

THE FOCUS



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RVBA Newsletter
December 2018/January 2019
Edition

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from the RVBA Staff!

On Mission Together

Let me begin by thanking Pastor Scott Hamilton and the Oakland Baptist Church for hosting our RVBA Fall Meeting. They did a wonderful job of making their sister churches feel at home and seeing to it that we had what we needed for a good gathering together. I also want to thank Carol McCulloch (Friday Night Friends), Faith Dowdy (Friendship House), and Scott Hamilton and Judy Tear (Valley Impact Day) for sharing encouraging testimonies. Ken Gray and Sandy McClanahan blessed us with their music and Lonnie Reynolds challenged us to find ways to connect with those who are not believers in Jesus.

During the evening session we had the opportunity to show appreciation to Sandy Sloane for her twenty five years of service to the Roanoke Valley Association. Sandy has served faithfully with 3 DOMs and other interim DOMs in various jobs for the association, but is currently the office manager/secretary, bookkeeper and treasurer. Through the years Sandy has provided assistance to many of you and your churches. She gives support to the associational ministries and committees as they do their work. We appreciate her and all that she continues to do to serve the churches of the association.

Due the difficulty of getting the November/December FOCUS out during October, we have decided to change when it goes out to you. This is the December/January edition instead of November/December. This will help out the staff during the busy month of October.

When we come together as family of churches to meet needs and share the Gospel then together we can make a difference.

I want to wish each of you a very Merry and Holy Christmas and a great start to the New Year.

John

RVBA Youth at Rail Yard Dawgs Hockey Game

<https://squareup.com/store/roanoke-rail-yard-dawgs/item/roanoke-valley-baptist-association-youth>

Come join the Dawgs and other RVBA Youth on Saturday, February 2nd at the third annual Super Hero Night! This link will expire January 30th at midnight. Please pickup tickets at the Berglund Center box office on game day. Cost of tickets: \$9.00

*Reminder: Parking is an additional \$5



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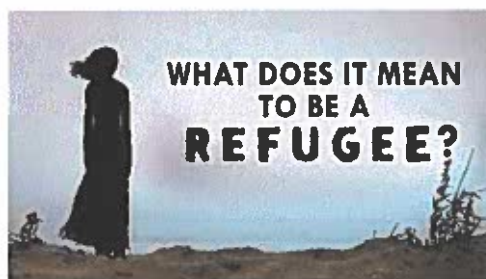
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2019 SWVA Partnership Missions Trip

Mark your calendar for our **2019 SWVA Partnership Missions Trip to Nickelsville, VA the week of March 17-21**. The cost is **\$100 per person**. Lodging at the Manor is **\$15 a night per person and \$15 a night per camper**. **Planning meeting will be held at Connelly Memorial Baptist Church on January 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.** We are now accepting ditty bags and supplies. Call and I will be glad to pick them up. Monetary donations can be made payable to: **RVBA WMU** and mailed to **Fleta Dillon, 828 Brownwood Drive, NW, Roanoke, VA 24017**. Looking forward to working with each of you again this year. If you have any questions, please call Fleta Dillon at 580-4377.



- What is it like to be a displaced person who has been forced to leave your home and cross national boundaries and who cannot return home safely?
- What is it like to be in a detention center and refugee camp?
- What does the Bible teach about our response to refugees?
- What can we do to make a difference for the cause of Christ in response to refugees?

Students and adults can catch a small glimpse of being a refugee at Bonsack Baptist Church, 4845 Cloverdale Rd., Roanoke, VA 24019, Saturday, February 9, 2019 from 10AM until 1pm in a refugee simulation. Child care and lunch provided. No cost but prior registration is needed by February 1, 2019.

Register at wmuv.org/refugees

Sponsored by WMUV and RVBA WMU. For more information contact Laura Davis:

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Ladies mark your calendar now for our 2019 WMU Spring Missions Celebration to be held on Monday, March 25th. Details on place, guest speaker, time and menu will be forthcoming in a mailer. Hope you will make plans to come. Fleta Dillon, WMU Director.

