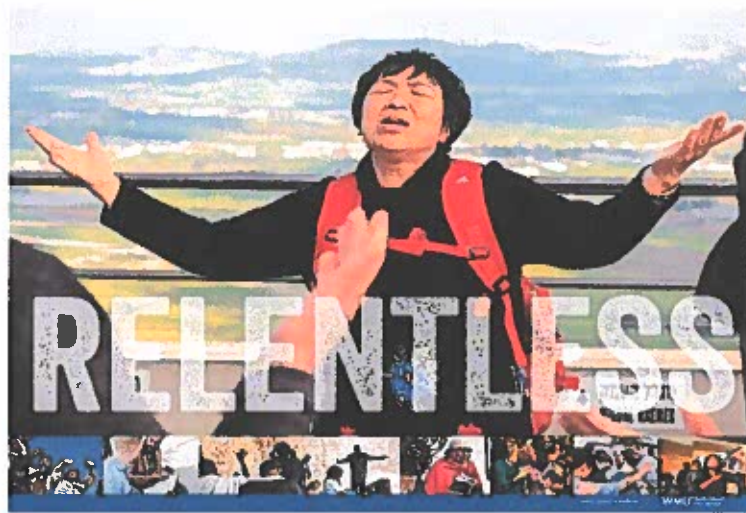


WMU Fall Missions Celebration

September 27th, 2021

Vinton Baptist Church



As we make disciples of Jesus who live on mission, we will be relentless in

- living authentic faith in Christ
- seeking God in prayer
- giving sacrificially
- witnessing to others

Watchword:

RELENTLESS

*But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed,
but to those who have faith and are saved.*

(Heb. 10:39 NIV)

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- Prelude Beth Meador (Vinton)**
- Welcome Juanita Barbour (Vinton WMU Director)**
- Theme Interpretation and Invocation Rev. Travis Russell (Vinton)**
- Offering Recommendation Melissa Gibson (Vinton)**
- Hymn: Be Thou My Vision Rev Chris Monroe (Vinton)**
- Introduction of Speakers. Mary Gilley (Melrose)**
- Guest Speakers Doug and Laura Lee, IMB Missionaries
In Eastern Africa**
- Prayer Calendar. Danette High (Retired IMB Missionary)**
- Hymn: I'd Rather Have Jesus. Rev. Chris Monroe (Vinton)**
- Closing Comments Mary Gilley (Melrose)**
- Benediction Rev. Travis Russell (Vinton)**

The RVBA WMU Leadership Team would like to thank Vinton Baptist Church for hosting our 2021 RVBA WMU Fall Missions Celebration. We appreciate your hospitality and faithfulness in serving the Lord.



Doug & Laura Lee served in Eastern Africa in the countries of Tanzania and Kenya with the International Mission Board for 20 years. Most of Doug's work was done in training African pastors and leaders, and Laura used her nursing skills often. They have 3 grown sons and also have 3 granddaughters. Doug is now pastor of Rocks Baptist Church in Pamplin, VA. Laura is now the school nurse for the Appomattox County High School.

Prayer Calendar for September 27, 2021

North American Mission Board

California: Beau Moffatt

Idaho: Dave Carver

Colorado: Cameron Pacheco

Kansas: Matthew Miller

South Dakota: Aaron Blankenship

International Mission Board

American Peoples: Susan Bowers

East Asian Peoples: CR

European Peoples: Cameron Armstrong, NB,

ML, FR, Trey Shaw

North African and Middle Eastern Peoples: CR

South Asian Peoples: Paul Ingold

Chaplains * Volunteers

State Convention Missionaries

Retired NAMB: Norman Beckham,

Mary Ferguson, Rodney Webb

Retired IMB: Billy Bullington, Evelyn

Bullington, Bill Goff, Bill Hagewood,

Donna Harper, Paul Martin, Keith Parker,

Syd Pearce, Peggy Perrin

CBF: Cathy Anderson, Kennesaw, GA – Chaplain

Peggy Johnson, Hurst TX - Chaplain

Upcoming Events:

Children and Student Event

Let's Enthusiastically Go Out Sharing LEGOS

Saturday, October 9, 2021, 2 – 4 pm

Hollins Road Baptist Church

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance's Day of Prayer will be held at Troutville Baptist Church on November 1, 2021, from 10-12 with lunch provided.

