



## Roanoke Valley Baptist Association

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“Drastic times deserve drastic measures” is a term that seems melodramatic; however, I simply cannot think of one that is better fitting!

Who would have thought our worship would look like it does today? I truly praise the Lord for each of you and the unique ways in which Holy Spirit has led you to lead, manage, and support the flocks in your care. As pastors and messengers in this Association of churches, we recognize the impact each of you have within the church and your greater communities.

Therefore, we encourage you to set aside some time on Tuesday evening, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:00 pm. You may participate from the comfort and safety of your home or office as we live-stream our Fall Meeting on RVBA’s Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/RVBAunited> and through Bonsack’s webpage [www.bonsackbaptist.org](http://www.bonsackbaptist.org). If you are not able to view online up to 100 people can come to Bonsack’s sanctuary. But you must let us know that is what you will be doing so we can plan ahead. By design it is informative and worshipful; however, no voting will occur. Our guest speaker is Dr. Willie McLaurin, Vice President for Great Commission Relationships, SBC Executive Committee. We look forward to his pre-recorded remarks and the challenges we may receive from his presentation.

Please send in your church messenger names and email addresses to Sandy at the RVBA Office by email [sanny610@aol.com](mailto:sanny610@aol.com).

I want to encourage you to attend this brief meeting, and to read the reports found within this email and pass them on to your church messengers. All this information will also be available on the RVBA website [www.rvba.org](http://www.rvba.org) under the RVBA Fall Meeting tab. We are facing some challenging decisions for the RVBA, and we dare not do this without your prayers, input, and support.

Thank you, for being there!

Rev. Rodger Hogan  
Moderator, Roanoke Valley Baptist Association

*Healthy Pastors & Leaders .... Healthy Churches .... Healthy Ministry*

**RVBA Fall Meeting**

**October 27, 2020**



**7:00 pm**

**Bonsack Baptist Church**

**ROANOKE VALLEY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
FALL MEETING  
OCTOBER 27, 2020  
7:00 PM  
Rodger Hogan, Moderator  
Grant Frederick, Music Leader**

|                                 |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Call to order                   | Rodger Hogan                    |
| Welcome                         | Chris Cadenhead                 |
| Scripture and Prayer            | Mark Childers                   |
| Moderator Update                | Rodger Hogan                    |
| Special Music                   |                                 |
| Shower Trailer for the Homeless | Linda LeFever and Debbie Dalton |
| Music                           |                                 |
| Finance Committee Update        | Sandy Sloane                    |
| Special Music                   |                                 |
| Message                         | Willie McLaurin                 |
| Closing Prayer                  | Mary Gilley                     |

**PROGRAM PERSONALITIES**

Chris Cadenhead, Pastor, Bonsack Baptist Church  
Mark Childers, Pastor, Cave Rock Baptist Church  
Debbie Dalton, Rosalind Hills Baptist Church  
Grant Frederick, Minister of Music, Bonsack Baptist Church  
Mary Gilley, RVBA WMU Director, Melrose Baptist Church  
Rodger Hogan, RVBA Moderator, Midland Baptist Church  
Linda LeFever, Rosalind Hills Baptist Church  
Willie McLaurin, VP, Great Commission Relationships SBC  
John Saunders, Associational Mission Strategist, Melrose Baptist Church  
Sandy Sloane, RVBA Office Manager/Treasurer, Melrose Baptist Church

**Appreciation to Host Church: We want to express appreciation to Bonsack Baptist Church for serving as the host church for the Fall Meeting of the Roanoke Valley Baptist Association.**

**Looking Ahead to 2021:**

- *RVBA Spring Meeting – Tuesday, April 27 at TBA*
- *Valley Impact Day – Saturday, September 25*
- *RVBA Fall Meeting – Tuesday, October 26 at TBA*

**RVBA Financial Statement  
September 30, 2020**

|                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Checking Account.....    | \$30,965.17         |
| Designated Funds.....    | \$52,205.57         |
| Endowment.....           | \$243,821.89        |
| <b>Total Assets.....</b> | <b>\$326,992.63</b> |

