

By All Means

"I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel that I may share in its blessings"
I Corinthians 9: 22b-23 NIV

Dear WMU Director/Missions Leader,

I bring you greetings and wish you a happy new year from the RVBA WMU Leadership Team! We pray that this year will be one filled with blessings for you and your church as you serve our Lord. May we all be encouraged to do whatever it takes to see lost people come to know the love of Christ.

The foundation of our RVBA WMU is cooperative missions as we work together to spread the Gospel. I am happy to tell you about some of the mission opportunities that are available to us in the upcoming months. Please read and share with your mission groups, your pastor, and your entire church.

- ** RVBA WMU Focus Training –Say “YES!” to Missions Involvement!
February 18th at Melrose – 9:00 am – 12:30 pm**
- **Blessed Girl Conference – February 25 at North Roanoke 3 – 9 pm**
- **Missions Fair – March 11 at North Roanoke 10:30 am – 12:30 pm**
- **Southwest Virginia Partnership Mission Trip March 26 – March 30
Planning meeting on January 19th at Connelly at 7pm**
- **BookNet help needed**
- **_RVBA WMU Spring Missions Celebration March 20th at Bonsack
“Welcoming the Stranger”
*Dinner beginning at 5:30pm / Meeting at 6:45pm
*Consider treating YOUR pastor and spouse to dinner!
*The Leadership Team recommends that the offering be given to New Life Fellowship for their ministry to refugees. We are also collecting underwear for all ages to be given to refugees.**
- **Shine, Eagle Eyrie Conference --- Teen Girl Get-Away --- April 8 - 9**
- **Standing Rock Witness Bracelets available for purchase**
- ** Witness Booth at the Salem Fair – June 28 – July 9**
- ** Children’s Mission Camp at Ward Haven - July 24 – 28**
- ** Job Skills Classes for Women Brochure (CWJC)**

May we all be challenged to continue to proclaim the name of the Lord in word and deed!

Sincerely,
Judy Deel

RVBA WMU Director Phone – 540.473.2522 Email – jldeel@rbnet.com

- Say **“YES !”** to missions involvement

JOIN US FEBRUARY 18,2017

To learn some exciting ways to be involved

Melrose Baptist Church 3520 Peters Creek Road, NW
Roanoke , Virginia
9:00 am till 12:30 pm

WMUV strives to support and equip women to strengthen the church locally and around the world. Hear how you and WMUV can be missionally involved in 2017!

Laura Davis Director of Missions Involvement WMU of Virginia

**Bible Storying by Danette High
IBM Missionary**

Learn how to communicate Biblical truth in a form that will help people listen better and remember longer....Bible stories. Storying is not just for children or overseas work! Learn how you can use it in your ministries both here and abroad!



**Live Like a Missionary:
by Ilga Melo
IBM Missionary**

God calls us to make the most of every opportunity. We come across people everyday as we go about our routine, people who need the encouragement that the Gospel brings. This session we will talk about missional habits we can bring into our everyday lives to reach the hurting and lost around us.

**Teaching all ages how to obey the Great Commandment. (Matt.28;19-20)
By Pat Carter Director of Baptist Community Center**

I will share how we teach our participants to be involved in sharing the love of God to the world around us.

Will have some examples of what we do and how you can do that with those you work with in your church.

Also share some of the ways you can be involved with the Mission Centers
Pat Carter Director of the Baptist Community Center



**Welcoming the Stranger
Diana Martin**

I will be sharing that God gave me a scripture in 1998, which we hung onto until He introduced us to the refugee community in 2009. God started this ministry and continues draw men, women and children to Himself. I will also be sharing the ways that you might partner with us in our outreach and benevolent programs.

BLESSED GIRL TEEN CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 25, 2017

3:00-9:00 p.m.

**FOR TEEN GIRLS IN
GRADES 6-12**

**Cost of
\$15.00**

Includes Main
Sessions, Breakout
Sessions, Dinner
and
Dessert Room

Teen Girls will spend the day praising God, growing and connecting with others. Special speaker Jessica Fralin, author of #Stolen will lead our large group sessions.

Enjoy Two Breakout Sessions, selecting from topics such as Missions, Personal Identity, Social Media dangers; a nice dinner and a "Decorate your own Dessert" Room.

