

The Good News

from the Roanoke Seventh-day Adventist Church

March 2026



Go!

They say it's good to learn something new every day. Who "they" are, I couldn't say. But it is good advice. I try to learn something new most days. Whether I retain what I've learned though is an entirely different proposition! Here's what I learned not too long ago:

Some Emergency Medical Vehicles (EMV's) transport much needed body organs to desperately waiting transplant recipients. Interestingly, each transport has a strobe light attached that works to change traffic lights to their favor. These strobe lights are specifically infrared emitters that can instruct red lights to turn green so that the EMV can continue uninterrupted on its life-saving mission. Imagine if you got a green light each time your car approached an intersection!

Before Jesus left to begin His ministry of intercession in heaven, He commanded His disciples to "Go" (Matthew 28:18). Their mission was to take the good news of the risen Savior to the ends of the world. There was to be no stopping in their efforts. Their work was to continue uninterrupted, unimpeded.

The command Christ gave wasn't just for the disciples back then. The imperative continues with you and me today. We live in exciting times. We also live in dangerous times. Exciting, because we live in the day Bible prophecy points to when Christ's return is imminent. Dangerous, because there are allurements and distractions galore designed to disconnect Christians from Christ, and thus hinder them from their all-important work. Now more than ever, nothing should be allowed to get in the way of us fulfilling our life saving mission. Not even ourselves.

Yes, unfortunately we can be our own greatest hindrance to Christ's call on our lives. Often, we let our own inadequacies get in the way. We make all types of excuses as to why God can't use us. But those excuses betray our lack of faith. "A doubt of His [God's] power to do this [use you], is manifest unbelief; it is limiting the omnipotent power of the One with whom nothing is impossible. O for less of this uncalled-for, distrustful caution!" (*Gospel Workers*, p. 488)

The same Jesus who called twelve men who didn't have a spotless record by any stretch of the imagination, has called you. And like them, having been transformed by divine grace, we can be used by God in wonderful ways too.

We have been given a green light. Let us "Go!" Ours is a life-saving mission. By no means stop.

~ Pastor Chris Buttery

Women's Bible Study.

All Women Are Welcome



Join us for a **12-week Women's Bible Study**

- 🕒 Meeting is at the church every Tuesday at 11:00 AM
- 📅 Start Date: March 3, 2026
- 📖 Study Material: *Twelve Extraordinary Women*
– How God Shaped Women of the Bible and What He Wants to Do with You
by John MacArthur (Book & Workbook)
- 👥 Co-Leaders – Linda Janetzko & Patty McLennan

\$ Cost: \$22.00 per person (covers materials) –
Financial assistance is available if needed

📝 Sign up with Patty for book orders by February 17
for the discounted rate of \$22
540-588-4069

UNASHAMED: MAKING FRIENDS FOR GOD

This four-part training workshop for our church family will be presented by Pastor Chris Buttery beginning Sabbath afternoon, March 7 at 2:00.

Each of the four workshops will be one hour long and will be offered March 7, March 21, April 4 and April 18.

Sign up today at the Welcome Desk and let's learn how to make friends for God!



North Roanoke Assisted Living

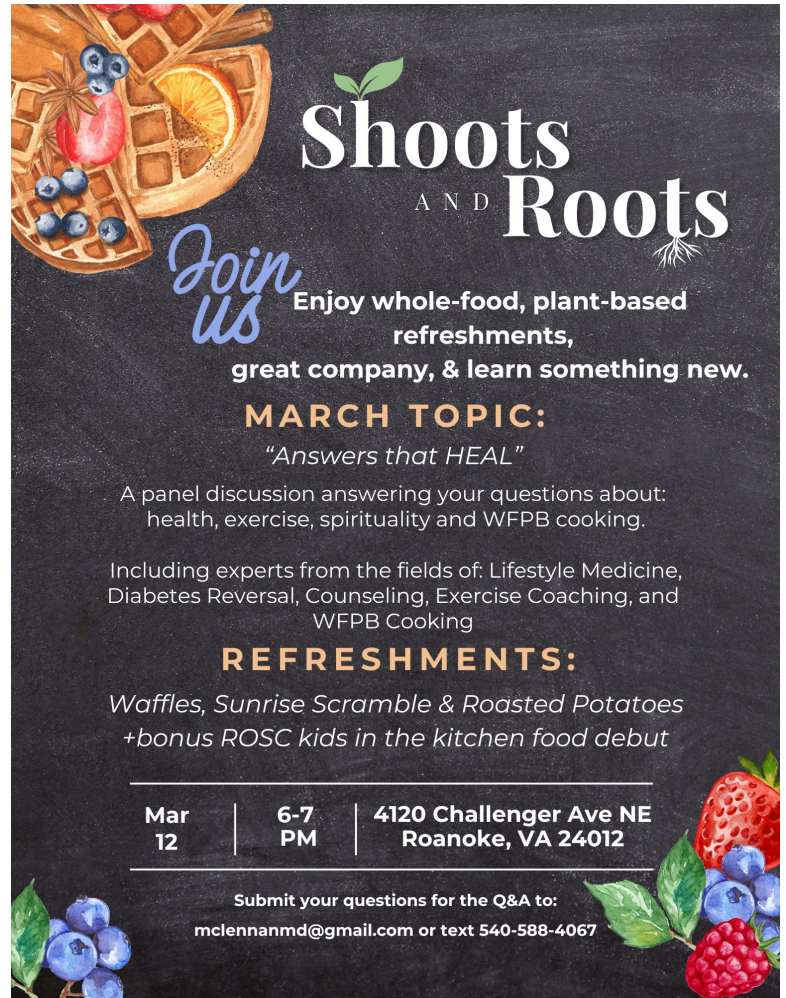
We have been visiting the North Roanoke Assisted Living residential facility for many years. The second Sabbath afternoon of each month has been the time set aside for this outreach ministry!