The theme for this year is "Courageous Life." Our speaker will be Nightengale Htoo who will share her story of escape from Myanmar, her life in a refugee camp, and her struggles in the United States. She has lived a "Courageous Life" and will share her testimony.

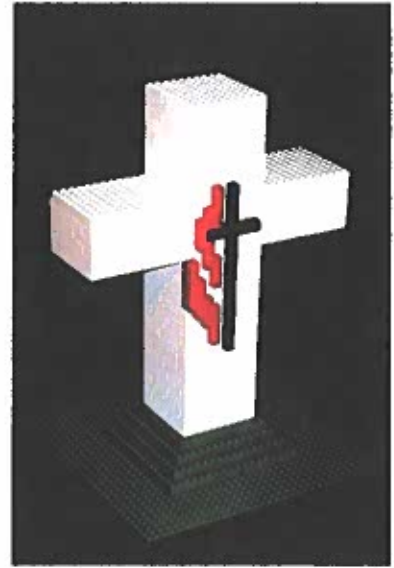
WMU GET – A – Way

Virtual annual meeting Friday, November 5th

Breakout sessions Saturday, November 6th

Register free and be a part of the meeting

Let's
Enthusiastically
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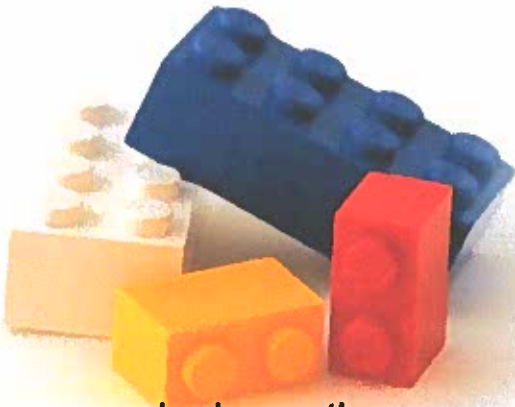
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Saturday, October 9, 2021

2pm-4pm

Hollins Road Baptist Church

Bring friends and family for extra raffle tickets for prize gift card drawing!



“Anyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.”
-Matthew 7:24

Character Encounter

Photo Op

Fun Activities

Team Lego Display Creation

Missionary Speaker

Snacks and prizes!

Questions? Contact Diane Shepherd at
540-798-9165, or dsva540@aol.com

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These group leaders keep in touch with the WMU leaders or contact persons in each of our churches. They send the information and inform them of all happenings. If you have recently become your church's WMU leader, please contact your Area Group Leader to begin receiving information. We wish to keep all churches informed and involved.

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Hunters Creek Road jeff.ritchey6@gmail.com

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RVBA WMU Calendar 2021-2022

September

- 12-19** Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions
25 Valley Impact – area churches serving local communities
27 RVBA WMU Fall Missions Celebration, Vinton Baptist Church....6:30 pm

October

- 9** LEGOS Children & Student Event, 2-4 pm at Hollins Road Baptist Church
10 Global Hunger Sunday
17 WMU Leadership Team Meeting, 10:00 am.... RVBA Office
22-23 Legend.....Men's Conference hosted by WMUV - Bonsack Baptist
26 RVBA Fall Meeting, Riverland Road Baptist, 7:00 pm

November

- 1** Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer: Troutville Baptist Church
10:00 am - 12 noon ~ Boxed lunches will be served
5-6 WMU Women's Get-Away, Eagle Eyrie Conference Center - -- --Virtual
Annual Meeting Friday evening – 11/5 Virtual
Operation Christmas Child Collection Month

December

- 5 – 12** International Missions Emphasis

January

- 15** WMU Leadership Meeting...10 am....RVBA Office

February

- 12** Focus Training, 10 am – 12 Noon Location TBD
19 Blessed Girl.....Villa Heights Baptist
20 WMU Focus Sunday

March

- 18-19** SHINE State Meeting
28 RVBA WMU Spring Missions Celebration...Location TBD

April

- 2** Children's Educational Missions Event, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, Oakland Baptist
16 WMU Leadership Team.....10am..... RVBA Office
22/23 or Mom & Me
23/23