**Gifts from RVBA Churches - September 30 - \$123,234.39**

**Gifts to Annie Mae Broyles - September 30 - \$ 13,052.53**

**Submitted by: Sandy Sloane, RVBA Office Manager/Treasurer**

**BUDGET SUPPORT BY CHURCHES**

**January - September 2020**

|                     |           |                                    |                     |
|---------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Arcadia...          | 0.00      | Layman Mem....                     | 100.00              |
| Belmont...          | 450.00    | Lithia...                          | 0.00                |
| Bethel...           | 0.00      | Longdale...                        | 0.00                |
| Big Spring...       | 0.00      | Lynn Haven...                      | 9,100.40            |
| Bonsack...          | 27,847.61 | Mayflower Hills...                 | 0.00                |
| Buchanan...         | 2,905.55  | Meirose...                         | 15,906.80           |
| Calvary...          | 1,615.56  | Midland...                         | 1,663.91            |
| Catawba Valley...   | 0.00      | Mill Creek...                      | 0.00                |
| Cave Rock...        | 892.22    | Mineral Springs...                 | 0.00                |
| Cave Spring...      | 4,295.81  | Mount Calvary...                   | 0.00                |
| Cedar Bluff...      | 307.00    | Mount Pleasant...                  | 3,069.65            |
| Central...          | 0.00      | Mountain Pass...                   | 957.78              |
| Colonial Ave...     | 0.00      | Mountain View...                   | 0.00                |
| Community Conn..... | 809.15    | New Century...                     | 0.00                |
| Con. Memorial...    | 231.74    | North Roanoke...                   | 1,106.17            |
| Cooper's Cove...    | 2,742.00  | Oakland...                         | 2,811.93            |
| Craig Valley...     | 0.00      | Pleasant Hill...                   | 3,750.00            |
| Crystal Spring...   | 2,631.64  | Preston Oaks...                    | 635.00              |
| Daleville...        | 1,200.00  | Red Hill...                        | 0.00                |
| Eagle Rock...       | 0.00      | Ridgewood...                       | 0.00                |
| Emmanuel...         | 0.00      | Riverdale                          | 0.00                |
| Enon...             | 500.00    | Riverland Road...                  | 307.00              |
| Faith...            | 1,824.56  | Rke Avenue...                      | 270.00              |
| Fellowship...       | 0.00      | Roanoke, First...                  | 0.00                |
| Fincastle...        | 0.00      | Rosalind Hills...                  | 900.00              |
| Forest Grove...     | 4,500.00  | 17 <sup>th</sup> Street/Access.... | 0.00                |
| Fort Lewis...       | 1,010.50  | Springwood...                      | 1,800.00            |
| Garden City...      | 2,758.23  | Troutville...                      | 2,581.85            |
| Grandin Court...    | 0.00      | Villa Heights...                   | 4,555.37            |
| Gravel Hill...      | 0.00      | Vinton...                          | 5,261.27            |
| Green Ridge...      | 0.00      | Waverly Place...                   | 778.50              |
| Haran...            | 3,233.39  | West Salem...                      | 0.00                |
| Heights Comm        | 300.00    | Windsor Hills...                   | 0.00                |
| Hollins Road...     | 1,800.00  | Zion Hill...                       | 1,000.00            |
| Journey...          | 4,743.00  | <b>Total...</b>                    | <b>\$123,234.39</b> |

**Roanoke Valley Baptist Association ~ Budget 2021**

|  | 2021 BASIC        | 2021 OTHER       | 2021 TOTAL        |
|--|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Women's Missionary Union                   | 4,900.00          | 1,000.00         | 5,900.00          |
| Missions Development Team                  | 10,000.00         | 25,000.00        | 35,000.00         |
| Church Revitalization Team                 | 1,000.00          |                  | 1,000.00          |
| Minister Support Team                      | 500.00            |                  | 500.00            |
| Youth                                      | 500.00            |                  | 500.00            |
| Program Committee                          | 1,000.00          |                  | 1,000.00          |
| <b>TOTAL Committees/Teams</b>              | <b>17,900.00</b>  | <b>26,000.00</b> | <b>43,900.00</b>  |
| <b>Staff Salaries &amp; Benefits</b>       |                   |                  |                   |
| AMS - Salary                               | 46,822.00         |                  | 46,822.00         |
| AMS - Housing                              | 20,200.00         |                  | 20,200.00         |
| AMS - SS Offset                            | 4,000.00          |                  | 4,000.00          |
| AMS - Retirement                           | 6,702.00          |                  | 6,702.00          |
| AMS - Insurance                            | 3,105.00          |                  | 3,105.00          |
| OMT - Salary                               | 35,470.00         |                  | 35,470.00         |
| OMT - Retirement                           | 3,547.00          |                  | 3,547.00          |
| OMT - Insurance                            | 5,865.00          |                  | 5,865.00          |
| MCOM - Salary                              | 3,000.00          | 12,000.00        | 15,000.00         |
| MCOM -Travel/Expenses                      | 3,000.00          |                  | 3,000.00          |
| Employees' FICA & Med.                     | 5,000.00          |                  | 5,000.00          |
| <b>TOTAL Staff Salaries &amp; Benefits</b> | <b>136,711.00</b> | <b>12,000.00</b> | <b>148,711.00</b> |
| <b>Staff Ministry Expenses</b>             |                   |                  |                   |
| Car Reimbursement                          | 4,000.00          |                  | 4,000.00          |
| Conf./Convention (AMS)                     | 500.00            |                  | 500.00            |
| Books/Materials (AMS)                      | 250.00            |                  | 250.00            |
| Christmas Gifts                            | 1,200.00          |                  | 1,200.00          |
| Hospitality                                | 2,000.00          |                  | 2,000.00          |
| <b>TOTAL Staff Ministry Expenses</b>       | <b>7,950.00</b>   | <b>-</b>         | <b>7,950.00</b>   |
| <b>Office</b>                              |                   |                  |                   |
| Utilities                                  | 4,000.00          |                  | 4,000.00          |
| Cleaning Supplies                          | 200.00            |                  | 200.00            |
| Custodial Services                         | 1,140.00          |                  | 1,140.00          |
| Yard Maintenance                           | 800.00            |                  | 800.00            |
| Repairs & Maintenance                      | 1,000.00          |                  | 1,000.00          |
| Office Supplies                            | 2,000.00          |                  | 2,000.00          |
| Postage                                    | 2,000.00          |                  | 2,000.00          |
| Printing                                   | 1,500.00          |                  | 1,500.00          |
| Equip. Serv./Contracts                     | 7,500.00          |                  | 7,500.00          |
| Incorporation Fee                          | 25.00             |                  | 25.00             |
| Internet/Web                               | 400.00            |                  | 400.00            |
| <b>TOTAL RVBA Office</b>                   | <b>20,565.00</b>  | <b>-</b>         | <b>20,565.00</b>  |
| Ward Haven                                 | 10,100.00         | 14,000.00        | 24,100.00         |
| Supervisor - Salary                        | 20,300.00         |                  | 20,300.00         |
| <b>TOTAL Ward Haven</b>                    | <b>30,400.00</b>  | <b>14,000.00</b> | <b>44,400.00</b>  |
| Insurance (Prop, WC, Auto)                 | 8,510.00          |                  | 8,510.00          |
| <b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>                        | <b>222,036.00</b> | <b>52,000.00</b> | <b>274,036.00</b> |

