



# THE FOCUS

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RVBA Newsletter  
November/December 2017  
Edition

## *Happy Thanksgiving & Merry Christmas from the RVBA Staff*

### *On Mission Together*

I want to say thank you to pastor Mark Washington and Hollins Road Baptist Church for hosting our associational Fall Meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Your congregation was a gracious host for our annual October gathering. The meal that was provided was delicious. You did a great job of making your sister churches feel welcome. We were challenged with mission testimonies from our Salem Fair Ministry, Christian Soldiers Food Pantry and Keystone Community Center's backyard gardens. It was good to hear how people accepted Christ at the fair, that large numbers of people in Roanoke and Vinton are receiving both physical and spiritual nourishment and that there are now 13 families growing and canning food through their own backyard gardens. Chip Baggett from Cave Spring Baptist Church challenged our churches to be disciple making churches. Three priorities that I shared were: healthy pastors, healthy churches and healthy ministry. You will be hearing for about these in the months ahead. Richard Blackaby will be in our association on May 5<sup>th</sup> as we host the Revive: Christ and His Church conference. This will be an exciting time to focus on personal and church renewal as we seek to be better prepared to reach people for Christ. According to SBC statistics, about 900 churches in the SBC close each year. More than half of our churches have less than 100 in worship attendance. Many of these are struggling. This is one step in helping our churches to be healthy congregations. It is being sponsored by our association and the North American Mission Board. Please put this date on your calendar and plan to attend. You will soon be hearing how to register for this important event.

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It is my prayer that you will have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a very holy and worshipful Christmas season.

When we continue to encourage and support each other and to love each other as Jesus loved us, and then together we can make a difference.  
*John Saunders*

### **Pictures from RVBA Fall Meeting**



**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!**

**Ward Haven Clean-up Day, Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 8 am – 4 pm** – Lunch will be provided. Please come out and help with some needed projects at Ward Haven. Contact Giles Gilley with any questions 540-529-6697 or [broggilley@gmail.com](mailto:broggilley@gmail.com).

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

November 5 - Waverly Place ~ Adam Triplett  
November 12 - West Salem ~ Nick Shaffer  
November 19 - Windsor Hills ~ Lawrence Dodson  
November 26 - Zion Hill ~ David Lee McIntosh

December 3 - Arcadia ~ Phil Motley  
December 10 - Belmont ~ Jon Laughinghouse  
December 17 - Bethel ~ Hilton Jeffreys  
December 24 - Big Spring ~ Ken Gray  
December 31 - Bonsack ~ Chris Cadenhead

**Note from WMU Director:**

I would like to thank everyone that helped make our September 2017 RVBA WMU Mission Celebration at Melrose Baptist Church a success. Dawn Sandoval of The Least of These Ministry was our speaker and thanks to the generosity of those in attendance, an offering of \$1,000 was taken up to help further the ministry. May each of you have a blessed Thanksgiving and a blessed Christmas as you celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Love and God bless, Fleta Dillon, RVBA WMU Director

**Baptist Women's Day of Prayer:**

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer is November 6, 2017, at Lynn Haven Baptist Church. Join us as we hear about "Worldwide Human Trafficking" with WMUV speakers, Lisa Wolfe and Sara Hubble, as well as Kathleen Chester from Street Ransom. There will be a luncheon costing \$8; if interested, contact Judy Tear by October 27. Judy Tear's phone # is 540-427-5482 and email is [jtear@netzero.net](mailto:jtear@netzero.net)

**Calling all preschool, Mission Friend leaders!!!**

The WMU preschool consultants are planning a "Mission Friend Rally". This will be a meeting for leaders or people who want to learn how to do mission friends in their church.

**When:** January 15, 2018 (snow date January 22)  
**Time:** 6:30- 7:30pm

**Where:** Connelly Memorial Baptist Church  
**Contact:** Pat Carter 330-6263 or Virginia Austin  
427-4861

Please call to register. Leave message if no answer.

Proverbs 22:6 tells us how we should be raising our children and then the Great Commission, Matthew 28: 16-20 tells what to do when they get a little older.