Salem Fair Witnessing Booth ~ Wednesday, July 3-Sunday, July 14, 2019

We need 12 churches/individuals to donate \$38 each for the rental fee for the booth, ASAP; contracts will be sent for booths in January 2019. Please send checks, noted "For Witnessing Booth" to our treasurer, Kathryn Sowers, 1214 Jeanette Avenue, Vinton, VA 24179. And, it is never too early to choose your day to supply people to serve it the booth.

Thank you, Jeanne "The Fair Lady" 540-375-3246

BOOKNET has been blessed with generous donations of books. One room is full! This means we need extra workers just to keep up. Would you consider joining us either on the 1st or 3rd Thursdays at Belmont from 9-11 am? Even if you can just come once, it would be a help. No special skills are needed.



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Serving Christ, Pat Carter

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Thank you all for helping us have an amazing year! We finish up December with our Christmas Toy Store. We are asking for donations of new toys with receipts or price tags included so that we can mark the price down to an 80% discount. We sell the toys to the parents who pay 20% of the store price. They are allowed to buy \$10 worth for each child which is the equivalent of \$50 worth of toys! The money goes into supporting the After-School Program that their children are in. This way the parents have the dignity of purchasing and deciding on what presents to get for their children at a more affordable price. We have 31 children in our program currently. Parents can also shop for siblings. ***We need all toys donated on or before December 10th.*** We also need volunteers to run the store. Here are some ideas for toys to donate:

Girls: Dolls (all ethnic groups), doll clothes/buggies/accessories, arts and crafts kits, gel pen sets, paint sets, acrylic paint, sketch books, coloring books (for older kids), journals/diaries, hair brush sets and hair accessories, nail polish, hula-hoops, volleyballs, any other balls, board or card games, tea sets, earbuds

Boys: soccer balls, basket balls, ball pumps, balls of any kind, trucks and cars (large and small), action figures, board or card games, soccer socks, paint sets, sketch books, Lego sets, Pokémon anything, ear buds (NO TOY GUNS PLEASE)

Baby: 2 years: pull toys, squeeze toys, bath tub toys, small riding toys, educational toys, rattlers, 6m-3T pajamas

Stocking stuffers: candy/gum, hair accessories, toothbrush/paste, hot wheels cars, mini-games, decks of cards, small art items, stickers



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CHURCH, STAFF & OTHER NEWS

Don Summerville has been called as **Pastor** at **Haran**.

Ethan Smith has been called as **Associate Pastor for Students and Families** at **North Roanoke**.

Heights Community has a variety of choral anthem music from the 1980s, 90s and 2000s that they would be glad to donate to any church that might use them. They also have blue choir robes with white stoles. For more information, contact the church at 344-7748.

Oakland is seeking a part-time organist. If interested contact John Bowman at 206-4433 or the church office at 366-5861.

Waverly Place is currently looking for a church secretary/administrator. This is a part-time position, working Monday-Thursday 9 am - 2 pm. The job entails office management, preparing handouts, maintaining church records, and working with the church website and social media. If interested, please contact Pastor Adam Triplett at adam@waverlyplacebaptist.org.

Lewis Gale Medical Center is looking for Volunteer Chaplains and On Call Chaplains (Paid). For more information contact, William L. Iler, Chaplain 540-776-4730 or William.Iler@hcahealthcare.com.

Please pray for the following RVBA Churches that are currently without Senior Pastors:

Cave Rock, Cedar Bluff, Craig Valley, Garden City, Midway, Mill Creek, Mount Calvary, Red Hill, Riverland Road and Troutville.

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

- December 2 - Mineral Springs ~ Jason Gault*
- December 9 - Mount Calvary*
- December 16 - Mount Pleasant ~ Eric Spano*
- December 23 - Mountain Pass ~ Jack Richards*
- December 30 - Mountain View ~ Jeff Reynolds*
- January 6 - New Century ~ Chase Krug*
- January 13 - North Roanoke ~ Daniel Palmer*
- January 20 - Oakland ~ Scott Hamilton*
- January 27 - Pleasant Hill ~ Rob Marsh*