## **ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS STRATEGIST**

Wow! What a crazy year 2020 has been. It is almost like the year that wasn't. The COVID 19 Pandemic created a lot of adjustments and changes for the Association and for the churches. The Spring Meeting of the Association was cancelled and as you know our Fall Meeting is very different this year. Instead of an in person meeting it will be live streamed through the RVBA Face Book page and the Bonsack Baptist Church web site. Dr. Willie McLaurin, VP for Great Commission Partnerships for SBC Executive Committee will be bringing the message.

We also, were not able to have our missions and ministries projects that had been planned. There were many Zoom meetings and Zoom training sessions since March. Resources related the virus and how to handle ministry during this difficult situation were distributed and also put on the association's website. Churches have been amazingly resilient and innovative in worship, fellowship and outreach. It has been exciting to see how our churches are learning to be the church outside of the building. You have made the adjustments that enable you to move forward and creating a new normal.

Despite the challenges, the mission of the Roanoke Valley Baptist Association is still to partner with and strengthen churches to advance the Kingdom of God and to meet needs in the community. The vision is to be a regional network of healthy churches that are innovative and intentionally sharing the Gospel, making disciples and connecting with their community. We are continually seeking new and creative ways to accomplish this mission,

Even in the midst of a pandemic the Personnel Committee and Board of Directors felt led to call Scott Hamilton as the Missionary for Church Outreach and Ministries. This is a part-time position being funded through the RVBA endowment at the Virginia Baptist Foundation. Scott will be working with pastors and church leaders as they lead their churches to engage their communities with the gospel. Since we have not been able to gather together to officially approve the recommendation, Scott is being considered the interim for the position. Hopefully, we will be able to vote at the Spring Meeting in April. I am glad to have Scott on board with us.

Total financial gifts from the churches have way down during this pandemic. We understand that churches are hurting as well. However, if giving does not increase then we have to do some major reductions to the budget for 2021. The new budget that was developed is already reduced from 2020. Please continue to give to the association so there will be no disruptions in the ministry to churches.

This pandemic has also affected the Associational Prayer Emphasis and the Annie Mae Broyles Offering for Associational Missions. With folks not worshipping in the building during the emphasis it was hard for churches do it. If you have not already done so, please have a week of prayer for your association. The materials can be found on the RVBA website.

Now more than ever we need to be faithful believers in Jesus who will "be concerned about one another in order to promote love and good works." (Hebrews 10:24 HSB) An important aspect of being a part of an association is how we "stir up one another" (NKJV) to share the gospel and minister to others. Many times, when I am meeting with church leaders it is because members are stirring each other up to anger and disagreement, not to good works. Let's focus on a positive stirring among our fellowship of churches.

When we pray toward being concerned for each other so we can love others and live out the gospel then we can truly make a difference.

On Mission Together,  
John Saunders

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Next year, our Association will celebrate its 180<sup>th</sup> year in existence! That is remarkable when you consider all that has occurred during those years. A Civil War, two World Wars, a Great Depression, and yes, the Influenza Pandemic of 1918, which we have heard much comparative conversations about lately. On that August date back in 1841, 38 messengers from 17 churches met and approved the following resolution: “Though this association was formed with the view of advancing the truth within its own bounds and the state, yet Resolved, that the spread of the Gospel shall not be limited to our own region but that we shall use our best efforts to reach every part of the world.”

What a blessing to read the Kingdom mindedness of our predecessors; and what large footsteps to follow! This year will go into our historical accounts, as another challenge to that Kingdom mindedness in our Association. What will our progeny read about us? What legacy will we leave for the generations to come? They will, in fact, read about the steps we took to preserve our Association of Churches; minister to our own in such dire times; and yet, continue to reach out for Christ’s Kingdom! We find that desire in our current mission statement: “Our mission is to partner with and strengthen churches to advance the Kingdom of God and to meet needs in the community.”

In keeping with our historical perspective and our current mission statement, your Board of Directors—among other steps—have done the following over the past year:

- Safely maintained our board meetings through the Zoom platform; thus, enabling us to meet from the safety of our homes, offices, or Churches.
- As the Moderator, I have had several additional meetings, e.g., Zoom, in person, and telephone, with our Association Mission Strategist, John Saunders.
- For the safety of our employees, your Board asked John and Sandy to do as much work as possible from their homes, and I have witnessed no breakdown in communications or less proficiency because of that decision.
- For the greater good and safety of our community, we cancelled our Spring Meeting, while continuing to disseminate information to our member churches as thoroughly as possible, through many venues.
- We appointed an interim part time employee, Scott Hamilton, into a new position known as the Missionary for Church Outreach Ministries. This position was discussed in 2019, and an extensive search and interview process took place within our Personnel Committee. It is an Interim appointment, awaiting the day that we—as an Association—may come back together and demonstrate our support, by voting in this needed position.
- We made drastic changes to this Fall Meeting, once again for the safety of all messengers, pastors, and others involved in conducting such a meeting; as well as being good stewards to our greater community.
- We conducted a planning meeting in August for our 2021 calendar.
- We oversaw the actions of our Budget and Finance Committee who approved the withdrawal of approximately 13% from our Endowment Fund to maintain financial stability through the year.

