

# THE FOCUS



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## REVIVE! Christ and His Church

With Dr. Richard Blackaby and Dr. Mark Clifton

We will begin at 9:00am  
(registration at 8:30am) and  
conclude at 3:00pm.  
The cost of \$10.00 includes  
lunch and the two feature  
books.

Date: **May 5, 2018**  
Location: **Lynn Haven Baptist Church**  
**1501 E. Washington Ave.**  
**Vinton, VA 24179**

To Register:

<http://www.cvent.com/d/ltq419>  
or  
Roanoke Valley Association  
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TESTIMONIES  
FROM PREVIOUS  
CONFERENCE  
ATTENDEES

Special  
Q & A time  
with  
Richard and  
Mark

### Session Titles

"Christ's Presence and His Church"  
"Reclaiming the Glory"  
"Christ's Purpose and His Church"



**Ward Haven Clean-up Day - Saturday, March 10, 2018** from 9 am – 2 pm. Lunch provided.  
For more information contact Giles Gilley at 540-529-6697 or [broggilley@gmail.com](mailto:broggilley@gmail.com).

**RVBA Spring Meeting - Tuesday, April 24 at 7 pm at Fort Lewis Baptist Church** Please  
call: 366-7631 or email: [sanny610@aol.com](mailto:sanny610@aol.com) with a list of your churches messengers by  
Friday, April 20. This helps so much with the registration process. **During the spring  
meeting, there will be special music, a speaker and recommendations from the  
Nominating Committee, Board of Directors and the Personnel Committee.**

**CHURCHES OF THE WEEK - Please pray for these churches and their pastors:**  
**(\*Interim Pastor)**

March 4 - *CommUNITY* - Tom McCracken  
March 11 - *Connelly Memorial* - George Bulson  
March 18 - *Cooper's Cove* - Kyle Dooley  
March 25 - *Craig Valley* - Tim Decker

April 1 - *Crystal Spring* - Jeffrey Dickson  
April 8 - *Daleville* - Wesley Belcher  
April 15 - *Eagle Rock* - Billy Ronk  
April 22 - *East End* - Troy Mueller  
April 29 - *Emmanuel* - Dan Levesque

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

**KEYSTONE COMMUNITY CENTER - 101 17<sup>TH</sup> STREET SE, ROANOKE VA 24013**  
**OFFICE 342-8452 CELL 330-6263 PAT CARTER, DIRECTOR HOURS: MON, TUE, & THURS 9:30 am - 5 pm**  
**FOR DELIVERIES (CALL ONE OF THE #'S TO MAKE SURE WE ARE IN THE BUILDING)**

A little about what we do and encourage all to come and serve. We offer the love of Christ in the weekly Adult bible study, after school for gr k-5, Little Lamb story time, quilting, summer camp, reading programs, computer lab, community events, backyard gardens, food preservation and just walking in the streets. Volunteers are a crucial part of keeping the ministry going; I can't do it alone and ask for help daily from cleaning, preparing snacks, teaching a craft, office help, food pantry and now I need a fundraiser manager as we operate solely on donations. We need approximately \$4200 a month. Meeting Fri. Mar 2, 10am at KCC to discuss the future of the after school. We still do public speaking for businesses, any church functions or whoever wants to know about the ministry. On line version has lot more. We are also reserving VBS spots to bring our children this summer, please call.

**Please check out the needs and supplies used in the ministry:**

**Easter food boxes (we give out 50) turn in by March 19, 2018**

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| -Brownie mix                        | -canned fruits         | -instant potatoes                      |
| -canned milk                        | -spaghetti & sauce     | -jello reg & sugar free                |
| -cereal                             | -brown -n- serve rolls | -dish detergent                        |
| -foil/saran wrap                    | -soup / crackers       | -small plastic jars peanut butter      |
| -money for eggs, milk, butter, meat | -small bag of sugar    | -small box or bottle clothes detergent |
| -canned meats (tuna etc)            |                        |  |

**MONTHLY/DAILY NEEDS** – paper products-forks, spoons, napkins, paper towels, toilet paper, bowls, dessert plates, bathroom dixie cups, 6 to 8 oz cups (hot & cold), plates, 14 gallon trash bags, 35-40 gallon bags, toilet bowl cleaner, clorox wipes (we use a lot)

Support us in our fundraisers coming up: (1) Roanoke Gives March 14<sup>th</sup> click and pledge-a-thon (2) June 23, Keystone 5K Run/Walk (3) Apple Butter Day Nov 3, 2018 (4) Pledge cards (5) Others may be added in between dates given.

