

# THE FOCUS

**Roanoke Valley Baptist Association**  
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**RVBA Newsletter**  
August/September 2019  
Edition



**RVBA Valley Impact Day**  
Saturday, September 28, 2019

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

- Contact RVBA at [rvba.office@gmail.com](mailto:rvba.office@gmail.com) or call 366-7631 to sign-up by August 15<sup>th</sup> for your church to participate.
- Let the RVBA know who the contact person for your church will be for the project.
- Check [www.RVBA.org](http://www.RVBA.org) for ministry, missions, evangelism ideas and projects.
- Choose projects and project leaders.
- Let the RVBA know what projects you will be doing that day.

For more information contact John Saunders at [jesdom@frontier.com](mailto:jesdom@frontier.com) or 540-366-7631.



Thursday-Friday, August 8-9, 2019 ~ Live Simulcast  
Roanoke Rescue Mission at Charter Hall ~ 9:30 am – 5:30 pm (both days)

Online registration:

<https://www.willowcreek.com/reg/#/reg/trans/one?invID=EV-LSS1908-MAIN-0326>

**RVBA Youth Back to School Bash, Saturday, August 24 @ Limestone Park - 2-7 pm**  
Cost is \$5.00 a person including adults. Dinner will be provided but please bring drinks/waters for your group. Activities include: swimming, fishing (bring own equipment), tennis, 9 square, lawn games and more. Worship led by Kris Call and Trey Freeman Please sign up by calling the RVBA Office at 540-366-7631 or emailing [sanny610@aol.com](mailto:sanny610@aol.com) or Mark Mitchell at [haranyouth@aol.com](mailto:haranyouth@aol.com) by August 19.

**Small Church Conference ~ Saturday, October 12, 2019**  
**Bonsack Baptist Church**

Leader: Chuck Warnock, Pastor of Chatham Baptist Church, writer, blogger and conference leader on the small church.

He believes that “small churches can engage with their communities and transform them with the power of love.”

**RVBA Fall Meeting, Tuesday, October 22, 2019 @ Villa Heights Baptist Church**  
**Business @ 4:00 pm – Dinner @ 5:30 pm – Worship @ 6:45 pm**

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RVBA Vice Moderator  
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**On Mission August/September 2019** - We have just concluded our World Changers project. There were 16 churches involved in hosting 9 crews of students and leaders doing home repairs for lower income families. They completed repair projects on 11 homes. There were folks from our churches working as runners, crew chiefs and encouragers. Thank you to all who were a part of this important ministry in our community. During the week the gospel was shared 42 times resulting in 10 individuals making a profession of faith in Jesus. Four other individuals rededicated their lives to Christ. We rejoice in how God used these young people to really make a difference here in our communities. Next year the date for World Changers is July 6 – 11. I hope that you will pray about how you and your church can be involved in ministering “to the least of these.”

On September 28th the Roanoke Valley Baptist Association will once again host Valley Impact across our region. We are encouraging churches to find ways to get out into your community through mission and ministry projects and evangelism. Our Mission Development Team has talked with some local agencies and they have some projects that your church can do on that day. Soon these will be listed on our web site. Other ideas will also be posted on the web site along with how you can get involved. I hope that your church will come together with sister churches to impact the Valley with the love of Jesus.

When we join together to meet needs and share the Gospel, then together we can make a difference. John Saunders

**WMU / Women on Missions Fall Missions Celebration ~ September 23, 2019 - Mill Creek Baptist Church** -- Dinner will be served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Our menu includes: baked ham, sweet potato casserole, green beans, congealed salad, deviled eggs and pickles, rolls, assorted desserts, tea and lemonade. Cost of the meal is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. (Note: there will be childcare following dinner). Reservations required by September 13<sup>th</sup>. Make your check payable to: RVBA WMU and mail to Kathryn Sowers, 1214 Jeanette Avenue, Vinton, VA 24179. We will be recognizing our pastors and their wives at this meeting, so please be sure to invite them to attend as our guests. Contact Kathryn Sowers at 342-8611 or email her at [kacky3@verizon.net](mailto:kacky3@verizon.net) to make their reservations. Our guest speakers for the evening will be IMB missionaries serving in South Asia and Africa. A flyer regarding the meeting and an invitation to your pastor will be mailed to each WMU Director. Looking forward to seeing many churches and pastors represented at this meeting. Fleta Dillon, RVBA WMU Director, 540-580-4377 (cell)