As previously mentioned, these are just a few highlights of what your Board of Directors have initiated and/or oversaw during the past year.

This Association exists because of you. Each member in every Church contributing and supporting to the Spirit-led actions of this Association. The challenges of this year had a direct impact upon the 40-some



financially contributing Churches in our Association. As the Churches strive to keep sound stewardship principles with what they receive, so must our Association.

I praise our Lord for the Endowment Fund, and how it has allowed us to continue the support and ministries that many of you have utilized throughout the years. Due to the financial effects of this year, and the realization that these challenges will most certainly continue into 2021, I am taking a step of faith into our future. A step that I dare not take without your prayers.

I plan to form an Ad hoc Committee to conduct a feasibility study of our properties; namely, Ward Haven and the Association Office on Plantation Road. This is not a flippant, knee-jerk response to our present position. Personally, I do not move that way. This is one, which I have questioned for several years. Obviously, no actions will be taken, except that of a feasibility study, which will determine the overhead costs associated with our properties, and if those costs are in line with where our Association feels the Lord is leading us. Upon receipt of that study the Association—in a proper business forum—will make any and all final decisions.

I—we, your Board of Directors—humbly ask for your prayers during this time. We take nothing lightly. In paraphrasing a familiar verse, I ask, “Who knows but that we all have come to this position, for such a time as this?”

### **CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS FOOD PANTRY**

Christian Soldiers Food Pantry serving Roanoke City, Vinton, and Garden City, working with many partner ministries in the Southeast Cities area, continue to serve all who have a need. Christian Soldiers operates 6 days a week with a all-volunteer staff. Daily we pick up food to be distributed in local outlets all over Roanoke City, Salem, Vinton, Daleville. During the challenging year of 2020 Christian Soldiers has received 1,146,176 lbs of food to date. Christian Soldiers working in the most difficult circumstances imaginable, have served 90,350 people during 2020.

The Pantry have recognized and followed all guidelines with regard to COVID-19.

Our volunteer staff have been preparing boxes for families and delivering food to the public on Church Avenue daily. This has been an extreme challenge; however, the challenge has been met and our work continues. Christian Soldiers depends upon donations from the Baptist General Association of VA, Roanoke Valley Baptist Association, Local churches and our friends here in the valley, and as far north as Michigan.

We receive food donations from Feeding America, Kroger, Sam’s Club, Walmart, Food Lion, Valley Produce. Earth Fare, and many other local friends and churches. Christian Soldiers serves anyone in our area with a need, all that is required is a photo ID with a permanent address. We allow one family member per household once a week to be served. Christian Soldiers staff values the prayer of God’s people during this difficult year. We have realized God’s hand every step of the way such as. Distributing meat when we were told none was available. We have not experienced to date, a single case of COVID-19. We have not been closed one day since the pandemic began. God is working and continues to meet our needs. We give all Glory and Praise to the God of all comfort.

Christian Soldiers is located at 728A Church Avenue, Roanoke 24013. Please come by and visit or if you would like to volunteer or give a donation call or mail to the above address. Phone 540-206-3466.



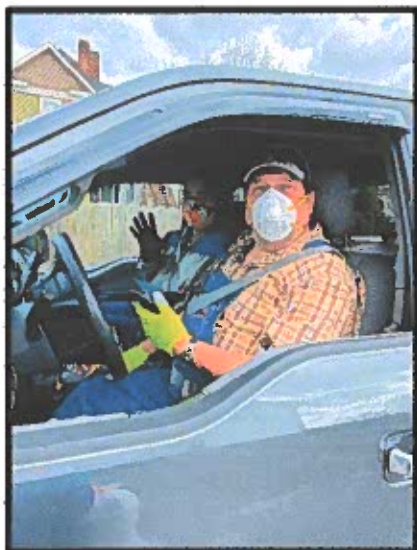
**Think, Thank, & Tell!**

In the Bible, God’s own people sometimes made it a point to stop and remember all that God had done for them. For example, in Joshua 3-4 after God miraculously brought the Israelites out of the wilderness and dried up the Jordan River so they could safely cross over into the Promised Land, they set up twelve stones as a memorial so that Israel would later remember what God accomplished for his people that day. At other times, God’s people grumbled against the Lord when they failed to remember his great work and mercy.

Generations may look back at 2020 and grumble or lament the spread of Covid-19, the contentious political climate, and the racial unrest. These are very real issues we need to wrestle through as Christians that will require either grace or repentance on our part. That said, here at Friendship House Roanoke we also want to look at 2020 in light of God’s sovereignty and goodness and see that we have much to be thankful for. We can look back at this year with gratitude for the Lord’s faithfulness and the faithfulness of his people across the Roanoke Valley.

So, as we look back on 2020, we want to stop and think about what the Lord has done. We want to thank him for what he’s done. And we want to tell about what he has done. We invite you to join us!

**Unexpected Changes = Opportunities to Love**



*Two of our volunteers prepare to deliver food to our elderly and disabled neighbors*

In March, with the arrival of Covid-19 locally, much of Virginia shut down. With the closure of schools, our After-School Program halted for the time being. However, our board and staff had the discussion regarding our Food Pantry and Refugee Housing Program and quickly decided that we would continue operating those two programs.

Rather than retreating from our neighbors, we decided to remain constant and present for them during the uncertain time our nation, state, and city was in. Many people were out of work. Kids were home all day now, so they were consuming more and more food at home.

