

The Good News Letter

Roanoke Seventh-day Adventist Church
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Welcome Raduly Family

We will welcome our new pastoral family on Sabbath, April 7. We look forward to them being with us and to hearing the message our new pastor will bring during worship.

Following services on April 7, we will have a Fellowship Lunch allowing an informal time for people to simply eat together, become acquainted, tell stories and celebrate a new start.

Let's each recognize that our new pastor may have different interests, priorities, customs, training and expectations. Our new pastor may lead differently and perhaps in new directions.

Let's be open to the possibilities of exciting evangelism, excellence in worship and new growth for our congregation and God's Kingdom.

We anticipate there may be some changes. As these changes occur, let's know, believe and trust in the Lord who has sent our new pastor to lead us, guide us and to work with us.

Let's warmly welcome our new friends, Andrew and Judit Raduly and their three little ones!

Infinity Youth Pizza and Game Night April 14 @ 7:00

All Youth and their friends are invited to PIZZA AND GAME NIGHT at the church on Saturday night, April 14, starting at 7:30!

The evening will begin with worship and a devotional talk to close the Sabbath hours.

The group will then enjoy pizza and some fun together playing games!

All youth are invited! And are encouraged to bring a friend - or two!



Three Angels' Chorale April 14 @ 5:30 North Valley SDA Church

The Three Angels' Chorale from Hartland College shares sacred music that both inspires and soothes.

Over the last 26 years, Three Angels' Chorale has performed on five continents, in 11 languages, and in a variety of settings. Chorale director and vocal instructor, Betsy Mayer, has been directing choirs for 30 years.

You are invited to enjoy the music of Three Angels' Chorale at our sister church, North Valley SDA Church, 4700 Northridge Lane, Roanoke, on Sabbath evening, April 14, starting at 5:30.



Let's Pray for our Children

Children are a gift - an amazing blessing from God. Every day we do a lot for our kids. We love and care for them. We nurture, teach, train, lead, equip, encourage, protect and so much more!

In the midst of our busy, full lives, we must be praying as well! Praying specific, powerful, promise-filled, hope-inspired prayers. We need to pray God's powerful Word and promises over their lives.

On Sabbath, April 14, at the conclusion of the worship service, you are invited to gather at the front of the sanctuary to pray for our children and our grandchildren. Please join us as we pray!

Fellowship Lunch and Reception for the Raduly Family Sabbath, April 7

All are invited to stay by after services on Sabbath, April 7, when we will have Fellowship Lunch and Reception for our new pastoral family!

This is also a great time to catch up with friends and family and to get to know our guests.

Our lunch theme will be Potluck Favorites which everyone will enjoy!

Please plan to join us as we welcome our new pastor family and for this time of celebration of God's leading!

End Times Events Presents:

Eric Flickinger
Weekend Speaker
April 20 and 21



Eric Flickinger is coming to Roanoke! Eric is currently serving as the associate speaker for *It Is Written* and the co-host of the programs, *Line Upon Line* and *SALT 365*.

Eric is a veteran of over 80 evangelistic campaigns across the US, Canada, Asia and Europe.

He has served as an evangelist and evangelism school administrator for 17 years. Eric is often described as having a gift for making difficult biblical topics easy to understand.

We will welcome Eric to speak at our church on Friday evening, April 20, at 7:00, and Sabbath, April 21, at 11:15 and again at 7:00.

Please plan to join us Friday evening and Saturday morning and evening, and invite your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to join us, too. You won't be disappointed!

New Name, Unlimited Potential

The Youth class is growing. Over the last year, the number of students in attendance has doubled. But this is not its only growth. The Youth class is growing beyond its walls into a thriving Youth Ministry. To accompany this growth, the class has chosen a new name for this new ministry - **Infinity Youth**.

This new name is inspired directly from the Bible. In Matthew 19:26 Jesus says, "With God all things are possible." And Ephesians 3:20 tells us that God is able to do infinitely more than all we ask or imagine. The title, Infinity Youth, is a reminder to our teens and our church that God is the King of the universe and there is nothing He can't do. With God, the possibilities are endless. We are to dream big and step out in faith knowing that Jesus has already made the way. The Youth can live and trust in Christ's infinite love for eternity. That's Infinity Youth.

Even though it is a new ministry, Infinity Youth is already making a big difference. They have made Blessing Boxes to give away to those in need. These boxes contain nonperishable food items, toiletries, clothing, a Steps to Christ book, and a Bible. Infinity Youth also celebrated Global Youth Day in March by having a Sabbath evening vespers program at the church and a fantastic dinner at Café Asia.

In addition to the Sabbath morning class, Infinity Youth will be offering many more monthly events that your teen will want to attend. All youth 12 to 18 years old are welcome. Please look for an Infinity Youth Calendar of Events to be released soon. In the meantime, any questions or concerns can be directed to James Pate at lovegreaterthaninfinity@gmail.com.



Donating blood is giving the gift of life and ministering to someone in need at a critical time.

Our April Blood Drive is scheduled for Sabbath, April 28, from 9:00 to 1:00.

Please join us in donating blood! Let's help provide this lifesaving service to those members of our community in crisis! Please see Judy Hodgkin to sign up as soon as possible so you will get your preferred time!

Farm Day at the Pates!

Sunday, April 22
10:00 - 4:00



Don't forget the fun time planned for you and your family at the Pate Farm!

You and your children will get to pet and feed the goats and other animals. There is plenty of space to run around outside playing and eating together with friends!

This is a family friendly event and is enjoyed by all regardless of age! So kids, bring your mom and dad, grandma and grandpa and they will have fun, too!

