

SABBATH SCHOOL 9:30 – 10:30 AM

WORSHIPPING GOD ON SABBATH IS ALSO THE STUDY OF HIS WORD DURING SABBATH SCHOOL. JOIN US FOR SABBATH SCHOOL AND YOU WILL BE BLESSED.

Mute your cell phones and wear a mask

Sanctuary Sabbath School:

Leader: Denise Abrahams

Pianist: Genaida Benson

Sabbath School Lesson: Can be accessed at www.ssnet.org/lessons/current.html or <https://absg.adventist.org/>

Kids Story Time: Sunday night at 7:30 pm is a kids' story time with Pastor Booth on our church Facebook connection. Join us, kids, as we sing together and listen to one of Pastor's mission stories.

Online Worship video streams: Rochester SDA Church's Sabbath Worship services are now livestreamed and available for viewing later on FB (<https://www.facebook.com/rochestersdachurch>) and YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCak0IffdrZMMHBuLZSA3PnA>).

Rochester Adventist Elementary School and Website –

<https://rochestermn.adventistschoolconnect.org> Thank you to Sarah Brown, the school board, and everyone who is part of our Church School program. If you have any questions about RAE, please call our teacher, Sarah Brown, or Justin McNeilus, our school board chair. You may donate to "RAE School" online or on envelope.

Minnesota SDA Conference news: <https://www.mnsda.com/> Click on the *About* Tab then click on *News*. [News and bulletin info](#)

Tithes and Offerings: You may drop your tithes and offerings in the weekly offering plate after the service, or donate online at the Church website, <https://www.rochestersdachurch.org/giving> God will bless you for your contributions. "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19. Do not send cash in the mail.

Jesus said "It is written, 'My house shall be a house of prayer.'" Please hold conversations outside of the sanctuary so that those worshipping may reverence God and not be distracted by loud conversations.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today 11/27	Pastor Bradley Booth Offering: Local Conference Advance Sabbath vespers 5pm Sunset 4:34pm
Thursday 12/02	Women's Ministry Support Group 7PM Men's Ministry Support Group 7pm
Friday 12/03	Sunset 4:32pm
Sabbath 12/04	Pastor Bradley Booth Offering: Local Church Budget Sunset 4:32pm Sabbath vespers 5pm

CHURCH CONTACTS

Bulletin Items –submit bulletin items to Becky and Carl Christensen at rochester.sda.bulletin@gmail.com by **5:30 PM ON WEDNESDAY**.

Address Changes, Membership Transfers – Please send address changes, membership transfer requests, & requests to receive e-announcements to Anita Seemann at RSdaBulletin@gmail.com

Church Website – rochestersdachurch.org or rochestermn.adventistchurch.org has links to the [bulletin](#) and to the calendar on the home page.

Donate electronically via the *Online Giving* tab

Facebook – "Rochester SDA Church Group" is a **private** group for Rochester members. Share pictures of church events, advertise upcoming church events, share prayer requests, and praise reports. (Non-church & church family related posts to the group are discouraged and may be deleted.) "RochesterMNSDA" is a **public** Facebook page.

PASTOR'S WELCOME

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Happy Sabbath everyone! Welcome to the Rochester Seventh-day Adventist Church this Thanksgiving season. Let's not forget to thank God for the blessings He has given us as a Church family: those blessings we remember, the ones we have overlooked, and the ones yet to come.

Maribel and I wish you all a wonderful holiday with church and family and friends.

Pastor Bradley & Maribel Booth PastorBradleyBooth @ gmail.com or 315-560-4122

Devotional:

If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; . . . Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:20, 21, NKJV..

At this time of year we remember Samoset, an Abnaki native American, who befriended the Pilgrim settlers in Plymouth, Massachusetts. "Welcome, Englishmen!" had been his first words in March of 1621. Why was this historical event so significant? Because Samoset had suffered greatly at the hands of the English and the diseases the Europeans brought with them. The majority of his village had died of smallpox. Not long after this he introduced the Pilgrims to an Indian friend named Squanto, who later helped the pilgrims survive by teaching them to grow crops in the poor New England soil. This is an even more remarkable gesture of friendship, because Squanto had also previously been captured by the English and sent to Europe where he was a slave for a while. Eventually he escaped and came back to New England as a translator aboard an English ship.

A third Indian named Massasoit also befriended the Pilgrims and joined with them in a thanksgiving celebration in the fall of that year.

If it hadn't been for these three native Americans who befriended the Pilgrims, the history of Massachusetts, and the

United States, might have been much different. Perhaps Samoset and his friends realized that in spite of the tragedies that had destroyed the families of the Indians and the Europeans, they all needed to find a way to work and live together if they wanted to survive.

