



## Announcements

# Welcome to the SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST Church of Monroe

February 9, 2008

Prayer Circle.....	9:15am
Wake-up Call.....	9:30am
Study Classes.....	10:00am
Worship Hour.....	11:00am
Buffet Luncheon.....	12:30pm

## Order of Service

Praise in Song.....	Praise Singers
Welcome.....	Sam Ryan
Announcements.....	Liz Fulp
Missions.....	<i>Finding Grace</i>
Offering.....	Michele Iglesias
Children's Story.....	Babette Crofford
Praise Time.....	Tom Fulp
Scripture Reading.....	Praise Singers
Special Music.....	Natasha Pemberton-Todd
Morning Prayer.....	Sam Ryan
Sermon... <i>Better Covenant Better Promises</i> .....	Sam Ryan
.....	2 Corinthians 1:20.....

## Upcoming Events

February 9.....	Youth Bible Study
February 12.....	Prayer Meeting, 7pm
February 16.....	Women's Ministries Relaunch
February 16.....	Something for the Family Vespers
February 15-17.....	Romance at the Ranch
February 23.....	VBS Workshop

- **Buffet Lunch Today**—A special invitation is extended to our visitors to stay by after the service and enjoy this meal with us. Today we are celebrating Valentine's day, and the men of the church have put on their chef's hats once again. You won't want to miss this delicious treat!
- **Prayer Meeting** —Please join us for prayer meeting, Tuesdays at 7pm.
- **Sunset Schedule**—  
Sabbath Ends:  
6:00 PM February 9, 2008  
Sabbath Starts:  
6:07 PM February 15, 2008
- **This Week's Offering**—The loose offering today is for Adventist TV Ministries.
- **Beginners Class**—If anyone is interested in helping and teaching in the Beginners Sabbath School class please see Darlynn Villegas or contact her at (704) 979-0782. We really need your help!
- **Youth Bible Study**—A youth Bible study will be held at the Papuga residence today at 5pm. Bring your Bibles and concordances and close the Sabbath together. See Tania for details and directions.
- **Something for the Family Vespers**— "Fruits of the Spirit: Love." Sponsored by Women's Ministries, and includes a special presentation from the kids of the church. Begins at 5pm.
- **Romance at the Ranch**— This annual Valentine Couple's weekend will take place February 15-17 at Nosoca Pines Ranch. There are still spots available. Contact the Carolina Conference for reservations. 704-596-3200
- **VBS Workshop, Co-leaders Needed**—If you are willing to co-lead the VBS program this summer, there is a workshop on Feb. 23. Please see Tania Papuga.
- **MPA Academy Days**— Mount Pisgah Academy is sending a personal invitation to all students from 8th-11th grade to Academy Days 2008. April 6-7, 2008. Contact Beth Grissom, MPA Recruiter, bgrissom@pisgah.us, 828-280-5220
- **Adventist Community Services** is on the scene with disaster relief following the tornado outbreak in Alabama, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky and Mississippi. More than 50 were killed and hundreds injured. Funds are needed to assist in the relief. Contact: communityservices.org or call 800-381-7171.

Announcements or schedule changes?  
Please give them to Becky Carpenter no later than Thursday.  
rmcarpenter@earthlink.net or 704-219-4660



Dear Friends of Freedom,

Make no mistake about it. Our brothers and sisters in the faith are suffering because of bigotry in the workplace. As the law stands now, employers can refuse to give us time to worship our God on the Sabbath, and many Adventists have lost their jobs as a result. The **Workplace Religious Freedom Act (H.R. 1431)** is a commonsense, reasonable bill that simply requires employers to show they have a good reason to refuse time off on Sabbath before they decide to fire a Seventh-day Adventist.

**This Tuesday, February 12, 2008** is a historic day. For the first time in a generation, a representative of the Seventh-day Adventist Church will be testifying before Congress in support of the rights of Sabbath keepers and other people of faith in the workplace. It is a historic opportunity—but to capitalize on it, we need two things in advance.

1. First and foremost, we earnestly seek your prayers. We know we are weak, we know the odds are firmly against us, and we know just how vulnerable we are. But we also know we serve an all-powerful God who listens when His people call upon Him.
2. Second, and very importantly, we need your voice. In just a few seconds you can send a letter from [www.religiousliberty.info](http://www.religiousliberty.info). There's even a letter there already written for you to use. If you prefer, you can write your own letter on the site and have it sent.

If you've already sent a letter, take a minute to send another letter to keep this vital bill fresh before Members of Congress. And please pass on this note to your family and church friends, so they can raise their voices, too.

It is up to us to seize this moment God has entrusted to us. Visit [www.religiousliberty.info](http://www.religiousliberty.info) for more information about this vital bill.

Take action today!

James Standish, Esq.

Seventh-day Adventist Liaison  
to the United States Congress

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- **Housewarming and Blessing**—There will be a housewarming/house blessing open house for Zedia Williams on Feb. 17, 2008, from 12-3pm. Please contact Karen Rushing at 704-291-9342 for more information or if you would like to contribute a gift.
- **Women's Ministry**— Re-launches February 16. Natasha Todd has more information on this important event.