



The Good News Letter

Roanoke Seventh-day Adventist Church
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Strategic Thinking!



Two powerful words. We practice it when we open a 529 college savings plan for our babies, when we save money into a 401K retirement account and when we craft a last Will and Testament.

We also think strategically when we choose to be Christians and live a lifestyle according to His will. Why? Because obtaining heaven is a strategy. We trade a temporary life of sorrow, sin and death for an immortality given by Jesus. His love and sacrifice compel us to desire this marvelous future.

The question is: Why shouldn't we think strategically about the future of our Roanoke Adventist Church? Where do we see ourselves in five years? Perhaps ten? How about twenty years?

When we think strategically it means that we are fulfilling our mission of bringing others to an immortal future spent with God. It means we tell our extended community, friends and family about the immortality that awaits us. When God chose us at the "foundations of the world," He was thinking strategically. Divinity had a plan, "just in case."

We should also have a plan regarding our Roanoke church family. Let's pray, think and start a conversation about how best we can be used in God's strategic planning.

I invite you to share your ideas, comments, questions, suggestions for the next two months. What do you think is the future and mission of the Roanoke Seventh-day Adventist Church?

I am listening.

~ Pastor Andrew Raduly

Children's Church

Sabbath, June 9
11:40 - 12:30

The next session of Children's Church is scheduled for Sabbath, June 9, during the worship service. Children's Church is held in the Fellowship Room for all children ages birth through age twelve.

Children's Church will start after Lamb's Offering and last until the main worship service is concluded.

The theme of Children's Church continues as "The Armor of God." The entire program will reinforce the idea of putting on that armor.

Please continue to pray for our children as they are presented with Biblical truths on their level.



Sabbath, June 16

Please join us as we celebrate the service of Communion on Sabbath, June 16, during the worship service. You are encouraged to participate in the Ordinance of Humility prior to partaking of the Lord's Supper.

Our church practices an open communion so all those who believe and claim Jesus as their Savior, are welcome to participate.

End Time Events

Speaker Dennis Priebe
June 22-23

Dennis Priebe is a Seventh-day Adventist minister with over 50 years of experience as a pastor, teacher and seminar speaker. He and his family joined Amazing Facts to help achieve its goal of nurturing newborn Christians into mature Christianity.

Pastor Priebe's ministry is directed primarily toward those who have already made their commitment to Christ, but who want to grow into the fullest possible relationship with Him. He feels the only way God's people will ever fulfill their divine commission of preparing the way so that Jesus can return is through understanding and experiencing the total gospel of Christ our Savior.

Please join us to hear Pastor Priebe's presentations on Friday evening, June 22, at 7:00, and again on Sabbath throughout the day. These presentations are specifically and purposely geared for Seventh-day Adventists.

Fellowship Lunch

Sabbath, June 2
Subs, Sandwiches & Sides



Fellowship Lunch on the first Sabbath of each month provides a valuable opportunity to get to know one another and our guests better.

Please join us in June as we celebrate the men in our lives for Father's Day.

We will have *Subs, Sandwiches and Sides* that are enjoyed by most men! Please plan to bring your favorites and some to share and stay, eat and visit for a while as we fellowship with one another!

Children's Ministries Picnic

Bonsack Elementary Park
5437 Crumpacker Drive, Roanoke
June 3, 4:00 to 6:00 PM

Children of all ages and their families are invited to a picnic!

We will enjoy a time of fellowship with the children and families of our church!

Please bring a side picnic food item that can be shared. The main dish and drinks will be provided by Children's Ministries.

We hope you can come! Please see Jennifer Dodge or Shellie McLennan for more information.



Sunshine Makers

Children Reaching Their Community

The *Sunshine Makers* will be visiting a local Family Shelter on Sabbath, June 16 after enjoying refreshments during Family Fellowship after services.

The children will deliver the flip flops that were collected in May so the Shelter can share them with the homeless individuals that come to the Shelter for help. We will also have a special treat for the children to share with the folks at the Shelter!

This will be a family event and all parents and children are urged to participate. Please make plans now so you and your children won't miss this outreach opportunity designed just for them!

Please help encourage our little *Sunshine Makers* as they learn to serve Jesus by serving others!

William is Turning 3!

Come play at the park with William 5 to help him celebrate his birthday! One of William's greatest joys is playing with his friends!

We will meet at Troutville Park on Sunday, June 24 at 3:00.

A cold drink and a treat will be provided by William 5's parents. No gifts are expected, just bring you and your family! We sure hope you can come!

"But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31

~ William and Jennifer Dodge



End-of-School Water Balloon Party

Sunday, June 10 @ 5:00



Infinity Youth (and the friends they invite) will meet on the church lawn for water balloon and water gun games.

Kids, the best way to irk your opponent is to catch a balloon they thought would splatter all over you. You can then use the balloon you caught to return fire!

A "build your own burrito" supper will be provided for the youth and will be eaten outside on the lawn area as well.

