

The Good News

from the Roanoke Seventh-day Adventist Church
February 2026



Just One

"One by one, the Chilean miners trapped for 69 days in a dungeon that could have been their tomb climbed into a rescue capsule and made a smooth ascent to the surface...greeted by the embraces of loved ones, cheered by joyous Chileans, and watched by a captivated world." So said news reports back in 2010.

No one in recorded history had ever survived being trapped underground as long as those thirty-three men were. For the first seventeen days after 700,000 tons of rock collapsed around them, no one even knew whether they were alive. In the weeks that followed, the world was transfixed by their endurance and unity. All news channels from North America to Europe and the Middle East carried live coverage.

Why all the fuss over these thirty-three men? Because this was about thirty-three people. Spoken or unspoken, in general, humanity does have a sense of a person's worth. We tend to value life. Heroic efforts undertaken to rescue the perishing reveal this. Is it any wonder then that heaven has gone to such great lengths to save fallen humanity; you and me?

The pit of sin was deep; the rescue risky, but the Heavenly Trio didn't leave one stone unturned to bring us back from the brink of death. What motivated God to go to such lengths? One word: love.

The beloved disciple, John, wrote: "By this we know love, because He [Christ] laid down His life for us." (1 John 3:16). He took the initiative and continues to lovingly woo men and women, boys and girls to respond to His great gift by taking hold of His strong arm so He can lift them out of sin and the service of self. What a Savior!

To this day, I cannot imagine what those Chilean men endured down there, but to some degree I can appreciate the emotions they experienced as they reached the top and saw the light of day—fresh air, the warm sun on their face, the embrace of loved ones. And when a person responds to the Savior of the world not only do they have an eternity to anticipate, but they also have the thrill of a new life as they follow Jesus here and now.

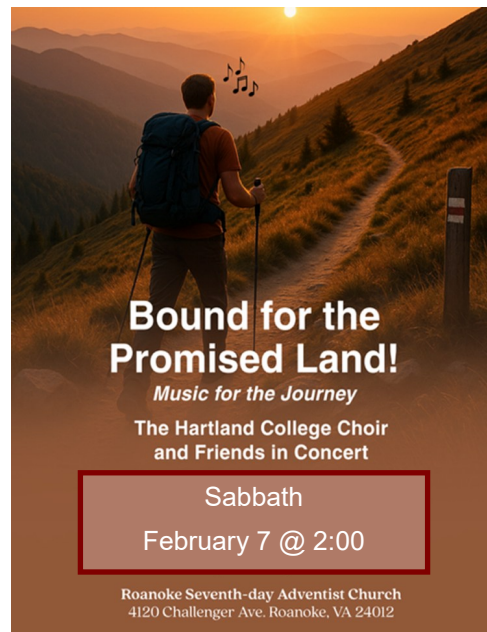
"One by one." That's how the miners came up out of the gloomy tomb. The rescue efforts were costly and time-consuming, but it's worth it when you value a soul. John added these words after telling us Christ laid down His life to save us: "And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." It costs time, energy, and resources to win one to Christ. However, when the love of Christ is in our hearts, we'll also be compelled to spend and be spent, turn over every stone, to even bring just one person to Christ.

Who is that one that you can bring to Christ this year?

~ Pastor Chris Buttery

Please join us!

Bring your family and
invite your friends!
Sabbath afternoon,
February 7 @ 2:00



The Lord's Supper

We will once again celebrate this beautiful service. In a very special and meaningful way, we will direct our focus to the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, including our own!

All members, friends and guests who claim Jesus as their personal Savior are invited to join us for the Ordinance of Humility and the Lord's Supper on Sabbath, February 14, during the worship service.



Church Board News & Notes

The members of the Roanoke SDA Church Board met on January 12 to discuss the plans, mission and vision of our church. Following are some of the highlights from the meeting:

- > Several Bible studies are on-going
- > Formed recommendation for quorum for future business meetings
- > Finance Committee for 2026 was established by the church board
- > Individuals were selected to serve in the Primary Sabbath School Division
- > Voted to recommend the transfer of membership of Eric McGuire to the Roanoke SDA Church
- > Both the church and school websites have fully migrated to the new format

The next church board meeting is planned for Monday evening, February 9. Please pray for our church board members as they make decisions and plans for our church.



You are invited!

Valentine's Banquet

Bethlehem Restaurant and Grocery

1613 Williamson Road
Roanoke, VA

Sunday, February 15
5:00 PM

Please RSVP by February 7
by signing up at the church or
contacting Mark Jordan.

Childcare available at the church
for children ages 3 - 12,
from 4:30 to 7:30.
Registration is required.



Online Prayer Meeting

Wednesdays @ 7:30 PM

Please join us for the thirty minute Online Prayer Meetings each Wednesday evening in February! The meetings will be held via ZOOM at 7:30 PM.

The devotional topic at the beginning of each meeting will be taken from the book "Help in Daily Living." Thousands of individuals have learned to live successful Christian lives by incorporating the down-to-earth, every day guidance found in this little book. Each chapter is filled with rich gems of wisdom for getting along with yourself, with others, and with God.

The devotions will be followed with prayer time for those choosing to pray.

You will receive reminders with ZOOM links each Wednesday by email about noon so watch for them and join us. Or sign in on ZOOM.com using Meeting ID 859 2640 6118 and Passcode 638584. See you then!



Baptisms!

Did you miss this wonderful event on Sabbath, January 10?

