

By All Means

Dear WMU Director/Mission Leader,

Now is the time to make plans for our Spring and Summer Schedules!

In 2016-2018, WMU will challenge all of us as followers of Christ to

- *follow His Example
- *step into the world around us
- *cultivate relationships
- *create opportunities to demonstrate the love of Christ

Learning about missions is the key to these actions. We cannot pray or take action effectively unless we have some knowledge of the needs and opportunities around us.

Your RVBA WMU Leadership Team is available to help you and we want you to know about several opportunities that can lead all of us to extend the love of Christ in word and deed to all the people of the world.

Please read and **share the information** that is included in this packet with your mission groups, children and youth leaders, your pastor, and your church.

***2018 RVBA WMU Spring Missions Celebration – March 26, 2018 at
NEW LOCATION: Rosalind Hills Baptist Church, 2712 Brandon Ave, SW
Roanoke, VA 24015. Just a note about our guest speaker. Dorothy Owsley is the
Founder of Transitional Options 4 Women which provides transitional housing and
life skills training for women released from the regional jails and prisons. These skills
will empower the women to become self-sufficient and demonstrate positive attitudes.**

- *Southwest Virginia Partnership Mission Trip - March 18-22, 2018
- *Children and Youth Missions Fair - March 10, 2018 - 10:00 am-12 pm at Melrose Baptist
- *Job Skills For Women – April 9, 2018 – Belmont Baptist
- *Skate 4Missions Camp – April 14, 2018 - 12 pm-5 pm
- *WMU Witnessing Booth – July 3 – July 15, 2018 - Salem Civic Center
- *Children’s Missions Camp - July 23 – July 27, 2018 - Ward Haven
- *Bible Storying - August 25, 2018 – 10:00 – 2:00 pm - Lynn Haven Baptist
- *SHINE - Sept. 14-16, 2018 - CrossRoads Camp & Conference Center

Fleta Dillon
RVBA WMU Director

RVBA WMU

Spring Missions Celebration

March 26, 2018

New Location:

Rosalind Hills Baptist Church

2712 Brandon Avenue, SW Roanoke, VA 24015

Transitional Options 4 Women

Another chance is all they ask

Speaker: Dorothy Owsley – President and Founder

Dinner served from 5:30-6:30 PM / Program begins 6:45 PM

Menu:

**Pork Loin, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Salad
Assorted Desserts Tea, Lemonade, Coffee**

Cost of meal is \$8.00 for Adults and \$4.00 for Children.

Reservations required.

Checks payable to RVBA WMU by March 15, 2018

(Judy Tear at 1920 Mayfield Drive, Roanoke, VA 24014)

Childcare will be available following the meal.

2018 Southwest Virginia Partnership Mission Trip

The 2018 Southwest Virginia Partnership Mission Trip is the week of March 18 – 22, 2018 to Nickelsville, VA. Registration is \$100 per person and due by March 1, 2018.

Lodging at the Manor will be \$15 each night per person and \$15 per night for campers.

You will need to furnish your own bed linens (sleeping bags), towels, washcloths and toiletries.

We are in need of Ditty Bags for children, monetary donations for Bibles and Ditty Bag supplies.

Make all checks payable to: **RVBA WMU** and mail to: **Fleta Dillon, 828 Brownwood Drive, NW, Roanoke, VA 24017**. Please indicate in the memo section whether donations are for Bibles, Ditty Bag Supplies or where needed.

We have a great need for men to help with Construction on this trip. If you feel that you would like to help, contact Giles Gilley at 540-529-6697 for more information.

When you send in your registration fee and completed health form, please indicate the team that you would like to work on: BookNet, Cooking, Construction, Food Pantry, Nursing Home or Preparation Center. If you want to help on more than one team, please list and what days.

If you would like to volunteer for devotions one morning, please let me know. Looking forward to working with each of you again this year. Fleta Dillon, RVBA WMU Mission Trip Leader, cell # 540-580-4377 or home # 540-563-4055

The Youth and Children Consultants of WMU will be hosting a Missions Learning Fair. It will be held on Saturday, March 10th from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at Melrose Baptist Church. The goal is to have many displays of various countries for a Missions Learning Experience, geared towards children and youth. Each country is to have a Display board with facts for the specified country and authentic items if available. You are also encouraged to provide an ethnic food for a tasting time. Drinks are provided and there will be a short time for a Missions Speaker to share. Please contact Jeri Harris with questions and to register the country you desire to represent jeri@straightstreet.org or cell phone 540-206-7349.

Bible Storying by Danette and Tom High, IMB Missionaries

Date: August 25, 2018 Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location: Lynn Haven Baptist Church, 1501 E. Washington Ave, Vinton, VA 24179

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. This training is sponsored by the WMU Bible Storying Project. Contact persons are Diane Shepherd (540-721-6407), Danette High (704-460-9603) and Gerri McDaniel (540-977-2168).

DO YOU NEED?