**BookNet** – We would love to have you join us in September on the 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at Belmont Baptist Church from 9 am until 11 am as we start to work on books for 2020. If your group would like to come at a different time, call Beth Hetherington at 540.890.6630 to get a time scheduled.

“**SHINE**” for teen girls in Grades 6-12 will be held at CrossRoads Camp, Lowesville, VA (near Lynchburg) Friday, Sept. 20 (6:00 p.m.) – Sunday, Sept. 22 (12 noon). The cost is \$95 which includes program, housing, meals and a T-shirt. For partial scholarship info contact local Youth Consultant Elect, Jeri Harris at 540-206-7349 or email [jerih1975@gmail.com](mailto:jerih1975@gmail.com). The purpose of SHINE is to allow teens to worship together and to celebrate loving others through Missions.

Please mark your calendar for our **Children’s Day Event on Saturday, October 12, 2019 at Bonsack Baptist Church from 10 am – 2 pm**. This is a WMU sponsored event. There is no cost and lunch will be provided. Guest speakers are missionaries Doug and Laura Lee. Special visitors will include three heroes. There will also be activities, crafts, picture stations with the heroes and more. The children will be making a special craft that requires plenty of plastic shopping bags (all sizes). Please start collecting now and call Diane Shepherd at 540.798.9165 or email [dsva540@aol.com](mailto:dsva540@aol.com) for pickup or any questions regarding this event.

**Women’s Get-Away – November 1-2 or 2-3, 2019 – Eagle Eyrie Conference Center, Lynchburg** - Registration begins August 1, 2019 and can be made by calling the WMUV office at 800.255.2428, ext. 8267 or email [wmuw@wmuw.org](mailto:wmuw@wmuw.org) or check the website at <https://wmuw.org/getaway>. Highlights include our Keynote Speaker, Sylvia DeLoach; Valerie Carter Smith (Mindful Mission Moments); Worship Leader, Teresa Harmening; and many breakout sessions for learning about our spiritual and physical well-being. Be sure and plan to attend the WMUV Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> after lunch so you will have an opportunity to hear what our Roanoke Valley Abigail Girls have accomplished and the mission trips that our WMUV staff have been on this past year. Looking forward to seeing our local churches represented. Fleta Dillon, RVBA WMU Director, 540.580.4377

**World Day of Prayer – Oakland Baptist Church – November 4, 2019 at 10:00 am**  
Our Theme for this year is “Arise Shine When We Rise Up – He Shines Though Service”.  
Menu includes: soups/crackers – salads – ham biscuits - desserts - beverages  
Reservations to Kathryn Sowers (1214 Jeanette Ave Vinton 24179) by October 16<sup>th</sup>

# Friendship House Roanoke, Inc.

540-343-5437

635 Elm Ave. SW Roanoke, VA 24016

fhroanoke@gmail.com

**Summer in Full Swing** As we write this today, our students are attending their second Vacation Bible School for the summer. It has been a busy and encouraging season of growth in the children's lives, the garden, relationships and our programs. Please continue to pray for the students as they learn more about God and His Word this summer and build relationships that are encouraging to one another and glorifying to God.

## **After School Program to begin again soon!:**

It seems that summer has just started, but students will be going back to school in just over a month. As we continue to gather backpacks to help students start the school year with what they need, we are also seeking partners to sponsor the children at the after school program to ensure they are cared for all school year long. The cost is \$300 per student, per semester and we have 30 students. If you or someone you know is interested in investing in these students' holistic growth (spiritual, academic, physical, emotional, and relational growth as we strive for each) this year, please contact us!

