

**ROANOKE VALLEY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**  
**Spring Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 25, 2023**

LATOYA MONIQUE 2012  
"IN *Happy*  
MOMENTS,  
PRAISE GOD.  
IN DIFFICULT MOMENTS,  
**SEEK** *God.*  
IN QUIET  
MOMENTS,  
*trust* GOD.  
IN EVERY MOMENT,  
THANK *God.*"

**Villa Heights Baptist Church**

**ROANOKE VALLEY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
SPRING MEETING  
APRIL 25, 2023  
6:30 pm  
Kathryn Sowers, Moderator  
Dr. Jeff Ritchey, Vice Moderator**

**Prelude Music**

<b>Call to Order .....</b>	<b>Kathryn Sowers</b>
<b>Welcome, Scripture &amp; Prayer .....</b> <b>Partnering for the Kingdom – Colossians 3:12-17</b>	<b>Willie Klepper</b>
<b>Congregational Music .....</b>	<b>Jim Mathews</b>
<b>WMU Mission Trip Presentation .....</b>	<b>Danny Quirin</b>
<b>Interim AMS Presentation .....</b>	<b>Scott Hamilton</b>
<b>ReFOCUS Team Report .....</b>	<b>Carter Mundy</b>
<b>Special Music .....</b>	<b>Uneita Mathews</b>
<b>Special Prayer for RVBA .....</b>	<b>Dr. Jeff Ritchey</b>
<b>AMS Search Team Recommendation .....</b>	<b>Dr. Chris Monroe</b>
<b>Finance Committee Recommendation .....</b>	<b>John Recktenwald</b>
<b>Special Prayer for RVBA .....</b>	<b>Dr. Bob Hetherington</b>
<b>Property Study Committee Recommendation .....</b>	<b>Rodger Hogan</b>
<b>Mission Video for Annie Mae Broyles</b>	
<b>They Will Know We are Christians by Our Love .....</b>	<b>Dr. Connie Cruze</b>
<b>Closing Prayer .....</b>	<b>Danny Quirin</b>

**Appreciation to Host Church: We want to express appreciation to Villa Heights Baptist Church for serving as host church for the Spring Meeting of the Roanoke Valley Baptist Association.**



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

**New RVBA Mailing Address : PO Box 7588, Roanoke VA 24019**

**Program Personalities:**

Connie Cruze, Associate Pastor/Minister of Music (Melrose)  
Scott Hamilton, RVBA Interim AMS (Oakland)  
Bob Hetherington (Cooper's Cove)  
Rodger Hogan, RVBA Property Study (Midland)  
Willie Klepper, Minister of Administration & Education (Villa Heights)  
Jim Mathews, Pastor of Music & Worship (Villa Heights)  
Uneita Mathews (Villa Heights)  
Chris Monroe, RVBA Search Committee (Vinton)  
Carter Mundy, Pastor (Redemption)  
Danny Quirin, RVBA Personnel Committee (Mill Creek)  
John Recktenwald, RVBA Finance Committee (Bonsack)  
Jeff Ritchey, RVBA Vice Moderator (Troutville)  
Kathryn Sowers, RVBA Moderator (Vinton)

**RVBA Search Team Recommendation:** On behalf of the Associational Mission Strategist Search Team and the RVBA Personnel Committee we recommend the RVBA change the RVBA Mission Strategist position to full-time and continue the search process. This change would become effective when a permanent AMS is hired.

**RVBA Finance Committee Recommendation:** The RVBA Finance Committee recommends using proceeds from the sale of the RVBA office building to fund the full-time position. Based on the recommendation of the Search Team, the Finance Committee recommends that up to \$130,000 from the sale be reserved at this time.

**Note of clarification:** This amount is based on the anticipated need to supplement the RVBA Budget over a three-and-a-half-year period, providing time for the new AMS' vision and plans to grow involvement in the RVBA and the budget. After that period, the hope is that the position will be funded through the budget. This estimate includes salary, housing and benefits not offered in the part time position.

**RVBA Property Study Recommendation:**

The RVBA Properties Study Committee recommends that the RVBA sell the Ward Haven Retreat Center, located on Bugle Lane in Salem, VA – with the following Parcel Id #'s: 015.01-01-05.00-0000; 015.01-03.0300-0000; 015.01-01-0100-0000; and 015.01-0200-0000. We further move that the proceeds be managed by the RVBA Finance Committee.