RVBA Calendar December 2018

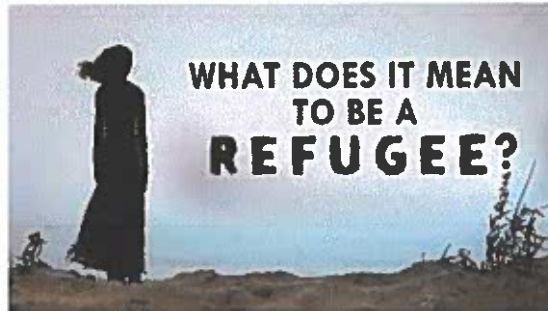
- 3-9** Week of Prayer for International Missions ~ Lottie Moon
- 6** 9:30 am Missions Dev Team, RVBA Office
- 13** 12 Noon Youth Ministers Lunch, El Rodeo, W. Road
- 20-Jan. 1** RVBA Office Closed
- 25** Christmas

RVBA Calendar January 2019

- 1** New Year's Day - RVBA Office Closed
- 8** 10:00 am Nominating Committee, RVBA Office
- 8** 2:00 pm Church Revitalization Team, RVBA Office
- 9** 10:00 am Properties Committee, Ward Haven
- 10** 11:00 am Youth Events Comm., Rancho Viejo (Vinton)
- 10** 12 Noon Youth Ministers Lunch, Rancho Viejo (Vinton)
- 17** 7:00 pm SW VA Mission Trip Mtg, Connelly Memorial
- 19** 10:00 am WMU Leadership Team, RVBA Office
- 21** Martin Luther King Day - RVBA Office Closed
- 23** 2:00 pm RVBA Board of Director's, Vinton
- 24** 10:00 am Program Committee, RVBA Office
- 29** 3:00 pm Finance Committee, RVBA Office



Refugee Simulation



February 9, 2019 - 10 AM-1PM

Bonsack Baptist Church

4845 Cloverdale Rd.

Roanoke, VA 24019

In the Bonsack Room Underneath the Sanctuary

No Cost but Prior Registration required at

wmuv.org/refugees - deadline February 1, 2019

Childcare provided at no cost when included in registration.

Come experience the walk of a refugee

If weather is questionable-call 540-366-7631

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For more information contact Laura Davis-ldavis@wmuv.org/Gerri McDaniel - gerrimcd@gmail.com

LewisGale Medical Center – Looking for Volunteer Chaplains and On Call Chaplains (Paid)

Jesus proclaimed to us, in Matthew 25, “I was sick and you looked after me.” Those who heard him say this asked, “When” did we do this?; to which Jesus replied, “whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers (sisters) of mine, you did for me.” As we minister to the sick, we are fulfilling one of the primary purposes of the Gospel and are following in the footsteps of Jesus.

The Pastoral Care Department of LewisGale Medical Center is actively looking for clergy, retired clergy, and qualified lay-people for its Chaplain Associates Program. My name is William Iler and I have served as Chaplain and Department Head, here, for the past 22 years. This program seeks those who have interest and experience in pastoral care ministry. If you are not an ordained or licensed minister, but have had extensive experience within your Church with hospital visitation as a lay-person, you will also be given consideration for our program. The Chaplain Associates Program consists of about 15-20 members who serve the Medical Center in a variety of ways. Most of the people in our program commit to a minimum of 2 hours each week to visit patients. Others are involved in on call ministry, which is a paid service for clergy who have had crisis ministry experience within the context of the hospital. Most months, we gather on the third Thursday, over lunch, for fellowship, business, and a one- hour continuing education program. The Chaplain Associates Program has been successful because of people, like you, who have served it well over the past 36 years. I am currently planning to do a six- week orientation session for new Chaplains on Wednesday mornings, beginning in January or February of 2019. (though we typically meet on Wednesday mornings, that day may be negotiable) These sessions typically go from about 9:00am -11:30am. After the completion of this orientation, you will then be able to select a day and time for visiting (usually 2-3 hours) that will fit your schedule. When Chaplain Associates have completed orientation and served for a couple of months, after this, qualified members are able to participate in our on call program. We are looking to expand our on call program, in the near future, and as already mentioned, this is a paid service. If you have interest in this, please feel free to contact me, as soon as possible, and I will send you an application form and some additional information about our program. After receiving the application from you, I will then set up a time for us to meet. This is an extremely valuable ministry to patients, family members, and staff within our Hospital. We have a dedicated and enthusiastic group of people who tell me, often, how much they are blessed by being a part of our Chaplain Associates Program. Thank you for prayerfully considering this ministry or passing this information on to someone you think would have interest. William L. Iler, Chaplain (540) 776-4730
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As 2018 comes to a close we want to take a minute to look at all that has been accomplished this year. This edition of the newsletter is "year-end report" style to recap our activities and programs from this year. Relational evangelism and gospel seed planting are woven into everything we do and we are trusting that God will yield a great harvest in his good timing. We are so grateful for your support!

