



Roanoke Valley Baptist Association

Women's Missionary Union

WMU Emphasis – "Hope in Christ"

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12 NIV

Spring Celebration

"Spring Into Mission Action"

March 25th, 2024

Oakland Baptist Church – Roanoke, VA

5:30 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Business

"The great gift of Easter is hope." – Basil Hume

RVBA WMU Spring Missions Celebration
March 25, 2024
Oakland Baptist Church

Prelude Carla Barrell (Cooper's Cove)

Welcome and Invocation Darlene Adams (Oakland)

Recognition of Missionaries and Pastors Kathryn Sowers (Vinton)

Financial Information Melissa Gibson, RVBA WMU Treasurer

SWVA RVBA WMU Mission Trip Report Fleta Dillon (Connelly Memorial)

Hymn # 586 – We've A Story to Tell – verses 1, 3, & 4 Elizabeth Sweet (Oakland)

Election of Officers and Consultants Fleta Dillon (Connelly Memorial)

Installation Prayer Rev. Jeff Ritchey, Moderator RVBA (Troutville Pastor)

Recognition – Abigail Girls Diane Shepherd (Cooper's Cove)
Grace Richardson, Emma Garcia, Emily Ramsey, Elanor Adams, Sadie Whitenack (Bonsack)

Offering Recommendation and Prayer Melissa Gibson, RVBA WMU Treasurer

Special Music Elizabeth Sweet (Oakland)

Introduction of Speaker Shirley Mullins, RVBA WMU Director (Troutville)

Guest Speaker Rev. Jenee' Shearin, Mission Strategist for WMUVA

Prayer Calendar Mary Gilley (Melrose)

Hymn # 134 – Jesus Paid It All – verses 1 & 4 Elizabeth Sweet (Oakland)

Closing Comments and Benediction Shirley Mullins, RVBA WMU Director (Troutville)

Postlude Carla Barrell (Cooper's Cove)

The RVBA WMU Leadership Team would like to thank Oakland Baptist Church for hosting our 2024 RVBA WMU Spring Missions Celebration. We appreciate your hospitality and faithfulness in serving the Lord.

Thank you to Rita Goodbar for our dinner tonight.

Thank you to Troutville Baptist for helping with the favors.

The RVBA Leadership Team recommends that the offering be given to The Least of These Ministry, Dawn Sandoval, President.

Reverend Jenee' Shearin



A native of Richmond, Virginia, Reverend Jenee' Shearin is a minister with a heart for those in need. She has always been drawn to the concerns of women and enjoys nurturing and uplifting their gifts for the upbuilding of God's kingdom. Jenee' currently serves as the WMUV mission strategist for Adult Ministry and Sisters Who Care (SWC) where she equips and inspires churches for leadership and mission.

She is the former youth and young adult minister at Pilgrim Journey Baptist Church in Richmond, VA where she served for several years.

Reverend Shearin was licensed to preach the Gospel in 2010 and was ordained in June 2013. She graduated from the Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University in May of 2012 where she received her Master of Divinity degree.

She has taught adults, teens, and children and always discovers something new to learn while teaching. She previously served as the Vice President and later President of the oldest ecumenical body in the state of Virginia known as the Virginia Council of Churches and enjoyed utilizing her God-given gifts as a former board member for the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy.

She is supported in love by her husband Rev. Melvin F. Shearin II, pastor of Great Hope Baptist Church of Richmond, VA and is the proud bonus mom to Trey Shearin and mother to Lilly Shearin.

Reverend Jenee' Shearin received her B.A. in English from Bennett College in Greensboro, NC and her M.A. in English, with a minor in Women's Studies, from East Carolina University in Greenville, NC. She believes in living her life according to one of her favorite scriptures, "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?", (Micah 6:8)

RVBA WMU Monthly Emphasis

January – BookNet

February – SW VA Partnership- Nickelsville, VA

March – North American Missions Emphasis – Annie Armstrong

April – Truck Stop Ministry/Bible Storying

May – Annie Mae Broyles Offering

June – ImPACT Virginia

July – Standing Rock Missions

August – Local Mission Centers

September – State Missions Emphasis – Alma Hunt Offering

October – World Day of Hunger Offering

November – WMU World Day of Prayer

December – International Missions – Lottie Moon Offering

Prayer Calendar for March 25, 2024

North American Mission Board:

Nevada: Jonathan Fountain

North Carolina: Tou Thao

Oklahoma: Tyler Porter, Stephen Shaw

Washington: Sung Lee

International Mission Board:

American Peoples: TE

Asian Pacific Rim Peoples: Whitney Jackson, GR

Central Asian Peoples: LC, JH, CN

European Peoples: GH, AM, Alexis McCarty

Northern African and Middle Eastern Peoples: DH, AS

South Asian Peoples: LS

Sub-Saharan African Peoples: Erin Brandt, Sam Logue, MS

Chaplains * Volunteers

State Convention Missionaries

Retired NAMB: Reba Driver,
John Reed

Retired IMB: Richard Bartels,
Ann Berkley, Mark Patenaude

Information of Missionary Resources in the Valley

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Roanoke Valley WMU 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET

The PURPOSE of our associational WMU is to provide leadership, to inform, to grow, to involve, and to network with all ages in mission education and awareness.

Our Budget consists of the following divisions:

- \$ 800 **Meetings** (February Focus, Spring, Fall , and World Day of Prayer)
Pay costs incurred for speakers, childcare, meals (missionaries and program personalities) and supplies for meetings.

- \$ 1,000 **Training**
 - * Provide yearbooks for leadership team members.
 - * Pay for 1/3 of the team to attend training at Crossroads Camp & Conference center with our Director. (team members will be encouraged to attend once during their three year term)
 - * Provide training for church WMU leaders.

- \$ 2,100 **Growth Involvement**
 - * Adults - \$200
 - * Youth - \$800
 - * Children - \$800
 - * Preschool - \$300

- \$ 700 **Correspondence** (information shared)
 - * Provide \$30 to each Area Group Leader, Treasurer, and Secretary.
 - \$100 to Director for printing/paper costs.
 - *Postage for Spring and Fall mailings

- \$ 1,200 **Mission in Action**
 - * Fund new and ongoing projects
 - * Fund costs of networking and involvement

- \$ 1,000 **Recognition**
 - * Pay for meals at Fall Meeting for pastors and spouses, missionaries, Abigail Girls, leadership team

- \$ 50 **Contingency**

- \$ 500 **Administrative/Professional Fees**
Tax Preparation fees/Legal Fees, Flowers, etc.

- \$ 500 **Grant Funds**
Grants to assist Church's/Groups for Mission Outreach

- \$ 7,350 **Total 2024 Budget**

RVBA WMU Calendar 2024

March

RVBA WMU Spring Missions Celebration – Oakland Baptist

April

13 RVBA WMU Leadership Team Meeting – 10 AM
23 Roanoke Valley Baptist Assoc. Spring Meeting – Hollins Road Baptist – 6:30 PM
26-27 Mom & Me Weekend Conference for Elem. Girls) – Eagle Eyrie
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June

17-22 Girls Week at Camp CrossRoads

July

8-11 Children’s Mission Camp - Ward Haven
13 RVBA WMU Leadership Team Meeting – 10 AM
20-27 Standing Rock VBS Mission Teams

September

6-7 WMUV Board of Trustees – Camp CrossRoads
7 WMUV 150th Anniversary Celebration – Camp CrossRoads – 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
8-15 Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions
23 **RVBA WMU Fall Missions Celebration – Mill Creek**

October

6 Global Hunger Sunday
12 RVBA WMU Leadership Team Meeting – 10 AM
22 Roanoke Valley Baptist Assoc. Fall Meeting - TBD

November

1-2 Women’s Get-Away – Eagle Eyrie Conference Center
2-3 Women’s Get-Away – Eagle Eyrie Conference Center
4 Baptist Women’s World Day of Prayer – TBD
18-25 Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Week

December

3-10 International Missions – Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

ROANOKE VALLEY WMU OFFICERS FOR 2024-2025

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Student Consultant Elect:

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Children's Consultant Elect:

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RVBA WMU AREA GROUP LEADERS AND CHURCH GROUPS

<p><u>Area I: Mary Gilley 529-6698</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bethel 2. Connelly Memorial 3. Enon 4. Green Ridge 5. Hollins Road 6. Journey 7. Layman 8. Melrose 9. North Roanoke 10. Oakland 11. Preston Oaks 12. Riverdale 	<p><u>Area II: Mary Deel 204-0784</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arcadia 2. Buchanan 3. Cave Rock 4. Cedar Bluff 5. Daleville 6. Eagle Rock 7. Fincastle 8. Forest Grove 9. Lithia 10. Longdale 11. Mill Creek 12. Springwood 13. Troutville 14. Zion Hill
<p>2818 Emissary Drive Roanoke, VA 24019 angelclktr@aol.com</p>	<p>2669 Blue Ridge Turnpike Fincastle, VA 24090 mur6635@gmail.com</p>
<p><u>Area III: Judy Tear 427-5482</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Belmont 2. CommUNITY 3. Craig Valley 4. Fort Lewis 5. Mount Calvary 6. Mount Pleasant 7. Mountain Pass 8. Mountain View 9. Pleasant Hill 10. Salem 11. West Salem 	<p><u>Area IV: Susan Bandy 384-6263</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Big Spring 2. Catawba Valley 3. Central 4. Colonial Avenue 5. Faith 6. Fellowship Community 7. Grandin Court 8. New Century 9. Red Hill 10. Ridgewood 11. Windsor Hills
<p>1920 Mayfield Drive Roanoke, VA 24014 jtear@netzero.net</p>	<p>3838 Bradshaw Road Salem, VA 24153 sbnurse@msn.com</p>
<p><u>Area V: Diane Shepherd 798-9165</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bonsack 2. Connection Community 3. Coopers Cove 4. Garden City 5. Lynn Haven 6. Midland 7. Redemption 8. Seventeenth Street/Access 9. Villa Heights 10. Vinton 11. Waverly Place 	<p><u>Area VI: Linda LeFever 989-6994</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Calvary 2. Cave Spring 3. Crystal Spring 4. First (Roanoke) 5. Gravel Hill 6. Haran 7. Heights Community (VA Heights) 8. Living Water 9. Mayflower Hills 10. Riverland Road 11. Rosalind Hills
<p>55 Overlook Road Hardy, VA 24101 dsva540@aol.com</p>	<p>442 Windward Drive Roanoke, VA 24018 llefever1218@gmail.com</p>

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.**

Roots & Wings

THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF VIRGINIA

Save the Date to Celebrate with us! We're celebrating 150 years of women on mission at CrossRoads on Saturday, September 7, 2024 from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- 10 a.m.: Open House & Historical Exhibits
- 11 a.m.: Worship
- 12 p.m.: Lunch (Included at No Cost, Registration Required)
- 1:30 p.m.: *A Walk Through History*
- 2 p.m.: WMUV Birthday Party

Reservations can be made at <https://www.wmuv.org/150rsvp>. We are looking forward to having you join us in this special celebration!

STANDING ROCK MISSION OPPORTUNITY

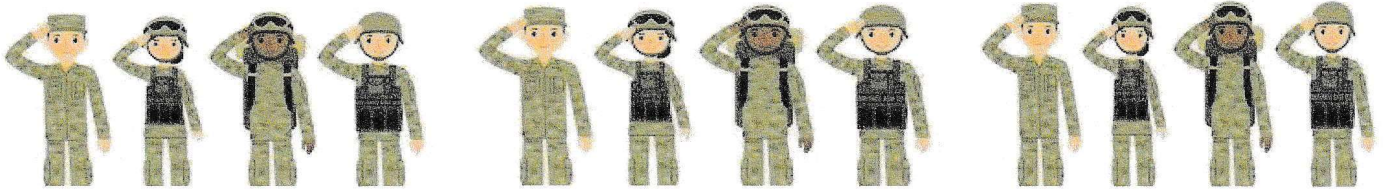
The Oakland Baptist Church Summer Mission Team is seeking to partner with churches and individuals for the 2024 Summer Mission Team to the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation in North Dakota.

The logo for VBS (Vacation Bible School) is rendered in a bold, bubbly, white font with a thick black outline. The letters are slightly irregular and have a playful, hand-drawn appearance.

The week of ministry is June 29 – July 6, 2024. VBS will begin on Sunday, June 30 through July 5.

We would be happy to come and talk with any church or group that is interested in this mission's opportunity.

Contact Darlene Adams at 540-309-5260 or email: nanadadams@gmail.com for more information.



GOD WANTS YOU TO JOIN GOD'S ARMY!!

ATTENTION!!! If your child is in 2nd Grade – 5th Grade you qualify to join in on the fun as we prepare to join God's Army!! Don't worry if you are past 5th grade but still want to join, **we have new positions open in the formation!!**

Deadline is June 1st. Cost before May 1st is \$60 after May 1st is \$75.

