

Good News for 2020



We are expecting a guest!

On Sabbath, August 22, Elder Bill Miller, President of the Potomac Conference, will be our speaker during the worship hour. Elder Miller has served the Potomac churches and members since 2006. He has visited with us before and we are looking forward to another visit from him in August.

Won't you help us make him feel welcome and at home?

Welcome to the Family!

Our most recently baptized family member, Tilda Dixon, joined us on July 4. What a great way to celebrate her independence by taking the public step of baptism and reliance on Jesus!

Tilda was born and raised in Bath County, not too far north of Roanoke. She was married but is now widowed. Tilda had three children, Stephen Dixon (another new church family member) and two daughters. One of her daughters died of cancer when she was young. Tilda's heart has increased in size filling it with love for her five grandchildren! One of her little grandchildren is Olivia, sweet little daughter of Stephen and Julie!

In her free time, Tilda enjoys swimming, reading and going for walks. We are so happy she joined our family! Please make the opportunity to get to know Tilda and maybe go for a walk with her or share a good book!

Stepping Up Precautions

Beginning the first Sabbath in August, in addition to encouraging the use of face coverings, hand cleaning and social distancing, we will begin taking the temperature of all those coming into the building on Sabbath mornings. Please see the last page of this newsletter for more details! Let's stay healthy while worshipping together!



Just for Kids

Since we are taking a break from ZOOM Sabbath School for the children, here's a website the parents might want to check out! There are crafts and activities plus Bible story videos to watch!

Here is the link: <https://aplacetodosomething.com/bible-stories/>

We Are Reading Our Bibles!

Each week we are all encouraged to read our Bibles. On Sabbath mornings near the beginning of our worship service, we will have a brief discussion of what we've read. We will even be asked a couple of fun questions about our reading! Below is the reading schedule for August. Won't you read with us?

July 26 to August 1
August 2 to August 8
August 9 to August 15
August 16 to August 22
August 23 to August 29
August 30 to Sept. 5

Jeremiah 30 - 39
Jeremiah 40 - 49
Jeremiah 50 to Ezekiel 2
Ezekiel 3 - 12
Ezekiel 13 - 22
Ezekiel 23 - 32



Mexican Style Lunch! Sabbath, August 1

A delicious lunch featuring one of our favorite menus! We'll have Taco Salad including all the fixings from homemade salsa with homegrown veggies to freshly made guacamole! All items will be served in individual serving sizes following guidelines for safe service.

There will be seating inside and outside. Everyone is invited to stay by and enjoy a favorite meal and a time of fellowship! Please join us!

Staying In Touch

The Teens will have the chance to stay in touch with one another even through this pandemic! Each Sunday evening beginning August 9 at 6:00 the Teens will come together on ZOOM.

Some fun things are planned so you won't want to miss it! Be on the lookout for the ZOOM sign in information!

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Sabbath, August 22, 8:30 to 1:30

As Christians we are called to do good and to be of service to others. That's why we hold blood drives at our church and invite our church members, friends and neighbors from the community to come together to help one another.

We will partner again with the American Red Cross on Sabbath, August 22, from 8:30 to 1:30 as we hold our next Blood Drive. Please see Judy Hodgkin to sign up as soon as you can and come out, donate and enjoy some fellowship with our neighbors while helping those in crisis in our community.

Roanoke Adventist Christian School

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We are looking forward to the start of a new school year in less than a month! We are thinking, planning, meeting and working together for a successful new year!

For parents and families planning to send their children to our school, below are some important dates and information.

Friday, August 7 from 9:00 to Noon Registration Day

All prospective parents and their children are to pick up their educational packets of information to prepare for the first day of school. Parents will have the opportunity to visit with our new school Treasurer, Schneider Mervil, to work out any last minute financial details

Monday, August 17 from 8:15 to Noon First Day of School (1/2 day)

Students will arrive early on the first day of school to find their seats, greet their friends and school staff learn more about the new school year.

Tuesday, August 25 at 6:00 Back to School Night

All families of students, and the students themselves, are invited to come to this event to hear more about the school, the plans and expectations for the new school year.

The staff is still accepting applications should anyone want to enroll their child for the 2020/2021 school year. Please check the school's website, www.road2school.com, or call the school and speak with a member of the staff or leave a message. The phone number is 540-798-6061.

The current plan is for our school days and all school events to be face-to-face with proper social distancing, face coverings and frequent hand washing. Any changes to the current plans will be circulated.

Please pray for the students, families, teaching staff and school board members. Also, please pray for guidance for those families that are still deciding if our school is where their children will experience spiritual and educational growth.

MEMO

From: John Hodgkin

To: All Men

Re: Men's Prayer Breakfast

We are going to start up a weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast sponsored by the Men's Ministry at the Roanoke SDA Church! The Prayer Breakfasts will begin in August. We will be meeting at a restaurant in a central location so no one will have too long of a drive.

The format will be to meet at the restaurant at 7:00 am, order breakfast, share a devotional while waiting for the food, including discussion of the devotional, member care needs and/or spiritual topics and general fellowship during meal. Our meetings will end with a season of prayer for our church family and we will dismiss by 8:00 am.

The early start time for the Prayer Breakfasts is to get ahead of most of our daily routines. The final detail is which day of the week we should meet. We are suggesting a choice of one of three mornings: Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday.

