

Some added reminders and changes:

- **RVBA Youth Hockey Game** - Saturday, February 2 at 7:05 pm at the Berglund Center
- **WMU Refugee Simulation**, Saturday, February 9 from 10 am - 1 pm at Bonsack Baptist Church. Register at www.wmuv.org/refugees - registration deadline has been extended to February 5.
- **Ward Haven Work Day** has been changed to Saturday, February 16 from 9 am - 2 pm with lunch provided. Let Giles know if you can help so he can plan for lunch and projects. His contact info is 540-529-6697 or broggilley@gmail.com
- Pastor Welsey Belcher, Pastor of Daleville Baptist Church is looking for the video series, "Expelled, No Intelligence Allowed" by Ben Stein. If you have this series and their church can borrow it, please email him at wabelcher@gmail.com. Also, Daleville has the Men's Bible Study, "33" if your church would like to borrow it.
- The RVBA WMU has a **\$3,000 scholarship to the University of Richmond**. You must attend a RVBA affiliated church. Then deadline to apply is March 29. If interested contact Lu Henry for an application at 540-774-6733 or luago@verizon.net.
- **Enon Baptist** has the lettering used for church (manual) signs that they would like to give to a church that could use it. If interested call the church office at 366-6420.

Here are a couple more upcoming RVBA Opportunities:

- **RVBA Youth Leaders Training**, Saturday, March 2, 2019, at Haran Baptist Church starts at 9 am. There will be two sessions with lunch in between. The main focus is for youth leaders to be trained and equipped to use their talents and gifts in a way that helps and supports Youth Ministries and Youth Pastors.
- **RVBA Senior Adult Celebration**, Thursday, May 2, 2019 at Bonsack Baptist Church. Special Music by Cynthia Clawson.

More information will be sent out soon about both of these events.

Have a wonderful day,

Sandy Sloane
RVBA Office Manager/Treasurer

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RVBA Youth at Rail Yard Dawgs Hockey Game



Here is the link for the group sales purchasing:
<https://fevo.com/edp/Roanoke-Valley-Baptist-Association-Youth-tcGoEWj>

SAT. FEB 2

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. (You can buy tickets at the door, but they will be regular price)

Refugee Simulation ~ Saturday, February 9, 2019 at Bonsack Baptist Church 10 am – 1 pm (in the Bonsack Room underneath the Sanctuary)

Come experience the walk of a refugee!

No Cost but prior registration is required at: www.wmu.org/refugees
Deadline to register is February 1, 2019 ~ Childcare provided at no cost when included in registration. ~ Snow date is February 16, 2019. For more information contact: Laura Davis ldavis@wmuv.org or Gerri McDaniel gerrimcd@gmail.com

WARD HAVEN WORK DAY ~ Saturday, February 9, 2019 from 9 am – 2 pm. Lunch and drinks will be provided. Please let Giles Gilley know how many from your church can help so he can plan accordingly for projects and lunch. His contact info is 540-529-6697 or broggilley@gmail.com.



Saturday, February 23, 2019 Green Ridge Baptist Church

\$47 Group Early Bird Registration (per guest)
\$56 Individual Early Bird Registration
\$32 Student Registration (ages 13-21)
\$8 Lunch (optional)

Early Bird Registration ends Wednesday, February 13th. Afterwards, adult pre-registration will be at the rate of \$62. Walk-ins, at the rate of \$70, are welcome as space allows. Register at: www.THENOBLEMAN.ORG

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



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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.** Planning meeting rescheduled for Thursday, February 7 - 7 pm at Connelly Memorial Baptist Church (6840 Thirlane Road, NW). The cost is \$100 per person. Lodging at the Manor is \$15 a night per person and \$15 a night per camper. Make checks payable to **RVBA WMU** and mail to Fleta Dillon. We are now accepting ditty bags and supplies. Call and I will be glad to pick them up. Monetary donations for ditty bag supplies and Bibles 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.

Blessed Girl Teen Conference on Saturday, February 23 at Villa Heights Baptist Church from 3-9 p.m. for Girls in Grades 6-12, their parents and/or youth leaders. Large group worship sessions and speakers from Lynchburg, VA, break out topical sessions, dinner, dessert room, nail painting and other activities included for \$20 each. For more information or registration go to blessedgirl.org or contact Jeri Harris at 206-7349, or jeri@straightstreet.org

The Youth & Children Missions Fair for spring of 2019 has been canceled.