RVBA WMU Monthly Emphasis

January – BookNet

February – Southwest Virginia Partnership - Nickelsville, VA

March – North American Missions Emphasis – Annie Armstrong

April – Truck Stop Ministry/Bible Storying

May – Annie Mae Broyles Offering

June – WMU Witnessing Booth at Salem Fair

July – Standing Rock Missions Emphasis

August – Mission Centers

September – State Missions Emphasis – Alma Hunt Offering

October – World Day of Hunger Offering

November – WMU World Day of Prayer

December – International Missions Emphasis – Lottie Moon Offering

On-Going Ministries

GraceInside

Since 1920, GraceInside, Virginia's Prison Chaplain Service, has placed privately funded Christian chaplains, supported by denominations, associations, individuals, churches, businesses and foundations, inside Virginia's prisons as missionaries to "the least of these." Financial contributions may be sent to GraceInside 2828 Emerywood Parkway Richmond, VA 23294 <http://graceinside.org/>

Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women has a HUGE Christmas toiletry kit drive, greeting card/Christmas card and stationery drive each year. Even though these efforts are focused on the period leading up to Christmas, many donors are giving at other times of the year. All items need to be mailed or delivered either to Effort Baptist Church (preferred delivery site) or the Correctional Center warehouse. Contact Ron or Nancy Switzer (434-989-6559/6558) for more information.

The Least of These (Ministry to Roanoke's Homeless)

This past year has brought much growth, many lessons and tremendous support from a most compassionate community. The lives of Roanoke's homeless have been impacted positively. Funds to purchase a decommissioned ambulance were raised by holding the first annual Hustle for the Homeless 5K Run/Walk where there were over 240 participants. The ambulance has been repurposed into a street outreach service vehicle that is used for the distribution of sleeping bags, blankets, winter weather gear, hygiene products, snacks and more. This year's, Hustle for the Homeless 5K was held on May 22, 2021 in downtown Roanoke, and the virtual event ran from May 1st-22nd. Currently, over 40 individuals are being housed and relationships with local landlords are being nurtured which hopefully will afford new opportunities for many more homeless individuals to find homes. In September 2018, the 1st Annual Dining with Dignity event was held in Century Plaza in Downtown Roanoke. Over 100 homeless were served an Italian meal followed by homemade desserts as they sat at tables covered with white linen tablecloths and fresh flower arrangements. It was a blessed time. On March 14, we were able to move into a "new to us" warehouse space. Pray that for the upcoming year God will provide the Least of These with properties that will be owned and operated by the ministry so that additional individuals will be blessed with affordable housing.

Contact Dawn Sandoval at 540-556-3200 or visit <http://www.theleastoftheseministry.org> for more information. You can also follow this ministry's FB page, [The Least of These](#)

Pure Water, Pure Love

Since 1997, missionaries have relied on the generosity of God's people to provide clean water for themselves and those they serve. Our gifts to PWPL can provide water filtration devices to SBC missionaries throughout the world. More than 2000 requests for devices are received annually with the average cost being \$250. All water filtration projects through PWPL are funded solely by donations from individuals. Read more at www.wmu.com.

Shoes 4 Hope

Shoes 4 Hope collects donated shoes of all kinds – sneakers, sandals, boots or heels, gently used or new – and exports them to street vendors in places like Kenya, Nigeria, and Haiti. The funds from exporting are then used to finance the projects of our ministry partners around the world.

A Shoes 4 Hope shoe drive is a fantastic way to involve your group in missions – churches, youth groups, schools, businesses, or scout organizations. One of the most exciting things about hosting a shoe drive is that your group can direct how the funds raised are spent. What is your group passionate about – clean drinking water, orphan care, education, or providing Bibles to new Christians in their native language? These are just some of the areas that your group may support.

Please contact Doug Radford at doug@harvesters.com for information about hosting a shoe drive.

Transitional Options for Women

Transitional Options for Women continues to assist women in crisis. In 2018, sixty-two women, men and children were assisted with basic needs (including housing) and training services. TOFW provides nine months of pre-release training at Western Regional Jail and is working to connect with other agencies across the state. In the near future they will be opening a coffee shop and thrift store in an effort to become more self sustaining. Contact Dorothy Owsley at dowsley@cox.net for more information.

Operation Christmas Child - Collection dates November 2021

Boys and girls from more than 130 countries around the world have experienced God's love through the gift of a simple shoebox from Operation Christmas Child. Shoeboxes filled with new toys, school supplies, and other needs for children are collected in November. OCC shoebox collection centers are at Bonsack Baptist, Lynn Haven Baptist, Mill Creek Baptist, and Salem Baptist churches. See www.samaritanspurse.org for details. Contact Pat Dillon at pddillon68@live.com or 540-562-1118 for more information.

