

Roanoke Valley Baptist Association

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THE FOCUS NEWSLETTER

Our Mission is to partner with and strengthen churches to advance the Kingdom of God and to meet needs in the community.

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RVBA Annie Mae Broyles Month of Prayer for Associational Missions & Offering - May 2020

Sunday – Ward Haven	\$8,000 – Friendship House Roanoke
Monday - Friendship House Roanoke	\$8,000 – Keystone Community Center
Tuesday - Children's Missions Camp	\$2,000 – Children's Missions Camp
Wednesday - Valley Impact	\$ 500 – Valley Impact
Thursday - Redemption Church Roanoke	\$4,000 – Christian Soldiers Food Ministry
Friday - Christian Soldiers Food Ministry	<u>\$2,500</u> – Ward Haven
Saturday - Keystone Community Center	\$25,000

This offering provides support for missions and ministry through the mission centers and other RVBA ministries.

Annie Mae Broyles Month of Prayer Promotional materials (prayer guide, poster and PowerPoint) are available on the RVBA website www.rvba.org and envelopes are available.

World Changers (July 6-11, 2020) – Contact John Saunders at the RVBA for more information at 540-366-7631 or jesdom@frontier.com.

Host churches are still needed.

RVBA Valley Impact Day – Saturday, September 26, 2020

More information is available on the RVBA website at www.rvba.org then click on RVBA Valley Impact Day 2020.

**ALL RVBA Committee Meetings for April and the
RVBA Spring Meeting have been canceled.**

The **WMU Focus Training** was held at Troutville Baptist Church on Feb. 15, 2020. Our theme was: Missions at our Back Door". We had 45 in attendance and everyone expressed interest in several mission ideas they had learned of and wanted to take back to their church WMU groups for consideration. Thanks to all who participated in the Craft Mission Idea tables and to all who chaired a Break-Out Session on missions for children, youth and adults. Our guest speaker, Jeri Harris, also shared ways that we could help reach-out to the youth in our community through the Straight Street Ministry. Looking forward to next year. Shirley Mullins, Asst. Director



Attention: Scholarship Available: Dear Church Pastors & Youth Leaders, The RVBA WMU sponsors the Lila Gilmer Scholarship which is awarded each year to a deserving student who has been accepted to attend the University of Richmond and must be an affiliate of a Baptist Church. We have been informed that the amount budgeted for the 2020 scholarship is \$3,290.00 (based on the interest earned each year). We have not had anyone receive this scholarship from our area for several years. Please check with your church family to see if someone plans to attend the University of Richmond in the fall. Applications are available on the RVBA website – www.rvba.org then click *Lila Gilmer Scholarship*. Mail completed form and requested information to: Fleta Dillon at 828 Brownwood Drive, NW, Roanoke, VA 24017 by 4/15/2020. Questions call 540.580.4377 (cell) or 540.563.4055 (home).

ATTENTION: Mom and Me 2020 will be held April 24/25 or April 25/26 at the Eagle Eyrie conference Center in Lynchburg, Va. Mom, grand mom, aunt or leader, this is a perfect opportunity for you and your daughter(s) to spend quality time together. "Mom & Me" retreat will have Bible Study, Worship, crafts, music and a missionary to share her stories with each of you. If you need more information, you can reach Rhonda Marstin, WMUV Children's Consultant at rmarstin@wmuv.org. You can register at <https://wmuv.org/events/mom-me-i-2020/>. PLEASE NOTE: Should the event be cancelled, you will be notified by April 3, 2020.