Elderly or sick friends were advised to stay at home. So, the Food Pantry began operating in a “low contact, socially distant way”. Instead of welcoming our neighbors into Friendship House to browse through food options, we began offering curbside service. We also started delivering weekly boxes of canned food and fresh produce to the elderly, sick, and those without transportation.



*Above: A recently received donation of food is sorted. Below: Aaron prepares for our newly formed curbside service*



What we saw—what we witnessed—was God’s kindness evident through the love and concern of Roanoke’s local congregations. We weren’t sure how long we would be able to deliver or offer curbside service, but many people answered the call. Churches, families, businesses, and Sunday School classes started dropping off food in waves. A dozen or so new volunteers began offering to help sort the food and/or deliver it to our shut-ins who were in need. And as March led into April, and then the Summer, and now the Fall...they continue coming! This unexpected trial we found ourselves in, also became a great opportunity for the local church to love its neighbor.

## **A Look at the Numbers...**

### **Food Pantry**

- **3,000 total boxes of canned good and fresh produce given out so far in 2020.**
- **400 families (a little over 1,000 individuals) received food.**
- **Bibles, devotionals and prayer are offered to each of the 400 families who come through.**
- **30 regular volunteers help sort or deliver food...representing 11 different churches in the area!**
- **100 special boxes of food given out for each major holiday--Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas.**

### **After-School Program**

- **34 children enrolled throughout the year and received a reliable time and safe space to play & learn.**
- **Regular outings to hike and swim, and the start of the “Marathon Club” to combat the growing inactivity and isolation our kids are facing .**
- **Parents were able to shop with dignity for affordable new toys, clothes, and supplies for their families at our annual Christmas Toy Store. 80 children were shopped for!**

### **Refugee Housing Program**

- **Our family from Afghanistan has maintained their housing with us and grown to be a part of our family!**
- **Dad continues to maintain steady employment while the kids are enrolled in our After-School Program.**
- **Mom meets weekly with 3 different tutors we have arranged for English language learning.**

## **Looking Forward**

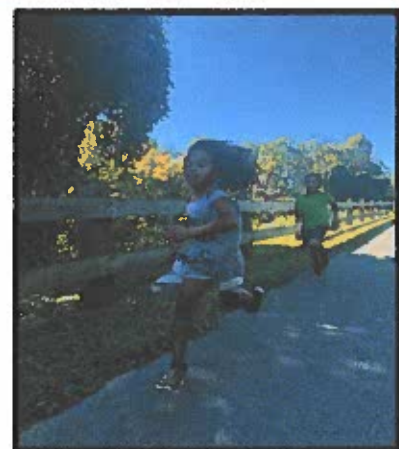
Consistency is key for us here at Friendship House. We don’t know what the immediate future holds, but we know the King who holds all of time in his good hands. As servants of that king, we will continue to love our neighbors. We’ve re-started our children’s program and will continue to provide a reliable time and safe space for the neighborhood kids to come and play and eat and learn about Jesus. The stranger who comes to us fleeing war or famine will be given refuge in our apartment.



*Friends from the After-School Program help one another down a trail on a recent hike once we re-started children’s activities*

Week in, and week out our local neighbors come for food without fear of being turned away because they came the week before or because they live in the wrong zip code. Our motto is, “If you’re hungry, come and eat.” Many weeks we start out with empty shelves in our pantry, but each and every time God is faithful and makes a way to use the loaves and fishes that we do have!

We look forward to 2021!



*Children go to the park each week to walk/run a mile in order to combat the lack of activity that has been going on lately.*

  
**KEYSTONE  
COMMUNITY CENTER**

**Physical, 101 17<sup>th</sup> St SE, Roanoke VA 24013 – Mailing, PO Box 13042, Roanoke VA 24030  
Year End report Oct 2019 to Oct 2020**

God sent us a revival like no one has ever seen and our faith is under attack. How we have handled the past 8 months should reveal how strong our faith is. From day one the Keystone did not close; we changed our ways of ministering. Yes, we worked with lots of caution, but we still fed people, helped with schoolwork, conducted summer camps, planted gardens, and cleaned our streets. The continuation of sharing God's love that started in 1939 continues today with the WMU's strong support and churches that believe in supporting local ministry. I personally THANK YOU all for making sure we had food, school supplies and finances to keep us going. Our numbers have dropped since March, but life will get back soon, and we will need all our faithful volunteers again. In the meantime, let's keep our promise to serve God more and share the story of Jesus; we need you He needs you.

--Summer Camp 2020- We participated in 2 virtual VBS's in our updated computer lab with 12 children and one outdoor one with 17 children.

--Backpack- We gave out 110 book bags with supplies in Aug 2020.

-- Our after school had 20 on roll and stopped in March of 2020. We stayed in touch by doing weekly visits taking each family a boxed meal for every family member. We started the Thank You tour in Jan and only attended 5 churches before churches were closed. The children performed at 1 tree lighting ceremony. The thanksgiving meal fed 85 people with some of the food coming from the KCC training garden, 58 attended the Christmas party, and 60 attended the family pumpkin patch field trip in Oct 2019. Spring of 2020 ended in March, but we still held the graduation in June outside. We had 2, 5<sup>th</sup> graders with their parents and 1 high schooler with her mom in attendance. Fall of 2020 looked totally different with children coming in 3 groups of 5 from 9:30 am to 4pm with cleaning in between each group and everyone wearing masks.