**RVBA Financial Statement - March 31, 2023**

Checking Account.....	\$41,012.46
Designated Funds.....	\$110,429.84
Sale of RVBA Office .....	\$221,724.09
Endowment (EverBless) .....	\$272,999.19
Total Assets .....	\$646,165.58

**BUDGET SUPPORT BY CHURCHES**

**January - March 2023**

Arcadia	0.00	Journey	1,351.00
Belmont	150.00	Longdale	0.00
Bethel	0.00	Lynn Haven	2,600.21
Big Spring	0.00	Mayflower Hills	0.00
Bonsack	3,876.29	Melrose	3,790.43
Buchanan	2,371.49	Midland	781.30
Calvary	553.17	Mill Creek	5,000.00
Catawba Valley	0.00	Mineral Spring	0.00
Cave Rock	0.00	Mount Pleasant	1,008.46
Cave Spring	1,747.93	Mountain Pass	212.84
Cedar Bluff	229.00	Mountain View	0.00
Central	0.00	New Century	0.00
Colonial Avenue	0.00	North Roanoke	1,248.55
Connection Com.	0.00	Oakland	731.07
Conn. Memorial	75.51	Pleasant Hill	500.00
Cooper's Cove	502.00	Preston Oaks	0.00
Craig Valley	0.00	Red Hill	0.00
Crystal Spring	399.26	Redemption	225.00
Daleville	0.00	Ridgewood	3,000.00
Eagle Rock	0.00	Riverdale	0.00
Enon	0.00	Riverland Road	240.00
Faith	391.98	Roanoke, First	0.00
Fellowship	0.00	Rosalind Hills	200.00
Fincastle	0.00	17 <sup>th</sup> Street/Access	0.00
Forest Grove	1,500.00	Springwood	400.00
Garden City	244.22	Troutville	851.41
Grandin Court	95.00	Villa Heights	1,299.99
Gravel Hill	0.00	Vinton	1,405.54
Green Ridge	100.00	West Salem	0.00
Haitian Mission	0.00	Windsor Hills	0.00
Haran	915.21	Zion Hill	0.00
Heights Comm.	0.00		
Hollins Road	600.00	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$38,596.86</b>

### Upcoming RVBA Dates:

Annie Mae Broyles Month of Prayer ~ May 2023 (over whatever month is best for your church)

Roanoke Valley Day of Prayer during the National Day of Prayer ~ May 4

Impact Virginia in Roanoke ~ June 19-23

**RVBA WMU Mission Heart Children's Camp ~ Monday – Thursday, July 31-August 3, 2023 – Overnight Camp at Ward Haven Retreat Center** -- Point of contact is Diane Shepherd, email: [dsva540@aol.com](mailto:dsva540@aol.com). Cost is \$60.00 if paid by May 15, 2023, and \$75.00 after this date. Deadline is June 30, 2023.

RVBA Valley Impact ~ Saturday, September 23

**RVBA WMU Fall Event ~ Saturday, October 14, at Rosalind Hills Baptist Church from 1-3 pm.** More information later. Save the date and invite children and families to attend.

RVBA Fall Meeting ~ Tuesday, October 24 @ TBA

### RVBA WMU Southwest Virginia Mission Trip

The week of March 5-9, 2023, we traveled to Nickelsville, VA for our mission trip. There were 31 men and women (8 were new volunteers) from 9 of our RVBA churches and 2 Presbyterian churches that came together to visit 9 elementary schools in the counties of Lee, Scott, and Russell. We were able to give 5300 books (2 or 3 each) to some 1800 students in grades Pre-K – Grade 7. Plus 25 boxes of books were delivered to 5 additional schools we were unable to visit. One of which was in a flooded area of West Virginia.

Approximately 500 Bibles were taken by students in Grades 4-7 and Bible story books and activity books were offered to Pre-K – Grade 3 students. About 1615 handmade cloth bags filled with hygiene items were given to students in Grades K – 7. Some of our team members worked in the Scott County Food Pantry in Gate City one day stabilizing the shelving and distributing food to 29 families. One of our construction teams repaired a screened in porch and installed new windows and doors for an 86-year-old woman, while the other team worked on replacing a rotten bathroom floor in a trailer and installed a new commode for the family. The construction ministry was done in cooperation with the Southwest Virginia Partnership (SWVP) and supported by their missionaries, Jan and Tony Johnson. **This special ministry could not have been possible without the dedication of volunteers and support of our local churches.** Therefore, I wish to thank each of you for your prayers, donation of books and volunteers to help sort them, monetary donations for purchasing ditty bag supplies, construction materials, Bibles or books, and transportation expenses.

