



# THE FOCUS

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RVBA Newsletter  
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**VALLEY IMPACT**  
**SEPTEMBER 29, 2018**

Valley Impact Day is a one-day ministry event in which churches of the Roanoke Valley Baptist Association serve their communities through ministry projects, mission events or evangelism efforts. This is an opportunity for us to live out the great commission to love God and love our neighbors.

Each church is asked to select their own ministry projects that they feel will impact their communities with the love of Jesus. More information including schedule and suggestions for projects is available on the RVBA website. All participants will gather together for lunch and a celebration.

## **THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**

Thursday-Friday, August 9-10, 2018 ~ Live Simulcast  
Bonsack Baptist Church (4845 Cloverdale Road, Roanoke, VA 24019)  
9:30 am – 5:30 pm (both days)

More information about this year's event:

<https://www.willowcreek.com/events/leadership/index.html#about>

Online registration:

<https://www.willowcreek.com/reg/#/reg/trans/one?invID=EV-LSS1808-MAIN-0326>

**RVBA Youth Day at Limestone Park, Saturday, August 25, 2018**

~ Time: 2-7 pm. Cost: \$5 a person. More information will be on the RVBA website and emailed to youth ministers soon.

**Pray for World Changers Roanoke (July 9-14, 2018)**

### **On Mission Together ~ July/August 2018**

Summer is here already. Years ago when I was starting in ministry someone told me that “things slow down in the summer.” I have not found that to always be true. There are many summer activities taking place in our churches during the summer. That is true for the association as well. There will be mission trips to Standing Rock Indian Reservation, World Changers, Salem Fair Witnessing Booth and Children’s Mission Camp.

This summer we are also planning for Valley Outreach Day on Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup>. This will be a day for Roanoke Valley Baptist churches to unite in our efforts to get out into the communities through mission, ministry and evangelism efforts. Each church will choose its own projects for the day. Then for lunch we want to gather everyone together for a quick meal and a celebration of how God has used those through the projects. Please pray about your church’s participation and make a commitment to join with other churches to impact our valley with the love of Jesus. The RVBA website has more information including a schedule and ideas for projects.

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

On Mission Together, John Saunders

**Disaster Recovery** - There will be an “introduction/information and short training” meeting at Melrose Baptist Church on July 19<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of this meeting is to gather people who are willing to volunteer, and for those who have previously worked on a relief / recovery team, to help those people who have been affected by flooding or severe storms.

We will also recap work that was recently accomplished in the Cave Spring area, due to recent flooding.

We will gather at 6:00 PM, have a meal (no charge) at 6:30 PM and start the meeting at 7:15 PM and plan on finishing by 9:00 PM. In order to prepare enough food for this meeting, please respond by email to [broggilley@gmail.com](mailto:broggilley@gmail.com) by July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Please note: “ALL ARE WELCOME”. Please consider being on a Recovery/Relief team.

Thanks, Giles Gilley – RVBA Disaster Recovery Coordinator

### **KEYSTONE COMMUNITY CENTER ~ PAT CARTER, DIRECTOR**

**101 17<sup>TH</sup> ST SE, ROANOKE VA 24013 ~ 342-8452 OFFICE 330-6263 CELL**

**PLEASE CALL BEFORE MAKING DELIVERIES AS OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE TAKES US OUT OF THE BUILDING AT VARIOUS HOURS** ~ What does teal, peach, yellow, red, purple, white have in common? Come to our open house in September to see (Date will be in the online version). Check out the churches we visit, the children sponsored for WMU children’s camp, the 5K Run/Walk, the mission teams visiting, the backpacks given to students, the Books Alive, our 10<sup>th</sup> apple butter festival and the Backyard Gardens in the online version. Special THANK YOU to the churches and individuals supporting us. Don’t forget we will come to you for speaking engagements. Prayers to you all.

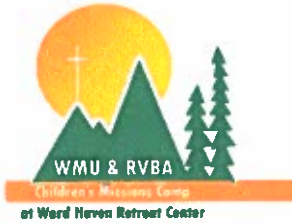
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Summer is in full swing and we are busy with VBS, gardening, playing in the sun and water and learning in the air conditioning. We are in the middle of **painting** the first floor of our building. If any workgroups or individuals would like to join us there is still time! We will be collecting basic school supplies up through the August 13<sup>th</sup>. We prepare **100 backpacks full of supplies** for mostly PreK-12. Please consider donating new backpacks, supplies or money for us to purchase needed items. Contact Faith for specifics but all basic new supplies and backpacks are welcome! As we prepare for the start of the new school year also please consider **sponsoring a child** from our neighborhood to attend our after-school program. We provide homework help, play time, a Bible study and a meal each day. It would be **\$275 per child per semester**. We are looking to sponsor 30 children. Donations of **canned and dried goods** for our food pantry and **children’s snacks** are an ongoing need. Thank you for your continued prayers and support in so many ways. Our prayer for you is Paul’s prayer for the Philippians in 1: 9-11.