Attention WMU and Women on Mission groups, our 2019 WMU Spring Missions Celebration will be held on **Monday, March 25th at Vinton Baptist Church (NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION).** The cost of the meal will be **\$8.00.** Menu includes pork loin, baked apples, cheesy potato casserole, green beans, rolls, desserts and beverages. Dinner is from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6:45 p.m. **Make check payable to: RVBA WMU and mail to Kathryn Sowers** (1214 Jeanette Avenue, Vinton, VA 24179). Deadline for reservations for the meal is **March 11, 2019.** Childcare will be provided, and children's meals are \$4.00 each. Our guest speaker will be **Pastor Darren Potter** who has started a non-profit ministry called **Shield Chaplaincy** in which he ministers to the Roanoke City Police and Roanoke County Police officers, their families, and others in our community. Please plan to join us for dinner and hear about a new mission opportunity in our area. **Home missions is very important to us all.** Hope to see you there. Fleta Dillon, WMU Director, 540-580-4377

BIBLE STORYING TRAINING

WHEN: March 30, 2019. 10 am till 2 pm

PLACE: To Be Announced

TRAINERS: Thomas and Danette High (International Missionaries)

SIGN UP: CALL DIANE SHEPHERD: 540.798.9165 OR EMAIL: dvsa540@aol.com

CWJC (Christian Women's Job Corps) We have not had participants in the last two classes that were offered. We need your prayers as we make decisions for the continuance of this program. Please help us to find women who would benefit from these **FREE CLASSES** (Computer, Job Skills, Boundaries and Bible Study). We will meet for 6 weeks on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30am-12:30pm. CALL DIANE SHEPHERD: 540.798.9165 OR EMAIL: dvsa540@aol.com.



GREAT MISSION IDEA FOR CHURCH GROUPS - Mill Creek Baptist mission groups and friends came one Thursday to help with BookNet. Ten people, both men and women, made a real difference in how many books were stamped, sorted and packed for the SW Mission Trip. If you would like to bring a group, we are at Belmont from 9 until 11 on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays; however, other times can be arranged by calling Beth Hetherington. The best part is having lunch together afterwards.

SALEM FAIR WITNESSING BOOTH – July 3-14, 2019 – We need ASAP:
(It will be here before we know it!)

- ❖ Four more churches to each give \$38 toward the cost of renting the booth at the Fair. Please write your check, made out to **"RVBA WMU"** for \$38, note it for **"Salem Fair Witnessing Booth"** (or just **"SFWB"**) and **send** it to: **Kathryn Sowers, 1214 Jeanette Avenue, Vinton, VA 24179.** Thank you, rental is due very soon.
- ❖ Churches to choose a day to be in charge of supplying people (all from your church or combined with another) to serve the LORD in the Witnessing Booth.

Please call Jeanne @ 375-3246 for more info, and/or to sign up for your Church's day(s). Remember to pray for God's blessings on this Project! Thank you!!

Keystone Community Center
101 17th Street SE, Roanoke, VA 24013
342-8452 office 330-6263 cell

We got through the hectic holiday season and blessed so many families with the awesome help of so many. Donations of food came in abundance so much that we were able to make up 60 food boxes. What a great feeling to know that most of those families with children in the home would have food to eat during the Christmas break. It was amazing to see so much of the Christmas story fit in the after-school program even with all the snow. We had 22 for the adult Christmas lunch and 95 at the children's Christmas party. Santa gave out gifts to 50 children totaling over \$4000.00 dollars (food included). A huge THANK YOU to all who showered the center with gifts, food and love. The love was so greatly appreciated.

We have started working on spring and summer calendars and weeks are starting to book for VBS and mission teams. The garden plans have begun and our Thank You Tour started in January. This tour is one of our ways to say thank you to a few of the churches that help us financially, make food donations and sending volunteers. The children sing and play their hand bells. This is also a way to show the children what it is like to worship God in different places. If a church wants us to come, please call.

Year End statements will be mailed January 22, 2019. When you receive it please verify all donations. If you find an error please call as soon as possible.

Our Easter Food boxes will be given out April 18, 2019. The cost of the perishable items (eggs, milk, butter, meat) runs around \$475 and we get those delivered on the 18th. Remember we are available for speaking engagements.