**KEYSTONE**  
**COMMUNITY CENTER 101 17<sup>th</sup> ST SE, Roanoke VA 24013—office 342-8452**

The summer is hot and unpredictable both weather and attendance. Summer school and sleep are taking a toll on the morning camps. As we turn our plans towards the end of summer, school supplies, food preservation, family camp and change of hands for the building are keeping us busy. A few items we are out of or very low is paper towels, Clorox wipes, plastic forks & spoons, instant potatoes, canned fruit, canned meats and bottled water. Our new program with teen girls is a lot of fun. We joined Straight Street teen girls to enrich the girl's life skills through cooking, food preservation, gardening, sewing, swimming personal hygiene and more. The girls are having fun meeting new friends and sharing Jesus. The girls will continue to meet after school starts, please pray for the participants. The race was a success almost 100 runners. The teen girls below showing their food preservations and a brother, sister help harvest some veggies from back yard garden. Again thanks to all who give of their time and financials to keep these programs going. Lots more info in the online version.





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**CHURCH, STAFF & OTHER NEWS**

Adam West has been called as Interim Pastor at Fort Lewis  
 Reggie Warren has been called as Interim Pastor at Troutville.  
 Jessica Cravens has been called as Director of Children's Ministry  
 at Lynn Haven.

Larry Sprouse has retired as Pastor at Melrose.

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

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

- August 4 - Cave Spring ~ Pete Schemm
- August 11 - Cedar Bluff ~ Kelly Dampier
- August 18 - Central ~ Willis Greenstreet
- August 25 - Colonial Avenue ~ Quentin Madden
- September 1 - Connelly Memorial ~ George Bulson
- September 8 - Coopers Cove ~ Kyle Dooley
- September 15 - Craig Valley
- September 22 - Crystal Spring ~ Jeffrey Dickson
- September 29 - Daleville ~ Welsey Belcher

Midland Baptist is hosting a Fundraiser Luncheon for their Missions  
 Fund on Saturday, September 14 from 12 noon - 3 pm at church.  
 Menu: baked potato bar with all the fixins also includes dessert.  
 Cost is \$6.00. Eat-in or carry-out.

Mount Pleasant is looking for a part-time Music/Worship Leader.  
 More information is available on the RVBA website at [www.rvba.org](http://www.rvba.org)  
 then click on RVBA Opportunities. If interested contact Pastor Eric  
 Spano at [spanoman@mpbc.roacoxmail.com](mailto:spanoman@mpbc.roacoxmail.com) or 540-288-6072.

Mount Olivet is prayerfully seeking a bi-vocational Music Minister to  
 develop and oversee a complete music program with a blended  
 worship service. More information is available on the RVBA website  
 at [www.rvba.org](http://www.rvba.org) click on RVBA Opportunities. If interested, please  
 send resumes to [pberger0711@gmail.com](mailto:pberger0711@gmail.com) or  
[reesarcraft@gmail.com](mailto:reesarcraft@gmail.com).

Ward Haven Work Day, Saturday, September 7 from 9 am - 2 pm  
 Lunch will be provided but you have to let Giles Gilley know how  
 many from your church are coming so he can plan for lunch. Contact  
 him at 540-529-6697 or [broggille@gmail.com](mailto:broggille@gmail.com).

**RVBA Calendar August 2019**

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| 1   | 9:30 am  | Missions Dev Team, RVBA Office          |
| 6   | 2:00 pm  | Church Revitalization Team, RVBA Office |
| 8-9 |          | <b>Global Leadership Summit</b>         |
| 19  | 7:00 pm  | Personnel Committee, RVBA Office        |
| 21  | 2:00 pm  | Board of Directors, Vinton              |
| 22  | 10:00 am | Program Committee, RVBA Office          |
| 24  | 2:00 pm  | RVBA Youth Day, Limestone Park          |
| 26  | 10:00 am | RVBA Leadership Planning, Ward Haven    |