On the office work side, we worked hard to stabilize the budget, filed our 501(c)3 paperwork, created needed tax documents and policies with our new board, made many building repairs, prepared the

apartment for renters, hired a new ministry assistant and renovated our programs. There is still much to do but we have made good progress. His provision just at the right time has been a faithful encouragement repeatedly with food donations, volunteers and check donations coming in right at the needed time. God's grace has been sufficient and often abundant!

Our After-School Program meets Tuesday-Friday 2:30-4:30 throughout the school year. We have 25 elementary and 6 upper school children on roll. We eat a snack/meal, help them with their homework, enjoy playtime, read together, study the Bible and have weekly STEM challenges lead by a Public Library employee. In the spring we grow 2 raised bed gardens that produce food for snacks and to be given out in the food pantry. Roanoke college students volunteer with the children (as well as a dozen volunteers from various churches) throughout each week for an average of 120 volunteer hours monthly. Last year we started looking for sponsors to help cover the operating costs for each child. At \$300 per child each semester we had about 10 children sponsored for the '17-'18 school year. We hope to increase the number of sponsored children this year and ask parents to contribute \$25 if possible. The children receive a monthly celebration of birthdays which include a gift, party favors and cake. Through the year each child receives an Easter book, winter gloves, hat, scarf and coat, stuffed animal, various clothes and shoes and a shoebox Christmas gift. Before Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas we provide a holiday meal box for the 11 families from our program and a few more in need from the neighborhood. All these blessings are provided by supporting individuals, churches and Lifeway Christian Bookstore. This year we started 2 new activities to connect deeper with the families. One night a week we host an evening meal and invite the parents to join us. Currently we are together on Wednesday nights 5:00-6:30. Two groups provides the meal monthly (second and third Wednesdays are covered but we are looking for more helpers). Otherwise we improvise the meal from donations of food that week (or purchase if necessary). After dinner we take some children to the AWANA program at a local church.

Our Christmas toy store for the past 2 years has been a great success and we are preparing to do it again this Christmas! The toy store provides an opportunity for the parents to shop from church donated new toys, stocking stuffers, games and pajamas at an 80% discount. This preserves their dignity and allows them to choose what comes into their home. It took 50 volunteer hours to organize and manage the store last year. 22 families were able to shop for their children and we received \$500 from the parents to put back into the program. We will be collecting toys for this Christmas now through December 10th.

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During the summer our neighborhood children went with us to VBS weeks at 2 churches, several play days at parks with mission teams, field trips to swim and cookout, hike Mill Mountain with a picnic, playground time with crafts and Bible lessons, weekly evening meals and Library challenges. Volunteer hours that helped manage these happenings totaled about 128 monthly. We saw tremendous growth and maturity in our older children this summer in caring for the little ones, helping serve in our food pantry and even cleaning

the building weekly. The younger kids were the most pleasant and well behaved for VBS that they have ever been. True friendships developed and everyone is getting along great. It was a delightful summer!

When the children returned to school, we provided 54 kids with backpacks full of supplies. With excess donations we made care packages of school supplies to teachers in the nearby schools to provide for students as needed and plan to do the same as Christmas presents for their teachers. Church work groups came 7 days to help pack backpacks, repaint inside and make repairs in the playground.

The upstairs apartment was made ready and rented to 2 refugee families until they were able to find long-term appropriate housing. The income from rent covered the costs of necessary repairs to the air conditioners precisely, which was a great provision of God. We are currently trying to furnish the apartment to make it easier for families to move in and out as needed. We still need a queen and twin mattress and box springs and one room painted.