BALLY LOCATION: Ward Haven Camp, 4048 Bugle Lane, Salem, VA 24153



Camp Dates: 08 July 2024 - 11 July 2024,

Teen counselor Arrival date: 07 July 2024

Camp Drop off time: 0900am-1200pm on 08 July 2024

Camp Pick up time: 1800 (6:00pm) on 11 July 2024

Parents: We want to invite you to come enjoy some dinner chow and watch our new recruits perform all the things they learned in camp, skits, music, dancing and more!!!

Our campers will be enjoying lots of fun activities such as Drama, Crafts, Watersports, Bible Study and so much more!!! Recruits will get to learn about others testimony as we have special guest missionaries coming to share their experiences!!



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OF YOU!!!

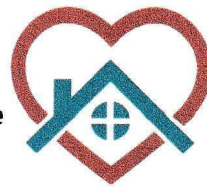
ASK ABOUT OUR JR.
COUNSELOR POSITIONS

APPLY TODAY AT:
www.rvba.org/wmu
www.wmuv.org

Camp Directors: Asheley and Anthony Shepherd

If you need any additional information or have any questions please send a email to: asheleykshepherd@yahoo.com or aos4rdi@yahoo.com

With spring at our doorstep and summer on the horizon, we are thankful for God's provision. Through the faithfulness & generosity of brothers and sisters in the faith throughout the Roanoke Valley, we have been able to keep our doors open these past 4+ years since becoming a non-profit. That's a huge sign of grace!



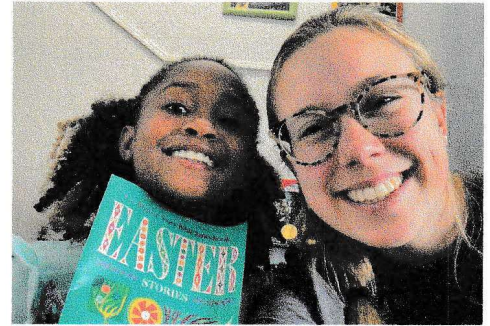
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www.friendshiphouseroanoke.org

There are plenty of other signs too! See below for some more...

...Signs of Grace

- Our Good Neighbor Refugee Program provides safe & secure housing for families fleeing war, violence or persecution. This spring we have 3 English Clubs in operation at 3 different churches! Through this ministry we are able to serve close to 100 men & women from around the world!
- Just a few weeks ago we were able to release a first-in-the-nation web platform called Link2Hope Roanoke. Through Link2Hope we aim to provide an opportunity for churches to connect with those in the Roanoke community who are in need and isolated from the church. You can check it out at www.link2hoperoanoke.org
- Our Talitha Koum After-School Program just welcomed a new child from another nation. It is such a blessing to be able to minister to kids from all walks of life—American kids, as well as kids from Afghanistan, Ivory Coast, South Africa, Brazil and Haiti. When we gather for Bible lesson and singing during the program, we are given a sweet reminder that there will be a day when ALL nations will one day be worshiping our Lord together.
- This spring we're holding Faith & Finances classes for our families who struggle financially. This ministry empowers our marginalized neighbors with financial literacy & training in Biblical stewardship.
- This semester we have been blessed with 7 interns from around the country! They have been a huge help to us and we've enjoyed pouring into them. We are accepting applications for summer & fall internships. For more information, contact Aaron or check out our website: www.friendshiphouseroanoke.org



Opportunities to Partner with Us

- **Training:** This spring we have training opportunities for the local church. In April we are holding a Helping without Hurting seminar. We also are planning a training for those wanting to start an ESL ministry or volunteer in ours. And finally, we are starting to do refugee simulations for those who would like to raise awareness about the trials our new neighbors face. Contact Aaron for more info:
(aaron@friendshiphouseroanoke.org)
- **Help with refugees:** We are looking for volunteers who are able to pick up and bring families to our ESL class.
- **After-School Helpers:** We need volunteers **Tuesday-Fridays**—2:30-4:30—who can help our kids with homework, play with them on the playground, & help put together snacks for the afternoon.

Our volunteers work hard each week to love and serve our new neighbors with English lessons!