**RVBA Calendar September 2019**

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| 2  |          | <b>Labor Day - RVBA Office Closed</b>                 |
| 3  | 2:00 pm  | Church Revitalization Team, RVBA Office               |
| 7  | 9:00 am  | <b>Ward Haven Work Day</b>                            |
| 10 | 10:00 am | Nominating Committee, RVBA Office                     |
| 12 | 11:00 am | Youth Team, Bellacino's (Tanglewood)                  |
| 12 | 12 Noon  | Yth Min Lunch, Bellacino's (Tanglewood)               |
| 17 | 3:00 pm  | Finance Committee, RVBA Office                        |
| 23 |          | <b>RVBA WMU Fall Missions Celebration, Mill Creek</b> |
| 26 | 10:00 am | Program Committee, RVBA Office                        |
| 28 |          | <b>Valley Impact Day</b>                              |



## **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

### ***Foundations for Personal and Professional Ministry***

**Thursdays, 6:00-8:50 pm  
August 29-December 19, 2019  
Dr. Gary Chapman, Instructor**

**For credit: \$660  
Audit: \$150**

**INFORMATION/REGISTRATION  
Contact Gary Chapman  
540/797-6846 (leave voice mail,  
if necessary)  
garyc76@cox.net**

### ***Spiritual Formation***

**Fridays, 9-11:50 am  
August 30-December 20, 2019  
Dr. John Saunders, Instructor**

**For credit: \$1500  
Audit: \$390**

**INFORMATION/REGISTRATION  
Contact Eric Spano  
(540) 588-6072  
espano@leland.edu**

(This class is the same as the Formation for Ministry (MS 410) in the Leland Diploma Program outlined in the John Leland Center catalogue and provides academic credit accordingly.)

**All classes meet at Bonsack Baptist Church  
4845 Cloverdale Road, Roanoke, VA**

**Scholarships covering 1/3 of for-credit tuition are available for members of Baptist General Association of Virginia churches. **Must apply by August 1.****

**From:** Mike Young | Noble Warriors <mike.young@noblewarriors.org>

**To:** sanny610 <sanny610@aol.com>

**Subject:** For the First Time in the Roanoke Area!

**Date:** Tue, 23 Jul 2019 13:24

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# LEADING MEN NOBLE MEN CONFERENCE

ROANOKE

Greetings Men,

Presenting to you for the first time in the Roanoke area.....*(drum roll please)*

## [Leading Noble Men – Roanoke Conference](#)

**Join Us Tuesday, October 1, 2019**

**Hosted at First Baptist Church Roanoke**

**Breakfast & Registration at 8:00 am | Conference 8:30 - Noon**

**Early Registration: \$20 (until Sept 15)**

### **Register Today!**

- ***A half-day conference for pastors and leaders of men***
- ***Featuring two keynote speakers***
- ***Great food, encouragement and opportunity to network***
- ***Ideas and tools to help you build up the men of your church***

Noble Warriors has been conducting the **Richmond Leading Noble Men** conference for 9 years with an excellent response from the local pastors and men's leaders.

**Now it's Roanoke's turn to get in on the action!**

### ***But who is [Noble Warriors](#) you say?***

Noble Warriors is a Christian men's ministry organization based right here in Virginia. Established in the Richmond area in 2005 by Mike Young, Noble Warriors has been serving churches across the state as they **equip men to walk with Christ and lead well.**

## S. F. WITNESSING BOOTH REPORT 2019

The Salem Fair reported 300,000 people came through the gates during the 12 days of the Fair.

The Witnessing Booth gave away (according to numbers recorded by our "Servers"):

**255 dozen** Ziplock Baggies of cookies with John 3:16 attached to the outside of baggie  
**100 dozen** Ziplock Baggies of pretzels with John 3:16 attached to the outside of baggie  
**Uncounted** number of **HARD CANDY** stapled to a business size card w/ poem and I John 4:10

Hundreds of prizes to children who "caught a fish at Fishing game, including 37 "Moses to Creation" DVD's donated through RVBA (Thank you RVBA!)