The Food Pantry serves 25-35 families weekly with 1-2 full grocery bags of fresh produce, baked goods, and deli items that has been donated by Fresh Market weekly for years. This was about 500-600 lbs. of food weekly and was also used to feed the children after school. Donations in 2018 up till Oct. 31st totaled \$25,000 worth of food. This has been a huge blessing to our programs and people in our neighborhood for many years but ended November 1st due to management policy changes. Praises God, we started receiving donations from Outback Steakhouse and Food Lion equaling similar amounts the same week! It arrives a little later so we now open the food pantry Wednesdays 11:30-12:30. We are in need of more volunteers to help that hour. Also, Chick-fil-a donates meals for each child in our After-School Program once a month valuing approx. \$200. Donations of canned and dried goods provided by supporting churches are given out to about 40 families in a bag of 7 items once a month or on an emergency basis. The need for these donations is always ongoing. During each of the major 3 holidays 75 food pantry families also receive a nice bag of holiday meal food. Warm weather clothing items are distributed as needed in the fall. 77 volunteer hours accumulated by about 10 diligent volunteers monthly help us run the food pantry.

The kindness and compassion of our volunteers and supporting churches has produced many smiles, met needs, filled bellies, started conversations, pointed to scripture and made many people feel loved by the grace of God. We have had great support and encouragement from those partnering and working alongside us. Thank you for remembering us in support, service and prayer as we seek to glorify God and promote his kingdom together.

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"How Can I be Involved with Ministry at the Friendship House?"

Open Table Weekly Family Meal- bring dinner for 30 people Wednesday night at 5:00 once a month, or come cook at the house and join us! Give rides to kids to AWANA programs 6:30.

Christmas Toy Store- donate new toys, pajamas, games and stocking stuffers with prices attached (Nov./Dec.), help label prices 80% discounted and set up the store, assist shopping parents. Donations needed by Dec. 10th.

House repairs/work group- paint, clean, organize, construction on playground, do a special play day with the children or field trip, decorate the apartment

Food Pantry- donate canned and dried goods, run pantry: Wednesdays 11:30-12:30 set up food and assist guests selecting food, sign guests in, pick up food donations from stores donate holiday meal food or money to purchase, help shop for holiday meal food

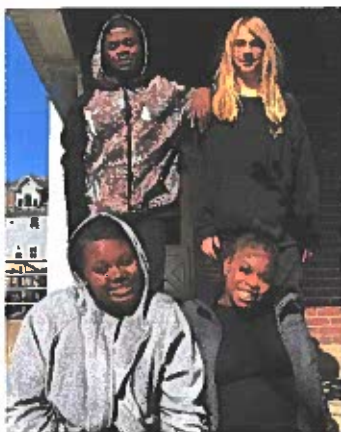
After-School Program- volunteer one day a week Tuesday-Friday 2:30-4:30, help play with kids, read with them, assist with homework, prepare snacks and/or lead a Bible study (especially needed for teens at 4:00)

Summer Kids Program- plan a special event, play day, or field trip, invite us to VBS or summer camp, help transport to special events, provide snack food

Donate financially: one-time gift, monthly donor, help put us in your church budget, sponsor a child for After-School Program \$300 a semester (30 kids need sponsors), all operational money comes from individuals and church supporters. You make this possible!

Help plan a fundraiser- host at your church a fundraiser spaghetti dinner, pancake breakfast, paint night or come up with a fresh idea

Collect and donate- winter weather gear (gloves, hats, coats, socks for children or adults), hygiene items (soap, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, dish soap, laundry soap), playground toys (balls, Frisbees, jump-ropes, hula-hoops)



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(a few of our boys get lessons on how to tie a tie before their first concert)

This past year we started a hand bell choir in the After School Program. We have 20 on roll. The children have learned quickly and really love music. As a way to show people what they learn we are going on tour in January 2019. Please feel free to attend any of their performances and visit some of the churches that help support the ministry. By the time this goes to print the children will have performed Nov 30 at the Fairington Apartments tree lighting ceremony and our Christmas party at Lakeland Lodge with over 100 people.