Friendship House Roanoke, Inc.
635 Elm Avenue, SW, Roanoke, VA 24016
540-343-5437 ~ fhroanoke@gmail.com

Welcome to 2019! Thank you all who gave to help Thanksgiving and Christmas be a special time for so many families. We were able to provide holiday meal food for 75 families and the Christmas toy store was abundantly stocked. Our After-School Program children received such nice gifts and had our first experience going Christmas caroling! As we weather the winter playing games inside, reading and doing science experiments please keep our children in your prayers. May God strengthen family stability, and help the children grow spiritually, mentally, physically and emotionally strong. May God's word be planted in their hearts and bear fruit.

Ways to help: About half of our children have been sponsored for this school year! \$300 a semester helps cover the cost of each child participating in our program. Our food pantry continually needs donations of canned and dried goods to help those facing hunger. Volunteers to help with our food pantry Wednesdays, 10:30-12:30 or with After-School Program 2:30-4:30 on Thursdays are needed as well as help preparing meals for Wednesday dinners. Monetary donations are of great help as well. Thank you! We are truly grateful for your support!



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Roanoke VA 24012

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CHURCH, STAFF & OTHER NEWS

Leonard Southern has retired as Pastor at Fort Lewis.

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

Cave Rock, Cedar Bluff, Craig Valley, Fort Lewis, 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:

- February 3 - Preston Oaks ~ Randy Martin
- February 10 - Red Hill ~ Harold Cook*
- February 17 - Ridgewood ~ Roy Kanode
- February 24 - Riverdale ~ Guy Thompson
- March 3 - Riverland Road
- March 10 - Roanoke Avenue ~ James Bergquist
- March 17 - Rosalind Hills ~ Joe Elmore
- March 24 - Salem ~ Everett Kier
- March 31 - 17th Street/Access ~ John Hayden

RVBA Calendar February 2019

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| 2 | 7:05 pm | RVBA Youth Rail Yard Dawgs Hockey Game, Berglund Center |
| 5 | 2:00 pm | Church Revitalization Team, RVBA Office |
| 7 | 9:30 am | Missions Dev Team, RVBA Office |
| 7 | 12 Noon | RVBA Music Ministers Lunch, Golden Corral |
| 7 | 7:00 pm | SW VA Mission Trip Mtg, Connelly Memorial |
| 9 | 10:00 am | Refugee Simulation, Bonsack |
| 10-17 | | WMU FOCUS Week |
| 12 | 7:00 pm | RVBA Youth Co-ed Volleyball Coaches Meeting, RVBA Office |

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| 14 | | Valentine's Day |
| 14 | 11 am | Youth Events Committee, Bellacino's (Tanglewood) |
| 14 | 12 Noon | Youth Ministers Lunch, Bellacino's (Tanglewood) |
| 18 | | President's Day |
| 18 | 7:00 pm | Personnel Committee, RVBA Office |
| 23 | | Standing Rock Training, Richmond |
| 23 | | 2019 NOBLE MAN Men's Conference, Green Ridge |
| 23 | 3:00 pm | Blessed Girl Teen Conference, Villa Heights |
| 28 | 10:00 am | Program Committee, RVBA Office |

RVBA Calendar March 2019

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| 2 | 9:00 am | RVBA Youth Leader Training, Haran |
| 3-10 | | Week of Prayer for North American Missions & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering |
| 5 | 2:00 pm | Church Revitalization Team, RVBA Office |
| 10 | | Daylight Savings Time |
| 12 | 10:00 am | Nominating Committee, RVBA Office |
| 14 | 11:00 am | Youth Events Comm., Zaxby's (Hershberger) |
| 14 | 12 Noon | Youth Ministers Lunch, Zaxby's (Hershberger) |
| 17 | | St. Patrick's Day |
| 17-21 | | SW VA Partnership Missions Trip |
| 25 | | WMU Spring Missions Celebration, Vinton |
| 26 | 3:00 pm | Finance Committee, RVBA Office |
| 28 | 10:00 am | Program Committee, RVBA Office |
| 30 | 10:00 am | Bible Storying Training, TBA |

Roanoke Valley Baptist Youth Association
Sponsored

HOCKEY GAME

ROANOKE

RAIL

YARD

DAWGS



Super Hero
Night
Costume Contest

THE
BERGLUND CENTER
SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 2nd
TIME: 7:05 P.M.