**2018 SW VA Partnership Mission Trip**

March 18 – 22, 2018

Mark your calendars and start planning for the 2018 Mission Trip to Nickelsville, VA. Our planning meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Thursday, January 18, 2018, at Connelly Memorial Baptist Church, 6840 Thirlane Road, NW, Roanoke, VA.

The trip will be the week of March 18-22, 2018. The cost is \$100 per person and lodging at the Manor is \$15 per person per night. Be thinking how you would like to help make our 2018 trip a success. If you have questions, call Fleta Dillon, Team Leader, at 540.580.4377 (Cell #). Thanking you in advance for your faithfulness to this ministry through your prayers, ditty bags, or monetary support.

**BAPTIST COMMUNITY CENTER 101 17<sup>TH</sup> STREET SE ROANOKE VA 24013**

**OFFICE 342-8452 CELL 330-6263 Pat Carter, Director**

**Fall and Winter hours; M-Tue 9:30 am to 5 pm--Wed 2 pm to 5:30---Fri 10 am to 4 pm (please call first to make sure someone is there)**

**email - [m spatatbcc@gmail.com](mailto:m spatatbcc@gmail.com)**

This has truly been a year of change. Your love and support has truly been a blessing to so many people in SE Roanoke. I want to end the year with a huge THANK YOU and encourage you to do even more in 2018. We desperately need volunteers to help with after school and after Jan 1, 2 people to run the food pantry. Even though the ministry is no longer run by the RVBA we are going strong and still need lots of things donated which is always a good way for churches to be on mission. I have a lengthy year long list in the email version. We are expanding our ministry to non Baptist churches and business's by changing our name to Keystone Community Center. Once the Corporation papers come back we can officially use it (hopefully by Nov, but ck with me first) so donation checks still need to be made to Baptist Community center. We have a lot of activities planned for 2018 so email your contact info to receive our new newsletter "The Keystone Connection". Our next big community event will be Apple Butter Day, Sat Nov 11; an all day event with the presenting of our colors at 12 noon. Our children will be singing patriotic, Thanksgiving and Christmas songs. We will also have a live band singing southern gospel and blue grass. We will be selling hotdogs, peach and apple butter pies and lots of other fun things will be going on. Again thank you all and check out the email version for so much more. I am still doing speaking engagements so please call to get on the calendar.

## **Friendship House**

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**[fdowdy@gmail.com](mailto:fdowdy@gmail.com)**

Here is just a brief update to let you know of our needs for this fall/winter. If you would like to be on our list to receive a complete newsletter please contact Faith Dowdy. We serve an average of 120 families monthly with groceries to supplement low income and difficult living conditions. We also serve 4 meals a week to our 25 After School program children and 1 dinner a week where parents are welcome to come join us. It has been going very well and I am excited about the relationships developing. But this, along with the coming of the holidays means that we will need great donations of food in the coming months. We would like to provide paper grocery bags of holiday food full for 100 families for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Contact Faith for list of requested items. But any and all donations of canned soups, vegetables, meat, fruit and dried goods of cereal, noodles, rice, and beans as well as any snack foods are greatly needed. We are in constant need as we serve so many monthly. If your church group would like to come serve a Thursday night meal for 30 we would love to have you. We will be unable to do the Christmas toy store this year for lack of space in our building but if you are interested in some way of helping with Christmas please contact Faith. We are making joyful progress in getting monthly donation commitments. Please continue to keep us in prayer. Thank you so much.



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**CHURCH, STAFF & OTHER NEWS**

**Joe Elmore** has been called as **Pastor** at **Rosalind Hills**.

**Mick Cho** has been called as **Youth Director** at **East End**.

**James Jordan** has resigned as **Pastor** at **Red Hill**.

**Don Summerville** has resigned as **Pastor** at **Riverland Road**.

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

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

**Hollins Road** is looking for a **Student Minister** (part-time or full-time). If interested contact/or email a resume to **Pastor Mark Washington** at [mwashington@hrbc1.com](mailto:mwashington@hrbc1.com).