January 6—Midland Baptist 11am

January 13—17th Street Baptist/Access 11am

January 20—Pleasant Hill Baptist 11am

January 27—Coopers Cove Baptist 11am

We work with the k-2 or 3-5th grade from 2:30 to 4:30 on Mon, Tue, Wed & Thursday. I stepped out on faith that we would have enough volunteers to share Jesus if I increased our numbers to 20 but we have fallen a little short on volunteers. Many times I have to keep them all together for lack of volunteers. Folks that's 20 children hearing the word of God 4 days a week, please consider helping any day one or more times a week or month I could easily have 30 every day to share the bible but I need your help. Please call to give a gift of time to a child.

The adult bible study group is a faithful group of 15-18 women and "one husband" that come every Thursday for fun, fellowship and food. You can be a part of this program by helping to bring them a lunch on the 2nd or 3rd week of the month. First Baptist WMU does the 4th, and Red Hill does the 5th Thursdays. We will be showing the movie *The Nativity (In 2 parts)* Dec 13 & 20th, 10^{am}-11:15, all are invited.

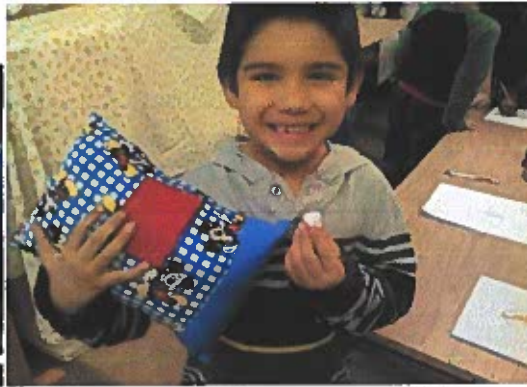


The gardeners are still gardening! Yes 5 of our Backyard gardeners started their fall/winter growing season in October. They are growing kale, mustard, turnips and garlic and using our perennial herbs. I'm proud of these families as they have worked hard over the past 3-4 years and one family alone has canned over 100 jars of food this summer with 12 people living in the home. One of our biggest food harvest from KCC training garden was sweet potatoes. One potato weighed 4.5 lbs and we harvested enough to make 5 large casseroles for our Thanksgiving meal which 45 were in attendance. We will recruit a few new families this winter and spring. This is one of our biggest expense programs so donations are welcome year round. We gear up in March 2019.



The Little Lamb Story time has 2 beautiful little girls coming on Tuesdays. We are opening it up to a few 2 year olds with their mothers staying. I would love to offer this program at least 2 days a week but again we need faithful volunteers to come forward. Think of the impact of learning about Jesus and the stories from the bible would have on preschoolers. I have willing parents to bring their pre k children 2 days a week and this is a great opportunity to train up a child at an early age but I need more volunteers.





Dave & Virginia doing the apple butter shuffle, a lost tooth gets a tooth shape keeper box and tooth pillow, children made caramel apples



After school children fluffing the Christmas tree and making salvation chains for tree



making a wish from the turkey bone

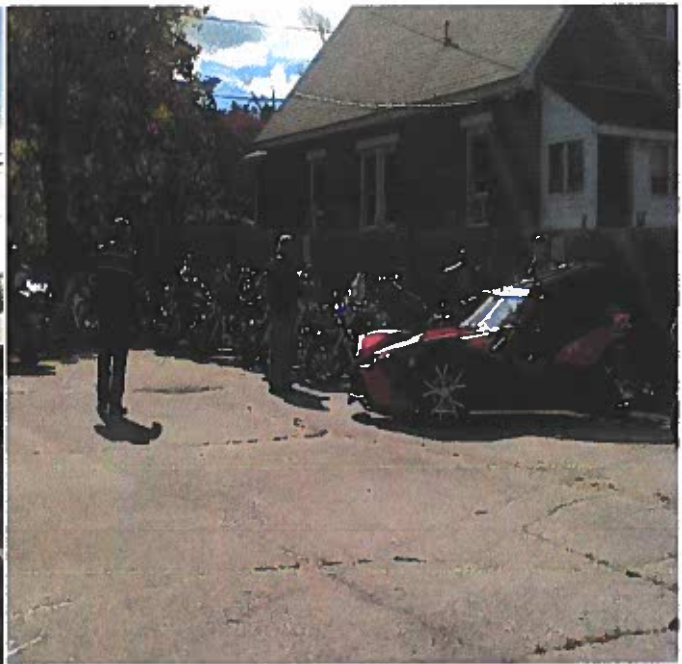
**We are hiring part time 12 hours
a week Mon- Thur 2pm to 5pm.**