Spice up your free time by participating in Nail Painting,

Photo Shop or
Dance Step
activities!



Author &
Speaker
Jessica
Fralin

Hosted at NORTH ROANOKE BAPTIST
CHURCH

For more information and to register go to www.blessedgirl.org.
Call Jeri Harris at 206-7349 or email jeri@straightstreet.org

Around the World Missions Fair

Saturday, March 11, 2017

10:30am to 12:30pm

North Roanoke Baptist Church

With Danette High, India Missionary, as our speaker!



Want to be involved?

Pick a country to represent and prepare a tri-fold display with facts and pictures as well as a food item to share. Please include population, ethnicity, language, literacy rate, and location facts as these will be asked for on the "Passports" children and youth will fill out as they visit each table. Once you have chosen a country, please contact jeri@straightstreet.org or Cadie.Burks@gmail.com so we can compile a list.

2017 SW VA Partnership Mission Trip

The 2017 SW VA Partnership Mission Trip to Nickelsville, VA will be March 26 – March 30, 2017. Our planning meeting will be held on January 19, 2017 at 7:00 PM at Connelly Memorial Baptist Church (6840 Thirlane Road, NW, Roanoke). Pertinent information and forms for completion will be given out at that meeting. Registration fee of \$100 per person is due by March 1, 2017.

Lodging at the Manor will be \$15 per night per person and \$15 per night for campers. You will need to furnish your own bed linens, towels, washcloths and toiletries.

We are now accepting monetary donations for Bibles and Ditty Bag supplies. We have purchased special children's picture Bibles for 2nd graders and need about 200 more. Also need Bibles for the older grades. LifeWay has periodically had the children's complete picture Bible, Old Testament or New Testament for \$5.00. Plan to get more of them in next few months when on sale. We will also accept Bible donations.

Make all checks payable to: **WMU** and mail to: **Fleta Dillon at 828 Brownwood Dr, NW, Roanoke, VA 24017**. Please indicate in memo section whether donations are for Bibles or Ditty Bags.

When you send in your registration fee, please let me know the team you would like to be on: BookNet, Cooking, Construction, Food Pantry, Nursing Home or Preparation Center. If you would like to volunteer for devotions one morning, let me know.

I am looking forward to working with each of you again this year. If you should have any questions, feel free to call me at cell # 540-580-4377 or e-mail me at fletad@hotmail.com. Please be in prayer as we prepare for this trip. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

Fleta Dillon, Mission Trip Leader.

BookNet

BookNet headed down a different road this year as we turned toward Bland County. Many of you had a chance to hear from Dee Dee Hoosier, the Director of the Bland Ministry Center, this fall. We thought we would try a mini-Nickelsville trip to help her at the center and to give out books in the elementary school. Six of us were able to go and work in the Clothes Closet on Thursday, spend the night (What a bargain at only five dollars a night!) and give out books the next day. BookNet had collected and separated Christmas books for years and the number exceeded our current needs. We got all of the Christmas books together and gave them out to the children at Bland Elementary. We were able to have secular books and Christian books available, and each child received two books. We estimated that we gave out about 700 books with the remaining Christian books going to the Ministry Center for distribution in the Christmas baskets. The principal wrote that she saw so many of the children clutching their books as they got on the buses that afternoon. On a personal note- I would recommend the Bland Ministry Center for any group only able to stay overnight. There is plenty of work to do, and the chance for fellowship makes it worth it. In January, we will be starting back to preparing for Nickelsville and would love to have you help us. We are still overwhelmed as more and more books arrive - which is the good news. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings from 9-11AM at Belmont Baptist in SE. Please join us if even for just one Thursday. No skills needed. We will train you in one easy lesson.

RVBA WMU

Spring Missions Celebration

March 20, 2017

Bonsack Baptist Church

4845 Cloverdale Rd Roanoke, VA 24019

Welcoming the Stranger

Matthew 25:35

“...I was a stranger and you invited me in....”