## **Friendship House Roanoke, Inc.**

**540-343-5437    635 Elm Avenue, SW Roanoke, VA 24016    [fdowdy@gmail.com](mailto:fdowdy@gmail.com)**

As spring quickly approaches we endure the last biting cold days plowing through homework, monopoly, crafts and puzzles in our After-School program waiting for the warm days of outdoor play to return. The food party has helped many folks on fixed incomes and hard circumstances survive the extremely cold days. Looking forward to the warmer months please keep us in mind for VBS and volunteer projects. There are so many ways to be involved and to love on our neighbors! Contact Faith to discuss options.

The Dowdy family has the exciting news to share that Faith is expecting baby #5! We are overjoyed at this blessed new addition to come to our family. None of Faith's pregnancies have ever been convenient or easy but all have been worth everything they demand. This does in no way sway our passion and commitment to the Friendship House ministry, but it does mean that we will need to hire help. This ministry was not designed to be run long-term by one part-time staff anyways. It was only a temporary solution to assist in stabilizing finances. Please be praying for this need to be filled. If you know any mission-minded strong Christians, please have them talk to Faith.

We are now able to take recurring direct deposit donations and credit card donations for your giving convenience! We have made progress towards further setting up a website and getting all legal paperwork in order. Thank you all who pray, give and volunteer to make this ministry possible. We have been so encouraged by the growth and support we have experienced. There is still so much more to go, and prayer and faithful monthly financial partners are so vital at this stage. Our ministry desire is to be meet relevant needs, build relationships across differences, share the hope of the gospel and encourage folks to join church families. Please prayerfully consider how you may be involved.

**2018 SW VA Partnership Mission Trip to Nickelsville, VA** - The time is fast approaching for our mission trip the week of **March 18-22, 2018**. The deadline for signing up is **March 1<sup>st</sup>**. The cost is **\$100 per person** for registration. The lodging at the Manor is **\$15 per night per person** and if camping, it is **\$15 per camper per night**. Make your **check for \$160 payable to RVBA WMU** and mail to Fleta Dillon, 828 Brownwood Dr, NW, Roanoke, VA 24017. We will be seeing approximately 2,250 children. We are now accepting donations of money for Bibles, and ditty bag supplies. We also need ditty bags for as many children as we can. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. Fleta Dillon, Mission Team Leader, 540-580-4377.

**2018 Children's Camp:** Registration for campers is now open!!!! Also, for volunteers!!!! Register on-line - Please send them in ASAP. Also accepting applications for teen counselors and counselors in training. Turn forms in now to avoid missing deadlines! We will pick the most qualified candidates...who should be Christ-followers who lead by example and like to work with children. Visit website at: [www.wmuchildrencamp.wixsite.com/childrencamp](http://www.wmuchildrencamp.wixsite.com/childrencamp) -- you can find application forms, pictures from previous years of camp, information about camp, our mission statement and more! Our camp theme for 2018 will be "The Body of Christ". Interested in camp, but unsure if you can do overnight for five days? Get a feel for camp at our promo day May 19th at Ward Haven! Check our website for updates about this event! Contact Jessica 540-397-0858 [jisigutierrez@gmail.com](mailto:jisigutierrez@gmail.com)



**Job Skills for Women** - Next Class will begin on **April 9, 2018** (Six weeks/ Monday & Wednesday from (9:30 to 12:30). Classes include Job Skills (writing resume/being comfortable in interviews/how to dress/ job hunting etc..) Computers, Boundaries, Bible Study and Others (self-esteem, budgeting etc.) If you need to enhance your job skill join us at Belmont Baptist. Call Diane Shepherd 798-9165 to pre-register we have room for 9 ladies. How can you help us? Be a prayer partner, mentor or come teach a class. Mentors are our greatest need at this time. What is a mentor, someone who will listen and encourage, this is a short 6 weeks commitment. Call or email Diane for more information 798-9165 or [dsva540@aol.com](mailto:dsva540@aol.com)

**WMU Witnessing Booth** - Greetings from the "Fair Lady". The Salem Fair dates are **July 3-15, 2018**. Since we are self-supporting, we are in need of **\$38.00 donations** to help pay for the booth rental, small prizes for the children's fish game, and postage for mailings of forms for volunteers manning the booth. Make checks payable to RVBA WMU and note in memo for "Witnessing Booth 2018". Mail checks to: Judy Tear, 1920 Mayfield Drive, SE, Roanoke, VA 24014. Volunteers as servers for the 2018 Witnessing Booth are needed. Please call Jeanne Dudley at 375-3246 to schedule times for your church to work the booth.