To help with After School

Call Pat Carter for details

330-6263

The community Apple Butter Day was a great day of fun. We had some activities we never had before and a lot of new faces. I want to thank the Christian Motorcycle Association for their help and the 14 riders that showed up. Their 60 mile run was fun for them and they came back to a barbeque meal. Thanks to the WMU at Lynn Haven for cooking the pork loins all 95 lbs. While the riders were gone the band *Exalted Christian Band* set up and they were amazing. The 8 member band played over an hour and they had a great time stirring the apple butter as well. Another first was the recognition of our missionaries that have died in the field while serving God. The IMB sent me a list of 409 names in which a ribbon with a name on it was carried with a motorcycle rider and placed on the temporary memorial wall when they got back from the ride. Once the funds; \$4000 K are raised a "mobile" permanent memorial will be built and churches will be able to borrow it whenever they want to do a missionary focus month or teach their youth about missions.



Exalted Christian Band playing, at the kettle our auctioneer and his wife, the motorcycles coming back, the other kettle picture is the band having a good time





Christmas food boxes will be given out Dec 20. Please donate the following items by Dec 13;

- 1 LG box instant potatoes

-2 reg cans green beans

-box crackers

-jar peanut butter

-1box jello

-1lb box of sugar

-1 bottle syrup

-sm box foil

-couple rolls of toilet paper

-sm bottle cooking oil

-2 boxes mac n cheese

-sm jar of jelly

-2 cans corn

-3 cans evaporated milk

- 2 rolls toilet paper

- 1 box cereal

-sm box pancake mix

-sm bottle dish washer

-brownie mix

-can of yams

-sm bag dried beans

-pkg of chicken gravy

Please bring in as many of these items as you can as we only had 12 boxes of the 50 donated and will leave me short of all the items to have to buy. We still like to buy the eggs, milk, butter and whole chicken on the day we give the boxes out to keep them fresh. That cost runs about \$450.

Jan and Feb we will try to stock pantry with soups, crackers, oatmeal, cereal, hot chocolate, spaghetti and sauce, canned meats (tuna, chicken, beef stew etc) instant potatoes and canned milk.

We have had a major blow to our fresh food by Fresh market changing their policies on donated food, leaving us with not getting their throw away food. We counted on it to give our children fresh fruit and a variety of vegetables every day. If you run across a good sale on these items we won't turn down fresh fruit and veggies.

Other ways you can help us is by signing your Kroger plus card up with us. Go on line to Kroger's Community rewards program and use 91008 to register your plus card to Keystone Community Center



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We are also signed up for Amazon Smiles. When you order from Amazon use the Amazon Smiles and type in Keystone Community Center Inc. as your charity to support and we get a % of your order back each quarter. Call me if you have questions.

ROANOKE VALLEY GIVES IS COMING IN MARCH!! MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO MAKE A DONATION ON THAT DAY

GET THOSE CROCK POTS OUT AND PERFECT YOUR CHILI. WATCH FOR THE CHILI COOKOFF IN 2019!!

Your prayers for the families and children we help are greatly welcomed. We can't do it alone so be on mission as Jesus has commanded. If you can't physically help, your financial help is a blessing. We need at least \$4000 a month to operate so think about being a "Key" partner and join us in sharing Jesus to help make a difference in someone's life. You may also leave a legacy by making a donation to our endowment either with a check or leaving us in your will. Make checks payable to Keystone Community Center and mail to 101 17th Street SE Roanoke VA 24013.

I look forward to seeing you all soon and praying for a great 2019 of serving our Lord and Savior.