

## RVBA FOCUS Update – September 2021



**Our Mission** ~ Is to partner with and strengthen churches to advance the Kingdom of God and to meet needs in the community.

**Our Vision** ~ The Association is to be regional church network to:

- be a vital resource for churches and church leaders;
- network with churches for church health and revitalization;
- model mission and ministry in our cultural context, providing opportunities for churches to partner together;
- reach the communities of the Roanoke Valley and beyond with the Gospel; encourage and support all ministers in the churches for personal, professional and spiritual growth.

In August 1841—that’s 180 years ago this past month—38 messengers from 17 Churches met and approved the following resolution, which served as the starting point for our Roanoke Valley Baptist Association: “Though this association was formed with the view of advancing the [T]ruth within its own bounds and the state, yet Resolved, that the spread of the Gospel shall not be limited to our own region but that we shall use our best efforts to reach every part of the world.”

That’s a GREAT way to start an Association of churches if you ask me! I am humbled to be a part of our RVBA, and to be your Moderator. Thank you, for letting me serve in this capacity, and for your prayers and support. I would like to update you on 3 items:

- Our permanent **AMS Search Team** had their first meeting on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, and I remain very excited about this group of servants. Please pray for them as they move forward with the task ahead of them. They are Pat Dillon, Glenn Giles, Jeri Harris, Beth Hetherington, Carol Johnston, Chris Monroe, and John Recktenwald.
- We will have a **Q & A (Questions and Answers) time** at our Fall Meeting concerning our Ad hoc Properties Study Committee. We will *ONLY* be addressing the RVBA Office. The Committee unanimously agreed that handling our properties one at a time was in the best interest of our Association, and that our Ward Haven property deserved more time for prayer and consideration. We encourage you to send your questions to me at [pastorrodger@cox.net](mailto:pastorrodger@cox.net) or call (540) 580-0362 ahead of the Fall Meeting. Please do this by October 1<sup>st</sup>, so the Committee has time to research your questions. We will also take questions from the floor; but I ask you to remember that only our Lord is Omniscient (all-knowing), so we may not have a satisfactory answer for any unplanned questions.
- Our **Fall Meeting will be at Riverland Road Baptist at 7:00PM on Tuesday, October 26th**. We will offer it in person and virtually over our Fb page. I want to encourage you to attend either way, but please make sure you attend. This is your Association, and you are certainly a vital part of it! We will join in with Riverland Rd in celebrating what the Lord is doing in the Church and the community. We will see and hear how our motto of Healthy Pastors/Healthy Churches/Healthy Communities is a reality at Riverland! We will have overflow parking available behind the Church, so please put October 26<sup>th</sup> on your calendar and come celebrate what the Lord is doing in our RVBA . . . especially as we prepare for the next 180 years!

Rev. Rodger Hogan, RVBA Moderator

## Day of Prayer on September 16

We are inviting all pastors, churches, government leaders, and everyone to become a part of praying for Roanoke City and the Valley on September 16th. We need you to help by taking one or two 30-minute time slots to pray for our area for 24 hours straight on the Day of Prayer for the Roanoke Valley. We will also be having **Worship at Huff Lane Park at 6:00 p.m.** that evening. Please go to the following link and sign-up. Please also share this link with others to cover our area with prayer. Together we can achieve this, and watch God work in our area.

Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/Hm8Ekj5nUEFfcVEB8>

Promotional Video: <https://youtu.be/KaJI8taOvH0>

## Plan for Valley Impact



Valley Impact will be on **Saturday September 25, 2021**. We hope that all RVBA churches will consider being a part of this important event. We will be reaching out to the Roanoke Valley together. Please prayerfully consider how you and your church can be a part. Please sign-up with the form and return to the RVBA office or online at <https://forms.gle/CD779rVMQ3qSwEKu9>

<https://www.facebook.com/RVBAunited>



## Stay Up to Date on RVBA Activities

We would like to make sure that you are up to date with all RVBA activities. Please like us on Facebook to receive notifications of activities.

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The WMU Fall Missions Celebration at Vinton Baptist Church .....meeting/worship will be at 6:30. We will not be having a meal before this meeting. Our speakers are Doug and Laura Lee.....who had 20 years of service with the IMB in Kenya and Tanzania in East Africa. We look forward to hearing from them.



In preparation for the possibility of housing 2 families (refugees), for their 2 weeks of quarantine at Ward Haven, we need bedding for them. It must be “new in the package”. To start we need donations of 12 each: 1) twin bed sheet sets. 2) pillows. 3) twin blankets. 4) personal hygiene kits - soap, shampoo, wash cloth and towel, toothbrush & toothpaste. Deodorants, razor & shaving cream, disposable diapers & wipes and personal hygiene products for ladies. Donations may be gathered at your church, for pick up. Any questions:

please call or text Giles Gilley 540-529-6697.