**73** "Jesus Film DVD's (I know that 26 were the kind that also has the shorter version for children, plus about 8 other languages on it, The rest had 24 languages including English, Spanish, French and Arabic. (Roanoke Valley 44, Other VA cities 28, Oklahoma 1,

The Devil fought the Witnessing Booth harder this year than I can ever remember, then the Lord just smoothed everything out; some folk got sick, some couldn't find people to serve in the booth, but the Lord provided others to take the empty spaces. We had a first time church to take charge of a Saturday, and another church, which had not taken a day for many years, choose July 4<sup>th</sup> as their day. Thank you, thank you to each church that helped serve, and also to those who supplied cookies, pretzels, candy, and the funds for booth rental, children's prizes, and postage for mailing the info to the churches in charge of the days !! This mission couldn't happen without all of you. A special thanks to all who prayed!!!

I personally was given the opportunity to witness to a young Jewish "Vender" who left his booth to come over to ours. He asked me a question that "opened the door" to quote Isaiah 7:14, ask him some questions, remember a tract I had that listed OT prophecies re Christ's death' and the NT verses fulfilling those prophecies. My helper in booth saw him reading it, and in a few minutes he returned, holding the tract, and said, "I believe this was JUST for ME." I replied, "I do too, because I felt God was compelling me to bring it to the Fair!" I truly believe God is drawing him. Please join me in praying for his salvation.

**NEXT YEAR DATES FOR SFWB: JULY 1-12, 2020. Call to reserve your day to be in charge of supplying servers: 375-3245. Thanks. Jeanne, the "Fair Lady"**

**WMU / Women on Missions**

***Fall Missions Celebration***

**September 23, 2019**

**Mill Creek Baptist Church**

(11475 Lee Hwy, Fincastle, VA 24090)

**Guest Speakers: IMB Missionaries,  
service in South Asia and Africa**

**Pastor Appreciation Night**

**WMU would like to have all our pastors and their spouses  
as our guests at this meeting.**

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

**Baked Ham – Sweet Potato Casserole – Green Beans – Congealed Salad  
Deviled Eggs and Pickles – Rolls – Assorted Desserts  
Tea and Lemonade**

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

**\*Reservations required.**

**Checks payable to: RVBA WMU by September 13<sup>th</sup>**

**\*(Mail to Kathryn Sowers at 1214 Jeanette Avenue, Vinton, VA 24179)**

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



# *Please Join Us*

## **Invitation to Pastors**

WMU of the Roanoke Valley Baptist Association  
cordially invites Pastors and their spouses to be our guests  
at our Fall Missions Celebration  
on September 23, 2019.

Mill Creek Baptist Church  
(11475 Lee Hwy, Fincastle, VA 24090)

Be our guests for dinner – serving from 5:30 – 6:30 PM  
\*RSVP

**Fall Missions Celebrations Meeting – 6:45 pm**  
Pastor Recognition  
Special Guests  
Guest Speakers – IMB Missionaries,  
service in South Asia and Africa

**We wish to thank each pastor for supporting our WMU  
missions work here in the Roanoke Valley.**

\*RSVP for dinner requested by Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.  
Please let your WMU Director know that you will be attending.

**Note: Childcare will be provided following dinner.**

# TEEN GIRLS MISSIONS

## RETREAT

CAMP CROSSROADS AND CONFERENCE CENTER

LOWESVILLE, VA NEAR LYNCHBURG, VA



SEPTEMBER 20-22, 2019



THEME: BELOVE(D)

I Corinthians 16:14 Let all you do be done in love.

FOR ALL GIRLS IN GRADES 6-12

### COST:

Plan A: \$94 Stay in Cabins,  
bring your own linens (sheets  
& towels)

Plan B: \$164 Stay in Ukrop  
Lodge hotel style; 4 per room

T-shirt and meals are included  
with both plans.

### REGISTER:

[Wmuv.org/events/SHINE2019](http://Wmuv.org/events/SHINE2019)

Teen girls from across Virginia will  
gather for a weekend of Fun and Focus  
on Missions!



Partial scholarship money is available, depending on requests received by  
August 20<sup>th</sup> by contacting [jerih1975@gmail.com](mailto:jerih1975@gmail.com) or 540-206-7349.