KEYSTONE COMMUNITY CENTER

Physical, 101 17th Street SE, Roanoke VA 24013

Mailing, PO Box 13042, Roanoke VA 24030 Office, 540-342-8452 website: keystonecommunitycenter.org

WMU is the backbone for Keystone Community Center and being able to continue the mission started 85 years ago. The center continues to teach the love of God and the salvation Jesus offers to every person. Over the years programming has changed but the message has not. All the programs are Christ centered and shared to all who participate and even walking in the community. The WMU has been there when events arise of staffing issues and those who volunteer receive a blessing that will brighten your day. The center loves taking the children to churches that invite us for special events and especially VBS in the summer and WMU children's camp.

Listed below are ways WMU and their families can be on mission and continue the legacy started in 1939.

- Collecting food for the food pantry
- Teaching an adult bible study session in the summer/provide a lunch for the group
- Help with the after school- craft, lesson, prepare the snack, teach a musical instrument, share your talent
- Collect school supplies June/July
- Be a listener for the reading & writing camp (10 to 12 volunteers needed) (usually 1st or 2nd full week of Aug)
- Bring a group to the center for a meeting or work in the garden.
- Help with a fundraiser or create one
- Be an advocate from your church to share what the center is doing and needs
- Sponsor a child for: summer camp, after school, angel tree
- Help with Little Lamb Pre-K Tuesdays 9:30 to 12:30 September to May

Wish list: We are expanding how everyone can learn about Jesus by purchasing a piece of property directly behind the existing building. We need groups to sponsor various aspects of the Faith centered green space where various activities will be enjoyed by adults as well as children. For example, the shed will have a stage/porch attached so children can act out the stories in the bible, 12-hole miniature golf honoring the 12 disciples, horseshoe pit describing how a white horse standing in Heaven's door is found in Revelation 19:11 plus so much more. Please keep us in your prayers as this project materializes and funds are needed to make a unique place for the children in SE to play and learn about the bible. The most exciting will be a memorial built honoring our missionaries that have served and are now with our Father in heaven.

We are available for speaking engagements for all age groups. Teach your youth groups about mission work with a tour and a hands-on project.



5Krun/walk June 1,2024, summer fishing trips, mission teams, front of bld, R &R camp listener, our kids in our garden, harvesting time, craft time, delivering meals

RVBA WMU Mission Projects for 2024-2025

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

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer

Location: TBD

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) 540-597-0027 Judy Deel (Mill Creek) 540-473-2522

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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:

Faith Dowdy, Friendship House Roanoke, 540-761-2361

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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:

Faith Dowdy, Friendship House Roanoke, 540-761-2361

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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 (Lampstand) to victims.
- *Praying for victims

Contact:

Jeri Harris (Villa Heights) jeri@straightstreet.org 540-206-7349

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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:

Judy Deel (Mill Creek) 540-473-2522
Beth Hetherington (Cooper's Cove) 540-597-0027

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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:

Diane Shepherd (Cooper's Cove) DSVA540@aol.com 540-721-6407

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Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation Ministry

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.

How you can be involved:

- *Going on the mission trip
- *Praying for Native Americans
- *Providing items as needed for this ministry (Checks payable to **RVBA WMU**)

Contact:

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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 2020 (Provided funds come in.)

How you can be involved:

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

Contact:

Mary Gilley (Melrose) angelclktr@aol.com 540-529-6698

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Southwest Virginia Partnership – TBD

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

Contact:

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Mary Gilley (Melrose) angelclktr@aol.com 540-529-6698

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RVBA Children's Missions Camp

Plan a week of Missions Camp for children who have completed 2nd-5th grade. Also, an opportunity for teens to serve as counselors. Camp will include worship, Bible study, missionary speakers, mission projects, crafts, recreation, music, puppets, and drama, etc.

Contact:

Asheley Shepherd asheleykshepherd@yahoo.com 540-759-8006

Anthony Shepherd aos4rdi@gmail.com 540-988-3460

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 by the 10th of the even numbered months (Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, and Dec).

How you can be involved:

*Share the good news about your church's special WMU activities

*Promote your ministry projects

Contact:

Sandy Sloane (Melrose) sanny610@aol.com 540-293-0148

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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. 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, 2022, 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.

Operation Christmas Child - Collection dates November 2024

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 540-309-9007 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 Lindsey Ward Callahan, Development Director at lindseywc@blueridgewoman.org or 540-362-3007 ext. 220 for more information.

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Bethel	Patsy Clark	318 Maple Street	Salem, VA 24153	580-9838	patsyclark98@gmail.com	
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