Abigail Girls - Congratulations are in order to the following Roanoke Valley GAs who have been selected to be a part of the WMUV 2020 Abigail Girls - Nadia Guterrez-Arnold from Coopers Cove Baptist, Hannah Wilson and Bethany Pittinger from Bonsack Baptist. The WMUV Abigail Girls program is designed to help outstanding young ladies develop their leadership skills through retreats, conferences, and mission experiences. Each girl will receive a \$100 scholarship to help pay for their GA camp registration at CrossRoads Camp and Conference Center this summer. These young ladies are the future of WMU so be sure and acknowledge their accomplishments when you see them. Fleta Dillon, RVBA WMU Director

Mark your calendar for the RA Family Weekend to Kings Dominion, June 5-6, 2020. The cost is now \$40 per person. This will include ticket for Kings Dominion, Program, Music and State RA Racer. Please register for this event at www.wmuv.org//RAevent. Should you have any questions, you may contact Steve Dalton, R.A. Consultant Virginia, at 540-598-8980

Brazilian Soccer Ministry Team will be at Bonsack Baptist June 23-26, 2020 to provide a soccer camp. This team is from Brazil with some players having played professionally and many are Brazilian Pastors. We will have a morning session for the younger children and a late afternoon session for teenagers. If your church would like to partner with us and volunteer, we would love to have the help. We want this to be a community event and not just a Bonsack sponsored event. For more information or if you have questions please give me a call. Steve Dalton, R.A. Consultant Virginia, (cell) 540-598-8980



It's Time Now to Start ~

Praying for, Donating Money for, and Choosing Your Day to Supply Servers for: **The Salem Fair Witnessing Booth!**
This year's dates are: Wednesday, July 1 through Sunday, July 12, 2020. Our immediate need is for **SEVEN** churches to donate \$38 to cover the rental fee for the booth, and postage for mailing forms and information to churches in charge of the days. Please send checks made out to RVBA WMU and designated for "SFWB" to our Treasurer, Kathryn Sowers, 1214 Jeanette Avenue, Vinton, VA 24179. Call Jeanne (The "FAIR LADY") 540.375.3246 re: questions, more info, or to secure your day for which to supply servers. Thanks, and remember to PRAY!!! Jeanne



HOPE Conference, "Change the Dance: Loving Someone Through Addiction and Recovery" (Addiction and the Family Breaking through the stigma – the hidden family crisis). The date is October 17, 2020 from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm at Villa Heights Baptist Church. Watch for more detail. Wanda Ware, RVBA WMU Adult Consultant Email: redrwanda@aol.com Home: 540-389-7985 Cell: 540-588-0896

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**KEYSTONE
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What a start to 2020 and what a wakeup call to all people. While we need to be vigilant in our actions in this time of uncertainty we also can show what being a Christian is all about. Let's use those phones we can't seem to live without and call people to check on church members, family and friends to see if they need anything. We don't need crowds to pray so let's start prayer chains and designated times each day. We chose 2pm everyday to pray for our children. 2 Chronicles 7:14 is one of my favorite verses to share; read it and as Christians let's practice it. My prayer for all is to be more like Christ and be on mission at all times in 2020. Our "Just Be Kind Movement" with our children is starting to make them think about their actions when they are not at the center because we ask them what was their kindness for the day. Help support our Easter Food boxes to be given out April 2 (bring donations in now), backyard gardens (start in March), backpacks (June, July), food preservation (need rings & lids), summer camps and most of all monthly financial support. If you already make a monthly donation have you recruited a new supporter? People are using social media to get people to donate to Keystone as a birthday gift instead of a gift to them, another way of being kind and a blessing. The Thank You tour has been well received but we will see how the virus affects future visits. A few things needed; gallon size baggies, paper towels, saran wrap, take out boxes, Styrofoam plates, pop tarts and 5K run/walk sponsors (need before May 1). Check the online version for food needs, ministry needs, calendar of events, lots of pictures and prayer requests.

The past few months, the children in our After-School Program have been memorizing Psalm 121. It boldly opens with the declaration that our help comes from the Lord. He who made the heavens and the earth and put the stars in their places also has us in his good hands. Each and every day during After-School Program, the staff and volunteers could always count on the truths of God's Word to ring throughout Friendship House at 4:00 during Bible study with our kiddos.



Things have changed drastically in the last couple of weeks though as COVID-19 spread into our community. Schools and universities shut down. Many businesses are shutting down and folks are out of work. Grocery store shelves emptied out. Friends and loved ones fearfully wonder what the future holds for them. That said, one thing that has not changed is that the Lord--our maker, our refuge, our helper--holds us in his hands. And that is exactly where we should be. Even though our children may not be with us each day now due to school closures, our prayer is that the truths of God's Word that they had been putting to heart will prove true in their lives and ring out in their own homes now.