**Pleasant Hill**, located on the corner of **Country Club Road** and **Haymakertown Road** in **Troutville**, is seeking a part-time nursery worker for children under 5 years of age. The position is available for regular Sunday morning times of approximately 9:30 am until 12:30 pm and availability for hours on Wednesday nights is preferred. Candidate should maintain current CPR training for infants and expect background and drug screening before hire. Send resume with cover letter to **Pleasant Hill Baptist Church**, Attn: Personnel, 4930 Country Club Road, Troutville, VA 24175 or email: [phbcweb@gmail.com](mailto:phbcweb@gmail.com).

**Ridgewood** is seeking a part-time Youth Minister. The position will be 15 hours per week. Please send inquiries/resume to: **Ridgewood Baptist Church**, Attn: Personnel Committee, 703 Hemlock Road, Roanoke, VA 24017.

**RVBA Calendar November 2017**

2	7:00 pm	Personnel Committee, RVBA Office
3-4/4-5		WMU Women's Get-Way, Eagle Eyrie
6	10:00 am	Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer, Lynn Haven
7	2:00 pm	Church Revitalization Team, RVBA Office
9	11:00 am	RVBA Youth Events Comm., FA's (Williamson Road)
9	12 Noon	RVBA Yth Min/Ldrs Lunch, FA's (Williamson Road)
11	8:00 am	Ward Haven Clean-up Day
13-15		BGAV Annual Meeting, Hampton
20	10:00 am	BMC Advocates, First - Phelps Hall
23-24		Thanksgiving - RVBA Office Closed
28	3:00 pm	Finance Committee, RVBA Office
29	2:00 pm	Board of Director's, Vinton
30	10:00 am	Program Committee, RVBA Office

**RVBA Calendar December 2017**

3-10		Week of Prayer for International Missions - Lottie Moon
5	2:00 pm	Church Revitalization Team, RVBA Office
7	9:30 am	Missions Dev Team, RVBA Office
14	12 Noon	RVBA Yth Min/Ldrs Lunch, TBA
18-Jan 1		Christmas - RVBA Office Closed

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TO MAKE SURE WE ARE IN THE BUILDING**

***MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!*** Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! For a great year. We could not reach out to so many people with so many activities and showing what it means to be the hands and feet of our Lord and Savior, Jesus, without you. Our prayer will be for the trend to continue for the rest of the year and especially for the next few years as we **HAVE** moved into the transitional phase from the RVBA. So many people in the SE area we serve have been impacted in some way by our volunteers, mission teams, food bank, clothing give a ways, after school programs, quilting, pre k, community events, guest speakers, adult bible studies, backyard gardening, food preservation classes and even the activities started in 1939 to present day. I have included in this issue a page for people who have attended an activity or program at some point in their life and how the center has impacted them. God knew what he was doing when he called the first WMU director of the mission center and all directors there after to show God's love in action which in many cases you can't place a dollar value on winning souls to Christ. This issue will have flyers and info needed for the rest of the year and into January 2018 so you can plan ahead and share to all. We hope to have our own newsletter; *The Keystone Connection* by Jan 2018 so please call with your email to get on the email and mail list. Many fundraisers will be held to raise operating expenses and donations to help sponsor children in many activities so stay in touch and support. We are asking for your help in spreading the news to Sunday school, WMU's, mission groups, friends, jobs, and businesses and in 2018 lots of social media. Please don't hesitate to call us with questions, ideas, and to sign up to volunteer which is greatly needed Mon - Thur.

