

# Good News

## April 3, 2020 - Special Edition

### Live Streaming Worship!



We will be live streaming again this Sabbath! A Sabbath School Lesson discussion will start at 10:00 with the morning message being brought by Pastor Andrew starting at 11:00.

A little before 10:00 just logon to YouTube and search for North Valley SDA Church, then click on the flame image (see above). The 11:00 service will follow after the Sabbath School discussion and a little special music by our own Dr. Lee McLennan! It was wonderful seeing him last Sabbath and hearing him play!

Let's stay connected! Let's worship together!

### Have you heard from \_\_\_\_\_?

Let's not fail to check in on our senior members many of whom do not "do" live streaming, email, Facebook, Twitter, texting or have access to any other social media options.

Other than driving to their home and knocking on the front door, it is pretty much limited to picking up the phone and calling them! This may be the only way to help our seniors feel connected and not alone. We want them to know their church cares!

If you do not have a church directory, one can be securely emailed to you by contacting Carol Doudiken. Please help us keep up with our seniors and help them know we love them and miss them!

### Can we be of help to you?

Do you, or someone you know, need help getting groceries, picking up a prescription or something done around your home?

Do you know of someone who would benefit from receiving telephone calls just to know someone will "check in" each day?

Our members want to be of service and we want to be a support to our church families and friends. We have several volunteers ready and willing to help! Please let us know! Tell someone today.

### Free Sabbath Lunch!

This Sabbath is our church's "regular" Fellowship Lunch Sabbath. Our Team still wants that to happen even if it looks a little different! So . . .

A free lunch will be available for curbside pick up between the hours of 12:30 and 2:00 from the parking lots of the Roanoke and North Valley SDA churches. Lunches can also be delivered to the front doors of any of our senior members.

### Support the Mission!

As you know, onsite services at church have been officially canceled for an indefinite amount of time. Our last worship time together was Sabbath, March 7, and this coming Sabbath will mark our fourth Sabbath of not meeting together.

You have the opportunity to continue to support the mission and vision of this church by returning your tithes and giving your offerings. You can go to our church's website to give online or you can mail your donations to our church (see the address at the bottom of this page). One other option, if you are stopping by to pick up your free lunch on Sabbath, you may want to have your donations ready to drop in the offering plate that will be conveniently located. Let's don't waiver in our commitment to support God's church!



Are you getting enough fresh air and exercise?

If not, you might want to consider going to the church and spending some time **pulling or cutting weeds** around the parking lot, building and playground areas. It's productive exercise and we will help keep God's House looking well kept even if we can't be there to worship quite yet. Please remember social distancing precautions if others happen to be there at the same time!

Thank you, **William Dodge**, for keeping the grass mowed!

*"Peace I leave with you,  
My peace I give to you;  
not as the world gives  
do I give to you.  
Let not your heart be troubled, nei-  
ther let it be afraid."*

*John 14:27*

### Other items of interest . . .

Our **church kitchen** now sports two stainless steel refrigerators thanks to the generosity of some of our members.

Do you still need a **Sabbath School Study Guide**? Please call Judy Hodgkin!

The **Church Yard Sale** is scheduled for September 7-8. If you have items to donate and would like to move them from your home, you may call **Mona Robinson** and she will open her garage and let you move them in to be stored there until September!

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, **Camp Blue Ridge** has postponed its grand re-opening that was originally set for this summer. If we get news of the Camp re-opening we will pass it along.

# Happy Birthday

Our prayer is that your special day will be just that, special! May God fill your life with His blessings in the coming year!

## April

- 3 Geraldine Hodges
- 9 Lea Mitchell
- 9 Nellie Anderson
- 9 Oraleatha Clarke
- 12 Samuel Clarke
- 13 Kofi Amo-Mensah
- 14 Mark Dillard
- 17 Jean Minton
- 17 Wanda Mitchell
- 18 Doris Amo-Mensah
- 19 Ethan Muncy
- 21 Deanna Tembo
- 24 Lilah Ratliff
- 24 Lynn Downey
- 24 Josh Allison
- 25 Jeanette Barton
- 26 Micheal Hurt
- 29 Cindy Harlow
- 30 Zachary Pate

## Breaking News . . .

Also highly contagious is: Kindness, Patience, Love, Enthusiasm, and a Positive Attitude. Don't wait to catch it from others, Be the Carrier!

## Four-Legged Co-Workers!

Some of us have questions about our health, our income, being isolated and working from home. But our pets have no idea what we're so worried about. It's a great time for them!

Their people are home all day to throw the ball and rub bellies. Since the gym is closed, there are more walks! They get to spend more time with the people they love!

Maybe our four-legged co-workers can teach us a thing or two about what matters in life. Right after they get off of our laptops and let us get some work done!

~ Adapted from *The Morning Smile*

## Sabbath Worship Time - How Are You Handling It?



For the last few Sabbaths, we have all experienced worshipping during our designated divine hour time in a different way. Some people have said that they have gone to the Hope Channel to watch worship services from other churches that are known to broadcast services on a regular basis. Some others are watching services or "watch parties" on Facebook.

Pastor Andrew and John Hodgkin mobilized quickly to use the existing set-up at our sister church, North Valley SDA, to live stream both Sabbath School discussion and the worship service locally. For many of us, this is a new and strange experience.

In our home, we don't use YouTube frequently, so we were challenged to get it set up the first Sabbath. After tweaking with the controls and other access, things were almost routine by this past Sabbath.

We decided to set aside a special place for our worship time, limiting distractions so that we could listen and, to the extent possible, participate uninterrupted in the service. We even put our puppy in her kennel, just as we would if we were going to the physical church.

We have tried to make our space restful and relaxing so that we can focus on the message - much as we would in the physical building.

I wonder what others are doing to make worship time special on the Sabbaths we are at home. If you have children at home, do they have special activities to still make it feel like "church"? Please share your thoughts and ideas with our communication team. We can still learn from each other - even if we aren't face-to-face!

~ Submitted by Susan Timmons

## Health Evangelism!

The last time we worshipped together in March, our new Health Evangelism Leader, Oraleatha Clarke, shared a Health Nugget during the worship service. Oraleatha gave us a brief overview of the NEWSTART Lifestyle Program! She will be giving more updates soon! Watch for them!



## Petra's Shoe Ministry

Who I'm raising money for? We are currently raising money to help purchase shoes. We have given shoes to the homeless, but for this fundraiser we are planning on purchasing shoes for children in need.

Why I'm raising money for children: Because their feet grow a 1/2 shoe size every 6 months. So many times children are given used shoes that work but may not be the best fit. Children need comfortable well-fitting shoes for everyday wear!

How will your donations be used? We will give the funds raised to a group of kids at an after school literacy program. The children will receive new shoes in their size!

## Virtual Prayer Meeting

Sign in to Zoom (it's free and you only need an email address and a password) and join us for Virtual Prayer Meeting on Wednesdays at 7:00. A meeting link will be emailed to you, or sent by text if you have signed up to receive texts from the church.

## Who should I contact?

Should you need pastoral assistance, you may contact the following:

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