--Little Lambs- We had 2 on roll, they helped make trail mix bags, made get well cards, plant flowers/vegetables, learned the Lord's Prayer, learned to ride scooters and lots more. The graduation was in May 2020 in the graduate's front yard with 7 in attendance. Fall of 2020 has 3 little boys with Pat Carter conducting the program on Fridays via face book live in one of the boy's home and recorded. The other 2 children watch or do on their own with packets prepared and delivered to them.

--Backyard Gardens- 2020 we had 10 gardens (1 new) plus our training garden that provided food for 35 plus 44 people fed from the training garden which we made pickles, salsa, canned tomatoes, pasta sauce, zucchini, squash, corn, grapes, peppers, relish and we ate the 2 apples. Some of the gardeners are now doing fall/winter gardening now that they have mastered spring/summer gardening.

--Adult Bible Study- We averaged 12 to 18 attendants each week till March 2020. Several churches brought lunch which has been a great mission project. Many of them have been coming over 40 years and have made great friendships. The group stopped in March and we started delivering a boxed meal; 134 a week which as of Oct 8, 2020 delivered 3,342 meals cooked by Bonsack Baptist. They still received their monthly bag of groceries.

--Food Pantry- The pantry is stocked by individuals, church groups, and anyone who wants to contribute. The recipients of the food are the participants of our programs and clients of counseling agencies. Referrals from churches must be called in and an appointment made. We do try to customize bags of food according to family size and allergies and cooking capabilities. We have no restricted areas of where people live but they have to bring their counselor. The Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas food boxes come from the pantry food with 50 prepared for each holiday.

We hope to resume several of our programs in 2021.~ THANK YOU ALL FOR PRAYERS AND TO CONTINUE THIS 6-7 DAY A WEEK MINISTRY, CALL TODAY TO BOOK A SPEAKER TO EDUCATE YOUR CHURCH OR ORGANIZATION ABOUT KEYSTONE.

## **MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT TEAM**

The Mission Development Team had many plans cancelled due to the pandemic. One of the bright spots for the team, and RVBA was the Shower Trailer Project. The shower trailer was borrowed from the BGAV and was in the Roanoke Valley from March to June. Showers were provided for the homeless on Saturdays and Wednesdays, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon. The RVBA providing \$500.00 for bleach, buckets, mops and financial help for Dawn Sandoval of The Least of These Ministry. Towels and washcloths were donated by many churches. The Shower Trailer for the Homeless was a partnership with Rosalind Hills Baptist Church. Members from our churches hosted the folks at the shower trailer located at Belmont Baptist Church. Once COVID-19 hit, and people could not go to the Rescue Mission the number of people served each day increased.

Valley Impact Day was September 26<sup>th</sup> all over the Roanoke Valley. We had 16 projects scheduled for Valley Impact Day with 11 different churches participating. All projects completed on that day but two. Faith Baptist collected food for Andrew Lewis Middle School and will deliver the following Thursday. Keystone Community Center postponed their project until the following Tuesday due to condition of the garden. Scott Hamilton and John Saunders split the projects sites and visited each one. It was a great day of ministry. The projects and the teams did a wonderful job, the challenge was due to COVID-19 and people who were reluctant to attend in-person activities.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

### **Board of Directors**

2022 - Terry Nester (Riverland Road)

### **Finance**

2023 - Shirley Hall (Lynn Haven)

2023 - John Recktenwald (Bonsack)

### **Nominating Committee**

2023 - Carolyn Tucker (Melrose)

### **Personnel Committee**

2023 - Danny Quirin (Mill Creek)

2023 - Glenn Giles (Enon)

2023 - Job Marquez (North Roanoke)

### **Program Committee**

2023 - Terry Nester (Riverland Road)

2023 - Judy Deel (Mill Creek)

### **Properties Committee**

2023 - Don Summerville (Haran)

2023 - Terry Overstreet (Mount Pleasant)

2023 - Kathryn Sowers (Vinton)

## PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The main task of the Personnel Committee in 2020 was to fill the new position of Missionary for Church Outreach Ministries. This is a part time position of 10 hours a week. The purpose of this position is to work with pastors and churches as they engage their communities through missions, ministries and evangelism for the purpose of making disciples. It was part of the plan of the church being the focus of outreach. This new position was the next step in the Vision Committee's report prior to the arrival of the current Associational Mission Strategist (formerly Executive Director). The funding for this new position (15,000.00 per year salary and \$3,000.00 expenses) is coming from the RVBA money in the Virginia Baptist Foundation. One percent per quarter is taken from the account and put into an RVBA designated account for this purpose. The job description was finalized at the February meeting.

Several candidates were interviewed for the position. After much discussion and prayer, the committee selected Rev. Scott Hamilton. Scott is a Roanoke native and brings to the position knowledge of the Valley, established relationships, a giftedness for evangelism and a commitment to serve alongside the churches of the RVBA. Rev. Hamilton is the pastor of Oakland Baptist Church. The committee hopes that you will contact Rev. Hamilton and get to know him and allow him to share some thoughts about connecting with people and reaching them with the gospel.

The Committee was going to make recommendation at the Spring Meeting that Rev. Hamilton be called to fill this position, but because of the COVID 19 shutdowns, the meeting was not held. The Board of Directors approved the calling of Scott Hamilton on an interim basis until the association could gather to vote. He started on June 15, 2020. When we can gather once again in person then the Association in session will be able to vote. At that time, the following motion will be made:

**The Personnel Committee of the Roanoke Valley Baptist Association recommends Rev. Scott Hamilton to fill the part-time position (10 hours per week) of Missionary for Church Outreach Ministries at a salary of \$15,000.00 per year with \$3,000.00 for expenses.**

Executive Director, Dr. John Saunders asked the Personnel Committee to consider changing his job title to Associational Mission Strategist. This is a new title that was developed by the SBCAL (Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Leaders). Feeling that we need to stay current with our language, The Personnel Committee and the Board of Directors approved this name change.