**Dates to remember:**

- Nov 11– Apple Butter day 9 am to 6 pm this year various foods for sale to raise funds children's concert at 12 noon**
- Nov. 14—deadline to turn in food for Thanksgiving food boxes**
- Nov 16—Thanksgiving meals & give out Thanksgiving boxes for adult bible study 11am & after school 5pm**
- Nov 20—10am @ first Baptist the advocate meetings will continue, if you are not sure your church has an advocate please join us**
- Nov 22-23-24 closed Thanksgiving**
- Dec 14—adult bible study Christmas meal & give out food boxes 11am –Christmas caroling at Bojangles in Vinton 3pm**
- Dec 15– after school Christmas party 6pm**
- Dec 19—after school children and 17<sup>th</sup> St. Bap church children Christmas concert 6:30pm**
- Dec 21—Jan 2 closed Christmas break**
- Jan 13-2018—Dining for Dollars; eat at Longhorn Steakhouse and help us earn 10% of your bill back must get a voucher to turn in with your bill**

Call to verify activity is still happening as sometimes we have to cancel due to circumstances beyond our control

**Thanksgiving boxes: donations need to be turned in by Nov 13**

This year for our holiday food boxes we would like to pack a box that an entire meal for 4 can be made. Please call before you bring your donations for morning deliveries but we are here M-Th, 2pm-5pm with the after school children. We hope to get enough food to help 45-50 families.

100 cans of evaporated milk  
small bottle cooking oil  
large box instant potatoes  
green beans/corn  
sugar free and reg jello  
cereal and instant oatmeal  
pumpkin pie filling  
Mac n cheese  
tea bags

brownies(especially just add water)  
small box foil  
box dressing  
package gravy(no jars)  
small bottle of dish detergent  
sweet potatoes  
soups  
peanut butter & jams  
2lb bag sugar

For us to get the perishable items for Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes, eggs milk, butter, turkey the cost runs around \$850 you can donate money and we will get the day of giving the boxes.

**Through Dec 2017 please make monetary donation checks payable to Baptist Community Center and mail to 101 17<sup>th</sup> Street SE. Roanoke VA 24013**

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**Christmas time is very busy so buy early. As soon as we pack up the turkeys we pull out the nativity and only get to enjoy for 2 ½ weeks. The children go on break December 21-Jan 2: Food box items will be needed by December 11.**

100 cans of evaporated milk  
small bottle cooking oil  
large box instant potatoes  
green beans & dried brown beans  
sugar free and reg jello  
cereal and instant oatmeal  
hot chocolate  
Mac n cheese  
tea bags

brownies(especially just add water)  
small box foil  
small box or bottle laundry detergent  
package gravy(no jars)  
small bottle of dish detergent  
sweet potatoes  
soups/crackers  
peanut butter & jams  
2 lb bag sugar

## **PARTICIPANT/VOLUNTEER PAGE**

**Melissa G.—“The programs at the Baptist Community Center have helped my children and I a lot; not only have my children learned about Christ but I have learned how to garden, sew, can and many other things. Without Ms Pat and the BCC we would all be missing out of learning a lot!**

**Dianne W (volunteer)—“I opened my eyes this morning for one reason—God has something for me to do today to spread the good news that Jesus paid the ransom and we don’t have to fight the battles anymore. Never in my life have I been more sure that God sent me to the community center to share his light in an area of darkness in our community. Every time I leave the community center I feel humbled that God has allowed me to serve Him. I know that His word will not return void and that the seeds we plant in the lives of those He sends to us will grow unto harvest. Through the impact of this community center lives are being changed.**



**Dianne & Katie**

**Tiffany & Makenzie – I want to say a Big thank you to Mrs. Pat for all the help she has given us, from food to school supplies to whatever else she can do. But most of all she gave the kids somewhere to go after school. I have been blessed to have her here. BCC is a blessing.**



**Melissa E.---canned tomatoes and**

**peppers from her garden.**

Our Community Center, and more specifically Ms. Pat Carter and her helpers, are a vital part of the community. It benefits every person from the very young to the elderly. The children learn about our faith through the after school program. They learn gardening, canning and hard work through the Backyard Garden Program, as do the adults as most of it is new to us as well. They are also learning at a vital age how to be productive and helpful to their community. The food bank provides meals that many would not have otherwise. The bible studies and quilting groups bring many more together. I really can't begin to touch on all they do above and beyond these things. I can honestly say that the Center has touched all members of our community and it can be seen daily in my interactions with my neighbors and the children. I don't know how some of us would get by without our Community Center as it REALLY is the center of our community. Melissa Evans