In the end, the Pilgrims did help Samoset, Squanto, and Massasoit in their fight against a warring tribe of Narragansett Indians. Samoset wasn't a Christian and didn't know about Jesus' advice to do good to his enemies. Squanto didn't know that Paul said a kindness to an enemy might make a friend out of him, but it worked.

Life can be extremely unfair. It's not fun to be misused, and such treatment can give one a sour outlook on life. But not Jesus. Consider His example. How could the Savior of the world who was betrayed, denied, left all alone by His friends, perjured, beaten, spit upon, and crucified by His enemies, have shown such pure and consistent love for people who treated Him so badly?

Instead of retaliation He chose to forgive. He valued the communication of love more than the preservation of self. At that moment He knew this was His chance to show people how much God loved them. The greater the unfairness and severity of the insult, the more clearly true love showed up.

Remodeling/Renovation Projects: The Rochester SDA Church steeple needs to be replaced. If you would like to be part of this project, please donate to the church steeple fund at the Church website, rochestersdachurch.org, or put your donation in an offering plate during our church worship service. Your gift will be tax deductible. We have raised \$12,760 for that project and need an estimated total of \$20-30,000 to complete it. Also, the renovation on the men's bathroom began 2 weeks ago. Thanks to all who are making that happen. Men, please use the restrooms behind the baptismal tank. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause our congregation

Church Work Bee: Thank you to all who helped with the church work bee last Sunday.

Pie Auction: The RAE Fund raising pie auction originally scheduled for Saturday evening, November 20, at 6:30 pm, is being postponed until after Christmas due to COVID concerns. Please stay posted for future announcements regarding this event.

Second Readings:

- Stan and Ellen Schrader to transfer their memberships from the Rochester SDA Church to the Molalla SDA Church in Molalla OR.
- Timothy Rittenour to transfer his membership from the Rochester SDA Church to the Dodge Center SDA Church in Dodge Center, MN.
- Rob Miller to assume the church board position of Pathfinder Director for the Rochester SDA Church.

Calendar of Upcoming Church Events:

- Nov-Dec: Continued Bible prophecy studies for new members and baptismal candidates at the Church on Wednesday evenings (7:00 pm), and a Bible study class for during SS on Sabbath mornings (9:30 am).
- **Dec 11: RSDA Church Christmas Concert (11:00 am worship service)**
- Mar 5: Women's Weekend Retreat/Rally
- May 20: Stephen Bohr will conduct a weekend rally in Rochester, MN on the topic of the sanctuary. This is a combined project being promoted by the RSDA and DC Churches.
- June 19-22: NAD Pastor's Convention
- July: The RSDA and DC Churches are working on a plan to bring Doug Batchelor to Rochester for an Amazing Facts weekend rally.

Volunteers needed: A valet parking service will be started this winter. The primary purpose is to give our elderly members an option to pull up to the front door and come into church in a sheltered area rather than having to walk thru a potentially slippery parking lot. Contact Sheldon Seemann at 507-884-0119 or email szseemann @ yahoo.com

WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 AM

*Check your phone again - **silence** your cell phone* November 27, 2021

Pianist Genaida Benson

Song Service – 10:50 AM Stephanie McNeilus

Welcome and Announcements Art Meyer

Opening Song Stephanie McNeilus
Tell Me the Story of Jesus #152

Invocation Pastor Bradley Booth

Offering Art Meyer
OFFERING EMPHASIS ANNOUNCED, ALL LOOSE OFFERING GO TO CHURCH BUDGET

Scripture Reading and Prayer Art Meyer
Responsive Reading, SDAH #711

Evangelism Update Evangelism Director

Special Music Benson Family

Children's Story Justin McNeilus

Sermon Pastor Bradley Booth
Bless the Lord Oh My Soul

Closing Song **Special / Genaida Benson Family**

Benediction Pastor Bradley Booth

Ushers: Vadeem Rudenko, Rob Miller, Edison Nadebu

ADVENTISTS BELIEVE

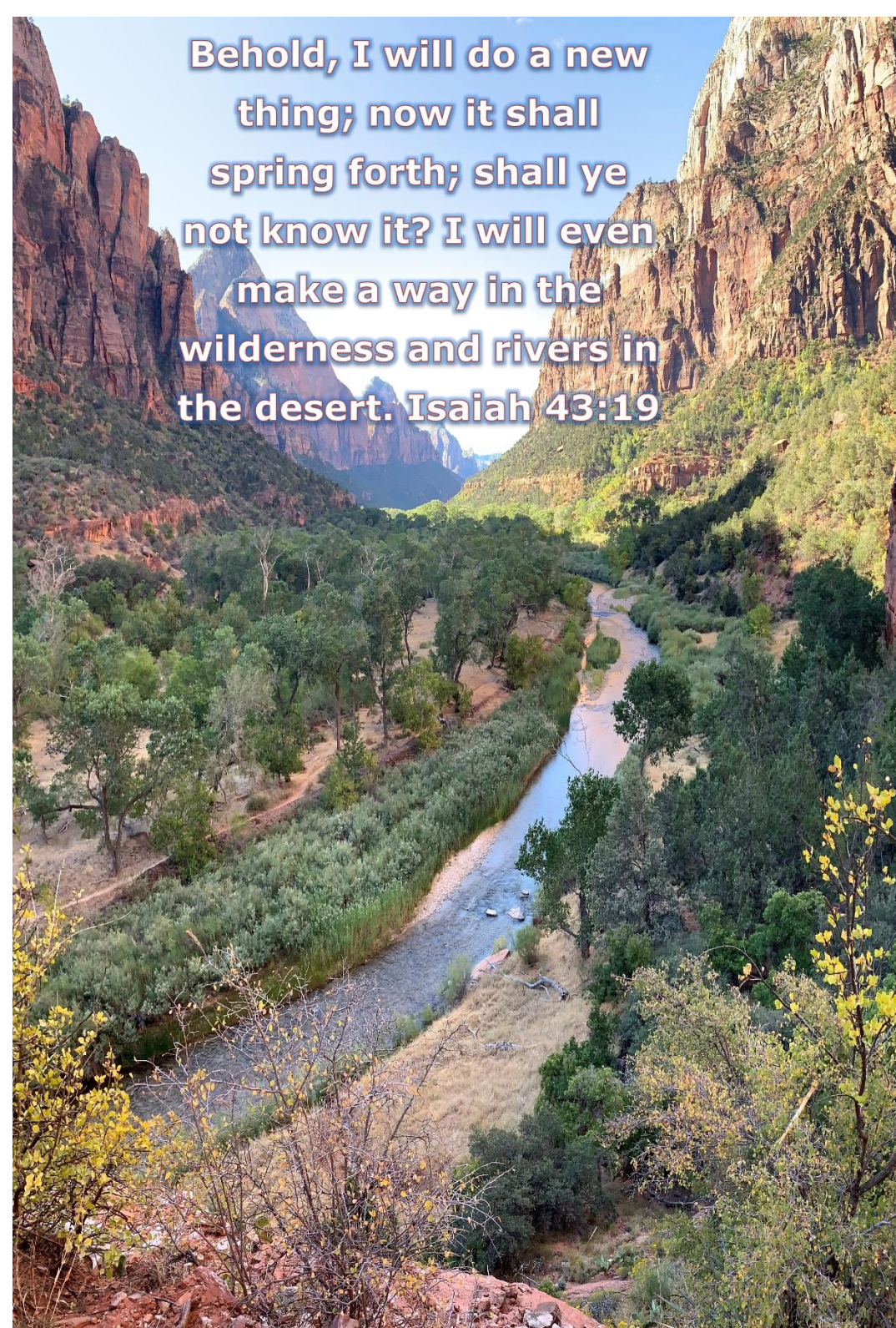
The most important of all Seventh-day Adventist beliefs is one that brings joy and assurance to Christians everywhere – the truth about our Heavenly Father that was confirmed at such cost by the life and death of His Son.

We believe that God is not the kind of person His enemies have made Him out to be – arbitrary, unforgiving, and severe. We accept the testimony of Jesus when He said, “If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father.” God is just as loving and trustworthy as His Son and just as willing to forgive and heal. Though infinite in majesty and power, our Creator is an equally gracious Person who values nothing higher than the freedom, dignity and individuality of His intelligent creatures—whose love, faith and willingness to listen and obey may be freely given. This is the truth revealed through all the books of Scripture. This is the everlasting Good News that wins the trust and admiration of God’s loyal children throughout the universe.

Like Abraham and Moses – the ones God spoke of as His trusted friends – we Adventists want to speak truly and well of our Heavenly Father. This is why we talk so much about Christ’s soon return and why we choose to keep the Sabbath on the seventh day. If any of our visiting friends should wonder why, we would consider it a privilege to explain. We covet the highest of all commendations the words of God about Job: “He has said of Me what is right.”

Sick?: Anyone with a cold, flu, or COVID-19 OR having any one of the following symptoms of cough, runny nose, sore throat, congestion, headache, fever, or fatigue, please stay home and participate in online services. Anyone who tested positive for COVID-19 or was exposed to COVID-19 should remain in quarantine at home for 14 days.

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Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43:19