COST: \$9.00 a person (\$5.00 vehicle parking fee)

Use Link below to pre-buy tickets:

<https://fevo.com/edp/Roanoke-Valley-Baptist-Association-Youth-tcGoEWj>

Link expires Friday, February 1 at midnight

(You can buy tickets at the door, but they will be regular price)



Roanoke Valley Baptist Association

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Internet address: www.rvba.org

"The stranger who dwells among you shall be to you as one born among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt." Leviticus 19:34 NKJV

January 10, 2019

Dear Pastors, Congregations and Individuals,

A refugee is defined by the United Nations as "a person who is forced to leave their country due to natural disasters or war and conflict." In 2017, according to the Virginia Department of Social Services, there were approximately 3,800 refugees brought to Virginia. The Roanoke Refugee Partnership works to "create a community where refugees are treated with dignity, respect, belonging, and empowered to pursue their dreams." Currently, Roanoke serves as "home" for refugees from Bhutan/Nepal, Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, and various countries in Africa such as the Democratic Republic of Congo and Somalia. They have come to the area and are part of our schools, churches and work places.

In an attempt to better understand the situations facing refugees in their attempts to resettle, the Baptist Women's Missionary Union of Virginia will sponsor a Refugee Simulation open to all interested persons. The purpose of this immersion simulation is to raise awareness of the process through which refugees must go, especially if they are passing through a refugee camp, before being allowed to begin the journey to the United States. Participants will take on the identity of a refugee and proceed through various stations many of which will serve as a source of frustration.

The simulation will take place on Saturday, February 9 at Bonsack Baptist Church from 10AM until 1PM. Childcare and lunch will be provided. The simulation is free but you must register before February 1st by completing the registration form found at wmuv.org/refugee. You are encouraged to include interested church members.

New Life Fellowship is a church primarily for refugees. The church has met in the Jefferson Center for eight years. The purpose is to teach those new to America what Christians believe, who God is, who Jesus is, and who the Holy Spirit is. The Fellowship wants to share the good things the Bible teaches to parents and their children. The church serves over 150 people. If your church would like to be a part of their outreach, note the list of supplies (on the poster) which they can use in their ministry.

Thank you for your consideration of this event. We hope to see you there. Any questions, please call Beth Hetherington, 540-890-6630.

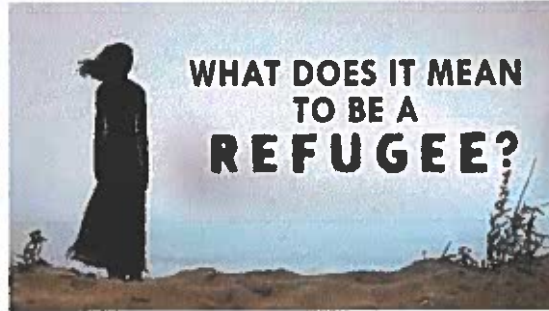
Sincerely,

Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia and the Roanoke Valley Baptist Association's Woman's Missionary Union

Healthy Pastors & Leaders Healthy Churches Healthy Ministry



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

There is no cost for the event, however, we are accepting donations for the Refugee Ministry at New Life Church. They are in need of the following items:

Over the counter medications for children and adults such as Ibuprofen, Tylenol, aspirin, allergy medication, cough medication, Pepto Bismol, Gaviscon, Mylanta, and Tums.

They also need digital blood pressure cuffs and digital thermometers. Monetary donations are also always appreciated.