**I am including a lengthy list of things we use throughout the year and some things I have not been able to purchase that we could use to replace either worn out or barely working items. If you want to help with any of these items it would help tremendously with our budget. Please call if you have a question 330-6263.**

**-get well cards/ any really**

**-800 to 1000 forever postage stamps(would like the religious Christmas but any will do)**

**—6 gallons vinegar —non stick large stock pot**

**—blank envelopes legal and regular**

**—volunteers to help type letters, newsletter, work in garden, do fundraisers, party planners, cooks, art lessons, music lessons, work with children and preschool, tutors all subjects, bulletin boards and seasonal floral decorators, summer camp and field trip drivers, garden tillers**

**--roll of red, tan, white, blue plastic table cloth**

**--garden dirt, compost and brown mulch**

**---2 x 4 in mailing labels (lots) ----Laminating machine w sheets**

**--time clock with cards --duck tape all colors and designs ----heavy duty stapler & refills ---3 crank pencil sharpeners ----lots of dime holders**

**---canning jars all sizes/canners/supplies --photo paper mostly 4x6 size -- copy paper --gallons of bleach ----ink cartridges LC61 for brother (color & Black, cannon L50 \$200 each (black only) , brother LC203 or LC205/209 color & black --scotch tape refills -- children's Tylenol & Motrin --band aids**

**--head lice treatment kits --paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, Styrofoam plates, 6-8 oz cups(cold & hot) desert plates, bowls, forks, knives, spoons, bathroom size cups ----dishwasher pods --toilet bowl cleanser**

**---decaf coffee ----tub butter ----children's sweat pants (used or new) size 4-14 ----new stainless steel commercial fridge(to replace 2 leaking ones) \$3000**

**unless someone can find a better price -- \$127 rental fee for bounce house 2 times a year We will always take tax deductible donations to pay operating cost approximately \$4500 a month and about \$400 for garden plants in March/April.**

**This may look like a lot but we are a very active center with people in our building every day and sometimes Sat and Sun especially when we host mission teams.**

**Many of the items are consumable and need to be replaced often but a few of the bigger items only need to be purchased one time. Please call with any questions.**





**Barb Jirka, First Baptist, stopped by to ask a question and I put her to work canning peaches which she admits she has never done, she did a great job. We canned 24 quarts**