May God continue to Bless your churches' ministries in the days and years to come.

Fleta Dillon, Mission Trip Leader

## ReFOCUS Update

**Mission Statement:** “Building Partnerships for The Great Commission”

**Vision Statement:** “We want to see local churches partner together to give our valley a glimpse of the Kingdom of God.”

The vision for the RVBA going forward is to have churches working together locally, nationally, and globally to take the Gospel to every man, woman, and child in the Roanoke Valley and beyond. We desired to be on mission together as a group of local churches. We are in the process of putting together an implementation team that will help us go forward and implement our mission and vision statements. If you are interested in being a part of this team, please contact Scott Hamilton at [pastorscotth@gmail.com](mailto:pastorscotth@gmail.com).

## Monthly Pastors/Staff Meetings

The RVBA has opportunities for pastors and staff to come together for prayer and fellowship. Our lunch meetings will be the third Tuesday of each month at 12:00 Noon and will last no more than one hour. **Our next pastor and staff lunch will be at Rosalind Hills Baptist Church on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM. Lunch from Chick-fil-A.** Please come and be a part of any of these times that we will be sharing together. Please contact Scott Hamilton if you have any questions.

## Planning for Partnerships

The RVBA Missions Development Team is working on developing a partnership with one or two local ministries and having the RVBA churches working together to support these ministries. We are in the planning stage right now, but we are hoping that we can facilitate cooperation as churches support local ministries together. We hope to continue to work with and partner together to help serve the following ministries: **Hope Tree, Solomons Mission, Friendship House, and Keystone Center.** We are asking churches to help as God allows.

## International Missions Opportunity

We are seeking churches, pastors, staff, and church members who are interested in being a part of short-term international mission trips. We understand that many of our churches do not have the resources to put together international mission teams, but together we have the resources to organize, plan, fund raise, and participate in international trips. We will be partnering with Rick Via Ministries for possible trips to Zambia and Cuba in 2023. If you are interested in more information, please contact Scott Hamilton at [pastorscotth@gmail.com](mailto:pastorscotth@gmail.com).

## National Day of Prayer on May 4<sup>th</sup>

We are inviting all pastors and church members to become a part of praying for Roanoke City, Salem, and the Valley on May 4<sup>th</sup> for our Spring Roanoke Valley Day of Prayer. This date is also the National Day of Prayer, and we are working to get the entire day covered with prayer. 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 Roanoke Valley Day of Prayer. Please share this vision and date with as many as possible. Together we can achieve this, and watch God work in our area. To sign up for a prayer session, please use the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FAAAE2FA7F9CE9-spring>

## Help with IMPACT Virginia

We are making plans to work with IMPACT Virginia again this summer. The dates are June 19-23, 2023, and we are looking for churches to help with lunches and other needs for the teams of teens and adults. These teams will be helping homeowners with projects and sharing the Gospel and the love of Jesus with their community. If you would be willing to help, please signup using the following link:

<https://forms.gle/Ut7DuLtpuzMyQqj8>

## RVBA Prayer Meeting

A part of implementing our mission and vision statements, the RVBA will be having a prayer meeting twice a year. We will be having one meeting in August and one meeting in February each year. Our first meeting will be on Sunday evening August 20, 2023, at 6:30 PM at Midland Baptist Church. All pastors, staff, and church members and attenders are invited to attend and join with others from around the area and pray for our Valley and beyond. We hope that you and your church will attend this important time of prayer.



“SERVING TOGETHER 2023”

ROANOKE VALLEY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
PRAYER EMPHASIS AND  
ANNIE MAE BROYLES OFFERING FOR  
ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

**Day One:** *PRAY TODAY for 2023 SERVE TOGETHER concerning Ward Haven* that men, women, youth, and children will be strengthened in their faith as they attend retreats and camps at the facility. Pray for Giles Gilley as he seeks to maintain the buildings and grounds.

**Day Two:** *PRAY TODAY for 2023 SERVE TOGETHER concerning Friendship House Roanoke* as they minister to children and families in Southwest Roanoke. Through after school programs, food distribution, summer programs and housing for refugees they seek to love people and share the Gospel of Jesus.  
<https://friendshiphouserohanoke.org/>

**Day Three:** *PRAY TODAY for 2023 SERVE TOGETHER concerning Children’s Missions Camp* held July 31 – August 3, 2023 at Ward Haven. Be in prayer for the leaders as they seek ways to involve more children in the camp and for opportunities to visit churches to share about camp.