Snow Date is February 16, 2019

If weather is questionable-call 540-366-7631

Sponsored by WMUV and RVBA/WMU

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

BLESSED girl

Teen Conference

For Girls in Grades 6-12, plus youth leaders and parents

February 23, 2019

3:00 PM—9:00 PM

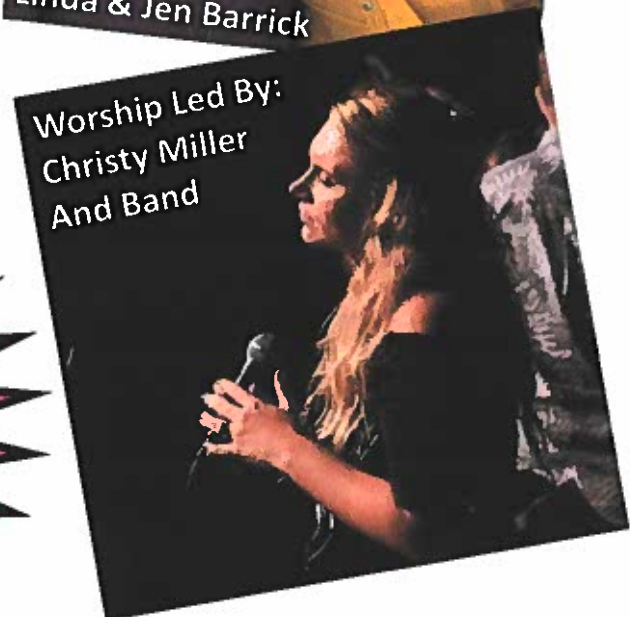
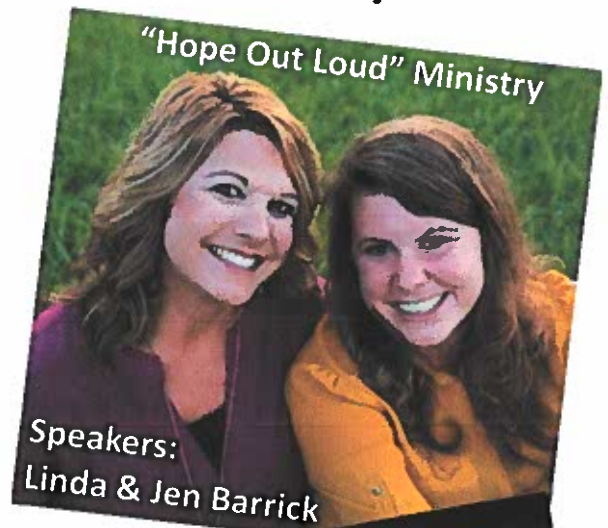
Hosted at

Villa Heights Baptist Church

4080 Challenger Ave. NE

Roanoke, Virginia

For Teen Girls in Grades 6-12



Cost:
\$20.00
Per Person
Which includes Main Sessions,
Breakout Sessions, Dinner
and a Dessert room!

Blessed is the one whose delight is in the law of the Lord, who meditates on His law day and night
Psalms 1:2

For More Information or to register go to:
www.blessedgirl.org or email
jeri@straightstreet.org

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Break Out Sessions include:

*Fashion * Self-Worth * Drama
Missions for Me * Leadership Development
* Special Parent Session and more*

Additional activities include:

Crafts * Nail Painting * Selfie Station

WMU/Women on Missions

Spring Missions Celebration

March 25, 2019

New Location

Vinton Baptist Church

219 Washington Avenue Vinton, VA 24179

Speaker: Darren Potter, Shield Chaplaincy
Local Community Mission Opportunity

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

Menu:

**Pork Loin, Baked Apples, Cheesy Potato Casserole,
Green Beans, Rolls, Desserts and Beverages**

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

Reservations required.

Make checks payable to RVBA WMU and mail by March 11, 2019

(Kathryn Sowers at 1214 Jeanette Avenue, Vinton, VA 24179)

Childcare will be available following the meal.

SALEM FAIR WITNESSING BOOTH – July 3-14, 2019 **In just over 5 months it will have begun!**

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- ❖ **Churches** to choose a day to **be in charge of supplying people** to serve the LORD in the Witnessing Booth. People may be all from your church, or you may choose to partner with a sister Baptist church.

Please call Jeanne (“The Fair Lady”) @ 375-3246 for more info, and/or to sign up for your Church’s day(s).

Remember to pray for God’s blessings on this Project! Thank you!!

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for adult volunteers to help with the WMU children’s camp. The camp runs from July 22-27. Any help will be greatly appreciated. There are several ways you can help you can come help during the day or there is also overnight help needed. For further information on how you can be involved please contact

Anitra James (WMU children’s coordinator) 540-238-5854 or email anitalynn76@gmail.com

Congratulations are in order for the following Roanoke Valley GAs who have been selected to be a part of the **2019 Abigail Girls – Rose Maul, Summer Maul and Nadia Gutierrez-Arnold from Cooper’s Cove Baptist – Hannah Wilson and Bethany Pittenger from Bonsack Baptist.** The WMUV Abigail Girls program is designed to help outstanding young ladies develop their leadership skills through retreats, conferences, and mission experiences. These young ladies are our future so be sure and acknowledge their accomplishments when you see them.
Fleta Dillon, RVBA WMU Director

Rosalind Hills Baptist Church Child Development Center

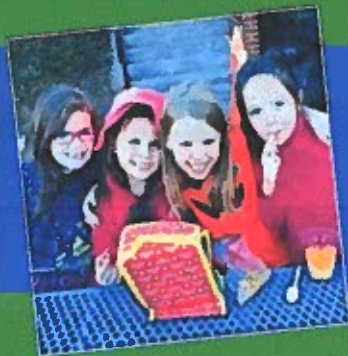
Christ Centered - Family Focused
Center Hours: 7:30 am-6:30pm

Preschool

Ages 2.5 to Pre-K



Our preschool teachers plan activities to meet the spiritual, developmental and creative needs of each child. They develop themed lesson plans that are developmentally and age appropriate.



