

The Good News Letter

Roanoke Seventh-day Adventist Church
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Rain,
Rain,
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When we considered coming to Virginia, we didn't know how much it rained in this neck of the woods! Lately, rain and fog and gray weather has been the norm in the valley. Not much use for a convertible in such weather.

And yet, rain is indispensable for growth. It is because of the rain that the valley is a gorgeous green, healthy and vibrant. It is because of rain that all the trees are able to oxygenate our air and give us clean air to breathe. Without rain we would not be able to appreciate the brilliant colors and warmth of the sun. Without rain there is no growth or life.

Yes, despite its gray, wet, humid attributes, I love the rain. The other day I stood in its embracing splendor, feeling its drops, letting it hug my face.

Rain can become a metaphor for those trying moments. Much like rain, tribulations inspire, promote and necessitate growth. Those trials, those moments of difficulty in your life, will be the catalyst for a new chapter in your walk with Christ.

Ralph Waldo Emerson once noted "Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow."

Be encouraged as September knocks on our doorstep. Invite its opportunities, discard its challenges, and remind yourself that God is still in charge of your life.

Philippians 4:13 encourages us that we can do all things with Christ who gives us strength. That is the Christ of the Universe! If He is with us, who can be against us?

~ Pastor Andrew Raduly

Fellowship Lunch Sabbath, September 1 Potluck Favorites

Everyone is invited to come for Fellowship Lunch on the first Sabbath of September immediately after services. Our lunch that day will be Potluck Favorites!

Our church family enjoys Fellowship Lunch on the first Sabbath of each month as we share our food and some time together. This is a great time to get to know one another better and to visit with our guests.

Please join us on Sabbath, September 1, for lunch. Shhh! There will be a big surprise, too!

Please bring enough of your favorite potluck food for your family and some to share with our guests and let's fellowship with one another!

Kids' Game Night

Sunday, September 9 @ 4:00

There will be a variety of games to play! The kids are sure to enjoy this exciting time with Pastor Andrew leading the games!

Sandwiches and other treats will be served to all those in attendance!

Your family won't want to miss this fun time! Please mark your calendars!

Infinity Youth Sandwich and Puppet Party

Saturday Night
September 15 @ 7:00 to 9:00

The youth and any friends they invite will meet in the Fellowship Room at the church for an evening of food and fun!

The evening will begin with a vespers program at 7:00. After vespers, everyone will have a "build-your-own" sandwich supper. When everyone is finished eating, the youth will create their very own puppets!

Infinity Youth and Children's Ministry will team up to use the puppets for presentations during **CHILDREN'S CHURCH** in October, November and December. The exact dates aren't set yet, so watch for more info so your children won't miss these special presentations just for them!



The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is the method Jesus established to keep fresh in our minds His gift of salvation. The symbols of unleavened bread and unfermented wine represent the body and blood of Jesus so freely given.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church practices an "open communion" and all who believe and claim Jesus as their personal Savior are welcome to participate.

Our next Lord's Supper will be on Sabbath, September 15, during the worship service.

All are invited to participate in the Lord's Supper so please plan to join us for this time of spiritual renewal.

Feed the Homeless

Monday, September 17 @ 11:00
543 Salem Avenue

Would you like to help your neighbor by serving lunch on the street corner?

See Judy Hodgkin for details!



Roanoke Seventh-day Adventist Church Key Use Policy August 10, 2018

"As faithful stewards of God's resources, we affirm that properly securing the Roanoke Seventh-day Adventist (RSDA) Church building is a shared obligation of the staff, ministry leaders/teams and any groups/organizations who use the facility on a regular or temporary basis. It is for this purpose that a policy to manage the distribution and return of keys to the facility has been developed.

In order to ensure the safety of people using the RSDA Church and to protect the resources God has provided, the issuance of keys shall be monitored and accounted for.

This policy consists of three sections."

If you would like to read the full Key Use Policy as voted by the Church Board, please check the church's website: www.Adventistcentral.org. There is a link on the Home Page, near the bottom of the page.

Please see Pastor Andrew should you have any questions regarding the enacted policy. See the Church Clerk if you hold a position for which a key is issued and you have not yet received your key.



All proceeds go to Desmond Doss Christian Academy and Lynchburg Area Veterans.

Register now to be a part of this special event by accessing the registration site: <http://desmonddoss.org/run/>

Strategic Vision for Our Church

At its meeting on July 9, 2018, the church board **VOTED** the following:

To recommend to the church body that the mortgage debt be eliminated within five years or less.

The means to accomplish this shall include, but not be limited to, encouraging members to temporarily spend less on ministries; identify match fund donors; reinstitute the use of the pledge card system; provide goal charts; and prayer support.

Pastor Raduly stated that his comments during the board discussion were not "an attempt to take money from any specific ministry," but he was "looking for ways to reduce debt as quickly as possible."

The church body **AFFIRMED** this action on Sabbath, July 21. Since that date the leadership has identified matching fund donor(s), taken steps to reduce copy costs with less color printing and is exploring other ways to make funds available to pay down the debt. Please keep this matter before the Lord!

The mortgage balance as of July 31, 2018 was \$401,839.11.



VOTED by Church Board 8-10-18
AFFIRMED by Church Body 8-18-18

"We, as a church board,
vote a policy of zero tolerance
of any type of bullying behavior
including any negative behavior
affecting the emotional,
physical or spiritual
well-being of any individual."