**OCTOBER 12 CHILDREN'S MISSION EXPERIENCE DAY**  
*sponsored by WMU Missions of the Roanoke Valley Baptist Association. For: CHILDREN & YOUTH age 5-17.*

## **LEARN ABOUT HEROES.....**



Special visitors: Spider Man, Cat Woman and a special princess will be welcoming us and will be available for pictures!



Activities, Africa-based Missionary Speakers , Crafts & projects, Picture station and more!

**DATE:** Saturday, Oct. 12

**TIME:** 10 am -2 pm

**PLACE:** Bonsack Baptist Church  
4845 Cloverdale Road Roanoke

**COST:** FREE (Lunch also provided)

To Register or for questions contact Diane Shepherd at 540-721-6407 or email her at [dsva540@aol.com](mailto:dsva540@aol.com) by Oct. 1.

**REGISTER  
ONLINE**

Beginning  
August 1 at  
[https://wmuv.org/  
getaway](https://wmuv.org/getaway) for online  
registration or use  
mail-in registration  
form.

# Women's Get-Away

.....**Make Me Mindful**.....

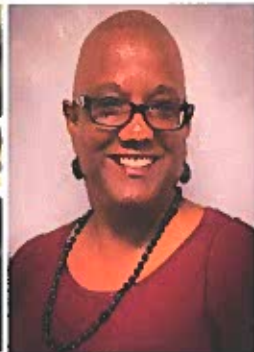
*Love the Lord you God with all you heart, soul and MIND!*

**November 1-2 or 2-3, 2019**

**Eagle Eyrle Conference Center, Lynchburg**



**Sylvia DeLoach**  
Keynote Speaker



**Valerie Carter Smith**  
Mindful Mission Moments



**Teresa Harmening**  
Worship Leader

**General Schedule**

**Friday and Saturday**

**Evening**

4:00 Registration

5:00-6:30 Dinner

6:45-8:15 Worship

8:30-9:20 Conference session

9:45 Fellowship

**Saturday and Sunday**

**Morning**

6:30-8:00 Breakfast

8:15-9:05 Conference session

9:15-10:05 Conference session

10:15-11:50 Worship

12:00-1:30 Lunch

Each Session begins with dinner at 5:00 pm and ends with lunch

**Costs for BGAV churches:**

Hotel (program fee and three meals)-\$117.00

Lodge (program fee and three meals)- \$99.00

Commuters (day) - \$20.00 (does not include lunch)

For registration forms or information, call the WMUV office  
at 800.255.2428, ext. 8267, email [wmuv@wmuv.org](mailto:wmuv@wmuv.org) or check  
the website at <https://wmuv.org/getaway>

For specific information on lodging or meals, contact  
Eagle Eyrle directly at 1-434.384.2211.

**Conferences Offered:**

Mind Games

Peace of Mind

Learning to be Mindful

The Addictive Mind

The Aging Mind

Peace, Sabbath, Silence

Remind Me

Different Ways to Pray

The Growing Mind

Mindful Art

Zumba

**AND MANY MORE!**

**Spanish-Speaking  
Special Session at the  
Women's Get-Away  
November 2-3  
Saturday and Sunday**

**WMUV Annual Meeting**

**November 2, 2019**

**1:30-3:00 p.m.**

**Eagle Eyrle**



*When We Rise Up  
He Shines Through Service*

**November 4 at 10:00am**

**Oakland Baptist Church**

(3623 Roundhill Ave NW, Roanoke)

**Cost of Lunch—\$8**

**soups/crackers – salads – ham biscuits - desserts - beverages**

**Payment mailed by Wednesday, October 16**

**to Kathryn Sowers**

(1214 Jeanette Ave., Vinton, 24179)