Help

Oppportunity

Preparation

Enhanced Skills



MISSION STATEMENT

*Our mission is to show God's
Love to women by lifting them up
in their life journey to achieve
their full potential*



Job Skills Classes for Women



OPPORTUNITIES

Develop Job Skills

Resume Development

Learn Interview Skills

Learn Effective Job Hunting

Computer Skills

Enhance Personal Skills

Self-Esteem

Establish Personal Boundaries

Nutrition Classes

Faith Classes

Budgeting

Grow Spiritually

***“A Hand Up,
Not a Hand Out”
From Dependency to
Self-Sufficiency***

HISTORY

In 1993 National Woman's Missionary Union staff members saw how impoverished women in Appalachia had developed extraordinary programs that helped to change their lives. The question, "What can WMU do?" demanded an answer.

In 1994 a national WMU group developed the concept and purpose of Christian Women's Job Corps.

In 1997 a task force composed of social workers, minister, educators and counselors customized CWJC for Virginia.

The first CWJC site in the Roanoke Valley opened in 2003, and is now located at Belmont Baptist Church. In September 2009, the second program site opened in Botetourt County. It is now called Job Skills Classes for Women.

Job Skills Classes For Women

PROGRAM SITE

Belmont Baptist Church
825 Stewart Ave., S.E.

Diane Shepherd: Site Coordinator

540-721-6407

Spring 2018

ORIENTATION

April 9 @ 9:30 am

Class begins April 9 @ 10 am

6 Week Course

Mondays & Wednesdays

9:30-12:45

Graduation: Sunday, May 20

All Classes are Free

Child care during class may be available upon request





1620 East Washington Avenue
Vinton, Virginia 24179

Saturday, April 14th

12pm-5pm

*Discounted ticket of **\$6** must be purchased in advance. This covers entry and skate rental!

Proceeds benefit the Roanoke Valley Baptist Association's

Women's Missions Camp **Children's Missions Camp**

This event is open to all ages.

*Contact Jessica at 540-397-0858 or jisigutierrez@gmail.com to purchase your tickets.

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

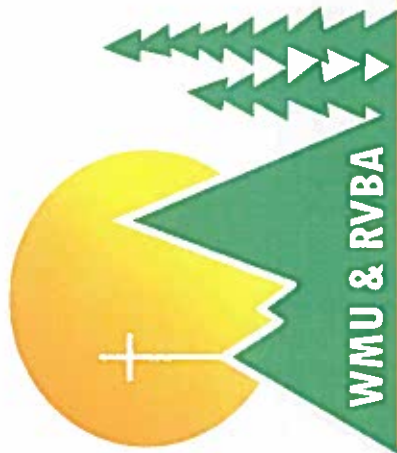
Growing up missionaries through missions experiences

*During this week-long,
overnight camp experi-
ence, kids discover their
potential for missions, both
local and abroad.*



The Site

Camp is held at Ward Haven Retreat in Salem, Virginia. With large meeting areas, two kitchens, bath houses, and bunks for up to 72 people, Ward Haven is perfect for this camping experience! Surrounded by Catawba mountain, Ward Haven boasts a scenic view, and is close-by, yet secluded!



WMU & RVBA

Children's Missions Camp

at Ward Haven Retreat Center

CHILDREN'S MISSIONS CAMP

Sponsored by WMU and RVBA

SUMMER 2018

July 23 to 27



Roanoke Valley Baptist Association

3926 Plantation Road NW

Roanoke, Virginia 24012

Contact Information

Jessica Gutierrez-Arnold
1235 Cooper's Cove Road
Hardy, Virginia 24101
540-397-0858 (Jessica)

CRAFTS

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DRAMA

BIBLE STUDY

Campers

Camp is open to upcoming 3rd through 5th graders. Camper registration opens January 1, 2018 and forms are due NO LATER than June 20th. Registrations received after this date will not be accepted. All kids within the age range are welcome to register!

Price for camp: \$50*

*Want to save \$10 per camper? Register by the early bird deadline-May 1 and pay only \$40.

*Scholarship applications are available

Teen Counselors

We are looking for mature and Christ-focused counselors to help plan activities and lead camp! Each year we accept at least 6 counselors-in-training (CIT's) and at least 3 teen counselors to help with camp. All counselors must turn in their applications and references forms NO LATER than April 1, 2018. Any late applications will not be considered.

Adult Volunteers

Interested in assisting with food preparation, set-up, organizing activities, teaching class, serving as a chaperone, or serving as a missionary? There are many opportunities to serve at camp and we are always looking for Christ-focused adults to would enjoy making camp a great experience! Adults must pass a background check and have registration forms turned in NO LATER than April 1st, 2018.

*Camp is free for counselors and adult volunteers!

Sample Schedule

A TYPICAL DAY

7:30am Wake Up Call
8:00am Breakfast
9:00am Devotion
9:30am Morning Rotations
Bible Study, Drama, Crafts
12:30pm Lunch

1:30pm Missionary Visit
2:30pm Mission Project
4:00pm Afternoon Rotations
Recreation, Music, Showers
5:00pm Dinner

6:00pm Afternoon Rotations
Continue
7:30pm Camp themed activity
8:00pm Camp Fire
9:00pm Camp themed activity
10:00pm Lights Out for Campers

While this gives a brief overview of a typical day at camp, we do often tweak the schedule to allow for special surprise activities! Some past surprise activities include a glow-in-the-dark block party, wildlifecounters, and a time machine!

