

The Good News

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One Giant Leap

The recent crew flyby of the moon tagged Artemis II, and the safe return home of those brave astronauts in their spacecraft named Orion, reminded me of the astronomical accomplishment (no pun intended!) of NASA nearly sixty years ago.

"That's one small step for [a] man, one giant leap for mankind." Neil Armstrong uttered those memorable words when he stepped left foot first onto the moon's surface on July 21, 1969.

That small step off the module ladder onto the moon's surface symbolized something great for humanity. In the past, it was considered an impossibility for man to leave and return into the earth's atmosphere, let alone reach the moon and walk on it. But then the impossible became possible. The team effort of Houston, Armstrong, and his crew gave much greater impetus for further space exploration.

Armstrong's legendary one-liner has become synonymous with man achieving the unachievable. But consider that Jesus has done something greater for us:

Romans 8:3, 4 declares, "For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirements of the law might be fulfilled in us who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit."

According to the Bible, it is impossible for any human being, in-and-of-themselves, to obey God's holy law. It's likely that not many people wake up each morning worrying about whether they can keep it or not. That's because they don't realize or believe that disobedience has eternal consequences.

Disobedience brings eternal death, while the condition of receiving eternal life is obedience to God's law of love and liberty. No matter how much willpower a person musters, they cannot bring their life into harmony with it. It is impossible, unattainable, unachievable, and out of the question. However...

Because the law could not save us in that we were too weak to keep it, God sent His Son to live His life here in our sinful flesh, perfectly obeying that great law. In doing this He condemned sin by having total victory over it. Because Jesus obeyed God's law, that means we can too!

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The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is a sacred time to remember Christ's sacrifice, reflect on His life and renew our commitment to live by His love and grace. It was instituted by Jesus on the night He was betrayed, and uses bread and grape juice as symbols of His body and blood.

The Lord's Supper is not just a ritual, but a proclamation of Christ's death and a call to self-examination. It is a time to reflect on our relationship with God and with one another, ensuring we approach the table with reverence and unity.

Won't you join us for this sacred time together on Sabbath, May 23? We will gather during the worship service for a time of remembrance and commitment as we celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Come one, come all
to watch the
rockets
rise and fall.

Hot Dogs
&
P & J Provided

BRING
Salad, Fruit
or
Chips to Share

Sunday May 3
9:30 am

Montvale Park
Marketplace Dr
Montvale VA

RSVP:
Sign-up sheet in Church foyer
OR
Texting Patty McLennan:
540-588-4069

"One Giant Leap"

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What makes obedience possible is the miracle of conversion God performs in any repentant, believing person. This changes the walk from the flesh (disobedience) to the Spirit (obedience).

Christ's life of obedience to the law of God gives us the key to go where man has not been able to go before—to live in harmony with the principles that govern heaven. Jesus took "one giant step" clothing Himself in our human flesh so humanity could take that "leap" into a life of joyful obedience. Because Jesus did it, by the power of God, we can too. Thank God for that today! It's more than possible.

~ Pastor Chris Buttery



Fellowship Lunch Sabbath, May 2

We have Fellowship Lunch (also called "Potluck") on the first Sabbath of each month immediately following the worship service.

You are invited to bring enough food for your family and some to share with our guests and stay by after services and join us for family meal time!



Sunday, May 10, 2026

Roanoke Challengers The Champions of the Chapters

This year's Pathfinder Bible Experience ("PBE") Team, the Champions of the Chapters, has done it again!

They aced the testing at each of the three preliminary levels: the local area, the Potomac Conference level and the Columbia Union level. They were invited to then participate in the final level - the North American Division Level! The team traveled to Florida to participate and they came out with a First Place rating!

Congratulations to the Team for studying so hard and doing their best to retain the Word of God in their hearts and minds!



Stronger, Happier, Healthier

Mini-Lecture: "How To Start and Design Your Own Resistance Training Program"

Speaker: Dani Muir

Thursday, May 7 @ 6:00

WFPB refreshments provided.

Please join us
and bring a friend along!
All are welcome!



Online Prayer Meeting Wednesdays @ 7:30 PM

Please join us for our half hour Online Prayer Meetings at 7:30 each Wednesday evening in May. The meetings are via ZOOM.

We will be focusing on "Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing" during our devotional time at the beginning of each meeting. This book is filled with gems!

Watch your email for the ZOOM link each Wednesday!





Global Youth Service Day

March 21, 2026

Early on Sabbath morning, the first full day of Spring 2026, several Youth from our church family ventured out into the community with the intention of spreading the love of Jesus to our neighbors!

The Youth brought with them 60 bags of goodies to share! Each bag contained an apple and other yummy snacks, and the best of all - a beautiful book entitled, "Steps to Christ!"

It is our prayer that each individual or family that received a gift on that Sabbath morning will be touched by the Holy Spirit and encouraged to seek the One who came to this earth to live and die and live again to provide for us eternal life with Him!

Thank you, Youth and the adults who guide them, for your willingness to be witnesses for Him!



Connections!

You are invited!

On the third Sabbath of each month, immediately following the worship service, you are invited to come to the Fellowship Room to enjoy a variety of healthy refreshments while you visit with our members and guests. Also, during Connections we highlight different ministries within our church.

In April we learned more about Shoots and Roots, the rockets the school and Connect students constructed and will launch, as well as what to expect at the Wild Basil pop-up restaurant!

In May during Connections we will enjoy our refreshments while exploring more about the Literature Ministry led by Harry Janetzko. Jennifer Dodge will answer questions about FLAG Camp and help families register their children! And there may be a surprise that you'll have to be present to enjoy!

Church Board News & Notes

The members of the Roanoke SDA Church Board met on April 20 to discuss the plans, mission and vision of our church. Here are some highlights from that meeting:

- > Discussed ways to improve how we nurture and disciple our members
- > Rocket Launch on May 3
- > Last day of school is June 3
- > FLAG Camp registration is open
- > Kings Herald Concert will be coming to our church in the Fall
- > Roanoke Gas easement approved
- > New tables to be purchased
- > Dumpster pad installed by June 23
- > Church calendar for April and May approved
- > March financial report approved
- > Transfers in and out
- > Vacant and expiring positions discussed

The next church board meeting is planned for Monday evening, May 11, at 6:30.



The Power of
Persistent
Prayer

Save the Date!

Coming Sabbath, July 11

Sabbath, July 11, 2026, will be a special Sabbath. The emphasis that day will be on prayer. Tamyra Horst will be our invited guest speaker!

Tamyra, or Tami, is married to Tim and is the mother of two sons. She has welcomed her first grandchild! She is a published author of several bestselling books and articles and a frequent, and much sought after, speaker for retreats, seminars and camp meetings across the United States.

Oh! And Tami serves as the Communications Director and Women's Ministries Director for the Pennsylvania Conference of SDA. Busy woman!

You will want to save this date so you don't miss her presentations and the opportunity to meet this talented woman of God!!

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