Below is an update on our operations in the midst of the current public health crisis, followed by ways you can help: **After-School Program** has been suspended at the direction of local, state, and federal officials. Friendship House staff reaches out to each family of After-School Program each week to see how the parents are handling things, to offer help with school connections, take prayer requests, and offer food/supplies.

Refugee Housing Program is still continuing as normal since the family has their own separate apartment and can fully function without "regular hours" being kept at Friendship House.

Food Pantry has actually expanded during this time! During the first week of the shutdown, we moved the pantry outside and ran it as a "drive-thru" service. Now, and for the foreseeable future, we are coordinating a massive effort to deliver food to our neighbors in need so that they don't have to risk exposure. (Many of our neighbors who attend the pantry are already in very poor health.) In the process of this, we have seen our food pantry list grow by 50%!

How you can help (If you have any questions or want to help, reach out to us at fhroanoke@gmail.com or 343-5437.)

- Pray for the individuals and families of our various programs as they will be under extra duress in isolation during this time.
- Pray for the Friendship House and that the Lord would sustain it during this time of uncertainty.
- Offer to help deliver food to our families
- Donate money or food to help our families. We need the following items for our families: dry noodles, spaghetti sauce, canned soup, jelly, peanut butter, canned tuna, oatmeal, canned fruit & veggies, evaporated milk, cereal, soap, & toilet paper. If you make a financial donation, it can easily be done on our website (www.friendshiphouserohanoke.org/donate)



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CHURCH, STAFF & OTHER NEWS

Please pray for the following RVBA Churches that are currently without Senior Pastors: Arcadia, Cave Rock, Cedar Bluff, Craig Valley, Fort Lewis, Mayflower Hills, Melrose, Mount Calvary and Troutville.

CHURCHES OF THE WEEK - Please pray for these churches and their pastors:

- April 5 - Mill Creek ~ Danny Quirin*
- April 12 - Mineral Springs ~ Jason Gault*
- April 19 - Mount Clavary ~ Ed Watkins*
- April 26 - Mount Pleasant ~ Eric Spano*
- May 3 - Mountain Pass ~ Jack Richards*
- May 10 - Mountain View ~ Jeff Reynolds*
- May 17 - New Century ~ Chase Krug*
- May 24 - North Roanoke ~ Daniel Palmer*
- May 31 - Oakland ~ Scott Hamilton*

RVBYA Water Park Day at Massanutten
July 21, 2020

More information will be sent out soon and posted on the RVBA website - www.rvba.org

RVBA Calendar April 2020

All committee and team meetings have been canceled in April. The RVBA Spring Meeting has also been canceled.

- 5** Palm Sunday
- 10** Good Friday - RVBA Office Closed
- 12** Easter Sunday
- 13** Easter Monday - RVBA Office Closed

RVBA Calendar May 2020

RVBA Week of Prayer for Associational Missions
Annie Mae Broyles - Associational Missions Month

- 10** Mother's Day
- 12** 10:00 am Nominating Committee, RVBA Office
- 14** 12 Noon Youth Team, Pancho Vinton
- 18** 1:30 pm Personnel Committee, RVBA Office
- 19** 3:00 pm Finance Committee, RVBA Office
- 25** Memorial Day - RVBA Office Closed
- 28** 10:00 am Program Committee, RVBA Office

RVBA WMU
Lila Gilmer Scholarship
University of Richmond



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Applicant's Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ (Home) _____ (Cell)

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s) _____

Address _____

Father's Occupation _____

Mother's Occupation _____

Sibling(s) Name(s) _____

COMPONENTS OF APPLICATION

1. A one-page written statement of your educational goals
2. A resume of your school activities
3. A resume of your community activities and employment
4. Three letters of recommendation
5. A transcript of course work

Deadline to apply: April 15, 2020

Mail completed form and requested information to:

Fleta Dillon
828 Brownwood Drive, NW
Roanoke, VA 24017

Questions call 540.580.4377 (cell) or 540.563.4055 (home)