Why Children's Missions camp?

What campers are saying:



"My favorite part is learning and teaching kids about God"



"Camp is the best!"

"My favorite part is everything! But if I had to pick one thing, it would be Bible Study!"

What parents are saying:

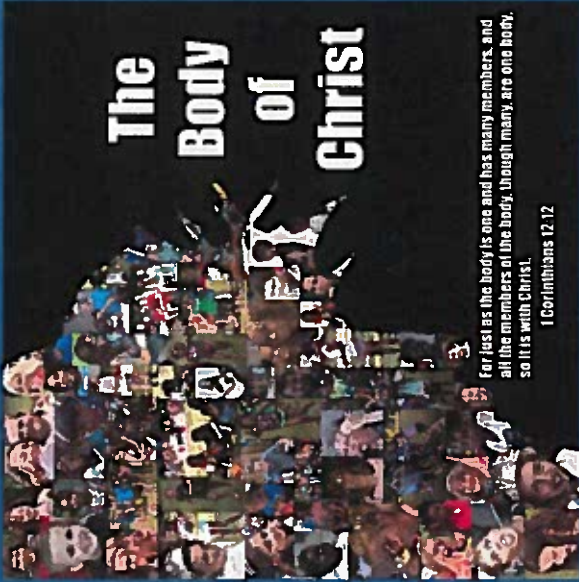
"She had a blast. She came back more appreciative and mature. I would definitely let her come again!"



"I have seen from videos that my daughter is having a wonderful time! I was worried of her being home sick since this was her first time."



Visit our website for more information!
www.wmuchildrencamp.wixsite.com/childrencamp



The Body of Christ

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:12

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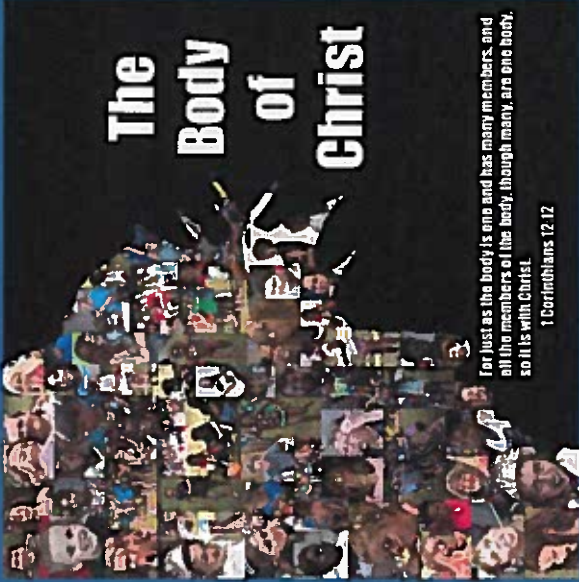
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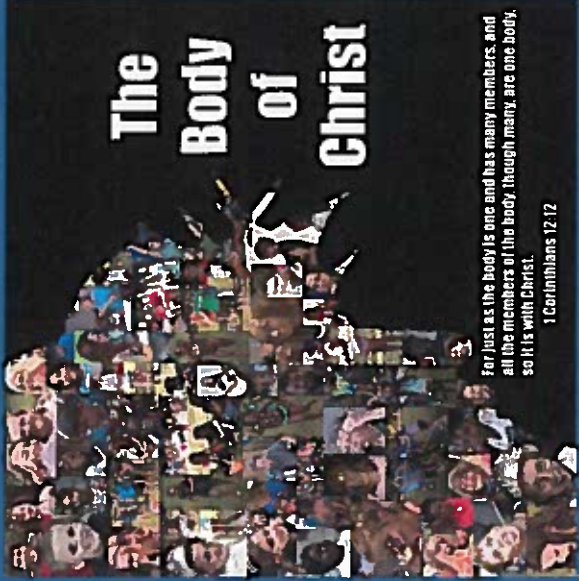
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SHINE



FOR: TEEN GIRLS IN GRADES 6-12

PURPOSE: To worship together and to celebrate loving others through Missions

**WHEN: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 7:00 p.m.—
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 12:00 p.m.**

**WHERE: CrossRoads Camp in Lowesville,
VA, (near Lynchburg)**

**COST: \$75 (includes program, housing,
meals and a T-shirt)**



Last year we had a wonderful weekend with Missionary Speakers, Skits, Worship Band, Hanging out, Camp Store (bring snack money). CrossRoads Camp has a giant swing, a sand volleyball court, ropes course and more!

Sponsored by the Acteens missions group through the RVBA and state WMU. To register go to wmuv.org. For partial scholarship info contact local Youth Consultant Jeri Harris at 540-206-7349 or jerih1975@gmail.com.