At the August meeting a 2% raise was given to the Associational Mission Strategist and the Office Manager.

Members of the Personnel Committee are Shirley Hall (Lynn Haven), Jake Huffman (Villa Heights), Chris Monroe (Vinton), Roy Kanode (Ridgewood) – CHAIR, Jeanie Wakefield (First), Elmo McLaurin (Bonsack). Shirley Hall and Jake Huffman are rotating off the committee.

## **PROPERTIES COMMITTEE**

The principal function of the Properties Committee is to provide for the maintenance of the properties owned by the association. The two properties are the RVBA office located at 3926 Plantation Road and Ward Haven Camp. The committee met in January, July and October. It did not meet in April due to the COVID 19 Pandemic.

### **RVBA Office**

- AEP cut the trees on the western boundary of the parking lot and the cut logs were left on the hill. They will not remove them. Some of the logs have been given away but much of it is still there. The committee is still talking with people and hopefully it will be removed by the end of the year.
- The parking lot needs to be resurfaced and the committee is researching the cost.
- In July Dan McCoy was hired to cut the grass at the office
- James and Sharon Bergquist were approved to clean the office.
- Approved Andrew Barnett for snow removal.

### **Ward Haven**

Giles Gilley, Maintenance Supervisor for Ward Haven gave a report at each of the meetings. He Reported that last year 15 churches used the facility with about 1,100 people present on site. Due to COVID 19 there were no groups at the camp during the spring and summer and so there was not much income for any maintenance and repairs. This has created a hardship in getting things done. Some of the things done were:

- Heater in the pumphouse to keep pipes from freezing.
- Added a shower to each side of the shower house.
- Staining of the fences
- Removal of the glass from pavilion
- New fire pit

Some things that still need to be done:

- New roof on shower house
- Propane heaters in shower house for when power goes out
- Repair drainage around the log cabin

Committee Members:

2020 - Judy Gibson (North Roanoke)

2020 - Ron Hoover (Troutville)

2020 - Ray Sarver (Vinton)

2021 - James Bergquist (Roanoke Avenue)

2021 - Roger Dillon (Connelly Memorial)

2022 - Joy Cook (Lynn Haven)

2022 - Paul Langston (Cave Spring)

## **Truck Stop Christian Ministry 2020 Year to Date Report**

Our mission at the truck stop in Daleville is to hand out Bibles and witness for Christ to those visiting the truck stop.

We pray with those that ask and at times we have purchased a meal for travelers who had no money. We are NOT allowed to display or leave any materials at the truck stop. We must hand the Bibles to people inside the truck stop.

We depend on financial gifts to purchase Bibles and supplies. We also accept new or clean used Bibles to hand out. Some drivers and travelers have donated to our mission.

We need your prayers that the current and future Truck Stop management will allow us to continue our ministry at the truck stop.

Bibles handed out at the Truck Stop in Daleville, VA

| <b>2020</b> | <b>Month Year to date</b> |     |
|-------------|---------------------------|-----|
| January     | 42                        |     |
| February    | 40                        | 82  |
| March       | 44                        | 126 |
| April       | 41                        | 167 |
| May         | 39                        | 206 |
| June        | 45                        | 251 |
| July        | 44                        | 295 |
| August      | 42                        | 337 |
| September   | 41                        | 378 |

*Dallas Norris*

Director Truck Stop Ministry



## **RVBA WMU Report for 2019-2020**

The RVBA WMU Leadership Team met quarterly to plan training and events for our local churches. Our focus was on mission's education and mission's involvement. We provided opportunities for missionaries who served through the IMB to connect with local churches and share their experiences. The following is a recap of our 2019-2020 year.

**The WMUV Women's Get-Away** was held Nov. 2-3 and 3-4, 2019 at Eagle Eyrie, with the **WMUV Annual Meeting** held on November 2, 2019 from 1:30-3:00 pm. Five members of our Leadership Team attended along with many, many other ladies from churches throughout the Roanoke Valley. The theme for this year was "Make Me Mindful" and our guest speaker was Sylvia Deloach, a Missions Innovator. The theme "Make Me Mindful" was continued through special breakout sessions. Earlene Jessee, past Executive Director/Treasurer of WMUV, was Keynote speaker for the Annual Meeting of WMUV.

**The Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer** was held on November 4, 2019 at Oakland Baptist Church. The theme was "When We Rise Up, He Shines Through Service". We had testimonies from women who spoke about service projects that their churches engage in. Our Leadership Team members lead the prayer time from the various continental unions. An offering of \$500.00 was collected for World Day of Prayer. After prayer breakout sessions, we enjoyed lunch and fellowship around the table.

**Mission opportunities** that we were extremely involved in during October, November and December were World Day of Hunger, Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions, Operation Christmas Child Campaign, and IMB Emphasis with Lottie Moon offering. We also provided food and monies for the Thanksgiving baskets and Christmas baskets for our two mission centers, Keystone Community Center and Friendship House Roanoke.