**2018 RVBA WMU Spring Celebration will be held at Rosalind Hills Baptist Church - 2712 Brandon Ave, Roanoke, VA 24015. (Note change in church.)** Dinner will be from 5:30-6:30 pm and the meeting will begin at 6:45 pm. Reservations and checks need to be in by March 15th. The cost is \$8.00 per person. Make check payable to RVBA WMU and send to Judy Tear, 1920 Mayfield Drive, SW, Roanoke, VA 24014. This is an important meeting as we will elect our officers, approve budget and recognize three Abigail Girls from Cooper's Cove Baptist Church. Our guest speaker will be Dorothy Owsley with Transitional Options 4 Women. Offering that night will go to this ministry. For those who wish to participate, we will have a Silent Auction to help with our Children's Missions Camp. I encourage you all to attend.

Hope to see you there,

Fleta Dillon, RVBA WMU Director



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**CHURCH, STAFF & OTHER NEWS**

Aaron Mansfield has been called as Pastor at Catawba Valley.

Enon is seeking a part-time Music Leader. They are seeking a mature Christian with a servant's heart who is looking for an exciting opportunity to creatively serve as a team player in a very friendly church. The ministry position is salaried and will average about 10 hours a week. Please pray and then contact the Personnel Committee at Enon Baptist Church at 366-6420 or Pastor Glenn Giles at 589-4652. You can also email at: enon@enonbaptist.roacoxmail.com.

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

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

**Reminder: The RVBA follows the Roanoke City School system as to delays and closings during inclement weather.**

**Remember to always call the RVBA Office at 366-7631 before coming to drop-off or pick-up items.**

**Sometimes we have to close the office for errands or meetings and we do not want to miss anyone. Thanks so much for your support of the RVBA!**

		<u>RVBA Calendar March 2018</u>
4-11		<b>Week of Prayer for North American Missions &amp; Annie Armstrong East Offering</b>
6	2:00 pm	Church Revitalization Team, RVBA Office
8	11:00 am	RVBA Yth Events Comm., Hibachi Grill & Supreme Buffet
8	12 Noon	RVBA Yth Min/Ldrs Lunch, Hibachi Grill & Supreme Buffet
10	9 am - 2 pm	<b>Ward Haven Work Day</b>
13	10:00 am	Nominating Committee, RVBA Office
14	2:00 pm	Board of Director's, Vinton
15	10:00 am	Program Committee, RVBA Office
18-22		<b>SW VA Partnership/Nickelsville Mission Trip</b>
26		<b>RVBA WMU Spring Missions Celebration, Rosalind Hills</b>
27	3:00 pm	Finance Committee, RVBA Office
30		<b>Good Friday - RVBA Office Closed</b>

		<u>RVBA Calendar April 2018</u>
1		<b>Easter</b>
2		<b>Easter Monday - RVBA Office Closed</b>
10	2:00 pm	Church Revitalization Team, RVBA Office
11	10 am	Properties Committee, Ward Haven
12	9:30 am	Missions Dev Team, RVBA Office
12	11:00 am	RVBA Yth Events Comm., New York Pizza Vinton
12	12 Noon	RVBA Yth Min/Ldrs Lunch, New York Pizza Vinton
18	2:00 pm	Board of Director's, Vinton
21	10 am	RVBA WMU Ldrshp Team, RVBA Office
24	7 pm	<b>RVBA Spring Meeting, Fort Lewis</b>

## REVIVE! Christ and His Church

God has a purpose for every church. There is much that He wants to do through each church. However, it has been our experience that God gives each church and its leaders "crossroads moments" in their history where they must make decisions based on faith if they are to continue to be used to fulfill the purposes God has in mind for them. It has also been our experience that the current health of any church is a summation of the decisions made over many years.

BMI, in partnership with the North American Mission Board, is excited to bring "REVIVE: Christ and His Church" to Virginia! Dr. Richard Blackaby and Dr. Mark Clifton will unpack several significant truths from the "Flickering Lamps" and "Reclaiming the Glory" books as well as from their extensive ministry with pastors and churches.

