

The Good News

from the
Roanoke Seventh-day Adventist Church
March 2025



A Note from Pastor Chris Buttery

“Saint” Patrick & You

St. Patrick’s Day is celebrated with vigor in some circles across this country. You can usually tell who’s excited about the day by the color of the clothes they wear.

About two weeks from the time you read this, it will be here. Sweep aside all the commercialization and folklore, the story of Patrick of Ireland is about a man who loved God and lived for Him.

While modern accounts of Patrick portray him as a fifth century Bishop of the Catholic Church (not to mention his association with leprechauns, shamrock and dark Irish stout), he was in fact a committed Sabbatarian missionary who upheld the supremacy of Christ as Savior and the Bible as the word of God.

Because of Patrick’s fidelity to Scripture, the Roman church sought to counter his missionary enterprises (“Truth Triumphant,” B. G. Wilkinson, pp. 77-99). But that didn’t stop him. Patrick was willing to be used by God and so God used him to erect several missionary training schools which laid the foundation for great spiritual revival across Europe.

Patrick’s work, however, only faintly resembled the magnificent work of Jesus Christ when He walked this sod. Christ’s earthly life focused on making the lives of those around Him that much better for having made contact with Him. Even though His labors ultimately led Him to Calvary, Jesus would conquer the grave and be victorious then and forever. What Christ did laid the foundation for terrific spiritual revival across this globe. And wonderful have been the consequences!

How encouraging to realize that what we do for Christ today has the potential to make a great impact for the kingdom of God. How wonderful that we can be “laborers together with God” (1 Corinthians 3:9). I wonder, how are you letting Him use you today?

Chris Buttery, Pastor
Roanoke SDA Church

Online Prayer Meetings Continue through March! “Priorities of Faith”

Our Online Prayer Meetings continue on Wednesday mornings and evenings through the month of March. We meet via Zoom at 6:30 in the morning and 7:30 in the evening.

There is always room for more so please plan to join us when you can! The Zoom link will come out on the Tuesdays before the meetings on Wednesday so don’t forget to check your email!

Copies of the weekly devotionals are available in the foyer of the church so pick up a copy the next time you are there!

Unashamed: How to Give a Bible Study

We learned a lot during Part 1 of the three part class helping us learn how to give Bible studies.

Part 2 of the class will take place on Sabbath, March 1, following Potluck Lunch. So plan to stay for lunch and join the class afterward.

Part 3 of the class will take place on Sabbath, March 15, following the Connections gathering in the Fellowship Room.

Even if you missed Part 1, you are invited to come for the follow up classes. You’ll be glad you did!



Prayer Box

Have you activated your online mobile friendly directory yet? You would have access to addresses and phone numbers of our church family right at your fingertips.

Only those receiving an invitation to activate the online directory can access it and it must be done within 72 hours of having received the email. It is safe, easy to use and accessed only by the personal password that you set up.

If your address or phone number changes, you can even update your own profile.

If you haven't taken advantage of this easy and convenient way to keep in touch with your church family, you may want to take action today. Let Carol Doudiken know that you would like an invitation to activate your account and one will be emailed to you.

Let's stay in touch!

Youth & Children's Choir

On Sabbath mornings at 9:30 you can hear the sounds of the children and youth practicing!

Jennifer Buttery is directing this Choir for children and youth ages 6 and up! We need our older youth to sign up to help the younger ones along.

The Choir will practice three Sabbaths in March (not the first Sabbath) from 9:30 to 10:00.

We look forward to hearing the Choir sing for us on April 19 as we celebrate Resurrection Day. But we may be blessed to hear them sing before that!

Please see Jennifer Dodge for more info and to sign up soon!

Have you noticed the Prayer Box on the table near the bulletin board in the church foyer?

The Prayer Box is there to receive your prayer requests and praises. The requests and praises will be prayed over by our church, pastor and praying family members in the church.

You are invited to fill out the Prayer Request form that is provided, or your own note, and drop it in the box. It will be shared, or not, as you indicate on the form.

Let's pray together!



Happy Birthday and Best wishes to our friends and families born in March! May God bless you!