**WMU Focus Training for 2020** was held on February 15<sup>th</sup> at Troutville Baptist Church, with 45 in attendance. The theme was "Missions at your Doorstep". Mission opportunities in which many of our churches were involved were shared. Several breakout sessions were provided continuing with our "Missions at your Doorstep" theme. Refreshments were served by the WMU ladies. Our guest speaker, Jeri Harris, shared ways that we could reach out to the youth in our community through the Straight Street Ministry. Thank you to all who made this event successful.

**International Children's Missions Learning Fair** was held on March 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-12:30 at Waverly Place Baptist Church in SE Roanoke! Displays and foods to taste from 10 countries! A wonderful walk-through interactive event that was sponsored by RVBA WMU youth and children coordinators. Thank you to all who participated and provided food and displays.

Our events scheduled from March 15<sup>th</sup> on were put on hold due to COVID 19. Our Southwest Virginia Partnership Mission trip to Nickelsville, our Missions Celebrations, WMU Witnessing Booth at the Salem Fair, our Mission trip to Standing Rock, all were halted because of the risks that were involved, which created quite a challenge. However, COVID did not stop missions. God provided opportunities to reach out in love in our communities. We did have to learn how to do missions that did not require us to gather together. Some of the mission opportunities that our WMU were involved in were:

Blue Ridge Women's Center were provided supplies and monies.

Backpack ministries

BookNet collected, sorted and distributed books.

Those who had gone on Standing Rock mission trips in the past continued to keep in touch with and provide encouragement and needed items to the people at Standing Rock.

Cookies and baked goods were taken to many local Rescue Squads and Police Departments  
Candy, cards of encouragement were provided to schoolteachers and education workers, prayer walking  
Place mats were made for the Rescue Mission  
Buckets for God's Pit Crew were made and donated  
Back to school supplies were collected and provided to many different sites  
Shoes are being collected and donated to Shoes 4 Hope... a ministry to help orphans and children in need in Africa.  
Annie Mae Broyles Offering for Associational Missions

The needs and opportunities to serve are all around us. We have had to learn how to do missions in this new environment just a little differently.....

**SEPT. 26, 2020 Children's OUTDOOR ROUND-UP** at Ward Haven: An outside missions' event with masks and social distancing. A great day for WMU Children's Rodeo Round Up was held at Ward Haven Retreat. Lots of fun activities for the children. There was a missionary, Tana Adams from Bonsack Baptist Church , a Scavenger hunt, mission project of making thank you notes for Keystone Community Center, hay ride, storytelling and pick a pumpkin from a makeshift pumpkin patch in front of the historical log cabin. We had 13 children, 8 parents, 10 volunteers. This event was sponsored by RVBA WMU youth and children coordinators. Thank you to all who participated and provided items to make this event a success.

We continue to plan and reach out as we work together through this new time. To the RVBA churches and other churches in the Roanoke Valley, we thank you so very much for your continued support in all of our mission efforts, educational events, mission projects and trips. Thank you for your support of our mission centers, Keystone Community Center and Friendship House Roanoke. Blessings to all of you.

When we can meet safely again, we will be happy to help start mission education and involvement with children, Mission Friends, GAs, Children in Action, or Royal Ambassadors, as well as with adult mission education and involvement.

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**“FIX YOUR EYES 2020”**

ROANOKE VALLEY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
 PRAYER EMPHASIS AND  
 ANNIE MAE BROYLES OFFERING FOR  
 ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

**Day One:** *PRAY TODAY for 2020 Vision concerning Ward Haven* that men, women, youth and children will be strengthened in their faith as they attend retreats and camps at the facility. Pray for Giles Gilley as he seeks to maintain the buildings and grounds with a limited budget.

**Day Two:** *PRAY TODAY for 2020 Vision concerning Friendship House Roanoke* as they minister to children and families in South West Roanoke. Through after school programs, food distribution, summer programs and housing for refugees they seek to love people and share the Gospel of Jesus.

**Day Three:** *PRAY TODAY for 2020 Vision concerning Children’s Missions Camp* held during the summer at Ward Haven. Be in prayer for the leaders as they seek ways to involve more children in the camp and for opportunities to visit with churches to share about camp.

**Day Four:** *PRAY TODAY for 2020 Vision concerning Valley Impact* to be held on September 26<sup>th</sup>. This is an opportunity for the churches of RVBA on one day to engage our communities through ministry, missions and evangelism projects.

**Day Five:** *PRAY TODAY for 2020 Vision concerning the new church start Redemption Church Roanoke* that will be launching in Roanoke in 2020. Pray for church planter Carter Mundy and the core group that will be moving here so that they will find jobs and housing and that they will be able to engage the unchurched with the Gospel.

**Day Six:** *PRAY TODAY for 2020 Vision concerning Christian Soldiers Food Ministry* so they may be able to have the resources to serve those who visit the ministry each week. Pray that the ministry will be able to find another facility where they can have enough room to have Bible study and food storage. Pray for the leadership and volunteers.

**Day Seven:** *PRAY TODAY for 2020 Vision concerning Keystone Community Center* that ministers in Southeast Roanoke. Pray for director Pat Carter as she leads this ministry to reach out to children and their families through children’s programs, camps and backyard gardens.

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| <b>Annie Mae Broyles Offering</b> |                    |
| Friendship House                  | \$8,000.00         |
| Keystone                          | \$8,000.00         |
| Children’s Camp                   | \$2,000.00         |
| Valley Impact                     | \$ 500.00          |
| Christian Soldiers Food Pantry    | \$4,000.00         |
| Ward Haven                        | <u>\$2,500.00</u>  |
|                                   | <b>\$25,000.00</b> |