**101 17<sup>th</sup> Street SE Roanoke VA 24013**

**Office- 540-342-8452 Fax**

**Pat Carter- Director**

This has been an interesting summer but we are excited about the upcoming seasonal changes and new program ideas. Camp was down in numbers but the children received lots of love and fun from all the churches that invited them to their VBS'S and the mission teams that came to us. Even though the weather does not reflect fall we are planning programs and activities now. School starts Aug 20 and then Thanksgiving / Christmas. I will include the annual food box list in this issue so you can plan with your church how to collect items. I want to remind churches that we are available to come and do presentations about the mission's work we do and extend an invitation to you to come and visit with youth groups, WMU groups, SS classes or individuals. We desperately need volunteers to keep the after school and pre K going. School supplies are still needed as we use them year round. Please call ahead for deliveries as after Aug 22 I will be without Ashley my summer helper. Pray for her as she returns to Radford as a Junior. I will surely miss her. We are trying to hire a part time person so if you know of someone interested in missions work call to get details.

Mark your calendars: ---starting Fri Aug 16 we are closed Fridays

Aug 9--Advocate meeting -10am @ Friendship House anyone can come

Aug 9—12:30 to 2:30 give out book bags

**Aug 13-Volunteer Training for all areas of work, 10-12 lunch provided RSVP please**

Aug 20—Roanoke City schools start, After school starts 2:30-4:30

Sept 2—Labor Day closed

Sept 8—Volunteer reception 2pm 5pm at Rockledge RSVP

Sept 28—Chili cook off 11am – 3pm This is our Fall fundraiser to raise the \$3500 for our insurance due in Jan. see attached flyer

# **CHILI COOK OFF TO BENEFIT THE KEYSTONE COMMUNITY CENTER**

**HOSTED BY Lynn Haven Baptist Church  
1501 E Washington Avenue, Vinton VA 24179**

**Saturday, September 28 ~ 11 am to 3 pm**

***Bring your best crock pot of Chili***

***1<sup>st</sup> place gets \$100***

***2<sup>nd</sup> place \$50***

***3<sup>d</sup> place \$25***

***Winners announced 2:30 pm***

**Please reserve your spot by September 24**

**Entry Fee \$20.00**

**Other Events: Silent Auction (accepting donations)**

**Live music and Bake sale**

**To vote: get \$5 voting ticket which includes samples and bowl of chili, cornbread, or hot dog with chili**



## **Thanksgiving Food Box Item**

**Boxes given out Nov 21, \$450.00 needed to buy eggs, milk, butter, meat. Bring donations in by Nov 14**

**1 Lg box instant potatoes (26.2 oz)**

**1 sm bottle cooking oil**

**1 sm jar jelly(plastic)**

**2 cans corn**

**2 cans green beans**

**3 cans evaporated milk**

**1 can pumpkin**

**1 box cereal**

**1 box pancake mix (just add water)**

**1 bottle syrup**

**1 sm bottle dishwashing liquid**

**1 box brownie mix**

**1 can yams**

**2 boxes Mac N Cheese**

**2 boxes of Jello**

**1 box cracker**

**1 jar peanut butter**

**1 box of 2lb sugar (not confection)**

**1 sm box foil**

**1 roll Toilet Paper**

**4 cans soup**

**1 pack turkey or chicken gravy mix (no glass jars please)**

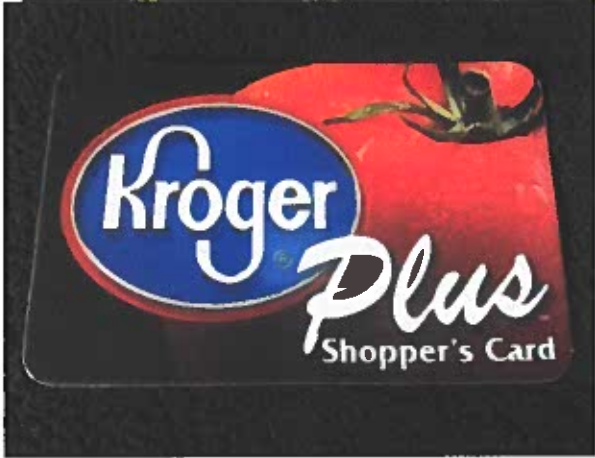
**1 box chicken or turkey flavor stuffing**