- 2 Kenneth Ngeno
- 4 Deena Jordan
- 4 William Pleasants
- 6 Shamina Dillard
- 6 Kristen McLennan
- 9 Steven Pate
- 10 Annalise McLennan
- 11 Faith Cadio
- 11 Marcie Nicholson
- 14 Lucky Deyerle
- 15 Bonnie Atkinson
- 15 Sophia McLennan
- 18 Steven Greenway
- 19 Bentley McLennan
- 20 Ryan McLennan
- 20 James Pate
- 22 John Pleasants
- 23 Brandon Roth
- 27 Mikey Deyerle
- 29 Ana Hernandez



Roanoke Challengers PBE Team

This year's Pathfinder Bible Experience ("PBE") Team participated in the Potomac Conference competition level on Sabbath, February 8, in Silver Spring, MD. They finished successfully!

The Team will now move on to the Columbia Union competition level on Sabbath March 8. Again, they will travel to Silver Spring, MD.

Please keep the team and its coach and other staff and families in your prayers as they travel and as the Team retains the Bible facts they are studying!

While we are at it, let's congratulate Jackie Powell-Long as **Coach of the Year!** She received the award at the February 8 competition. Jackie is a dedicated leader and coach led by God to be an example, leader and teacher of our Pathfinders!

Congratulations, Jackie!

Greeters Breakfast Meeting March 15 @ 9:00

If you have been greeting or would enjoy being a greeter some Sabbath mornings, you are invited to a Breakfast Meeting to learn more about it.

First impressions are important. Let's get together and share some tips and ideas about this important hospitality ministry.

Church Board News & Notes

The members of the Roanoke SDA Church Board met on Monday evening, February 10, 2025, to discuss the plans and mission and vision of our church. Following are some of the highlights from the meeting:

- > Evangelism Team is moving forward with plans for outreach
- > Student MAPS testing went well indicating student improvement
- > School board is working on strategic plan for the school
- > Pathfinder PBE Team did well in Conference round of PBE and will go to Union level in March
- > Jackie Powell-Long was awarded Coach of the Year for PBE
- > Responses to Conference survey were worked on and will be presented to Conference rep at next board meeting

The next Church Board meeting is planned for Monday evening, March 10 at 6:15.



The Bible Café

Are you missing the Bible Café?

This ministry of hospitality welcomed our members and guests on Sabbath mornings for many years. It encouraged early arrival for Sabbath School and provided a time to reconnect with church family and to become acquainted with guests while enjoying some light refreshments before the start of Sabbath School.

If you would like to help bring back the Bible Café, please see Judy Hodgkin today!

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We will move our clocks forward one hour on Sunday, March 9!

Let's welcome the longer days, warmer temperatures, and the appearance of flowers and new green leaves.

The First Day of Spring is Thursday, March 20!

Church Information Center

Have you checked out the Church Information Center/notice board on the wall near the Church Office? This is where you will find a current list of Church Officers and Ministry Leaders, the most recent church board minutes, the most recent church financial report, and more.

Plan to stop by and take a look. Let's stay informed!

Outreach to NRAL Sabbath Afternoon March 8 @ 2:00

You are invited to go with us to visit the residents at the North Roanoke Assisted Living. This outreach program will begin at 2:00 and last about one hour. The residents will be waiting for us to come sing with them, pray with them and share the love of Jesus with them.

If you would like to tell a story or share some music, or share any other act of kindness toward the residents, please let Judy Hodgkin or Carol Doudiken know. Pastor Buttery frequently shares a Bible lesson with the residents and we all enjoy singing and praying with them. They especially love to have the children come for a visit!

The facility is located at 6910 Williamson Road just a few short miles from the church. Please join us for an hour of singing, praying and praising Jesus. All are welcome!



Save the Date!

Our Social Committee has reserved Sunday, March 23, for our next Church Family Social! Plans are in the works but details weren't available in time to include here! It will be great and you won't miss it!

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Next Deadline: March 20, 2025

The Fruits of the Spirit

"Growing God's Love in our Hearts"

April 5, 2025 @11 am

**Come & enjoy the children
and youth lead our Sabbath
worship service!**



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