**The bees really know how to work our flowers**



**6 pounds of carrots and 8 pounds of beans picked Aug 28**



**Please come by our garden to see the new herb/educational hut built by Gayton Baptist from Richmond**



**APPLE BUTTER DAY**

**SAT NOVEMBER 11, 2017**

**KEYSTONE (FORMERLY BAPTIST) COMMUNITY CENTER**

**101 17<sup>TH</sup> STREET SE**

**ROANOKE VA 24013**

**9AM-6PM**

**FUN FOR ALL   LIVE MUSIC   BOUNCE HOUSE**

**HOMEMADE APPLEBUTTER PIES & PEACH PIES for sale**

**APPLE BUTTER BISCUITES**

**COFFEE AND HOT CHOCOLATE**

**HOMEMADE QUILTS ON SALE**

**CHECKER GAMES**

**THANKFUL ART WALL AND MORE**



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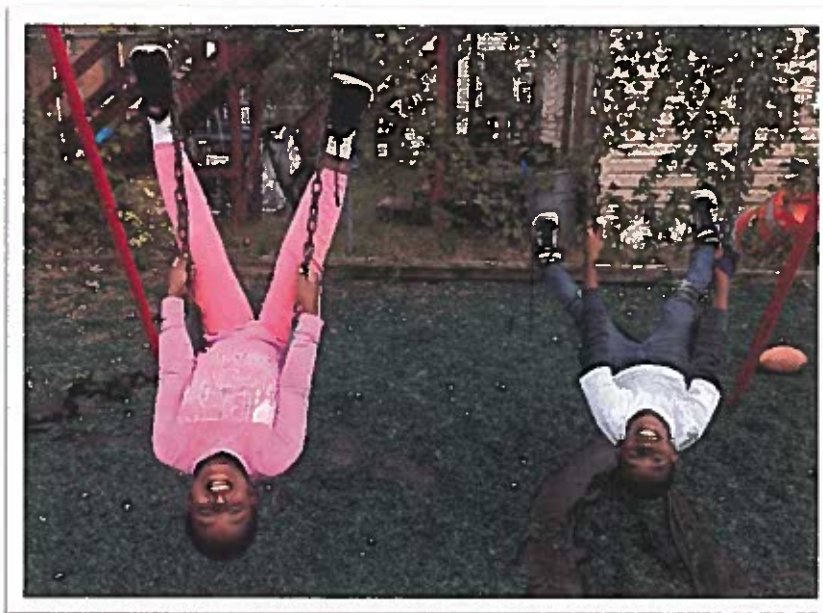
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Here is a list of food/hygiene items we would like to have for each of 100 bags for both Thanksgiving and Christmas (donated before the end of the second week of Nov. and Dec. if possible):

canned cranberries  
canned beans and corn  
jars or packets of gravy  
canned soup  
instant potatoes  
brownie mix  
stuffing  
evaporated milk  
canned fruit  
peanut butter  
jelly  
toothpaste/brush  
laundry detergent  
soap  
deodorant  
toilet paper  
Chapstick



\$ money to buy: butter, milk, eggs, meat (or \$ for us to buy the items at the store so you don't have to shop)

This list is a guide but really, we would love **any and all food (and hygiene) donations** of canned soups, vegetables, meat, fruit and dried goods of cereal, noodles, rice, and beans as well as any snack foods. If you have a coupon for buy one get one free or find a great deal on a certain item and can pick some up for us too we would be delighted! We are in constant need as we serve so many monthly.

We will be unable to do the Christmas toy store this year for lack of space in our building after renovating the apartment but if you are interested in helping with Christmas in some way please contact Faith. There are a few items I'd love to be able to provide for each child such as hats, gloves, socks, and pajamas as well as a journal and small toy. We would still like to bless the families but on a smaller scale for this transition year. Your ideas and interests in small projects are welcome! Let's talk!

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Our Open Table Thursday night meal is going great. It allows us to have some time to relax and visit with the families. If your church group would like to come serve a Thursday night meal for 30 we would love to have you join us or drop off food.



I'd love to paint the downstairs inside walls, halls, trim and ceiling. Any adults looking for an indoors service project this winter? It's a great opportunity for a few hours of fun fellowship!



Pray the seeds of the gospel message finds fertile soil in the hearts of all who come to the Friendship House. Pray that I would prepare diligently and teach the children wisely! May many come to know his love for them, saving grace and redemptive power. May they cling to him during hard times and find comfort in the word, Holy Spirit and his body, the church. May they be welcomed into relationship and growth in local church families. Please remember us in prayer.

Sponsoring a child for a semester of being in our After-School program may make a wonderful alternative Christmas present for someone this year. \$275 per child for an entire semester of nourishment and growth in our program would make an excellent gift to honor a loved one.



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We have begun to make progress towards a stable budget by commitments of giving by individuals, church groups and church bodies, Praise God! We still have a long way to go though. Please consider including us in your local missions budget or donating regularly. We are grateful for every bit of it! Contact Faith for more information. Thank you for allowing us this opportunity to serve and for coming along side. I truly love this community and it is my privilege to see God provide in so many ways through his people to love our neighbors.

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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 fill out bottom section:*

Yes, I'm interested in volunteering to help with ASP!

(name, number) \_\_\_\_\_ day available \_\_\_\_\_

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 ASP! I commit to sponsor

(how many) \_\_\_\_\_ child/children for (circle one)  1  2 semesters for the 2017-18 school year.