After-School Care

Kindergarten to 5th grade

The RHCDC After-School Care program is a great alternative for working parents who need a safe, caring environment for their school age child. Ask about our transportation options.

Summer Camp

Action packed for all ages

Preschool and school age groups



Your child will enjoy a summer packed full of fun field trips, games, crafts and cooking! Each week will follow an exciting theme that will lead our campers through a week of adventures.

Call us at 339-9369 or
Visit us at RosalindhillsCDC.org for More
Information!

Friendship House Roanoke, Inc.

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fhroanoke@gmail.com

February 2019



Welcome to 2019! Thank you all who gave to help Thanksgiving and Christmas be a special time for so many families. We were able to provide holiday meal food for about 75 families and the Christmas toy store was abundantly stocked with beautiful gifts and pajamas! The parents who shopped all expressed great gratitude. Our After-School Program children received such nice gifts and had our first experience going Christmas caroling!

Several children had previously only known secular Christmas songs but after we started practicing Silent Night, and other hymns/Jesus centered songs they started recognizing them when they heard them on the radio or in stores and would excitedly tell us when and where they were when they heard *their* Christmas carols.

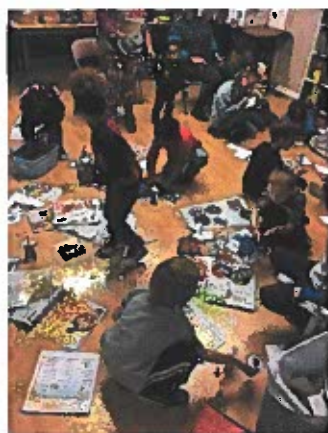
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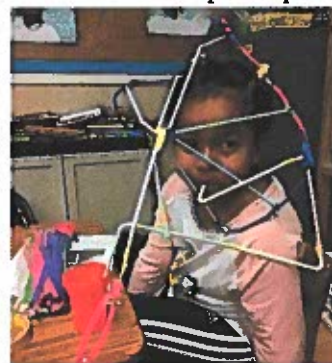
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After-School Program helpers 2:30-4:30 on Thursdays or Fridays are most needed.



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Could you help preparing meals serving 30ish for Wednesday dinners? We invite parents to join us to eat together at about 5:00.

Monetary donations are of great help as well and extremely necessary to keep us going. Could your church consider adding us to their mission budget? Could you church group help host a fundraiser like a paint night or spaghetti dinner? Could you become a monthly donor? Do you have any "outside the box" ideas to try? We'd love to talk with you more about such ideas! Thank you! We are truly grateful for your support!



If organizing/decluttering is your talent, hobby or spiritual gift please talk to us! We have a few "smallish" projects that need the devotion of someone with such a passion.



Looking ahead to the summer would your youth group like to come spend time playing with our kids, or could we attend your church VBS? Have you had a hankering to go hiking with 25 city kids just for the challenge of it? Do you love having every seat in your car filled with excited little bodies going somewhere special? We strive to build healthy relationships during the summer while exposing them to new experiences. We could use chaperones, sponsors, drivers and playmates.

Thank you for remembering us so generously this past year with all the ways you encouraged this ministry to develop stronger roots. We look forward to more growth and development in 2019!

Picture descriptions from top to bottom:

- 1) opening shoe box gifts from Enon Baptist Church was a delight
- 2) new hats made by a volunteer kept us toasty while caroling
- 3) building friendships through my little pony play
- 4) library project- build a dome... or a working straw dome!
- 5) the great glitter project catastrophe of 2018, knocking out our homework with our Roanoke College helper Sasha
- 6) the 2018-19 After-School Program gang!
- 7) first time on the ice!