**July 23-27, 2018**

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Questions? Contact Jessica Gutierrez-Arnold, Camp Director (540-397-0858) [jisigutierrez@gmail.com](mailto:jisigutierrez@gmail.com).

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**WMU Tea Party to be held on Sunday, August 5th from 3-5 PM at Rosalind Hills Baptist Church.** Come and network with other RVBA WMU churches, discover what's new for next year, and take "A Backward Glance at the RVBA Missions Centers" history. **BRING YOUR OWN TEA CUP** and share its story. (Cups will be provided if you don't bring one.) Feel free to wear a hat, gloves, etc. **COME JOIN IN THE FUN!** Hope to see you there!



**Bible Storying Training – Saturday, August 25, 2018** - 10 am – 2 pm at Lynn Haven Baptist Church Lunch to be provided (Let me know if you are coming by August 15.) Leaders are IMB Missionaries Thomas & Danette High. Please sign-up by calling or emailing Diane Shepherd at 540-798-9165 or [dsva540@aol.com](mailto:dsva540@aol.com).

**2018 RVBA WMU Fall Missions Celebration meeting** will be held on **September 24, 2018** at **Lynn Haven Baptist Church, 1501 E. Washington Avenue, Vinton, VA 24179**. Dinner will be served from 5:30-6:30 pm and the business portion will begin at 6:45 pm. **Reservations and checks need to be in by Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>**. The cost is **\$8.00** per person. Make check payable to **RVBA WMU** and send check to Kathryn Sowers, 1214 Jeanette Avenue, Vinton, VA 24179. Looking forward to seeing you there. Fleta Dillon, RVBA WMU Director, 540-580-4377



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**CHURCH, STAFF & OTHER NEWS**

**Travis Russell** has been called as **Pastor** at **Vinton**.

**Carol Johnston** has retired as **Pastor** at **Troutville**.

**Troutville Baptist Church** will host a Retirement Service on Sunday, July 22, 2018 at 11 am for Rev. Carol Johnston. Carol has served as Pastor at Troutville for 19 years. They wish her all the best in the future.

**Midland Baptist Church** has an Allen Electric Organ (pre-computer), type S-12A, serial number 6930. It is a CF4 with 27 stops and 2 manuals. For more information call the church office at 540-343-7978.

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

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

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

- July 1 - Garden City ~ Jim Rivers\*
- July 8 - Grandin Court ~ Kevin Meadows
- July 15 - Gravel Hill ~ Jason Bennett
- July 22 - Green Ridge ~ Greg Moser
- July 29 - Haitian Sinai ~ Castin Mesadieu
- August 5 - Haran
- August 12 - Heights Community ~ Nelson Harris
- August 19 - Hollins Road ~ Mark Washington
- August 26 - Journey ~ Michael DuVal

**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!**

**RVBA Calendar July 2018**

<b>3-15</b>		<b>RVBA WMU Witnessing Booth at the Salem Fair</b>
<b>4</b>		<b>Independence Day - RVBA Office Closed</b>
<b>9-14</b>		<b>World Changers Roanoke</b>
<b>18</b>	10:00 am	Properties Committee, RVBA Office
<b>21</b>	10:00 am	WMU Leadership Team, RVBA Office
<b>23-27</b>		WMU Children's Missions Camp
<b>24</b>	3:00 pm	Finance Committee, RVBA Office

**RVBA Calendar August 2018**

<b>2</b>	9:30 am	Missions Dev Team, RVBA Office
<b>7</b>	2:00 pm	Church Revitalization Team, RVBA Office
<b>9-10</b>		<b>Global Leadership Summit, Bonsack</b>
<b>23</b>	10:00 am	Program Committee, RVBA Office
<b>25</b>	2-7 pm	RVBA Youth Day, Limestone Park
<b>27</b>	9 am - 2 pm	RVBA Leadership Planning, Ward Haven

# SALEM FAIR WMU WITNESSING BOOTH



**JULY 3 – 15, 2018**

**WE NEED:**



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

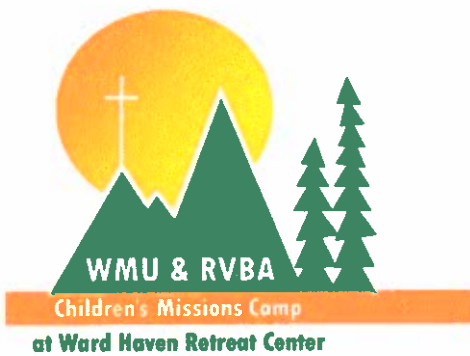


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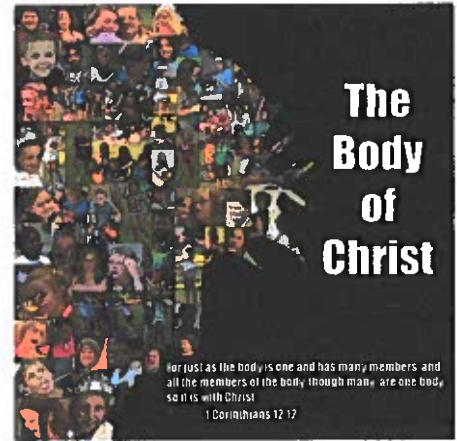


