

The Good News

from the
Roanoke Seventh-day Adventist Church
April 2025



*A Note from
Pastor Chris
Buttery*

New Life

It's that time of year when the Northern Hemisphere once more begins its tilt towards the Sun. As this occurs, we see flowers awaken, people coaxed outdoors, and new life appear. The changing of the season is easily observed in gardens, parks, zoos, farms and more. Is there anything better than signs of new life?

You have no doubt heard of the late John Harvey Kellogg. Many years ago, Dr. Kellogg was the Medical Director of the Battle Creek Sanitarium and a faithful member of the Dime Tabernacle Seventh-day Adventist Church in Battle Creek, MI. For all accounts it appeared as though he was truly a Christian man.

After the Minneapolis meetings in 1888, the famous General Conference session that heard the stirring messages of righteousness by faith presented by A.T. Jones and E.J. Waggoner, it was said of Dr. Kellogg that he had become converted as a result of those messages. The implication being that up to that point Dr. Kellogg may not have been.

It is important to note that others didn't accept Dr. Kellogg's conversion because he said he was converted; it was accepted because there was observable evidence that he was. People could see the change. What could they see?

It is said that Dr. Kellogg took an interest in caring for Adventist orphaned children and aging Adventist ministers. His plan was to build homes for them. He also started a visiting nurse program to help those who couldn't avail themselves of the care of the Sanitarium. Lastly, he organized the "Christian Help Band" which was comprised of individuals who would

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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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Online Prayer Meetings Continue

We are enjoying the time together to connect mid-week with one another and to pray. Meeting via Zoom for Prayer Meetings has proven to be convenient, meaningful, helpful and encouraging for many of us.

We will continue with our morning and evening zoom meetings on Wednesday mornings and evenings through the month of April and May. We meet via Zoom at 6:30 in the morning and 7:30 in the evening.

The Wednesday devotions will be shared by our elders and some others. The theme for April and May is "Seeking Revival."

We have plenty of room for more so please plan to join us when you can! The Zoom link will come out by email on Tuesday of each week so don't forget to check your email!

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go out into assigned sections of town to search out those who needed food, clothing or firewood, and to teach people health and hygiene.

The change in Kellogg’s heart was seen in his loving actions of concern for others. Sadly, it wouldn’t always be this way for him.

The evidence of new life in Kellogg’s life reminds me of Jesus’ words in Matthew 5:16: “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Evidence of conversion, or new life in the heart, according to Jesus, will be seen in good works—acts of thoughtfulness and kindness toward the poor, the lonely, the ignorant, the uneducated, the sick and the lost. Prompted by the love of Christ they will have hands ready to help, feet swift to aid and hearts burning to bring relief.

This experience can only be had if we turn our faces toward the Son of Righteousness Who alone can warm our hearts with His love. I want to experience this every day, how about you? Can others see signs of new life in you?

~ Chris Buttery, Pastor



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 then moved on to the Columbia Union competition level on Sabbath, March 8. They were, once again, successful in scoring the points necessary to maintain their number one position. On they go to Michigan to compete at the North American Division level of Pathfinder Bible Experience! They are learning more about the Bible and hiding its truths in their hearts!

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!

The Bible Café



We are once again offering this ministry of hospitality to our guests, friends and members!

Please help us welcome our guests on Sabbath mornings by arriving at the church at 9:00 and spending a few minutes getting to know our guests and welcoming our members and friends in the Fellowship Room while enjoying some breakfast treats!

Please let Judy Hodgkin or Carol Doudiken know if you would like to be a part of this ministry by bringing some breakfast treats and setting up and cleaning up the Bible Café!

2025-2026 School Year

ROANOKE ADVENTIST
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
NOW ENROLLING!

It isn’t too early to begin thinking and praying about your child’s, or your grandchild’s, education! Maybe the Lord is putting a burden on your heart to help a niece or nephew get a Christian education.

Enrollment is now open for students entering grades one through eight in the upcoming school year.

Detailed information will be coming soon, but in the meantime, please see our school’s principal, Jackie Powell -Long, with any questions you may have and to start the enrollment process!

Unashamed: How to Give a Bible Study

We learned a lot during the three part class led by the pastor in February and March. Twenty plus members learned some important tips on how to give Bible studies, how to locate people interested in taking studies and what types of studies to use.

Following along with the slides, the Bible readings and personal experiences helped make the classes not only informative, but enjoyable. Thank you, Pastor Chris, for leading us and teaching us some of the finer points in giving Bible studies.

Now, who’s ready to sign up to help lead someone to Jesus? See Pastor Chris right away!