2019 RVBA Coed Youth Volleyball League General Information

1. This will be the 25th season for the league.
2. **Coaches Meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. RVBA Office on Plantation Road.**
3. **League fee for 2019 will be \$160. (8 games regular season)**
4. Deadline to sign up a team will be **Tuesday, March 5, by 5:00 p.m.** If you sign up a team or a second team after 5:00 p.m. on March 6, you will be placed on a waiting list. If we have an odd number of teams or a team drops out, then teams will be added from the waiting list.
5. **Rosters and League Fee will be due no later than Wednesday, March 13. Mail or bring by your check and roster to the Association Office or mail to Rudy Jones at 824 Mason Road, Vinton, VA 24179. Make all checks out to RVBA.**
6. No changes to the rosters can be made after **Tuesday, April 30 by 5:00 p.m.** Prior to this, a player can be added to the roster at least 24 hours prior to their first game in order to be eligible.
7. Gyms to be used have not been decided upon yet. All games will be played on Thursday nights.
8. I will try and have both teams from the same church playing in the same gym. If we have only three gyms, that may not be possible. But I will try and schedule games where you will have time to travel from one gym to the gym.
9. If we have an odd number of teams, then one team will have two games in one night. They will be scheduled back to back. (Example: you would play at 6:15 and 7:00 p.m.)
10. Make-up games will be made up only if time is available, gym is available and if the game will have a major impact on the tournament seeding.
11. Once the schedule is out, no changes will be made.
12. **It is very important that you turn in dates and times that you cannot play to the league director by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 7. (No games on April 18)**
13. Season will start on **Thursday, March 14.**
14. Game times will be 6:15 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 7:45 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
15. **The season ending tournament will be Thursday, May 16 and Saturday, May 18. The tournament will be held at the gyms.**
16. If you have any questions, please call or see:
Rudy Jones
Cell: 589-1099
Email: rjones55@cox.net

If I do not answer my cell phone, leave a message. While I am driving the school bus, I cannot talk on my cell phone, between the hours of 6:30-8:45 a.m. and 1:45-4:30 p.m.

2019 RVBA Coed Youth Volleyball League Entry Form

Church: _____

Contract Person: _____

Contract Person Address: _____

Contract Person Phone Numbers and Email Address:

Home Phone: _____ Work: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of teams that you have: _____

Dates that you cannot play or times on certain dates you will not be able to play.

Return this form by Tuesday, March 5, by 5:00 p.m. to:

By mail: Rudy Jones, 824 Mason Road, Vinton, VA 24179

Or by email: rljones55@cox.net

2019 RVBA YOUTH VOLLEYBALL DATES

DATE	EVENT
February 12	Coaches Meeting at 6:30 pm at RVBA Office
March 5	Deadline to sign your team up
March 13	Deadline for Rosters and Entrée fees
March 14	Volleyball Games
March 21	Volleyball Games
March 28	Volleyball Games
April 4	Volleyball Games
April 11	Volleyball Games
April 18	No Games, Spring Break
April 25	Volleyball Games
April 30	Last date to add to your roster
May 2	Volleyball Games
May 3	Last Date to let League Director know if you plan not to play in the tournament
May 9	Volleyball Game
May 16	Volleyball Tournament
May 18	Volleyball Tournament

RVBA COED YOUTH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE RULES

GENERAL RULES

1. Teams must be composed of members, regular attendees and/or serious prospects. The players must be in the sixth grade through the twelve grade. Coaches will be responsible for enforcing this rule.
2. If a church does not have enough players to make a team, they may join with another church to form a team.
3. All teams will consist of six players on the court at one time. At least **two girls** must be on the court at all times. You can start a game with four players. Here is the combination of how you can start with four players.
 - a. Two girls and two boys
 - b. One girl and three boys
 - c. Four boys (if you have more than four boys, you can only play with four boys)

If you have one girl, you can only play with three boys. As soon as the second girl shows up, you can add her and one more boy to have six players as soon as there is a dead ball. If no girls show up, you can play with four boys. If one or more girls show up you can add them at the next dead ball. If you have only two boys, they can stay on the court at all times. But if a third boys show up and you have more than six players, then they have to rotate off the court. **If you have more than six players and more than two girls and two boys, then everyone must rotate off the court.**

4. All players and coaches will join hands around the volleyball net before the game and after the game. The home team will lead in prayer before the game and the visitors will close in prayer after the game.
5. Officials will be provided. The officials will be High School Volleyball Officials or a person will be trained to call volleyball games.
6. No players can be on two rosters, even if your church has two teams.
7. Once the schedules are out, no changes will be made unless as error by the league director or a team drops out of the league.
8. Gyms will not be open until 15 minutes before the first game is schedule at that gym.