**CANDY** ON A **BUSINESS SIZE CARD** , USING **CARDSTOCK**, ON WHICH IS PRINTED "THIS CANDY'S FOR YOU, AND GOD'S LOVE IS TOO!" "GOD LOVED YOU...AND SENT HIS SON TO PAY FOR OUR SINS" 1 JOHN 4:10

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Children's Missions Camp is meant to give children an opportunity to learn about missions in an overnight camping experience, to grow in their potential for helping others.

**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."



**Sample Schedule**

**A TYPICAL DAY**

<b>7:30am</b>	<b>Wake Up Call</b>
<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>
<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Devotion</b>
<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Morning Rotations</b>
	Bible Study, Drama, Crafts
<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1:30pm</b>	<b>Missionary Visit</b>
<b>2:30pm</b>	<b>Mission Project</b>
<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Afternoon Rotations</b>
	Recreation, Music, Showers
<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Dinner</b>
<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Afternoon Rotations Continue</b>
<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Camp themed activity</b>
<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>Camp Fire</b>
<b>9:00pm</b>	<b>Camp themed activity</b>
<b>10:00pm</b>	<b>Lights Out for Campers</b>

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!

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# *Tea Party*

**Sunday, August 5  
3PM to 5PM**

**AT Rosalind Hills Baptist Church**  
2712 Brandon Ave SW, Roanoke, VA

Come hear what's new for next year

Network with RVBA WMU Churches

**Program: "A BACKWARD GLANCE AT THE RVBA MISSION CENTERS"**

See artifacts and historical pictures and documents of the Mission Centers

Bring your own Tea Cup and share its story (Cups will be Provided if you don't bring your own)

Feel free to wear a hat, gloves etc. if you want. Also, practice Lifting your pinky finger

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Warm summer greetings to you all! Summer is in full swing and we are busy with VBS, gardening, playing in the sun and water and learning in the air conditioning. **McKenzie Peck** has joined us on staff this summer jumping in with both feet and is doing wonderfully! She has been involved with Acts 2 previously and therefore has experience with this type ministry and a heart for loving our inner-city neighbors. Please come by and meet her if you get the chance.

Another delightful new addition to our schedule this summer has been having a **Library** representative come weekly to us and challenge our kids to design, build and test experiments with our children. It has been a great way to keep their minds engaged in education through the summer! Thank you, Roanoke Public Library, for partnering with us!



*Pictured left: Building boats that greedy pirates can't sink with too much treasure.*

*Pictured right: marshmallow engineers building towers*

Both of our kitchen refrigerators have been struggling to keep up this summer. One has failed completely and needs to be replaced ASAP. The other is still ticking for now but showing signs of being on it's last leg. We rely on these fridges greatly as we serve 5 meals a week and keep food cold for the food pantry as needed too. Please be on the look out for a good replacement fridge or 2 for us. New or used we would be grateful for help replacing these highly useful appliances.

We will be collecting basic school supplies up through the August 13<sup>th</sup> (the earlier the better but the week of the 13<sup>th</sup> we will be assembling bags). We prepare **100 backpacks full of supplies** for mostly PreK-12. Please consider donating new backpacks, supplies or money for us to purchase needed items. Contact Faith for specifics but all basic new supplies and backpacks are welcome! Or if you would like to come help us prepare backpacks the week of Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> we'd love to have you! (As our summer schedule varies daily please call before coming by to drop off donations. 540-761-2361)



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School starts August 21<sup>st</sup> so we will be jumping right back into our after-school program Tuesday-Friday 2:30-4:30. **Volunteers** to help with homework, play with kids, prepare food and clean are greatly needed. Please consider joining us on a regular basis (weekly would be great) to love on our littlest neighbors.



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*Pictured above: A precious volunteer and child enjoying a book together.*

**Donations of canned and dried goods** for our food pantry and children's snacks are an ongoing need. Our peach tree produced peaches for the first time this year and it was such a delight to have the kids go pick straight from the tree to eat and offer a bucket full to our food pantry folks too! We look forward to doing the same with our veggies and they grow in the garden.



*Our first peaches and squash!*



Thank you for your multi-faceted prayers and support. We thank God for you. Our prayer for you is Paul's prayer for the [Philippians in 1: 9-11](#).