Kathy Kim, Multicultural Council of WMUV

Diana Martin, New Life Fellowship (Jefferson Center)

Dr. Lynne Stockman, WMUV President

Dinner served 5:30 – 6:30 pm / Program begins 6:45pm

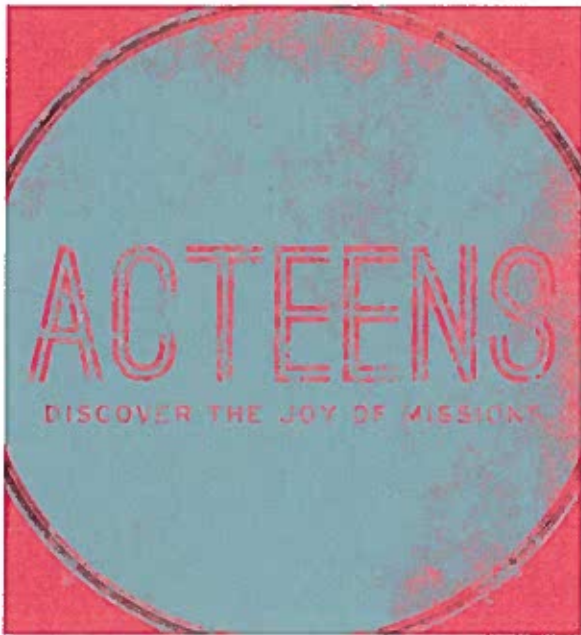
Roasted chicken with dressing, Country style green beans, Honey baby carrots, Tossed green salad, Yeast rolls Drinks: tea, lemonade, coffee Desserts: Fruit cobblers, cakes and pies

Cost of meal is \$8 for Adults and \$4 for Children. Reservations required.

Checks payable to RVBA WMU by March 10th

(Judy Tear 1920 Mayfield Dr Roanoke, VA 24014).

Child care will be available following the meal.



MADE BY DESIGN

PSALMS 139:14

IN HIS IMAGE

SHINE—April 8-9, Teen Girls Overnighter at Eagle Eyrie Conference Center in Lynchburg, VA. Conference begins at 11:00 am Saturday and concludes Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Cost is \$95.75 per person.

Come join girls from around the state as we learn about missions, give to missions (we are asked to donate hair ties, combs, or new or gently used purses) and pray for missions. The cost will include the services, facilities fee, one night of lodging, three meals, program fee and t-shirt.

Learn about how we are wonderfully and fearfully made to serve our Lord in our communities and around the world.



For more information or to register please contact wmuv.org/events/shine or rpedigo@wmuv.org

Meeting Needs with "Undies" and Financial Contributions

We will be **collecting underwear for all ages** (men, women, youth, children) at our **Spring Missions Celebration at Bonsack**. Your donations will help Diana Martin (New Life Fellowship) to **meet the needs refugees** who are moving to the Roanoke Valley. **Our population is becoming more diverse and we have incredible opportunities to share Jesus in word and deed.**

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Support our Standing Rock Jewelry Ministry Salvation Bracelets

We have received a shipment of beautiful Salvation Bracelets, made by Rose, a young Lakota Sioux mother of three, of the Standing Rock Reservation in the Dakotas.

Each bracelet comes with a laminated card that explains the meaning of the seven colors of the beads.

The bracelet is A SILENT WITNESS THAT SPEAKS VOLUMES!

For the wearer, it is a wonderful conversation starter for witnessing.

The bracelet is also a great gift for those to whom you wish to share the gospel, especially if you find it difficult to verbally witness.

Bracelets are available in several sizes for only \$11 with Czech fire polished beads , or for \$12.50 with the more elegant Czech cathedral beads.

Judy Tear will have these lovely bracelets for sale at our March 20th meeting. Contact her at 427.5482 for more information.

WORLD CHANGERS 2017

“LIMITLESS” Ephesians 3:20

June 24 – July 1

World Changers exists to serve the Church and Her mission of making disciples by providing missions experiences that develop the heart of students for serving others and sharing the Gospel so they can change the city. . .change the world.