Missions Opportunity for the Dakotas -- Sewing Kits

The WMUV'S Mission Involvement Team project for the year is to distribute material to the different teams at Standing Rock to use in sewing projects. It was suggested that an addition to this program might be sewing kits. We have set a goal of 100 kits for the RVBA WMU. The sewing kits may be bought at Dollar Tree (near the checkout lines) or you can purchase the following items and make your own -- vinyl pencil holder with zipper to place items in, blunt scissors, needles, straight pins, safety pins, 4-6 small spools of basic colored thread, thimble (optional) and measuring tape (optional). The deadline for the project would be April 15, 2020, as the kits would be handed out at the meeting of all teams on April 18, 2020. Kits may be taken to the RVBA office on Plantation Road. Should you have any questions, please contact Beth Hetherington at 540-890-6630.



Mom and Me 2020

April 24/25 or April 25/26

Eagle Eyrie Conference Center

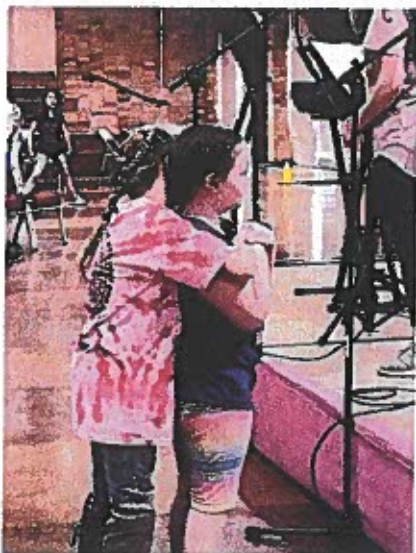
Lynchburg, VA



You are invited to bring your elementary age daughters and come to an overnight retreat to learn more about being on mission for God.

Come, meet a Missionary, take a hike, do a craft, learn a dance, worship with other girls and moms/leaders. We look forward to seeing you in April.

Mom & Me begins with dinner at 5:00 p.m. and ends following lunch.



Mom & Me Cost

Hotel	Adult \$127	Child \$83.50
Lodge	Adult \$109	Child \$74.50

These fees include lodging, meals, t-shirt and program fee.



“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 26th. 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.

Annie Mae Broyles Offering	
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>
	\$25,000.00

SALEM FAIR WMU WITNESSING BOOTH



JULY 1 –12, 2020



IMMEDIATE NEEDS:

IT'S TIME TO PRAY FOR, DONATE MONEY FOR, AND CHOOSE YOUR DAY FOR SERVING IN THE BOOTH

WE NEED **ASAP!** SEVEN MORE CHURCHES TO: donate \$38 to cover booth rental fee, (this will also cover postage to mail forms & info to churches that serve in the booth.) Please send your check, made out to RVBA and noted **"FOR SFWB"** to our treasurer **KATHRYN SOWERS, 1214 JEANETTE AV., VINTON, VA 24179**. Thank you.



CHURCHES TO BE IN CHARGE OF EACH DAY AND SUPPLY PEOPLE TO SERVE IN THE BOOTH: WEDNESDAY JULY 1 THROUGH SUNDAY JULY 12.

NEEDS DURING THE FAIR, JULY 1 THROUGH SUNDAY JULY 12:



COOKIES IN **SNACK SIZE, ZIP LOCK BAGGIES** WITH JOHN 3:16 (KJV PLEASE) PRINTED OUT ON A **BUSINESS SIZE CARD**, (USING **CARDSTOCK**), OR ON A RETURN ADDRESS LABEL, AND ATTACHED TO OUTSIDE OF BAGGIE (**PLEASE STAPLE CARD TO THE TOP OF BAGGIE**)



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CANDY STAPLED TO A BUSINESS SIZE CARD, USING **CARDSTOCK**, ON WHICH IS PRINTED **"THIS CANDY'S FOR YOU, AND GOD'S LOVE IS TOO!" "GOD LOVED YOU.., AND SENT HIS SON TO PAY FOR OUR SINS" 1 JOHN 4:10**

Call Jeanne (The "Fair Lady") re questions, more information, or to secure your day for which your church will be in charge of supplying servers. Thanks! And remember to PRAY!! Jeanne 540-375-3246.