We will begin at **9:00am** (registration at 8:30am) and conclude at **3:00pm**.

The cost of **\$10.00** includes lunch and the two featured books.

Whether your church is experiencing positive spiritual health or finds itself struggling, it is vitally important to be oriented to the Headship of Christ. We encourage you to set aside time to attend the entire gathering in December, determined to park your heart before God, allowing Him to speak to you in fresh and transforming ways. Bring several of your key leaders as well so that together, you can experience God's heart for you and your church!

**Date: May 5, 2018**

**Location: Lynn Haven Baptist Church  
1501 E. Washington Ave.  
Vinton, VA**

**To Register: Roanoke Valley Assoc.  
[www.rvba.org](http://www.rvba.org)  
540.366.7631**

### TESTIMONIES FROM PREVIOUS CONFERENCE ATTENDEES

*"The overwhelming response from the pastors was that they felt that every pastor in our association needed to hear what Richard Blackaby and Mark Clifton had to share. The Biblical challenge delivered by Richard Blackaby was powerful! The practical insights from Mark Clifton pertaining to the "nuts and bolts" of church revitalization was extremely insightful. The message of the Revive Conference is one that needs to be delivered to the church in North America!"*

*"Revive, there couldn't be a more perfect name for this one day conference. I came expecting to get some good information on how to revive my congregation, which I received, but I came away with so much more. I came away with my own soul being revived."*

*"The main thing I brought back with me from the conference was hope."*

### Session Titles

"Christ's Presence and His Church"

"Reclaiming the Glory"

"Christ's Purpose and His Church"

Special Q & A  
time with  
Richard and Mark

## **2018 Southwest Virginia Partnership Mission Trip**

The 2018 Southwest Virginia Partnership Mission Trip is the week of March 18 – 22, 2018 to Nickelsville, VA. Registration is \$100 per person and due by March 1, 2018.

Lodging at the Manor will be \$15 each night per person and \$15 per night for campers.

You will need to furnish your own bed linens (sleeping bags), towels, washcloths and toiletries.

We are in need of Ditty Bags for children, monetary donations for Bibles and Ditty Bag supplies.

Make all checks payable to: **RVBA WMU** and mail to: **Fleta Dillon, 828 Brownwood Drive, NW, Roanoke, VA 24017**. Please indicate in the memo section whether donations are for Bibles, Ditty Bag Supplies or where needed.

**We have a great need for men to help with Construction on this trip. If you feel that you would like to help, contact Giles Gilley at 540-529-6697 for more information.**

When you send in your registration fee and completed health form, please indicate the team that you would like to work on: BookNet, Cooking, Construction, Food Pantry, Nursing Home or Preparation Center. If you want to help on more than one team, please list and what days.

If you would like to volunteer for devotions one morning, please let me know. Looking forward to working with each of you again this year. Fleta Dillon, RVBA WMU Mission Trip Leader, cell # 540-580-4377 or home # 540-563-4055

**RVBA WMU**

# *Spring Missions Celebration*

**March 26, 2018**

**New Location:**

**Rosalind Hills Baptist Church**

2712 Brandon Avenue, SW Roanoke, VA 24015

**Transitional Options 4 Women**

Another chance is all they ask

**Speaker: Dorothy Owsley – President and Founder**

**Dinner served from 5:30-6:30 PM / Program begins 6:45 PM**

**Menu:**

**Pork Loin, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Salad  
Assorted Desserts     Tea, Lemonade, Coffee**

**Cost of meal is \$8.00 for Adults and \$4.00 for Children.**

**Reservations required.**

**Checks payable to RVBA WMU by March 15, 2018**

**(Judy Tear at 1920 Mayfield Drive, Roanoke, VA 24014)**

**Childcare will be available following the meal.**

# CHILDREN AND YOUTH MISSIONS FAIR



Saturday, March 10th

10:00 am-12:00 pm

Melrose Baptist Church

3520 Peters Creek Rd.

The Fair will be an educational walk-through learning experience. Children and youth will be able to fill in a Passport and “visit” countries. Displays will be available around the room containing basic information, pictures, ethnic foods and authentic items.

Displays can be made by anyone and are encouraged. Please contact Jeri Harris for more information and to register your display. ([jeri@straightstreet.org](mailto:jeri@straightstreet.org) or 206-7349). You will have 4’ or 8’ table space as requested, and an electrical outlet if needed. Please provide small plates and spoons or forks as needed for food tasting; drinks will be provided by the Melrose WMU ladies.