We usually have a good number of our church family participate in this opportunity to share Jesus with others.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 instructs us to “encourage one another and build one another up.” Visiting with the residents offers a place where we can practice love, patience and selflessness as we encourage the residents. We can become instruments through which the body of Christ learns to serve generationally and remain mindful of life's sacredness at every age.

The Bible sets forth clear principles: love for neighbor, care for widows and the elderly, and an unwavering commitment to honor those who have come before us.

Please join us on the second Sabbath of March, the 14th, as we once again go visit the residents of the North Roanoke Assisted Living!



Shoots AND Roots

Join us Enjoy whole-food, plant-based refreshments, great company, & learn something new.

MARCH TOPIC:
“Answers that HEAL”

A panel discussion answering your questions about: health, exercise, spirituality and WFPB cooking.

Including experts from the fields of: Lifestyle Medicine, Diabetes Reversal, Counseling, Exercise Coaching, and WFPB Cooking

REFRESHMENTS:
Waffles, Sunrise Scramble & Roasted Potatoes
+bonus ROSC kids in the kitchen food debut

Mar 12	6-7 PM	4120 Challenger Ave NE Roanoke, VA 24012
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Submit your questions for the Q&A to:
mclennanmd@gmail.com or text 540-588-4067



Roanoke Challengers PBE Team

This year's Pathfinder Bible Experience (“PBE”) Team continues to score very well on their rounds of testing! They were successful at the

Conference Level in February and on Sabbath, March 14 they will be on the road again for their next round of testing at the Union Level! They will be traveling to New Jersey!

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 these competitions.



Save the Date!

Campmeeting in the Valley is coming! June 10 - 14, 2026! Mark your calendars and make your reservations!

You won't want to miss this opportunity to gather with other believers and receive “Hope in Trying Times!” Stay tuned for more details coming soon!

Church Board News & Notes

The members of the Roanoke SDA Church Board met on February 9 to discuss the plans, mission and vision of our church. Following are some of the highlights from the meeting:

- > Board reviewed 2026 Evangelism Calendar
- > Panel discussion to be held in March at Liberty University regarding the Sabbath
- > New training session to be held in March and April
- > Part 1 of Visioning Session was conducted
- > RACS students had virtual classes during bad weather days
- > RACS Outdoor Education classes to start in late February/early March
- > The small shed will be used for storage by school and Children's Ministry
- > Baby Bottle Campaign to be held in February to help support Blue Ridge Women's Center
- > Game Night for Youth to be held February 21 with youth from area churches invited
- > Sub-committee to be formed to start planning process for Church Renewal Project
- > A new time for church board meetings effective March 2026 will be 6:30

The next church board meeting is planned for Monday evening, March 9 at 6:30. Please pray for our church board members as they make plans and decisions for our church.



We will move our clocks forward one hour on Sunday, March 8!

Let's welcome the birds and the flowers on the First Day of Spring on Friday, March 20!



Online Prayer Meeting Wednesdays @ 7:30 PM

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

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!



Church Work Bee

On Sunday, March 29, you are invited to join us for a day of working together to beautify our campus.

We will need your help with cleaning, polishing, rearranging, organizing, and more! Big jobs and little jobs! Something for all ages to do!

Please come out at 9:00 AM and let's get some work done!



*May God fill
your birthday with
special treats,
good friends,
and lots of love!*

March

- 2 Kenneth Ngeno
- 4 Deena Jordan
- 6 Shamina Dillard
- 6 Kristen McLennan
- 9 Steven Pate
- 10 Annalise McLennan
- 11 Faith Cadio
- 15 Bonnie Atkinson
- 15 Sophia McLennan
- 19 Bentley McLennan
- 20 Ryan McLennan
- 20 James Pate
- 22 John Pleasants
- 25 Elinise Hatega
- 29 Ana Hernandez

Church Records

Do you have a new address or a new phone number? Or maybe your email address has changes.

Please let Carol Doudiken, our Church Clerk, know so she can keep the church records current!

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