You are invited! So please set aside a couple of hours on Sunday April 22 and go visit the farm! 2660 Fishburn Mountain Road, Rocky Mount, VA 24151. See Summer or James for more details!



Happy April Birthdays!

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



Sunday, May 6 @ 2:00

Are you remembering to set aside gently used items for our Children's Ministry Yard Sale coming up on Sunday, May 6?

Judy Hodgkin is working diligently to help coordinate all efforts for a successful sale. A group will get together on Saturday night, May 5, to sort and price all the items being donated for the sale! Please watch for more details so you will be ready to lend a hand when the time comes.

Baby items always sell, as do good working toys. Men love to buy tools. Furniture in good condition is something people are always looking for and wanting to buy.

Watch for more information about where and when to bring your donated items and how you can help make this a fun fundraising event for our children's benefit!

Roanoke Adventist Preparatory School Presents: Biography Night!

On Thursday, April 26, at 6:00, our students will host their annual "Biography Night!" And we are all invited!

Not only will we enjoy each student's presentation, but we will have the opportunity to meet each student representing a character from history.

Previous Biography Nights have been very successful with the students doing an excellent job sharing about their historical character. The yummy foods prepared for us to sample have been delicious and will be again!

Our students put a tremendous amount of work into studying about their chosen characters for this educational, interesting and fun-filled evening. Please mark your calendars and join us! Adults and kids alike will enjoy this fun program.

ELDER'S CORNER

Belief #17 of Seventh-day Adventists

Spiritual Gifts and Ministries

God bestows upon all members of His church at every age spiritual gifts that each member is to employ in loving ministry for the common good of the church and of humanity.

Given by the Holy Spirit, who apportions to each member as He wills, the gifts provide all abilities and ministries needed by the church to fulfill its divinely ordained functions.

According to the Scriptures, these gifts include such ministries as:

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| Healing | Faith |
| Prophecy | Proclamation |
| Teaching | Administration |
| Reconciliation | Compassion |
| Charity | |

for the help and encouragement of people.

When members employ these spiritual gifts as faithful stewards of God's varied grace, the church is protected from the destructive influence of false doctrine, grows with a growth that is from God and is built up in faith and love.

If you would like to know more about this fundamental belief of Seventh-day Adventists, please see Pastor Andrew or one of the elders.

Family Fellowship April 21

After services on the third Sabbath of each month, members, friends and guests are invited to gather in the Fellowship Room for refreshments and a time of fellowship.

On April 21 the Young Adults Sabbath School Class will serve as our hosts for Family Fellowship and will provide the snacks! Let's support the Young Adults as they serve us.

Connections

We like to stay in touch! Our church is all about connections - connections with God and with one another!

To subscribe to our newsletter and other mailings so they arrive in your inbox, please share your email address with Carol Doudiken!

News and Notes From the Church Board Meeting

Our church board met on Monday, evening, March 19, after being "snowed out" on March 12. Several items were addressed during the meeting and below are some of the highlights:

- Pizza and Games for Youth on April 14 @ 7:30
- Mentors program in the works
- Next Children's Church on May 12
- Praying for the Children on April 14
- Lea McKenney and Howard Timmons recommended to serve on RAPS board
- Approved RAPS 2018-2019 budget
- Biography Night on April 26 @ 6:00
- February Finance Report approved
- Kitchen renovations complete
- Safety windows installed
- Excessive water use being investigated
- New AC to be installed
- Use Agreement with Bedrock extended for one year
- Saying good-bye to the Casingers
- Saying welcome to Barbara Seymour

All church members are welcome to attend board meetings to learn first hand what's going on in our church.

The next church board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 9, at 6:15. We'll let you know if that schedule changes.

Mission Minute

Sometimes when looking over our weekly church bulletin, you may notice a program entry called "Mission Minute" and wonder what this is all about.

Mission Minute (which sometimes should be called "Mission Minute and a Half") is time set aside for ministry leaders to highlight a ministry of the church sharing the details of upcoming events, programming ideas and ministry goals.

We like to stay informed of what's happening in our church and ways in which we can be involved in ministry! Stay tuned each week to see how you can help!

The May 2018 issue of *THE GOOD NEWS LETTER* will be distributed beginning April 28, 2018. Please send announcements, articles, news and digital pictures to cdoudiken@aol.com. Next Deadline: April 20, 2018



Ministry Leaders

When planning a meeting, event or outreach opportunity at church or in the community, please remember to check the church's calendar to make sure the date and time are available and to avoid conflicting use of space.

The calendar is kept on the church's website (www.AdventistCentral.org) and is updated regularly.

We are a very busy congregation all working toward growing God's Kingdom! We have many exciting opportunities and events in which we minister to others.

To add your ministry's appointments, activities, meetings and outreach programs to our church's calendar, please contact Carol Doudiken. Let's all be informed at a glance!

"Empty pockets never held anyone back. It's only empty hearts that do it."
Norman Vincent Peale

Who to Contact?

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

- Pastor: Andrew Raduly
- Head Elder: Roy Robinson, 757-870-8201
- Elder: Carol Doudiken, 540-580-1589
- Elder: John Hodgkin, 336-817-0260
- Elder: Phil Howell, 540-382-8684

For other needs, you may contact the following as appropriate:

- Head Deacon: Tim Doudiken
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- Head Deaconess: Pam Jannay
540-355-9803
- Safety Officer: Mark Raleigh
540-797-4021
- Treasurer: Bonnie Brooks
540-420-2215

School: Crystal Melius
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