Ways you can be involved:

- Donate/loan **tools and equipment** (ladders, scaffold, lift access, shop vac, pressure washer, rollers, brushes, trays, etc are items we are always in need of more of during the week).
- Serve as a **host church** to provide lunches Monday to Friday for those crews.
- First Aid Coordinator**: We will have 1-2 people to offer first aid help. Typically nurses, EMTs, or other professionals are best, but basic first aid certification is all that is required. Must be willing to serve and be available all week (including nights), or as part of a rotation.
- Construction Volunteers**:
 - o Runners (Get supplies, run them to work sites. Best if know general construction, drive large vehicle/truck, and are available Monday-Thursday 8:30-4).
 - o Supervisors (oversee construction at 4-6 sites aiding crew chiefs and answering questions).
 - o Construction crew chiefs (Lead construction crew of 10-12 on specific work site. Must have experience either professional or DIY. Must be available Saturday-Friday (daily to serve and evenings to worship with crew.)
- Love on **Summer Staff** (four college-age interns serving all summer)
 - o Create welcome basket or gift bag with uniquely local items and favorite office snacks/drinks.
- Set up** school for lodging. 6-8 people from noon to 4 pm, Saturday June 24 noon – 4:00 pm.
- Welcome volunteer teams** as they arrive: 1-4 pm, June 24. Anything from unloading and carrying luggage to offering snow cones, cotton candy, etc.

Contact John Saunders at jesdom@frontier.com or 366-7631

HELP US BE HIS WITNESS TO VA, OTHER STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES FROM THE SALEM FAIR WITNESSING BOOTH!

Greetings from the "Fair Lady". "Fair Days " will be here before we know it! The dates are: June 29, 2017 through July 9, 2017 We need Churches to be 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: a cookie, pretzel, candy, or pamphlet (re Salvation). Servers will invite children to play the 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.)

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** attached to a "BUSINESS SIZE **CARD**" with the



following printed on it.

- **Also this year**, (with budgets being tight) your financial help is needed to offset the cost of renting our booth #52 inside at the Fair. We need nine more churches/individuals* to donate \$37.71 to cover this expense. *(Three have already done this.)

Please make checks out to "RVBA WMU" Note it "For Witnessing Booth Rental 2017" and mail check to: Judy Tear, 1920 Mayfield Drive SE, Roanoke, VA 24014, ASAP, as rent will be due very soon. Thank you.

(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" I John 4:10)

- **Paper bags** with handles decorated with **scripture verses** and **picture 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".) Thanks.

We will NOT need donations for the Jesus Film DVD's this year. They have already been ordered at the same low price of \$1 each, and already funded!!! Praise the Lord!!!!

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 or email me and let me know of which day you will be in charge ASAP. And, most importantly, PRAY for God to draw people to Himself through this Mission Project!

Thank you, The "Fair Lady", Jeanne Dudley, 375-3246
jdgmm@quixnet.net

Looking Ahead:

ESL Training

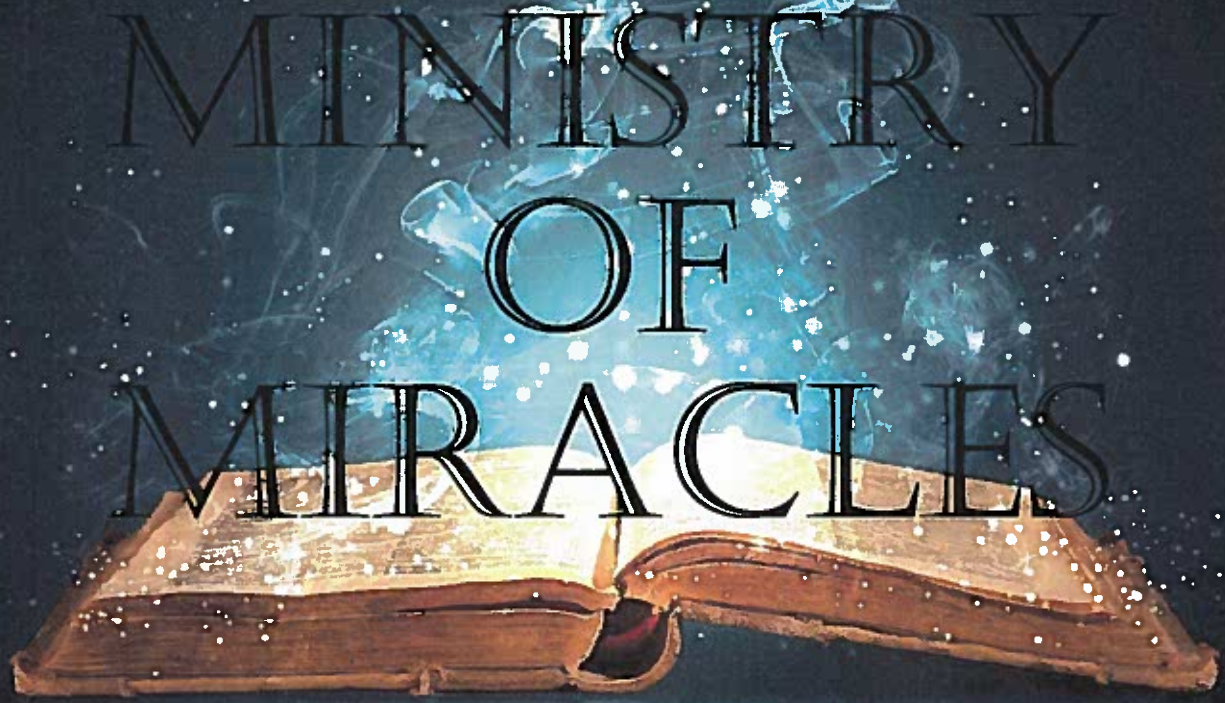
May 5 & 6, 2017

Oakland Baptist Church

Led by Tom and Carla Pless

For more information contact John Saunders.

WMU and RVBA Children's Camp 2017



He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles
that cannot be counted.

Job 5:9

When: July 24 to 28

Where: Ward Haven Retreat Center

Who: Rising 3rd to 6th Graders

Rising 7th to 12th graders can gain leadership experience as Counselors-in-Training and Teen Counselors!

Join us at camp this year as we dive into the miracles of Jesus!
Enjoy Bible study, crafts, drama, music, camp fires, and more!

Contact us for more information. Cadie.Burks@gmail.com and jsigutierrez@gmail.com

STEPS IN DEVELOPING

1. Choose a Project Coordinator
2. Select an Advisory Council
3. Choose a ministry model
4. Conduct a community assessment
5. Develop a resource network for your locality
6. Recruit and train participants
7. Identify and recruit participants
8. Establish Covenants
9. Implement ministry
10. Evaluate ministry

RVBA WMU CAN HELP WITH

- Training and Consulting
- Facilitating networks
- Serving as a clearing house for resources



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**A HAND UP:
From Dependency to
Self-Sufficiency**

MISSION STATEMENT

Job Skills Class for Women will seek to create an environment where persons can discover common ground with and mentor those who are seeking to move from dependency to self-sufficiency and together partner for change and growth

POVERTY IN THE ROANOKE VALLEY

There are 40 million people in poverty in the U.S. In the city of Roanoke, the poverty facts are:

- * 22.4% persons live in poverty
- * 21.9% children 0-17 live in poverty

Answers do not come readily when addressing the reality of poverty and the crippling affect of long-term dependency. Ministry one-on-one, or mentoring, is one solution to this complex problem. Job Skills Class is mentoring towards long-term change.

WHY THE CHURCH?

The Bible teaches that we should meet the needs of others, especially those who are hurting. The Old Testament emphasizes communal responsibility in the care of the priests, debtors, the poor, and the widows. Believers are admonished by Jesus to minister to the "least of these" (Matthew 25:40). Paul encourages the early church to bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2), and to bear each one of them, their own burdens (Galatians 6:5).

The program provides opportunities for the church to address poverty in our communities, by walking beside and individual through her journey towards self-sufficiency. This is a ministry of building hope and changing lives. Through this ministry the church can celebrate God's redemptive work, while witnessing life-changing experiences in the lives of others.

ACTIVITIES



Job Skills Classes KEY ELEMENTS

1. A mentor for each participant
2. Bible study for spiritual growth
3. A covenant between every participant and mentor
4. Networking
5. Assessment of community and participant needs
6. An Advisory Council
7. Ministry evaluation
8. Certification of Project Coordinators and training of leaders

WHAT IS A MENTOR?

- ◆ A role model
- ◆ A listener
- ◆ A guide
- ◆ A motivator
- ◆ An Advocate

MODELS

1. A church
2. Association of Churches
3. Community Facility