Set-up will be from 9:30-10:00, Welcome, introductions and general information 10:00-10:15, Walk-through time 10:15-11:15 and a Music & Missions large group time from 11:15-



# DO YOU NEED?

**H**elp

**O**ppportunity

**P**reparation

**E**nhanced Skills



## MISSION STATEMENT

*Our mission is to show God's  
Love to women by lifting them up  
in their life journey to achieve  
their full potential*



# Job Skills Classes for Women



**"A Hand Up,  
Not a Hand Out"  
From Dependency to  
Self-Sufficiency**

## OPPORTUNITIES

### *Develop Job Skills*

Resume Development

Learn Interview Skills

Learn Effective Job Hunting

### *Computer Skills*

### *Enhance Personal Skills*

Self-Esteem

Establish Personal Boundaries

Nutrition Classes

Faith Classes

Budgeting

***Grow Spiritually***

# HISTORY

In 1993 National Woman's Missionary Union staff members saw how impoverished women in Appalachia had developed extraordinary programs that helped to change their lives. The question, "What can WMU do?" demanded an answer.

In 1994 a national WMU group developed the concept and purpose of Christian Women's Job Corps.

In 1997 a task force composed of social workers, minister, educators and counselors customized CWJC for Virginia.

The first CWJC site in the Roanoke Valley opened in 2003, and is now located at Belmont Baptist Church. In September 2009, the second program site opened in Botetourt County. It is now called Job Skills Classes for Women.

## Job Skills Classes For Women

# PROGRAM SITE

Belmont Baptist Church  
825 Stewart Ave., S.E.

*Diane Shepherd: Site Coordinator*

540-721-6407

Spring 2018

### ORIENTATION

April 9 @ 9:30 am

Class begins April 9 @ 10 am

### 6 Week Course

Mondays & Wednesdays

9:30-12:45

Graduation: Sunday, May 20

**All Classes are Free**

*Child care during class may be available upon request*





1620 East Washington Avenue  
Vinton, Virginia 24179

Saturday, April 14th  
12pm-5pm

\*Discounted ticket of **\$6** must be purchased in advance. This covers entry and skate rental!

Proceeds benefit the Roanoke Valley Baptist Association's  
Women's Missions Camp **Children's Missions Camp**

**This event is open to all ages.**

\*Contact Jessica at 540-397-0858 or [jisigutierrez@gmail.com](mailto:jisigutierrez@gmail.com) to purchase your tickets.

## HELP US BE HIS WITNESS TO VA, OTHER STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES FROM THE SALEM FAIR WITNESSING BOOTH!

Greetings from the "Fair Lady". The dates for "Fair Days " next year are: **July 3, 2018 through July 15, 2018** We need Churches to be in charge of obtaining people to serve in the WMU Witnessing Booth, inside the Salem Civic Center, during the Fair for each of these days. A church may get all "servers" from that congregation, or partner with a "sister" church to help supply folk to serve in the Witnessing Booth. The servers will greet "Fair-goers" who stop at or pass by our Booth, invite them to have: cookies, pretzels, candy, or pamphlets (re Salvation). Servers will invite children to play the "Children's Fishing Game", and give each one who catches a fish a "children's prize." Servers also will give a Jesus Film DVD to those who ask for one, (we have signs up about this in the Booth.) Everything we give includes God's Word, or reference to Him.

In addition to churches being in charge of each day, **WE NEED:**

- **Cookies in ziplock baggies**, and **pretzels in ziplock baggies** with **John 3:16 (KJV please)** printed on a **business size card** or label, and attached to the outside of baggie.
- **One piece of hard, wrapped candy** stapled to a **"BUSINESS SIZE" CARD (2 inches by 3 in.)** with the following printed on it:



(In case the scripture at the bottom of card is not clear, it is: "This is love... God loved us and sent His Son to pay for our sins" I John 4:10)

