
6. Email or text me a picture of your logo design by **June 12th**.

This project will be ongoing so there is no deadline for submitting photos. As you are lights for Jesus, please share the photos with me.

~ Submitted by Jennifer Dodge
RSDA Children's Ministry Leader



September 7-8, 2020 At the Church!

Are you remembering to set aside gently used items for our Church Yard Sale coming up on Labor Day Weekend? It seems like September 7 and 8 is a long way away, but by the time you read this newsletter it may be only a handful of weeks away.

Judy Hodgkin is working diligently to help coordinate all efforts for a successful sale.

Baby items always sell, as do good working toys. Men love to buy tools. Furniture and appliances in good condition are something people are always looking for and wanting to buy. **How about donating a car or boat that you've been wanting to get rid of? Or a lawn mower?**

The Robinson family has willingly agreed to store Yard Sale items in their garage until the sale date. If you'd like to get the items out of your home now, just give Mona Robinson a call and she'll open her garage for you and you can unload your car, truck or trailer.

Let's work together to make this Yard Sale a fun and successful fundraising event for our church!

Looking Ahead!

On **September 27, 2020**, the Potomac Conference will hold its **Third Quinquennial Constituency Meeting** at Takoma Academy, starting at 10:00 a.m. Quinquennial means "recurring every five years."

All communications and documents relevant to this Constituency Meeting will be shared with our church's delegates electronically well in advance of the meeting.

An Orientation Meeting for the delegates will be held at the Wytheville SDA Church on Sunday, August 16, starting at 6:00 p.m. We would like as many of our delegates as possible to attend this Orientation Meeting and we will try to carpool to Wytheville to ease travel obligations. Delegates, please make a note on your calendars for this important meeting.

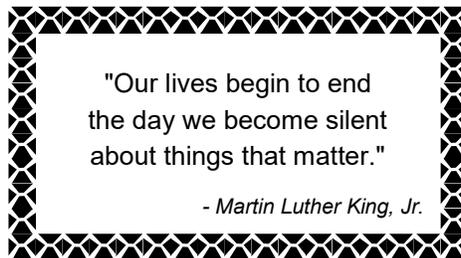
Please [CLICK HERE](#) to access the Potomac Conference website for further information regarding the Constituency Meeting.

Church Board News

The 2020 Church Board met virtually on May 12 and the following are some of the items discussed:

- > Beverly Scott will transfer her membership to our church from Paradise SDA Church in California
- > Mark Jordan and Stephen Dixon will be recommended to the church body to serve as Deacons
- > Total tithe dollars and balance in operating account were up in April over April 2019
- > Balance on the mortgage at the end of April was \$225,000
- > Re-opening of the church will occur Sabbath, June 6, with the children continuing to worship with their families online
- > Delegates to the Conference Constituency meeting were nominated
- > New school board members were nominated
- > Members of a strategic planning session for the school was nominated
- > Twenty-four new hymnals will be purchased

Please pray for the ideas, plans and decisions made by the Church Board and ministry leaders in the coming months! The Church Board will have its next meeting on Monday, June 8, 2020, at a to-be-determined location.



The July 2020 issue of **GOOD NEWS** will be distributed beginning June 27, 2020. Please send announcements, articles, news and digital pictures to cdoudiken@aol.com or to RoanokeSDAChurch@gmail.com. Next Deadline: June 20, 2020



Heroes VBS Home Edition Coming July 6-10!

On July 6-10, 2020 the North American Division will host a division-wide live Vacation Bible School program using Heroes Home Edition. This is a program that has been developed for the children to enjoy at home!

Each day's program will include all the songs, skits, Bible stories, and activities that kids look forward to at VBS.

Heroes Home Edition will be available online or as a free download on July 6, 2020. It will include a practical guide for using technology and hands-on learning to experience Heroes VBS at home!

Watch a video clip [HERE!](#) Please take a minute to explore the website and see if this is something your child may enjoy!



Are you a member of the Prayer Team? Do you want to be?

Throughout each week prayer requests and praises are forwarded to the team by email and the team prays throughout the day at their convenience.

Please let Mark Raleigh know if you have a praise or request and if you would like to join the Prayer Team! Let's prayer together for one another, for our families, for our church, for our community and more!

Who should I call?
Should you need pastoral assistance, you may contact the following:
Pastor Andrew Raduly, 540-524-0973 andrewr@pcsd.com
Church Office: 540-977-0346
Elder Roy Robinson, 757-870-8201