Truck Stop Ministry

This ministry seeks to provide assistance and minister to truck drivers and their families at the Pilot Station off Interstate 81 at Ext 150. **You can be involved by** providing coloring books, crayons, Bible storybooks for children; purchasing pocket size New Testament Bibles and donating money for emergency aid and other ministry expenses (Checks payable to RVBA). For more information contact Dallas Norris at 540-520-4832.

Blue Ridge Women's Center

The Blue Ridge Women's Center is a Christian medical clinic specializing in unplanned pregnancies, relationships, and reproductive health. Since 1984, they have served over 15,000 women – all completely free of charge. Tours of the center are available. (5034 Williamson Road, Roanoke, VA 24012)

How you can be involved: donating diapers, crib sheets, formula, car seats, clothes, etc., and participating in the Baby Bottle Campaign (Collect spare change in bottles supplied by the center.) Contact Terri Benjamin at www.supportblueridge.org or 540-362-3007 for more information.

RVBA WMU Mission Projects for 2021-2022

Leaders are available to share with you about these ministry projects.

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer November 1, 2021 at 10 am.

Location: Troutville Baptist Church

How you can be involved:

- * Praying for the needs of women around the world.
- * Giving to support the work of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance.
(Checks payable to **RVBA WMU**)

Contact:

Beth Hetherington (Cooper's Cove) H – 890.6630 Judy Deel (Mill Creek) H – 473.2522

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Ministry to Internationals/Refugees

This ministry will provide opportunities to assist refugees who are coming into the Roanoke Valley.

How you can be involved:

***Volunteering**

- *Providing household items, clothing and school supplies
- *Adopting a refugee family
- *Providing items for newborns

Contact:

Beth Hetherington (Cooper's Cove) H – 890.6630

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English as a Second Language

God can use us to change someone's life by helping them learn English. Learn how to be an ESL volunteer teacher.

How you can be involved:

- *Being trained
- *Working with those who are trained by joining them in ministry (provide snacks, crafts for children, etc)

Contact:

Beth Hetherington (Cooper's Cove) H – 890.6630

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Human Trafficking

This ministry will address the issue of human trafficking in our community.

How to be involved:

***Volunteering**

- *Education and awareness
- *Partnering with Straight Street to support their ministry (Street Ransom) to victims.
- *Praying for victims

Contact:

Jeri Harris (Villa Heights) jeri@straightstreet.org 206.7349

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BookNet

This ministry project involves the collecting of new or gently used children's books for Pre-school -- 8th Grade. Books are sorted, labeled, and boxed to be used for mission opportunities locally or for associational mission trips (Southwest Virginia/ Nickelsville and Standing Rock). Books are also available for individual churches to use for their mission opportunities. It is our desire that the children who receive the Book-Net books will know that someone cares about them and loves them.

How you can be involved:

- *Donating new or gently used children's books
- *Helping to sort, label and box books

Contact:

Beth Hetherington (Cooper's Cove) 890.6630 Mary Hinman (First)
Brenda French (Rosalind Hills) Diane Grant (Midland) Jane Smith (Bonsack)
Brenda Thompson (Bonsack) Ellie Ewald (Heights Community) Jeanie Wakefield (First)
Kay Clatterbuck (First) Linda Shelton (First) Gail Holbrook (First)

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Chronological Bible Storying

Telling Bible stories can help to communicate the gospel on the mission field, to children, and to non-English speaking adults in our community. This storytelling method can be used in your own churches.

How you can be involved:

- *Being trained
- *Working with those who are trained by joining them in ministry (provide snacks, crafts for children, etc)

Contact:

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Hand-In-Hand, Heart-To-Heart Ministry Project

Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation

Since 2004, the RVBA has been involved in a ministry to Native Americans living on the reservation in North and South Dakota. Weeklong mission trips have helped to strengthen relationships and foster opportunities to share the love of Christ with others. Efforts are being made to have jewelry making become a source of income for the natives.