Name/contact person \_\_\_\_\_ (please indicate if this is personal commitment, group, or church commitment)

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

*Thank you for your interest, care, generosity and involvement with the Friendship House!*

## **Children's Missions Camp**

July 23-27, 2018

Looking for a camp for kids to grow in their mindfulness of others and the need to spread God's love? During camp, **those in 2nd-5th grades** by the spring of 2018 are invited to join us for a week-long, overnight camp that focuses on missions. Camp is all about raising up the next generation of disciples for Christ! At camp, we accomplish this through Bible study, missionary visits, daily devotionals, and lots of fun activities that tie it all together!

**Those in 6th-12th grades** by the spring of 2018 are welcome to apply to be counselors-in-training and teen counselors. Applications can be found on our website and are now being accepted for camp 2018! This is a great opportunity for teens to get volunteer experience and grow in their ability to share their faith and their talents with others.

**Adults** looking for a way to reach out to kids and teens can help out with camp by sending campers and recommending teens as counselors and counselors-in-training, by praying for camp, by sponsoring camp, by sponsoring a child to come to camp, by registering to help out for the week of camp or by helping prepare for camp ahead of time. We also need help setting up camp and cleaning up at the beginning and end of camp.

**\*\*We are now looking for adults willing to serve on our decorations committee!**

Some of the ways of helping with camp are leading or assisting Bible study, crafts, music, drama, recreation, helping with meals, serving as a missionary speaker, along with many other ways of helping out!

**Invite us to come to your church!** We would love to come talk with your group about camp and answer any questions you may have!

**\*\*Please be in prayer for male adult leaders to serve at camp for the week. We need a male leader for boy campers and a male leader for the counselor program.**

For more information, visit our website at

<https://wmuchildrencamp.wixsite.com/childrencamp>. Adults and 6th-12th graders can apply now. Camper registration opens January 1, 2018.

For any questions, contact Jessica at 540-397-0858 ([jjisigutierrez@gmail.com](mailto:jjisigutierrez@gmail.com)) or Cadie at 540-312-9002 ([cadie.burks@gmail.com](mailto:cadie.burks@gmail.com)).

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

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

The Pastoral Care Department of LewisGale Medical Center is actively looking for clergy, retired clergy, and qualified lay-people for its Chaplain Associates Program. My name is William Iler and I have served as Chaplain and Department Head, here, for the past 21 years. This program seeks those who have interest and experience in pastoral care ministry. If you are not an ordained or licensed minister, but have had extensive experience within your Church with hospital visitation as a lay-person, you will also be given consideration for our program. The Chaplain Associates Program consists of about 15-20 members who serve the Medical Center in a variety of ways. Most of the people in our program commit to a minimum of 2 hours each week to visit patients. Others are involved in on call ministry, which is a paid service for clergy who have had crisis ministry experience within the context of the hospital. Most months, we gather on the third Thursday, over lunch, for fellowship, business, and a one- hour continuing education program. The Chaplain Associates Program has been successful because of people, like you, who have served it well over the past 35 years. I am currently planning to do a six- week orientation session for new Chaplains on either Wednesday or Monday mornings, beginning in January or February of 2018. (the day we set for orientation is negotiable) These sessions typically go from about 9:00am -11:30am. After the completion of this orientation, you will then be able to select a day and time for visiting (usually 2-3 hours) that will fit your schedule. When Chaplain Associates have completed orientation and served for a couple of months, after this, qualified members are able to participate in our on call program. We are looking to expand our on call program, in the near future, and as already mentioned, this is a paid service. If you have interest in this, please feel free to contact me, as soon as possible, and I will send you an application form and some additional information about our program. After receiving the application from you, I will then set up a time for us to meet. This is an extremely valuable ministry to patients, family members, and staff within our Hospital. We have a dedicated and enthusiastic group of people who tell me, often, how much they are blessed by being a part of our Chaplain Associates Program. Thank you for prayerfully considering this ministry or passing this information on to someone you think would have interest. William L. Iler, Chaplain (540) 776-4730 [William.Iler@hcahealthcare.com](mailto:William.Iler@hcahealthcare.com)



## 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" 1 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