**It's a great time to celebrate
your birthday! We pray your
special day is great!**

- 1 Andrew Raduly
- 2 Clancy Belcher
- 2 Delories Noell
- 2 Jamie Pruitt Gautier
- 4 Sherry Otto
- 4 Lee Ann Campbell
- 7 Peniel Amo-Mensah
- 7 Darkas Mason
- 7 Rip Ripley
- 10 Ashleigh Forrester Austin
- 12 Roy Robinson
- 13 John Rardin
- 13 Shirley Pleasants
- 14 Brianna Agee
- 19 Mariah King
- 22 Blake Booth
- 22 Rachel Child
- 22 Audrey Howell
- 27 Elijah Deyerle
- 27 Josh Roth

News and Notes From the Church Board Meeting

Our church board met on Tuesday, evening, August 14. Board meetings are being fine-tuned to include only the necessary business items. More time will be spent visioning for the future.

Several items were addressed during the meeting and below are some of the highlights:

- ◆ New Interim Teacher at RAPS
- ◆ Compliance with Verified Volunteers a must by August 31
- ◆ Exterior door locks to be changed
- ◆ Monitored cameras will be researched
- ◆ Fruit funds on hand to be transferred to RAPS
- ◆ BNC (Pinnacle) account to be transferred to SunTrust
- ◆ September calendar approved
- ◆ Church membership records to be updated
- ◆ Nominating Committee procedures to be reviewed
- ◆ Organizing Committee (Selection Committee) to be formed

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 scheduled for Monday, September 10, at 6:15.

Who to Contact?

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

Pastor: Andrew Raduly, 540-524-0973
 Hd. 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
540-580-1590

Head Deaconess: Pam Jannay
540-355-9803

Safety Officer: Mark Raleigh
540-797-4021

Treasurer: Bonnie Brooks
540-420-2215

Roanoke Adventist Preparatory School
540-798-6061

Websites: Tim/Carol Doudiken
540-580-1589

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540-580-1589
cdoudiken@aol.com

Roanoke Adventist Preparatory School Celebration Coming Soon!

Mark Your Calendars!

Sabbath, November 3

Please plan to join our church and school as we celebrate 80 years of continuous Adventist Christian education in the Roanoke Valley on Sabbath, November 3, 2018. The theme of our celebration will be "*Celebrating Our Past; Planning Our Future*".

We would like to invite many of our former RAPS students to celebrate with us so if you are still in contact with any former students and can share their contact info, please do so with either Susan Timmons or Kim Price as soon as possible.

If you have old yearbooks, pictures or other school memorabilia we would love to display such items during the celebration. We can return the items to you if you desire.

This will be a very special opportunity to share the positive impacts our church and school have had and continue to have in our community. You won't want to miss it!

Nominating Committee

The Organizing Committee (locally known as the Selection Committee) was chosen on Sabbath, August 18, during the worship hour.

The Organizing Committee was charged with the task of suggesting names of individuals to serve on the Nominating Committee. The church will vote on those names as soon as the list is complete.

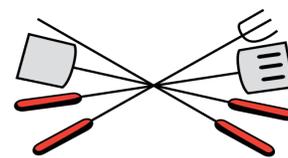
Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the Organizing Committee as they work together.

Please also pray for the Nominating Committee, once its formed, to be able to discern the will of the Lord in nominating individuals to fill all the important roles in His church governance.

Church offices for calendar year 2019 will be filled by those folks willing to make a one year commitment to carry out the responsibilities of the respective offices.

If a member of the Nominating Committee contacts you to fulfil a role, please prayerfully consider making the time to do what God is calling you do through this Committee!

The October 2018 issue of *THE GOOD NEWS LETTER* will be distributed beginning September 29, 2018. Please send announcements, articles, news and digital pictures to cdoudiken@aol.com.
 Next Deadline: September 20, 2018



COMMUNITY COOK OUT!

Sunday Afternoon
September 2 @ 4:00

All food to be provided by the Social Committee.

School Starts with a New Face!



Classes have begun at Roanoke Adventist Preparatory School! We are off to a great start with seven students and the possibilities are growing!

It is with great pleasure that we announce the addition of Dr. Carole Smith as interim head teacher of our school. Carole is a seasoned teacher holding many degrees in the area of education. She has served as teacher, principal and superintendent in several schools and conferences throughout North America.

Carole is a wife, mother and grandmother who has dedicated her life to educating children.

Please join us in welcoming Carole and her husband, Roland, to our church and school family even if only for a short time.

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September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						9:00 Bible Café
						9:30 Sabbath School
						11:15 Raduly
						12:30 Fellowship Lunch
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8:00 Reserved	LABOR DAY	6:30 Worship Team	11:00 Bible Study - CV		Sunset: 7:40	9:00 Bible Café
4:00 Cook Out			5:00 Reserved			9:30 Sabbath School
						11:15 Howell
						11:40 Children's Church
						1:45 Outreach NRAL
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
8:00 Reserved	4:45 Finance		11:00 Bible Study - CV		Sunset: 7:29	9:00 Bible Café
4:00 Kids Games	6:15 Church Board		5:00 Reserved			9:30 Sabbath School
						11:15 Raduly- Communion
						12:30 Family Fellowship
						7:00 IY Sandwich/ Puppet
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
8:00 Reserved	11:00 Samaritans Inn		11:00 Bible Study - CV		Sunset: 7:18	9:00 Bible Café
			5:00 Reserved		8:00 Elders Mtg	9:30 Sabbath School
						11:15 Doudiken
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
8:00 Reserved	4:00 RAPS Board		11:00 Bible Study - CV		Sunset: 7:08	9:00 Bible Café
			5:00 Reserved			9:30 Sabbath School
						11:15 Hodgkin
						7:00 End Time Events
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8:00 Reserved						