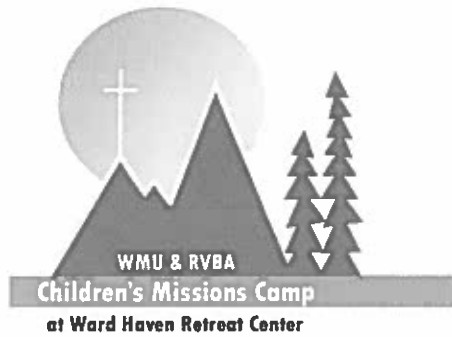
- **Again, for 2018**, (with no funds supplied by the RVBA) **your financial help is needed to offset the cost of: renting our booth #52 inside at the Fair, purchasing the small prizes for the "Children's Fishing Game", and postage for mailing form/info to churches in charge of each day.** (We had great response to this for 2017, with a little left over for next year's expenses. **THANK YOU!**) Therefore, we need **12 churches/individuals to donate \$38.00 each to cover this expense for 2018.** Please make checks out to **"RVBA WMU"** Note it :**"For Witnessing Booth 2018"** and mail check to: **Judy Tear, 1920 Mayfield Drive SE, Roanoke, VA 24014, ASAP.** Thank you.
- **Paper bags** with handles decorated with **scripture verses** and **pictures/ drawings.** This is a good project for GAs and Seniors! (numerous folk will ask if we happen to have a bag when they come by our booth and have their hands full of "stuff".) We had some wonderfully decorated bags this year. Thanks.

Everything given from this Booth has God's Word, or a reference to Him on it. Our

objective is to get His Word to as many Fair-goers as possible across VA, the USA, and the world.

Please call me and let me know of which day you will be in charge of supplying servers for the 2018 Witnessing Booth ASAP (Hollins Road has already chosen their day for 2018! Thank you HRBC!!) . And, most importantly, PRAY for God to draw people to Himself through this Mission Project!

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



**July 23-27, 2018**

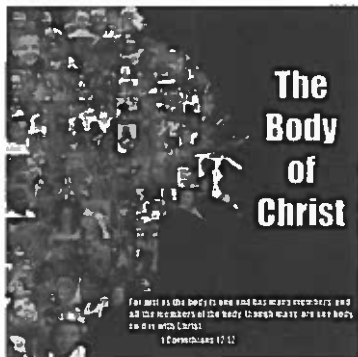
**Volunteers!** Your applications are now being accepted. Please send them in ASAP.

We are now accepting applications for teen counselors and counselors in training. **Turn forms in now to avoid missing deadlines!** We will pick the most qualified candidates. Candidates should be Christ-followers who lead by example and like to work with children.

Visit our website [www.wmuchildrenscamp.wixsite.com/childrenscamp](http://www.wmuchildrenscamp.wixsite.com/childrenscamp)

There, you can find application forms, pictures from previous years of camp, information about camp, our mission statement and more!

**Registration for campers is now open!** Register on-line.



Our camp theme for 2018 will be "The Body of Christ," with a focus on team work and how it relates to the furthering of the Kingdom of God. We think it is of utmost importance that every child knows how important they are to God and to his will for us and those around us.

Interested in camp but not sure if you are ready for a week of overnight camping and fun? Join us May 19<sup>th</sup> for a preview day to get a taste of what camp is all about. Check our website for updates on this event!

Questions? Contact Jessica Gutierrez-Arnold at 540-397-0858  
[jjsigutierrez@gmail.com](mailto:jjsigutierrez@gmail.com)

## Sample Schedule

### A TYPICAL DAY

**7:30am** Wake Up Call  
**8:00am** Breakfast  
**9:00am** Devotion  
**9:30am** Morning Rotations  
 Bible Study, Drama, Crafts  
**12:30pm** Lunch

**1:30pm** Missionary Visit  
**2:30pm** Mission Project  
**4:00pm** Afternoon Rotations  
 Recreation, Music, Showers  
**5:00pm** Dinner

**6:00pm** Afternoon Rotations  
 Continue  
**7:30pm** Camp themed activity  
**8:00pm** Camp Fire  
**9:00pm** Camp themed activity  
**10:00pm** Lights Out for Campers

While this gives a brief overview of a typical day at camp, we do often tweak the schedule to allow for special surprise activities! Some past surprise activities include a glow-in-the-dark block party, wildlife encounters, and a time machine!

## Growing up missionaries through missions experiences

*During this week-long, overnight camp experience, kids discover their potential for missions, both local and abroad.*



## The Site

Camp is held at Ward Haven Retreat in Salem, Virginia. With large meeting areas, two kitchens, bath houses, and bunks for up to 72 people, Ward Haven is perfect for this camping experience! Surrounded by Catawba mountain, Ward Haven boasts a scenic view, and is close-by, yet secluded!