world changers

“NEVER STOP”

**HOST CHURCH REQUEST FORM
JULY 6-11, 2020**

Church _____ Date _____

Host Church Coordinator _____

Phone number(s) (C) _____ (H) _____

E-mail _____

Host Church Responsibilities

1. Provide lunch on work site, Tuesday – Friday, for a crew of 10-12
2. Meet the home owner
3. Pray for crew and home owner
4. Follow up with home owner after the project

For more information contact: John Saunders at 366-7631 or jesdom@frontier.com



**ROANOKE VALLEY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
VALLEY IMPACT DAY
September 26, 2020**

**RVBA CHURCHES UNITED IN ONE DAY OF SERVICE
IN JESUS' NAME**

WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW

1. **PRAY.** Pray for this special day and how your church can be involved in impacting the Valley through serving others.
2. **COMMIT.** Step out in faith and lead your church to commit to be a part of the Roanoke Valley Baptist Association's Valley Impact.
3. **CONTACT.** Encourage others in your church to be a part of this area wide effort – Sunday School members, family, neighbors.
4. **PLAN.** Plan the ministry projects, missions events and evangelism opportunities for your church.
5. **CONNECT.** Connect with your community through ministry projects, missions events, and evangelism opportunities.

- Contact RVBA at rvba.office@gmail.com or call 366-7631 to sign by August 15th to sign up your church to participate.
- Let the RVBA know who the contact person for your church will be for the project.
- Check www.RVBA.org for ministry, missions, evangelism ideas and projects.
- Choose projects and project leaders.

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What a change in our lives, United States and the world in such a short time. So many prayers are being lifted and the bible verse that comes to mind is 2 Chronicles 7:14. We are all Christ's people, saved or not as he created us all and I pray to see many saved souls when things settle down. We are seeing so many acts of kindness throughout the world but I also see kindness here in Roanoke. My heart is broken to not be with all the people we serve but we are following government mandates and will be closed at least till the bans are lifted. Even though we are closed, we are trying to help when we can and we are still accepting food deliveries but call first to see if someone will be there to open the gate. Our church doors are closed but many are still feeding the word to their congregations via online and one of my favorite is the drive in stay in your car service. We can go back to the olden days of writing letters and calling to check on one another. I look forward to hearing about the kind things our children are doing with this unexpected early out of school and then share with you. The adult bible study folks are staying in touch via phone and so far they are all doing ok.

One thing we have done in the past, our Easter Food Boxes is suffering. We will give them out April 2 with what we have and restock after Easter break. We plan to have a drive up pick up for the after school families and I will be delivering the adult bible study families. I will post the pictures of giving out the Boxes in next Focus.

NEW MAILING ADDRESS: PO BOX 13042, ROANOKE VA 24030

The "Thank You" tour has come to a halt for a while but as churches open we may be able to attend if we can get together to practice our music. We did visit Red Hill, Coopers Cove, Garden City and Lynn Haven. We do have a video if the other churches want to insert it into their on line services. It broke my heart when some of the children called to see if we were going to church. I said not today but hopefully soon. Some of them love going.





After School unfortunately ended a lot sooner than June 2 but we may be able to have some time with the kids before summer camp can start. Please call after April 15 to see what we are doing if bans are lifted.

The adult bible study has had it's share of ups and downs. Several have been sick, a few have been in the hospital but since the lock in most have been well. Special thanks to Crystal Spring Baptist, First Baptist WMU, Red Hill, Lynn Haven and Bonsack Baptist for providing amazing lunches. They meet year round so as soon as the ban is lifted we will start meeting so we will need those lunches

Calendar of Events: these events may change due to unexpected closings so call the center first

April 19- After School to Rosalind Hills 11 am service

April 26- After School To Melrose Baptist 11 am service

May 23- 5K run/walk may be changed

June 2- water day fun 12:30 -4pm



JUNE_ JULY collecting school supplies we will be collecting all types of supplies except rulers, compass and 64 count crayons.