**Christmas boxes given out Dec 19 bring donations in by Dec 12. Use same list**

### **Monthly Needs:**

**Paper towels, plastic forks and spoons (no knives), can wipes(we use a lot), Styrofoam plates, tall trash bags, 5 oz plastic snack cups, cook a meal for adults or after school, drivers with full coverage insurance to help with field trips, bleach (gallon size)**







Making "pool noodle" flowers with our partners from the library

**The After-School Program Needs You**

With the school year rapidly approaching, August 20th is our first day back, it's time for us to start gearing up and preparing to serve our 30 kids in the after school program with the people and resources we need to meet the holistic needs of our students.

We seek to serve the students' **spiritual development** through Bible study, mentoring and partner with local churches to have the students in their AWANA's programs. We seek to serve their **mental development** through homework help, tutoring, reading help and practice and our partnership with the Library's STEAM program. We

seek to serve their **physical development** through daily exercise on the playground, snacks and a weekly dinner. We seek to serve their **relational development** through fostering friendships and relationships with adult volunteers who pour into our students. We are in need of volunteers Tuesday - Friday 2:30-4:30 for the program during the school year. Please consider volunteering one day a week.



Bowling Night!

With all those great activities and relationships going on, we need your help in providing for the resources it takes to serve our students in this holistic way. It *costs \$300 per student each semester* to keep these programs going. Because we value the dignity of our students' parents, we do ask them to contribute a small fee to help them provide for furthering their children's growth as well as promote greater commitment to the program. Our cost of \$300 per semester, per student is on top of the small fee asked of parents. We need your help securing the funding necessary to keep this ministry going and growing. Will you prayerfully consider sponsoring a

student this school year? You can make the contribution by \$300 per semester, \$600 all at once to cover the whole school year, or pledge **\$50 a month** to cover the full sponsorship. If you aren't able to cover a whole sponsorship at this time, would you consider asking your small group or Sunday school class to sponsor one student or more than one by working together!



Teens Bowling

**Come Pray with Us:** We have been seeing God answer many of our prayers as we have gathered together every other month to pray for the ministry of the Friendship House. Our next night of prayer is **September 3rd from 6:00-7:00 at the Friendship House!** Come join us in this great work of supporting the ministry through prayer together!



**Summer Update**

The summer has been full of fun, adventure, new experiences and, most importantly, growing in our knowledge and understanding of the Lord. We have had many opportunities for field trips to the lake, swimming pool, bowling and more. The photos in this newsletter show some of the fun and learning from this summer. Thank you for making this possible! We also want to praise God and let you know that, after months and months of waiting, the IRS finally approved our application and we received our 501c3 tax exempt status! Join us in thanking God for this provision.

**Backpack Collection for the new school year**

We are collecting 100 backpacks and school supplies to fill them for the students when they return to school in the fall. Highest priorities are full-size, high school back packs, glue sticks (each child needs 12!), glue bottles, composition notebooks (NOT spiral bound), highlighters, dry erase markers, loose leaf paper and pencils. Donations are needed by August 6th!

**Ongoing Donation Needs for Food Pantry (we assist 30-40 families weekly):**

Canned soups, Cereal, Evaporated milk, Canned meats, Canned fruit, Canned veggies, Noodles.

Hygiene and Toiletry Donations Ongoing Needs:

Paper towels, Clorox wipes, Toilet paper, Laundry detergent, Soap, Tampons, Feminine pads, Deodorant, Diapers size 4 and up.

*\*\*\*Summer hours vary, please call to drop off donations! Call Faith at 540-761-2361\*\*\**

**Ways to partner in 2019:**

Invite the Director or a Board Member to speak to your small group or missions committee. Support us monthly in your church budget or through Sunday school groups. Also becoming a monthly donor would be a huge help to us. Host a fundraiser (spaghetti dinner, paint night, dessert auction); donate to holiday meal baskets or the Christmas toy store. **We need volunteers** to help with the programs. Contact Faith to see how your gifts can be put to best use.



Beating the Heat!



Produce from our Garden