**WMU & RVBA**

Children's Missions Camp

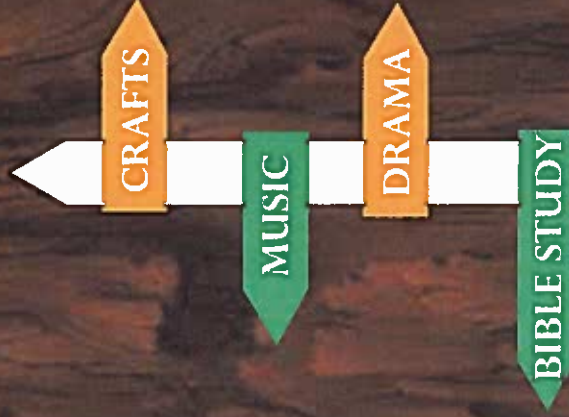
at Ward Haven Retreat Center

# CHILDREN'S MISSIONS CAMP

Sponsored by WMU and RVBA

**SUMMER 2018**

July 23 to 27



CRAFTS

MUSIC

DRAMA

BIBLE STUDY



Roanoke Valley Baptist Association

3926 Plantation Road NW

Roanoke, Virginia 24012

## Contact Information

Jessica Gutierrez-Arnold  
1235 Cooper's Cove Road  
Hardy, Virginia 24101  
540-397-0858 (Jessica)

## Campers

Camp is open to upcoming 3rd through 5th graders. Camper registration opens January 1, 2018 and forms are due NO LATER than June 20th. Registrations received after this date will not be accepted. All kids within the age range are welcome to register!

Price for camp: \$50\*

\*Want to save \$10 per camper? Register by the early bird deadline-May 1 and pay only \$40.

\*Scholarship applications are available

## Teen Counselors

We are looking for mature and Christ-focused counselors to help plan activities and lead camp! Each year we accept at least 6 counselors-in-training (CIT's) and at least 3 teen counselors to help with camp. All counselors must turn in their applications and references forms NO LATER than April 1, 2018. Any late applications will not be considered.

## Adult Volunteers

Interested in assisting with food preparation, set-up, organizing activities, teaching class, serving as a chaperone, or serving as a missionary? There are many opportunities to serve at camp and we are always looking for Christ-focused adults to would enjoy making camp a great experience! Adults must pass a background check and have registration forms turned in NO LATER than April 1st, 2018.

\*Camp is free for counselors and adult volunteers!

# Sample Schedule

## A TYPICAL DAY

**7:30am** Wake Up Call  
**8:00am** Breakfast  
**9:00am** Devotion  
**9:30am** Morning Rotations  
Bible Study, Drama, Crafts  
**12:30pm** Lunch

**1:30pm** Missionary Visit  
**2:30pm** Mission Project  
**4:00pm** Afternoon Rotations  
Recreation, Music, Showers  
**5:00pm** Dinner

**6:00pm** Afternoon Rotations  
Continue  
**7:30pm** Camp themed activity  
**8:00pm** Camp Fire  
**9:00pm** Camp themed activity  
**10:00pm** Lights Out for Campers

While this gives a brief overview of a typical day at camp, we do often tweak the schedule to allow for special surprise activities! Some past surprise activities include a glow-in-the-dark block party, wildlife encounters, and a time machine!

## Why Children's Missions camp?

### What campers are saying:



"My favorite part is learning and teaching kids about God"



"Camp is the best!"

"My favorite part is everything! But if I had to pick one thing, it would be Bible Study!"

### What parents are saying:

"She had a blast. She came back more appreciative and mature. I would definitely let her come again!"



"I have seen from videos that my daughter is having a wonderful time! I was worried of her being home sick since this was her first time."



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# SHINE



**FOR: TEEN GIRLS IN GRADES 6-12**

**PURPOSE: To worship together and to celebrate loving others through Missions**

**WHEN: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 7:00 p.m.—  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 12:00 p.m.**

**WHERE: CrossRoads Camp in Lowesville,  
VA, (near Lynchburg)**

**COST: \$75 (includes program, housing,  
meals and a T-shirt)**



Last year we had a wonderful weekend with Missionary Speakers, Skits, Worship Band, Hanging out, Camp Store (bring snack money). CrossRoads Camp has a giant swing, a sand volleyball court, ropes course and more!