How you can be involved:

- *Going on the mission trip
- *Praying for Native Americans
- *Donating items for craft projects
- *Providing support for special projects (Checks payable to RVBA WMU)

Contact:

Judy Tear (Mount Pleasant) jtear@netzero.net 427.5482

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Mission Centers

Begun 70 years ago by a group of committed Baptist women, Baptist Mission Centers have continuously served the people of inner-city Roanoke. Our two mission centers, Friendship House Roanoke and Keystone Community Center, seek to be the presence of Christ for residents of our city who undergo unique and difficult challenges every day.

How you can be involved:

***Volunteering your time**

- *Donating food items, toiletries, paper goods, and cleaning products
- *Sponsoring special activities for the children
- *Providing transportations for special field trips
- *Preparing lunch for adult Bible study participants
- *Providing financial support for the ministries of the center. (Checks payable to the center)
- *Providing scholarships for the children to attend Summer Missions Camp at Ward Haven. (Make checks payable to RVBA WMU w/memo children's camp scholarship and send to current WMU Treasurer.)

Contact:

Faith Dowdy – Friendship House Roanoke, 635 Elm Ave, SW, Roanoke, VA 24016 - 540.761.2361
Pat Carter – Keystone Community Center, 101-17th Street, SE, Roanoke, VA 24013 - 540.330.6263

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Scholarship – University of Richmond

The Lila Gilmer Scholarship is available to a graduating senior who has been accepted by the University of Richmond. The scholarship amount is budgeted for \$3,290 in 2022 (Provided funds come in.)

How you can be involved:

- *Nominating a senior
- *Sharing the information with high school students of RVBA churches

Contact:

Fleta Dillon (Connelly Memorial) fletad@hotmail.com (H) 563.4055 (C) 540-580.4377

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Southwest Virginia Partnership

An annual mission trip sponsored by the WMU which encourages churches in the RVBA to work together to meet the needs of our fellow Virginians. Projects involve construction, distribution of Bibles, children's books and ditty bags with personal care items, food pantry work, and other ministries as needed.

How you can be involved:

- *Participating in the mission trip
- *Donating funds for Bibles, toiletry items and construction expenses
(Checks payable to RVBA WMU - w/ SW VA Mission trip on memo line)
- *Sew ditty bags for toiletry items
- *Donating new or gently used children's books

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Witnessing Booth at the Salem Fair

Since 1998, the RVBA WMU has provided a witnessing booth at this summer event. Cookies, pretzels, and hard candy are given to those who visit the booth. The Jesus DVDs are given out upon request. RVBA churches are needed to provide donations to pay for the rental of the booth. Also, supply people to serve in the booth during the days of the fair.

How you can be involved:

- *Donations to cover the rental fees and prizes for the booth. **Need 12 churches to donate \$38.****
- *Volunteering to serve in the booth during the fair June 29-July 10, 2022.
- *Donating cookies and pretzels each in zip Lock bags with label or card of John 3:16 attached to the of the baggie
- *Donating hard candy (one piece stapled) on business sized card with this printed message:
This candy's for you and God's love is too!
"This is love...God loved us and sent His Son to pay for our sins."
1 John 4:10

Contact:

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WMU News/Information

News of the work of the WMU is published in an e-mailed version of the FOCUS, the RVBA's bi-monthly newsletter. Articles and announcements need to be submitted to Sandy Sloane quarterly by the 15th of the months of March, June, September & December.

How you can be involved:

- *Share the good news about your church's special WMU activities
- *Promote your ministry projects

Contact:

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Fincastle	Crystal Helper	936 Brunswick Forge Road	Troutville, VA 24175			
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Contact Mary Gilley if there are changes or corrections to your church mission contact information angelclctr@aol.com or 540-529-6698.

Be Kind and Show Love to Others

(Leviticus 19:33-34)



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Thank
you

On September 15th, 1,575 hygiene kits from our RVBA churches were delivered to the BGAV Office in Richmond. These kits came from many, many of YOU! You received the request from the BGAV Disaster Response and you took action to help supply the everyday, basic needs of those impacted by disaster.

Your turnaround time was quick, but the need was immediate, and you responded in an overwhelming way! Thank YOU to the churches and individuals who responded to God's call to help those in need. This list may be incomplete, but appreciation goes to the congregations of Grandin Court, Faith, Melrose, Troutville, Calvary, Lithia, Forest Grove, Enon, Mill Creek, Lynn Haven, Midland, Buchanan, Heights Community, Rosalind Hills, First Roanoke, Vinton, Mt Pleasant, Connection Community, Connelly, Ridgewood, and Bonsack! (If your church's name was omitted, *please* contact Judy Deel at jldeel@rbnet.com.)