We hope you will be able to participate. We know that schedules change so we're not asking for a perfect attendance commitment, but are asking that you attend at least three Prayer Breakfasts per month. If you have any questions about the Men's Prayer Breakfast idea, please contact John Hodgkin. If you would like to participate, please let John know that as well and tell him which day works best for you.



2020 Constituency Meeting March 14 2021

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE! Due to the widespread pandemic conditions and following all state mandates, the Potomac Conference Corporation's Third Quinquennial Constituency Meeting has been rescheduled from September 27, 2020 to March 14, 2021.

The delegates previously selected by the Church Board who have accepted the responsibility to serve as delegates, have been asked to serve at the rescheduled meeting in March 2021.

Any changes to the scheduling will be announced. Your continued prayers for the delegates and the Potomac Conference leadership are very much appreciated.

Church Board News

The 2020 Church Board met virtually via ZOOM on Monday, July 13, 2020 and the following are some of the items discussed:

- > Recommend the transfer of member of Cindy Abbott to New Haven SDA Church and the transfer of members Ryan and Liz McLennan to the Roanoke SDA Church.
- > 2020 giving of tithes and offerings continues to be higher month by month compared to totals in 2019.
- > Live-streaming continues to improve each Sabbath and will improve further with the possible acquisition of additional equipment.
- > Weekly bulletins will be circulated by email each Friday but none will be printed for distribution.
- > RACS will start August 17 with enrollment numbers continuing to grow.
- > Volunteer PE teacher needed for RACS.
- > New platform furniture continues to be under consideration.
- > Health Ministries continues under the leadership of Oraleatha Clarke.
- > John Hodgkin is exploring possibilities of starting a weekly men's breakfast.
- > COVID-19 precautions will increase beginning in August.
- > AED/Defibrillator will be monitored monthly.
- > Ministry leaders were encouraged to respect the days and times our renters use the building and grounds: Sundays 8:00 to 4:00 and Wednesdays 5:00 to 9:00.
- > Elders will give notice to the Potomac Conference of the decision to decline the acceptance of government funds offered through the CARES Act.

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, August 10, 2020.

G. Alexander Bryant Named President

On July 9, 2020, the Seventh-day Adventist Church's General Conference Executive Committee met virtually to receive the name of G. Alexander Bryant, the recommendation for division president, from both the North American Division's nominating committee and the executive committee.



Elder Bryant replaces Elder Daniel R. Jackson who served at the NAD headquarters since his election in June 2010 at the GC Session in Atlanta, GA, and reelection in 2015 in San Antonio, TX, until his retirement in early July. Our prayers are with Elder Bryant as he, along with the other division presidents and officers, leads God's people during these last days of earth's history!

Live Streaming Options

If you are under the weather or travelling and miss a worship service at the church, or you want to hear the message again or even want to share a service or message with a friend, you can do just that!

Our services are not only live streamed they are recorded on YouTube and Facebook so they can be viewed any time, day or night. Just logon to either platform and search for "Roanoke SDA Church" and scroll until you find the date you are looking for! Never miss a service again!

*Remember the Sabbath day,
to keep it holy. Exodus 20:8*

Who should I call?

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

Pastor Andrew Raduly, 540-524-0973
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Church Office: 540-977-0346

Elder Roy Robinson, 757-870-8201



May you be blessed with the beauty of His grace and may His favor be lavished upon you!

August

- 3 Luzia Raleigh
- 5 David Cruz
- 7 Vada Moon-Ha
- 10 Aimee Royal
- 14 Mariah King
- 16 Amy Forrester Daniel
- 18 Tim Hogan
- 21 Kayla Anderson
- 22 Ruth Gearheart
- 22 George Ratcliffe
- 23 Ingrid Akers
- 23 Glenn Muncy
- 24 Kristina Pleasants
- 25 Joshua Montes de Oca
- 27 Bud Atkinson
- 28 Carole Smith

Thank You!

I sincerely thank each of you who have expressed your care and concern during my recent illness, surgery and recovery.

It was your cards, calls and the many prayers on my behalf that helped me immensely.

The kindnesses you've shown are evidence of the kindness of God in your hearts!

I am doing much better, and though I still have a way to go to regain my strength, your many acts of kindness and thoughtfulness provide much encouragement! Thank you so much for caring!

~ Peggy Chitwood

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GOOD NEWS

will be distributed beginning
August 29, 2020

Please send announcements,
articles, news and digital pictures to
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to RoanokeSDAChurch@gmail.com
Next Deadline:
August 20, 2020

COVID-19

Notice

Our church building continues to be sanitized each week as we prepare for services and close the building after services. All “touch” points are sanitized including light switches, doorknobs, pews, microphones, bathrooms, etc.

Additionally, all in attendance are encouraged to maintain six feet of social distance between one another, wash hands frequently or use hand sanitizer and to wear face coverings while inside the building. Our church has also instituted the practice of taking the temperature of each person in attendance using infrared no-touch thermometers.

Precautions, Procedures and Protocols

Each Sabbath a canopy will be set up near the front entrance of our building to welcome members and guests. At these welcome stops, there will be at least two individuals who will be stationed there to ask a few simple screening questions and to take the temperature of each individual before the individuals enter the building.

Anyone who has traveled out of the area/state, has been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, who is sick or who is exhibiting an elevated temperature will be asked to safely worship at home and join us via live streaming.

Thank You

We appreciate your cooperation in all efforts taken to reduce the spread of the insidious virus sweeping our community, our nation and the world. We ask that you continue to pray for the Lord to heal our land and thank Him for His blessings on each of us.