Sponsored by the Acteens missions group through the RVBA and state WMU. To register go to [wmuv.org](http://wmuv.org). For partial scholarship info contact local Youth Consultant Jeri Harris at 540-206-7349 or [jerih1975@gmail.com](mailto:jerih1975@gmail.com).

# Friendship House Roanoke, Inc.

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As spring quickly approaches we endure the last biting cold days plowing through homework, playing games like monopoly, doing crafts and puzzles in our After-School program eagerly awaiting the warm days of outdoor play to return. The food panty has helped many folks on fixed incomes and hard circumstances survive the extremely cold days. Two precious refugee families have found shelter in our upstairs apartment for short periods allowing them time to carefully decide more permanent housing. We are so excited that this new opportunity to assist struggling families with our small apartment has been utilized! As you begin to make plans for summer please keep us in mind for VBS and volunteer projects. We will need groups and individuals to come to play and prepare food during the afternoons throughout the summer also.



We would love to take a group of kids hiking, swimming and/or bike riding during summer break just to name a few ideas. Come spend your energy on the kids instead of at the gym! There are also a few organizing and painting projects, raised bed gardens to help us establish and food pantry donations are always needed.

After much prayer, thought and anticipation we finally have our official mission and vision statement as a new non-profit! The heart is much the same as how the WMU and RVBA faithfully served this neighborhood for decades but hopefully with new clarity of intention, possibilities for growth and revitalization. There is so much potential for this ministry to assist this

neighborhood in flourishing! We look forward to seeing how God uses this effort to his glory!

## Mission Statement:

*Friendship House Roanoke, Inc. is committed to working alongside local churches to faithfully serve the surrounding neighborhood with the teaching, grace and mercy found in the gospel of Jesus Christ.*

## Vision Statement:

*Friendship House exists to:*

- *Serve our neighbors through gospel centered ministries of mercy and empowerment in order to alleviate the effects of poverty*
- *Evangelize and disciple our neighbors through the faithful teaching of the Word while guiding them into local gospel-centered churches*
- *Engage and partner with local Christian churches in order to facilitate opportunities for them to be faithful to the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) and the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:36-40)*

*(pictured: top, right- a lovely new volunteer being broken in with a game of Monopoly, left- one of our precious children delighting in a Christmas decoration gift.)*

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The Dowdy family has the exciting news to share that Faith is expecting baby #5! We are overjoyed at this blessed new addition to come to our family. None of Faith's pregnancies have ever been convenient or easy but all have been worth everything they demand. This does in no way sway our passion and commitment to the Friendship House ministry, but it does mean that we will need to carefully consider our way forward and probably hire help. This ministry was not designed to be run long-term by one part-time staff anyways. It was only a temporary solution to assist in stabilizing finances. I am often reminded of 2 Corinthians 12:9. God often shows his power all the more clearly when we are confronted with our weakness. May God get the glory for the work done at the Friendship House! In our weakness may he show himself strong!



We are now able to take recurring direct deposit donations and credit card donations for your giving convenience! (Ask Faith for details.) We have made progress towards further setting up a website and getting all legal paperwork in order. Thank you all who pray, give and volunteer to make this ministry possible. You carry out vital roles and we truly thank God for you. We have been so encouraged by the growth and support we have experienced in the last eight months! There is still so much more to go. Prayer and faithful monthly financial partners are so crucial to help us reach sustainability. Please prayerfully consider how you may be involved in local missions here with us.

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*Return/mail to: Friendship House 635 Elm Ave. SW Roanoke, VA 24016*

*Please make checks payable to: Friendship House. Please check and fill in what is applicable and return:*

Yes! My church would be interested in hearing how we can be a close partner in the Friendship House ministry! Please call and talk to: (name, number) \_\_\_\_\_

Yes! I would love to commit to donating monthly \$\_\_\_\_\_ amount to support the ministry of the Friendship House. I agree to give this promised amount for (circle one)   1yr.   2yrs.   ongoing.

Yes! I would love to sponsor a child to attend the After-School Program! I commit to sponsor (how many) \_\_\_\_\_ child/children for (circle one)   1   2 semesters for the 2017-18 school year.

Yes! I'd love to be involved! Here is how I can help/serve/donate \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Church home \_\_\_\_\_

Any other information or questions \_\_\_\_\_

*(pictured: two faithful volunteers preparing fruit for our After-School program meal)*