Church Board News & Notes

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

- > Karen Senecal, Vice President of Finance for the Potomac Conference, was our guest
- > Funds have been received by the church and school to proceed with Pentecost 2025
- > Students to participate in Outdoor School May 5 - 7
- > Springs Break March 17-21
- > PBE Team is going to Michigan
- > Blood Drive outreach successes
- > Distribution of literature planned
- > New Church Potluck Format
- > Copier for church office to be purchased
- > Immigration Enforcement Guidelines approved
- > Executive session to approve transfer of membership and to nominate individuals for open positions and delegates to Constituency Meetings

The next Church Board meeting is planned for Monday evening, April 14 at 6:15.



100 Days of School!

The Roanoke Adventist Christian School and Connect students celebrated 100 Days of School on January 31! The students participated in STEM projects, creating and building about 100 things using 100 objects each time.

The celebration included the students dressing up as 100 year old men and women! So much fun! Look closely to see if you recognize some of the students as they aged!

New Format for Church Potluck

To ensure tidy, thoughtful and organized potluck lunches, some changes will be made to the serving lines.

Folks will be invited to the Fellowship Room to take a seat. Once everyone is seated and the room is quiet, grace will be offered. After prayer, our guests will be invited to go through the line first to get their food.

After our guests, our older members and friends will go through the line followed by families and parents with small children.

Others are asked to remain seated as the line diminishes, at which time the rest will be dismissed by table to get their food.

We appreciate the hospitality crew for the good work they are doing and the elders for helping maintain order while helping everyone feel welcome!

Health Ministry

Another session of ROSC, our fourth, is complete! The program was successful and enjoyed by not only the participants but the volunteers, too!

Now its time to plan some follow up events to build relationships with those who participated. It is the Team's prayer that the participants will like what they see and will want to become a part of our church and ultimately a part of God's kingdom!

Coming Sunday, April 6 at 2:00, is a Brunch at Ryan and Liz McLennan's home for all past participants of ROSC and the volunteers.

Then on Sunday, April 27 at 2:00, at the home of Chad and Kristen McLennan is a Bread Baking Class. Again, past ROSC participants and several blood donors from our recent Blood Drive will be invited to participate!

Please keep these outreach plans, and others, in prayer!



- 3 Geraldine Hodges
- 4 Cody Scott
- 8 Caroline Kjosnes
- 9 Nellie Anderson
- 9 Oraleatha Clarke
- 9 Lea Mitchell
- 10 Emma McLennan
- 12 Samuel Clarke
- 13 Kofi Amo-Mensah
- 13 Beverly Scott
- 13 Josette Hatenga
- 14 Mark Dillard
- 17 Wanda Mitchell
- 18 Doris Amo-Mensah
- 19 Ethan Muncy
- 21 Deanna Tembo
- 24 Lynn Downey
- 24 Lilah Ratliff
- 24 Kristy Booth
- 25 Pastor Chris Buttery
- 25 Monique McFarlane
- 26 Micheal Hurt
- 29 Cindy Harlow
- 30 Raphael Mervil
- 30 Zachary Pate



David Brenton Snow

February 19, 1936 - January 31, 2025

David Snow, a lifelong Seventh-day-Adventist, passed away at age 89 on January 31. David was passionate about faith, family and food. He was a fervent workhorse and a perfectionist.

David's parents, Elmo and Lucy Snow, began attending the Roanoke SDA Church on Memorial Avenue in 1933. They would line up their 10 children in a pew.

David attended the Roanoke SDA Church School from 1942 to 1948 and while there was friends with Levenna and Betty Altizer (Harlow), David Hudgins, Patsy and Peggy Taylor, Dreama Vest, and Patsy and Russell Walker. He attended the Lynchburg SDA Church School from 1948 to 1954.

David was baptized by Elder L. R. Mansell at the Roanoke SDA Church in 1947 and again by Pastor John Loor at the Hyattsville, Maryland, SDA Church in 1958.

In 1956, David and Junior Grisso were trained by Harry Cowley to be masseurs in Harry's spa at the Hotel Roanoke.

David served in the Army Reserve for seven years. He was a brick contractor in Silver Spring, Maryland, for 20 years. During that time he built the Takoma Park SDA Church addition and the Silver Spring, Maryland and Alexandria, Virginia, SDA churches.

When David and his family arrived back in Roanoke in 1976, he was employed by the City of Roanoke for 23 years. He also served on the Building Committee at the Roanoke SDA Church on Memorial Avenue.

David is survived by his wife of 64 years, Mevelyn Snow, his daughter, Julie Snow Fales (Bill), his son, Randy Snow (Michelle), and grandchildren Holly and Amanda Fales and Bridger and Madison Snow.

David's family thanks the church family for the beautiful flowers and heartfelt condolences.



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