The food pantry will be low after Easter boxes so we will need to restock with lots of "staples" ; just add water pancake mix, instant potatoes, saltine crackers, dried beans, peanut butter, squeeze jam, canned meats, jello, canned fruit,

Advocate meetings: be a representative for the mission centers for your church. Look for email from Ellen Allmon

April 3 at Keystone 10am cancelled – info will be emailed to names on our list so if you have never attended please call send me an email to request your name on our email , mspatatbcc@gmail.com.

June 5 at Friendship 10am



It's Garden time!!!!

We will start seedlings this week and with our greenhouse hopefully save some money. We have picked up 2 new families both with 5 children in them so this will be exciting. Can't wait to share in pictures a greatly anticipated program.



Thank you to all who participated! Our goal was \$2000 and we raised \$1500. We had a lot of social media coverage and we won one of the prizes of \$250 for the most given between 6-7am. Stay tuned for 2021 dates. Go to the Roanoke Valley Gives Day website for lots of pictures and check out our profile.

Thank you Lynn Haven for the Bean/Cornbread meal. It was great fellowship and the children had a great time.

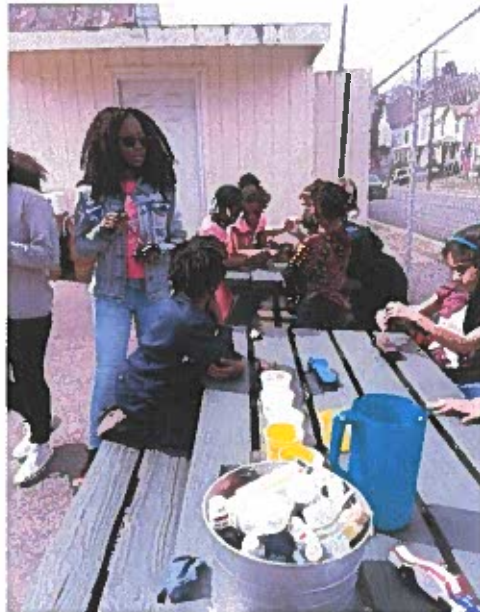


Thanks to Bonsack for allowing Chef Wayne to come in and prepare meals for our participants; we have delivered 114 meals since the shut downs.

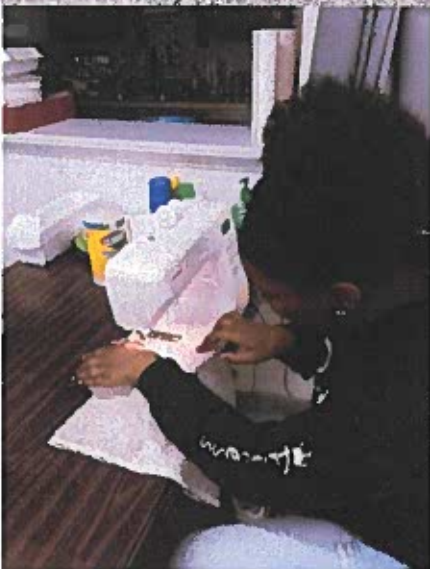


The food was cooked but the children had to eat outside

The race cars were painted and ready for the April 1 race at Coopers Cove but the doors were shut.



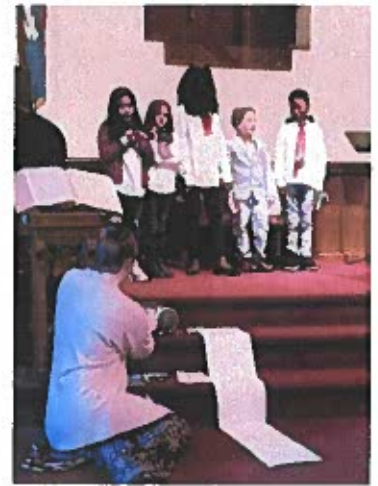
The machines were humming but the noise stopped.





The birthday cakes were baked but there were no parties

The church tours were lined up but the songs did not get sung.



✝️ But the laughter and smiles will come back and the green house will be full of food just as God has promised He will never leave or forsake thee in our time of need as long as we honor Him. These are times when a Christian can show the love of Jesus