**Day Four:** *PRAY TODAY for 2023 SERVE TOGETHER concerning Valley Impact* to be held during the month of September. This is an opportunity for the churches of RVBA during September to engage our communities through ministry, missions, and evangelism projects.

**Day Five:** *PRAY TODAY for 2023 SERVE TOGETHER concerning Lampstand Ministry* as they work to help young ladies who have been trafficked and on the streets. Please pray that these young ladies will experience the love of Jesus and surrender their life to Him. Pray that these ladies will learn to trust again and will be able to adjust to living in the community again.

**Day Six:** *PRAY TODAY for 2023 SERVE TOGETHER concerning Christian Soldiers Food Ministry* so they may be able to have the resources to serve those who visit the ministry each week. Pray that the ministry will be able to find another facility where they can have enough room to have Bible study and food storage. <https://www.facebook.com/ChristianSoldiersFP/>

**Day Seven:** *PRAY TODAY for 2023 ReFOCUS concerning Keystone Community Center* that ministers in Southeast Roanoke. Pray for director Pat Carter as she leads this ministry to reach out to children and their families through children’s programs, camps, and backyard gardens.  
<https://keystoneroanoke.wixsite.com/kccroa>

**ANNIE MAE BROYLES**  
The first Baptist Mission Center of the  
Roanoke Valley Baptist Association  
was opened in 1939 and began  
operation on Salem Avenue and *Miss*  
*Annie Mae Broyles* was its first  
Missionary Director.

**Annie Mae Broyles Offering**

Friendship House	\$5,000.00
Keystone	\$5,000.00
RVBA Mission Projects	\$2,000.00
Lampstand	\$1,500.00
Christians Soldiers Food Pantry	\$4,000.00
Ward Haven	<u>\$2,500.00</u>
	\$20,000.00

  
**KEYSTONE  
COMMUNITY CENTER**

101 17<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Roanoke VA 24013  
Mailing: PO Box 13042, Roanoke VA 24030  
Office: 540.342-8452  
Keystonecommunitycenter.org

**RVBA Spring Meeting, April 2023**

*Food Pantry provides nonperishable food for participants of our programs, emergency help from our churches with a special need and counseling agencies with a client in need of food. We refer all other request to Christian Soldiers Food bank. We accept all foods but call to make sure someone is in the building to accept your donation.*

**Summer Camp 2023  
Starts June 12-Aug 11.  
More details in May**



**Will need \$60.00 per child to go to WMU camp. Call for details**

**SPECIAL NEEDS!!**

- 1. SUMMER BIBLE STUDY TEACHER, THURSDAYS 10 AM TO 11:15AM CAN TEACH YOUR SS LESSON**
- 2. PRE K VOLUNTEER HELPER IN SEPT. CAN BE SEVERAL PEOPLE ROTATING ON TUES**

**So many things are going on this summer to put here so call for newsletter or check website**

Wanted mission teams for the summer. Youth groups and adults with gardening, evangelism, construction and solar experience or just a desire for inner city ministry is welcome.

*Backyard Gardens - 2023 is on the rise! The training garden at KCC is getting a face lift so more produce can be harvested for human consumption and not critters food source. Follow us on face book to see the change. This year seed harvesting will be part of the education. We have 5 signed up but will grow. Center needs are bags of compost soil and money to buy plants, seeds, fencing, lumber to replace 10-year-old raised boxes and volunteers. Today the cabbage, onion and kale cage were installed thanks to another gardener Leo. The greenhouse is ready for those seeds.*



one of the critter proof cages

**If a grant is received we will need a paid summer part time pre K lead teacher and assistant for 6 weeks, please check May 1 if interested.**

**Dates to remember:**

**April 27- Adult bible study with lunch**

**May - Adult Bible study starts back every Thursday 9:30 to 11:30 w lunch**

**May 27- annual 5k run/walk 8:30am at Fallon Park pool, register on line, in person or virtual**

**May 29 - Closed**

**June 1 - Blessing of the Garden outdoor drama 4pm**

**June & July - School supplies collected**

**June 7 - Last day of school**

**June 12 - Starts summer camp**



## **Food/Supplies (categorized by need for each month)**

**January**- soups, oatmeal, saltine crackers, canned milk, hot chocolate in packages, spaghetti sauce and noodles, bleach

**February**- *Open Windows*, soups, small bottles of water, canned meats, instant potatoes, bags of dried beans, canned milk (think ahead Easter)

**March**- foods on Easter list are collected(50 boxes given out) please contact KCC or check our website (Easter 2023 is April 9)