All youth are invited to come and bring their friends! Sunday, June 10, starting at 5:00, at the church!



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.

Son Catchers Softball Team!

A great team of men and women have been playing softball for the last month or so! The team is made up of members from Melrose SDA Church, North Valley SDA Church and the Roanoke SDA Church along with friends of some of the members!

Pictured below are most of the team members in a group shot! They hit, run, pitch, catch, slide and celebrate like nobody's business!

You still have a chance to catch a game and see them play. The next games are June 5, 7, 14 and 19. The games on the 5th and 19th start at 7:30 and the games on the 7th and 14th start at 6:30. All games are played at the Arnold Burton School, Field #3, near the VA Hospital.

The team's win/loss record may not be top notch this season - but watch out next spring! Go, Team!



June

- 3 Alexandra Hernandez
- 3 Cindy Grisso
- 3 Colleen Pleasants
- 4 Christy Squier
- 5 Mark Melius
- 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 5
- 25 Brandy Ratliff
- 27 Gerald Abbott
- 27 Mildred Nichols
- 28 Archie Lambert

If your special day should be on this list and it isn't, please let Carol Doudiken know so she can fix the list!

ELDER'S CORNER

**Belief #20
of Seventh-day
Adventists**

The Sabbath

The gracious Creator, after the six days of Creation, rested on the seventh day and instituted the Sabbath for all people as a memorial of Creation.

The fourth commandment of God's unchangeable law requires the observance of this seventh-day Sabbath as the day of rest, worship and ministry in harmony with the teaching and practice of Jesus, the Lord of the Sabbath.

The Sabbath is a day of delightful communion with God and one another. It is a symbol of our redemption in Christ, a sign of our sanctification, a token of our allegiance and a foretaste of our eternal future in God's kingdom.

The Sabbath is God's perpetual sign of His eternal covenant between Him and His people. Joyful observance of this holy time from evening to evening, sunset to sunset, is a celebration of God's creative and redemptive acts.

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

Roanoke Adventist Preparatory School News

It's hard to believe that the school year comes to an end on June 1st! It has been an exciting year with many successes! While two of our students relocated to Oregon in the fall, God blessed us with two new students in the spring!

Our students showed their community spirit by helping refresh the school and church grounds as part of their annual Day of Service. They participated in worship services at our church and embraced a new music teacher.

In addition to their continued growth academically, our students were provided with two weeks of spiritual Renewal: one led by Patty McLennan and one led by Pastor Raduly.

The students also experienced an exceptional Career Week that included visits from the Roanoke professional hockey team, a published author whose work on bullying is used in many settings around the world, a representative from Pinnacle Bank, a local TV station reporter and a doctor practicing with Carilion.

The students showcased their talents at Biography Night and displayed their art projects and other works in the halls for all to see.

We are now enrolling new students for the 2018-2019 school year. Families can get a reduced registration fee if their student is enrolled by July 1st. Crystal will be available at the school for both Kindergarten Readiness Evaluations as well as Educational Success Consultations for students transferring from other educational situations, including homeschooling. For more information regarding the school including enrollment and finances, please contact Crystal Melius at rapsprep@gmail.com or 540-798-6061.

News and Notes From the Church Board Meeting

Our church board met on Monday, evening, May 14. Several items were addressed during the meeting and below are some of the highlights:

- ♦ April finance report was approved but giving trend is down a bit
- ♦ Transfers of memberships
- ♦ Church water usage was intermittently high in May
- ♦ Mission and vision planning for the church and school on the horizon
- ♦ Plans for reduction of liabilities will be coming
- ♦ Calendars for May/June approved
- ♦ Camp Blue Ridge Scholarship monies are available
- ♦ Verified Volunteers are a must
- ♦ New printer/copier will be leased for church use
- ♦ Church Work Day, Sunday, July 29, starting at 4:00
- ♦ June Blood Drive rescheduled to June 30, 8:30 to 1:00

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, June 11, at 6:15.

The July 2018 issue of *THE GOOD NEWS LETTER* will be distributed beginning June 30, 2018
Please send announcements, articles, news and digital pictures to cdoudiken@aol.com.
Next Deadline: June 20, 2018

**Church
Work Day**
Sunday
July 29 @ 4:00



All members and friends are invited to come out on the last Sunday in July to help clean up and spruce up the church building and grounds! There are jobs for all ages!

Vacation Bible School
July 16 - 20, 6:00 to 8:30
Shipwrecked

Our Vacation Bible School Team is planning a VBS experience where kids are rescued from an uncharted island and are anchored in the truth that Jesus will carry them through life's storms.

Our VBS will be Monday through Friday, July 16 - 20 starting at 6:00 each evening and lasting until 8:30.

As a convenience for all workers and their families, a meal will be served each evening from 5:00 to about 5:30.

The closing VBS program will be on Sabbath, July 21, with the children sharing songs, stories and more!

Who to Contact?

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

Pastor: Andrew Raduly, 406-320-1794
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

School: Crystal Melius
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