Our kits were needed most to help Afghan refugees. They will either be distributed at Quantico or Ft. Pickett. These two military bases are providing housing for these evacuees who fled their country in fear of their lives. The situation is very fluid, and the needs continue to unfold. Refugees continue to arrive at these bases. BGAV Disaster Response acts as quickly as possible to help. The needs still exist and we have been asked to collect hygiene kits until the end of September.

Kit Contents

Please donate complete kits only, not individual toiletry items.

Place small or travel-sized items in 1-gallon sealable/Ziploc plastic bag:

- Soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Washcloth
- Comb/brush
- Facial tissue
- Shaving cream/razor
- Toothbrush/toothpaste

Please deliver **COMPLETE** hygiene kits to one of these churches in our Association by Thursday, September 30th:

Lynn Haven 540.342.6102 Melrose 540.366.6631 Mill Creek 540.992.3474

Contact Judy Deel if you have questions (jildeel@rbnet.com or 540.759.1914).

Additional Needs and Ways You Can Help Refugees

If you or your church would like to extend your ministry to refugees, there are additional ongoing needs that have come to our attention. These needs include:

**Diapers (all sizes)
Baby Formula (powdered)
Cereal for Babies (all types)**

**Feminine Hygiene Products
(pads only)**

It has been suggested that an efficient way to help with these needs would be to order these products through Amazon and have them shipped directly to the BGAV office. Shipments can be addressed to: Dean Miller, 2828 Emerywood Parkway, Henrico, VA 23294

These needed items will also be accepted at our church drop off locations and will be delivered at the end of the month, along with the remaining hygiene kits.

Of course, financial contributions are always welcomed. See [Virginia Baptist Disaster Response - Get Involved in Disaster Response \(bgavdr.org\)](http://VirginiaBaptistDisasterResponse-GetInvolvedinDisasterResponse(bgavdr.org)) for more information on how to donate.

For additional information, you may also refer to the website of Team Rubicon, who are working closely to coordinate governmental and nongovernmental organizations that are working on this critical mission.

<https://teamrubiconusa.org/resettlement>

Don't Forget to Pray!

Pray for these Afghan refugees as they seek resettlement in our country

*** emotional healing**

***their spiritual journey**

***the children.**

Pray for the volunteers and personnel who are assisting the refugees.

Pray that our communities will be welcoming.

Pray that these Afghan refugees will come to know the love and hope that is found in Jesus.

If you have questions regarding any of this, please contact Judy Deel, Missions Involvement Consultant for RVBA WMU. (jideel@rbnet.com or 540.759.1914).

RVBA WMU

Lila Gilmer Scholarship
University of Richmond



The RVBA WMU sponsors the Lila Gilmer Scholarship which is awarded each year to a deserving student who has been accepted to attend the University of Richmond and must be an affiliate of a Baptist Church. We have been informed that the amount budgeted for the 2022 scholarship is \$3,290.00 (based on the interest earned each year).

Applicant's Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ (Home) _____ (Cell)

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s) _____

Address _____

Father's Occupation _____

Mother's Occupation _____

Sibling(s) Name(s) _____

COMPONENTS OF APPLICATION

1. A one-page written statement of your educational goals
2. A resume of your school activities
3. A resume of your community activities and employment
4. Three letters of recommendation
5. A transcript of course work

Deadline to apply: April 15, 2022

Mail completed form and requested information to:

Fleta Dillon
828 Brownwood Drive, NW
Roanoke, VA 24017

Questions call 540.529-6698



**KEYSTONE
COMMUNITY CENTER**

Focus updates for Sept, Oct, Nov 2021

1. After school has started and we need servants for Christ to come and serve: Our max number is 15 for this semester. We need help with seasoned bible story tellers and kitchen volunteers to prepare the children's snacks. Everyone should be at Keystone by 2:15 and the program ends at 4:30 but sometimes you can leave by 4 pm. If you want to be just an extra set of eyes on the playground and play board games be there by 3:30.
2. The Little Lambs, age 3-5 needs someone willing to be in the rotation of Tuesdays 9-12 noon. This is a full educational pre-K including Bible stories, bible songs, a monthly mission project and what is needed to get ready for kindergarten.
3. 141 students in grade pre-k to college was able to start the school year with beautiful backpacks and supplies needed to get off to a good start thanks to all the churches and individuals who donated money and supplies!!!!!!
4. The ministry assistant job position is still open and will be until filled. Call or come by to get more info
5. Please check the RVBA website focus to start gathering the items needed for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please take the peanut butter off as it has been donated
6. We hope to have the "Thank You Tour" back in Jan 2022 through May so call to put our children on your Worship service schedule.
7. Great news for our after school!! We have already reserved swim lessons in May 2022. More info to come along with sponsorship fee.
8. We have 6 of our 10 special guests (deserving women in our community) for the e-women conference on Oct 15-16 sponsored at \$100.00 each. First time ever this uplifting spiritual conference has been hosted virtual at KCC. What a chance to introduce the love of Jesus to some of our neighbors around KCC hope they will all be sponsored which covers conference fee and 3 meals.
9. THANK YOU ALL FOR PRAYERS, LOVE, SUPPORT AND ALL GIFTS TO KEEP KCC GOING. We are available for speaking engagements. Call at 330-6263 or 342-8452

DOWN THE ALLEY

Loving Neighbors. Walking with the Church.

For the past couple months, the world has been increasingly gripped by the crisis in Afghanistan. As the Taliban took control and the United States withdrew from the country, tens of thousands of eligible Afghans seeking refuge have been left behind. Many more made it out of the country and are preparing for new lives in America. So what do we do?

- **Grieve.** Over the past couple of years, we have had the privilege of forming friendships with Afghans. We weep with them as we witness the disaster that has unfolded across the world, yet so close to home. Let us grieve together with them.
- **Pray.** Thousands are at risk of persecution for their political beliefs, or even supporting the education of women. Christian churches are also in danger. So we pray for those left behind and for those who are starting new lives across the world.
- **Mobilize.** In Luke 10, the Good Samaritan came across a broken man on the side of the road and we're told he had compassion and mercy on the man. Out of love for his neighbor he sacrificed his time, comfort, and money for his neighbor's well-being. As Christians, we have come across hurting neighbors along our path. Compassion and mercy should be our standard.



Take a look below for more ways to love our new neighbors.

Ways to Help

- Do you own a rental property or spare home, or do you know someone that does? We are looking for friends who'd be willing to rent out a home or apartment for a few months as refugee families are arriving into Roanoke. Many of them just need a place for 3-6 months, until they can get employed and find a place to move permanently.
- We are accepting donations of canned goods, furniture, kitchenware, linens, etc. so that we can stock families with what they need when they arrive. Please contact us for more info if you have something you'd like to donate, as some policies have changed regarding what we can accept.
- Volunteers are needed who can help tutor individuals and families in English. Dates and times can be flexible. Contact us for more info!



Current Food Pantry Needs

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| -Tomato Sauce | -Cereal |
| -Canned beans | -Soup |
| -Mac-n-cheese | -Veggies |
| -Canned fruit | -Canned meat |

More News & Notes:

- The children in our After-School Program just started the 2021-2022 school year. We are excited to be returning to a schedule that is somewhat "normal"! We have some new faces too that have joined us! If you're interested in volunteering to help read to children, prepare snacks, or be a playground helper, let us know! We could use a few more volunteers!
- Food Pantry continues to give out food each week to around 100 families. We are tremendously blessed to receive donations of fresh food and produce each week from various grocers and restaurants. Our canned goods are always drawn heavily from each week, so if you're able to contribute to the pantry, please see the list at the top!
- Our annual Backpack Program was a HUGE success this year! We estimated that we would give out custom-sorted school supplies and backpacks to 100 local children, but we ended up serving over 150 children!
- In August, our Pastoral Counseling intern from Liberty University, Allison, finished up her time with us. She was such a help to Friendship House this summer and really helped form some strong relationships with the neighbors we serve. We're sad that her time has come to an end but are thrilled that she's still able to volunteer from time to time. We wish her the best!
- Please keep these upcoming dates in mind:
 - Thanksgiving Food Boxes deadline-Nov. 15
 - Christmas Food Boxes deadline-Dec. 13
 - Christmas Toy Store deadline-Dec. 9



Above: Hurricane Fred caused us to cancel our end-of-summer pool party, but no worries! We enjoyed the day at the skating rink instead! Below: Allison, our summer intern, prepares to deliver food to someone in need.