**April**- canned fruits and veggies, cereals, juice boxes & pouches

**May**- plastic jars of both peanut butter and jam/jelly

**June**- plastic jars of peanut butter, Pop-Tarts, Kool-Aid mixes in containers and packets (sugar-free as well), cereal,

**July**- microwaveable foods, 1 pound boxes of sugar, coffee beans

**August**- bags of rice, pastas and dried beans, canned milk, any food that could stock the pantry

**September**- boxes of cereal, just add water pancake mix, syrup, personal hygiene, separate list for Thanksgiving boxes, please contact KCC

**October**- separate list for Christmas boxes, please contact KCC

**November**- bar and liquid soap, shampoo, any food that could stock the pantry

**December**- boxes of macaroni and cheese and cereal (hot and cold), soups, saltine crackers, oatmeal, boxes of tissues, hot chocolate

**Year-round Items**- small bottles or packages of mustard, ketchup, and mayo, canned milk, fruit, and meat, ramen noodles, coffee/beans, 1 pound boxes of granulated sugar

**Items Used in the Building**- bleach, toilet paper, paper towels, plastic forks and spoons, Styrofoam plates, 8 & 6 oz cups hot and cold, 5 oz plastic bathroom cups, disinfectant wipes and spray, copy paper, ink toner (a lot is used) including LC61 black and color for Brother as well as Canon D toner (2 or 3 cartridges are used a year) – please call for precise ink toner needs, toilet bowl cleaner (spray with bleach is preferred), paper grocery bags, colored poster board, both regular and large mouth canning lids and rings (Ball only)

Monthly food bags are given out to our program participants, the majority being the last Thursday of each month. Emergency bags are available for local counseling agencies and their clients. The pantry is also used to make meals for those in our programs. Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes are given out those holiday months. It is nice to have the items we need available so we can assemble bags when needed.

**\*Please note canned milk, not sweetened condensed milk, and granulated, not confection sugar, plastic jars/containers are preferred, no cake mix, or containers of icing needed\*Please call before making deliveries: KCC (540) 342-8452**



# OPPORTUNITIES

That Friendship House Offers to **Equip** and **Mobilize** Churches to Reach the Roanoke Community



A Friendship House English Club in operation at a local church



## GOOD NEIGHBOR TEAMS

Church groups that are trained to walk alongside, support and befriend refugee families as they arrive in Roanoke.



## Link 2 HOPE ROANOKE

A web platform that connects individuals and families with churches in the Roanoke Valley to empower and encourage them in real relationships. *(Coming this spring.)*

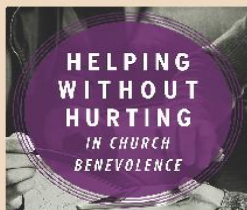


## ENGLISH TUTOR TRAINING

Roanoke is the 3rd-largest metro area in Virginia that receives refugees. Churches typically have the people and the space to host an English class. This places the local church in a unique opportunity to reach the nations!

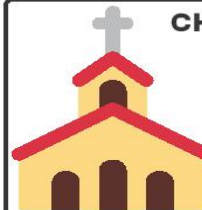


Through biblical empowerment initiatives like Jobs for Life and Faith & Finances, we train church members to serve as mentors, or "allies", for students in these classes.



Seminars or mission projects that explore the biblical stance on poverty and how to best address it.

Participants discuss how poverty is more than just a lack of material things, but rather stems from broken relationships with God, others & creation.



## CHURCH CONSULTATION

Friendship House believes that the local church should be actively engaged in loving its neighbor and gospel proclamation to the lost in its community. Can we help your church in this? Whether it is plugging into a ministry at Friendship House or starting one for your church to lead, we would love to support your church through those decisions.

[www.friendshiphouseroanoke.org](http://www.friendshiphouseroanoke.org)

[friends@friendshiphouseroanoke.org](mailto:friends@friendshiphouseroanoke.org)

## **RVBA BUSINESS MEETING RULES**

**In order to provide everyone who wishes to speak the opportunity, we will be following these parliamentary rules.**

- 1. When addressing the body, please first give your name and the name of your church.**
- 2. All motions or amendments must be written, signed and sent to the Moderator immediately upon presentation. The folks assisting at the microphone have paper and pens for your use.**
- 3. A messenger may speak no more than 2 minutes on a subject.**
- 4. We will alternate speakers for and against, unless there are no other speakers for the opposing side wishing to speak.**
- 5. No messenger may debate more than once on a subject.**
- 6. The time limit for discussion will be a total of 20 minutes.**

## Notes