GAME RULES

1. Unsportsmanship like conduct (this includes foul language of any kind) by fans, coaches or players will not be tolerated. This will be called the referee or league director. If a player, fan or coach is called for an unsportsmanship the first time, the team will receive a warning. If a second unsportsmanship is called in the match, the person will sit out the rest of the night and the next game. This will carry over into the tournament. If a fan or coach is called for two unsportsmanship in one night or two during the year, they will be asked to leave the gym. A third time the player, coach and fan will not be able to attend any more games the rest of the year.
2. Gym rules for the volleyball hitting the ceiling. If the volleyball hits the ceiling on your side of the court, you can still play the ball if you still have hits left. If the volleyball hits the ceiling and goes over the net, this will be a point to for the other team. If the volleyball hits the ceiling on the serve, point for the other team.
3. Rally Points will be used again this year. You will play until the first team gets to 25 points and you must win by two points. If the score is tied at 25 or 25-24, you continue play, must win by 2 points or first time to 28. (score can be 28-27)
4. If the serve hits the hit and goes over the net, the volleyball is still in play.
5. A match will consist of three games with each game counting towards your record. (Example: If your team wins one game out of three games, then your record for the night will be 1-2) Total number of games won and lost will determine the tournament standings.
6. **All three games will be play to 25 points.**
7. **Individual games will be limited to 15 minutes per game.** Each site will have some type of score/time clock. In case that there is not a scoreboard/time clock, it will be the responsibility of the referee to keep the time/score and announce the time left in the each game in at least five minutes increments. If time runs out and the score is tied or a team is one point ahead, play will continue until a team wins by two points or the first team to 28 points.
8. Only three hits per side are allowed after the serve. A block or tipped hit does not count as a hit. A legal hit in this league is anywhere on the body.
9. **All youth present for the game must play in each game.** The only exception is when the first or second game ends before all youth have a chance to play. The youth who did not play in the game, must start the next game.
10. **Every player must rotate off the court. See rule 3 on the General Rules (page 1).**
11. A coin toss before the game and third game begins will determine who serves. Losers of the coin toss before the game will call the toss before the third game.
12. The side that you warm up on will be the side that you start out on in the first game.

13. Each referee will start and stop the action with a whistle. The referee will blow the whistle to let the server know that it is time to serve the ball. If a player serves the ball before the whistle, it will be side out and point for the other team. (The first week of games will only be a warning.) Once you hear the whistle you have five seconds to serve the ball.
14. The server may serve from anywhere on the back line. The server cannot cross the back line before serving the volleyball. The volleyball cannot rest in your hand while you serve the ball. You can serve the volleyball overhand, sidearm or underhand.
15. **A back line player may move to let after the serve. The back line player cannot spike the volleyball or block the volleyball coming across the net. The back line player can spike the volleyball behind the ten foot line.**
16. You may not touch the net, reach over the net or your foot or any part of your body cross over the line below the net.
17. Each team may appoint up to two captains. If questions arise during the game, only the captains and coach may consult the referee. You may have a different captain each week.
18. **One time out may be taken during game. Time out can only be called when the ball is dead.**
19. You will have 90 seconds between games.
20. If there are less than four players after the prayer and in the gym, you will forfeit your first game. Players must be in the gym ready to play. Games will be forfeited in 5 minutes increment.
21. **If you see something not right, bring this to the referee attention. If you call a time out and bring the situation to the referee attention, you will not be charge with a time out.**
22. **All players must wear tennis shoes. NO SANDALS, FLIP FLOPS, HIKING BOOTS, SOCK FEET OR BARE FEET. If no tennis shoes the player will not be allow to play.**
23. If you want to protest a game, you must hand the protest in writing to the referee before leaving the gym. Once you leave the gym, it will be too late to file a protest. Members of the Youth Event Committee and/or League Director will rule on the protest. Their decision is final.
24. **No cells phones or electronics devices are allowed on the volleyball court at any time. No jewelry will be worn during the game.**
25. **Dress Code: All shorts are to be modest and no shorter than mid thigh and not rolled up. If wearing volleyball game shorts, you must wear shorts over the top of them. If leggings are worn they must have shorts over top of them.**

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