Heaven didn't miss it! The angels rejoiced as Gabby, Jenny and Eric were baptized!

Friends and family were present to witness this happy occasion, too! Have you been thinking about being baptized? Speak to Pastor Buttery or one of the elders today and we will celebrate with you, too!



*May the Lord
light your way
in the coming year
and fill your days
with His peace
and the joy of His presence!*

February

- 2 Brian Hurt
- 6 Logan Dovidio
- 6 Mariah King Willard
- 8 Magenta Tembo
- 9 Richie Price
- 10 John Hodgkin
- 12 Alyvia Dixon
- 14 Edith Busienei
- 19 Alex Gonzalez
- 24 Bill Nicely
- 26 Taylor Agee
- 26 Christian Chitwood
- 26 Yari Corsi Alatorre
- 27 Becky Pendleton
- 28 Iggy Martinez



²⁵ "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; ²⁸ So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. ²⁹ For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: ³⁰ For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones." Ephesians 5:25, 28-30 KJV

Though difficulties, perplexities, and discouragements may arise, let neither husband nor wife harbor the thought that their union is a mistake or a disappointment. Determine to be all that it is possible to be to each other. Continue the early attentions. In every way encourage each other in fighting the battles of life. Study to advance the happiness of each other. Let there be mutual love, mutual forbearance. Then marriage, instead of being the end of love, will be as it were the very beginning of love. The warmth of true friendship, the love that binds heart to heart, is a foretaste of the joys of heaven. *Ministry of Healing*, page 360.

As we allow God to continue to build the family for the kingdom, let's continue to seek His guidance in our homes and in our marriages.

~ Family Life Ministry



Snow, Ice, Etc.

If church services are cancelled or meeting times are changed due to bad or dangerous weather on Sabbath mornings, or for any other reasons, announcements will be made and info shared by phone, email, text and on our church's website.

Please make sure Carol, our Communications Leader, has your current contact info and stay tuned . . .

Roanoke Adventist Christian School

Do you have a school-aged child and you are looking for a school for them?

Is your child homeschooled and you are looking for ways to enhance the program for them?

Check out our school! Just scan the QR code for more info.

Give them a call or drop them an email today!

540-798-6861

RoanokeAdventistPrep@gmail.com



WANT TO GO? SNOW TUBING

Let Jennifer Dodge know as soon as possible!



\$35 PER PERSON • 3 HOUR SESSION • MUST BE 44" OR TALLER

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

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This fundraising effort will benefit the Blue Ridge Women's Center and will kick off on Sabbath, February 7.

Please pick up a baby bottle at the Welcome Desk in the church foyer, fill it with change, cash, or a check to help BRWC, and return the bottle to the church by February 28, the last Sabbath of the month.

Our gifts will help the BRWC continue to serve, love, and defend life in our community.



The 2026 Annual Church Business Meeting took place on Saturday evening, January 17. We began the evening by closing the Sabbath with a short vesper service, followed by a light meal of soup, bread, and fruit. The business meeting was officially called to order at 6:15 with about 45 individuals in attendance.

If you weren't able to attend, you missed a special evening where members came together in a spirit of unity - taking care of church business while also sharing a common passion for reaching our community and others with the gospel message!

The meeting wrapped up just after 8:00, and many stayed behind to lend a hand by clearing trash, putting away tables and chairs, vacuuming, and more.

There was a truly positive and encouraging spirit throughout the entire evening!

For those who were unable to attend the Business Meeting, a copy of the minutes are available on the Information Center bulletin board near the church office.



Roanoke Challengers PBE Team

On Sabbath, January 17, this year's Pathfinder Bible Experience ("PBE") Team scored very well on their first round of testing! They have advanced to the next round and will travel to Maryland to participate in the Potomac Conference testing level on Sabbath, February 14.

This year's six member team is made up of Gabrielle Amo-Mensah, Peniel Amo-Mensah, Faith Cadio, Samuel Clarke, Pascoal Epalanga, and Jayden Gooden.

Please keep the Team in your prayers as they study their Bibles and demonstrate what they have learned. Pray also for their safety as they travel to various locations for the competitions.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

February 21, 2026

8:30 to 1:30

Our next Blood Drive is coming up in February. Why have we been hosting these drives several times a year for so long? And why do we continue to have them? Because hosting a blood drive is a meaningful way to live out our beliefs through action, offering life, hope and compassion to others.

"Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action." **1 John 3:18** - Donating blood is a concrete way to care for the sick, injured and vulnerable. It puts faith into action through selfless service.

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." **Mark 12:31** - A single donation can help save multiple lives. This simple act reflects Christ's call to love others with generosity and care.

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." **Matthew 5:16** - A blood drive blesses the wider community - patients, families and hospitals. It becomes a visible witness of faith through service.

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." **1 Corinthians 12:27** - Members can participate by donating, volunteering, praying and encouraging others. It strengthens fellowship and shared purpose.

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." **Galatians 6:2** - Blood is needed daily for surgeries, cancer treatments and emergencies. Hosting a drive helps carry the burdens of those facing illness or crisis.

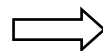
"Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant." **Mark 10:43-45** - Blood drives model generosity and compassion for youth and new members. They show how small sacrifices can make a profound difference.

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." **John 15:13** - Donating blood is a powerful symbol of giving life to others. It's a ministry rooted in love, hope and faith in action.

Please sign up by contacting Judy Hodgkin as soon as possible!



To receive messages, updates, schedule changes, etc.,



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