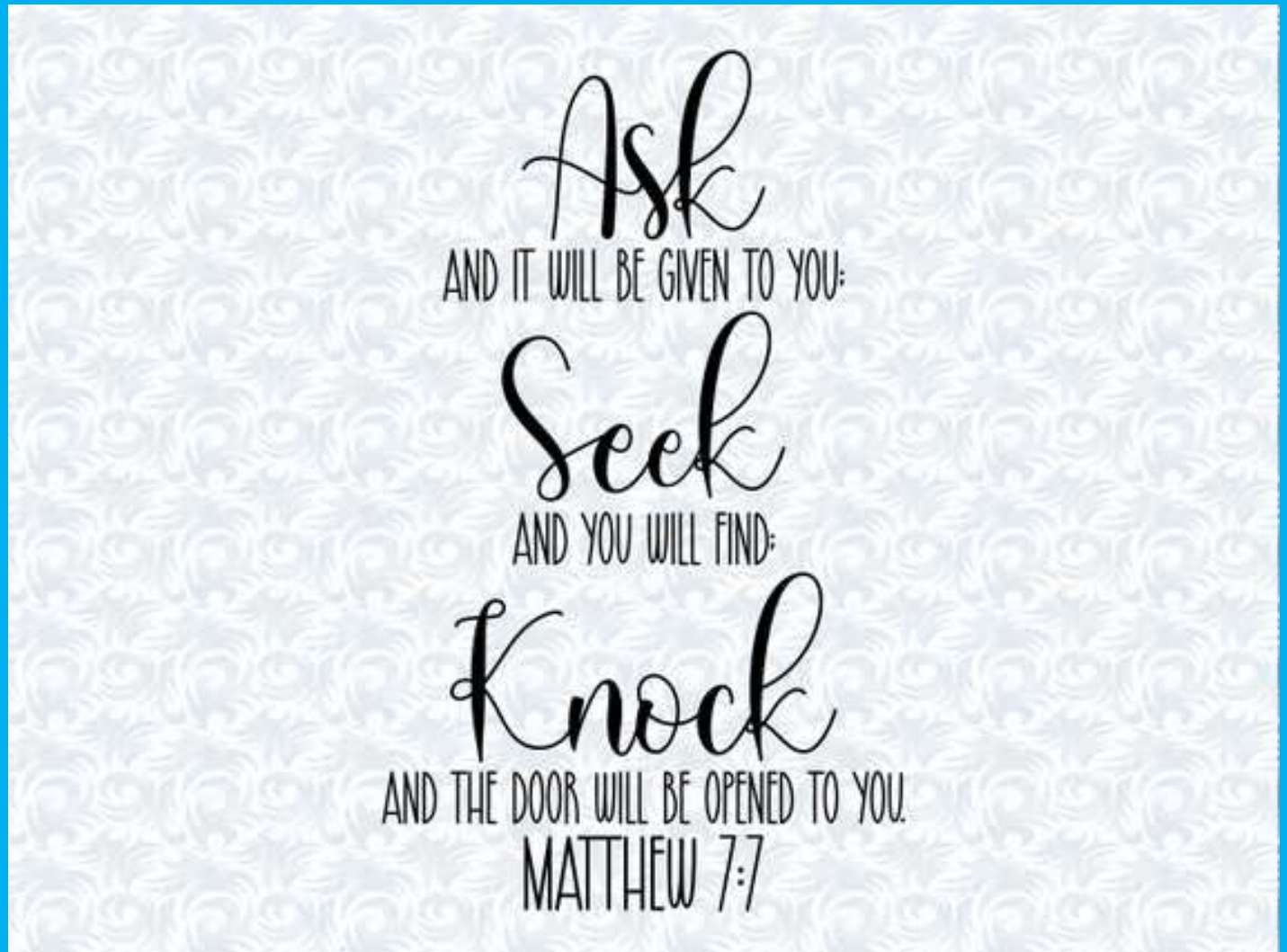


ROANOKE VALLEY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Spring Meeting

Tuesday, April 23, 2024



Hollins Road Baptist Church

**ROANOKE VALLEY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
SPRING MEETING
APRIL 23, 2024
6:30 pm – Hollins Road Baptist Church
Dr. Jeff Ritchey, Moderator**

Prelude Music Brenda Tilley

Call to Order Jeff Ritchey

Welcome, Scripture & Prayer Mark Washington

Set the Example – 1 Timothy 4:12

***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name #97* Janet Washington**

Interim AMS Presentation Scott Hamilton

ReFOCUS Team Report Jon Laughinghouse

SW VA Partnership/Nickelsville Testimony Matt Ferguson

Prayer for Unity Brian Sink

Business:

- **Property Study Presentation Rodger Hogan**
- **Nominating Committee Recommendation..... Scott Hamilton**
- **Finance Committee Report John Recktenwald**
- **AMS Search Team Report Danny Quirin**

Testimony Christian Soldiers

Speaker Thomas Brown

Special Music – *Thy Will* Lydia Scott and Janet Washington

Special Prayer for RVBA Mark Mofield

Mission Video for Annie Mae Broyles

***Set My Soul Afire #294* Janet Washington**

Closing Prayer Terry Nester

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



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

RVBA Mailing Address : PO Box 7588, Roanoke VA 24019

Program Personalities:

Thomas Brown, Deeper Waters
Christian Soldiers
Matt Ferguson (Mill Creek)
Scott Hamilton, RVBA Interim AMS (Oakland)
Rodger Hogan, RVBA Property Study (Midland)
Jon Laughinghouse, Pastor (Belmont)
Mark Mofield, Pastor (Melrose)
Terry Nester, Pastor (Riverland Road)
Danny Quirin, RVBA Personnel Committee (Mill Creek)
John Recktenwald, RVBA Finance Committee (Bonsack)
Jeff Ritchey, RVBA Moderator (Troutville)
Lydia Scott (Hollins Road)
Brian Sink, Pastor (Cedar Bluff)
Brenda Tilley, Pianist (Hollins Road)
Janet Washington, (Hollins Road)
Mark Washington, Pastor (Hollins Road)

Upcoming RVBA Dates 2024:

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

Roanoke Valley/National Day of Prayer ~ May 2

WMU Children's Missions Camp ~ Monday – Thursday, July 8-11 – Overnight Camp at Ward Haven Retreat Center -- Point of contact is Diane Shepherd, email: dsva540@aol.com. Cost is \$60.00 if paid by May 1, 2024, and \$75.00 after this date. Deadline is June 1, 2024.

ImPACT Virginia in Roanoke ~ July 8-12 – if your church can help with lunches and other needs for the teams of teens and adult's sign-up using the following link: <https://forms.gle/Eswhpp3nt4Uh7Yqz5>

RVBA Fall Meeting ~ Tuesday, October 22 @ TBA

RVBA Financial Statement - March 31, 2024

Checking Account.....	\$19,260.69
Designated Funds.....	\$97,477.59
Endowment RVBA Office & Ward Haven	\$843,063.03
Endowment RVBA	\$302,031.91
Total Assets	\$1,261,833.22

BUDGET SUPPORT BY CHURCHES

January - March 2024

Arcadia	0.00	Journey	1,719.00
Belmont	75.00	Longdale	0.00
Bethel	0.00	Lynn Haven	2,864.67
Big Spring	0.00	Mayflower Hills	0.00
Bonsack	9,330.73	Melrose	5,627.55
Buchanan	0.00	Midland	357.80
Calvary	0.00	Mill Creek	7,500.00
Catawba Valley	0.00	Mineral Spring	0.00
Cave Rock	905.80	Mount Pleasant	1,246.54
Cave Spring	2,055.01	Mountain Pass	319.26
Cedar Bluff	300.00	Mountain View	0.00
Central	0.00	New Century	0.00
Colonial Avenue	0.00	North Roanoke	1,198.10
Connection Com.	0.00	Oakland	649.07
Conn. Memorial	84.07	Pleasant Hill	500.00
Cooper's Cove	530.00	Preston Oaks	0.00
Craig Valley	0.00	Red Hill	0.00
Crystal Spring	0.00	Redemption	225.00
Daleville	0.00	Ridgewood	0.00
Eagle Rock	0.00	Riverdale	0.00
Enon	1,000.00	Riverland Road	240.00
Faith	395.50	Roanoke, First	0.00
Fellowship	0.00	Rosalind Hills	0.00
Fincastle	0.00	17 th Street/Access	0.00
Forest Grove	1,500.00	Springwood	600.00
Garden City	268.67	Troutville	792.18
Grandin Court	0.00	Villa Heights	600.00
Gravel Hill	0.00	Vinton	2,499.99
Green Ridge	0.00	West Salem	0.00
Haitian Mission	0.00	Windsor Hills	0.00
Haran	2,488.04	Zion Hill	0.00
Heights Comm.	0.00		
Hollins Road	600.00	TOTAL	\$46,771.98

2024 SWVA RVBA WMU Mission Trip Report, Nickelsville, VA

Our annual SWVA RVBA WMU Mission Trip to Nickelsville, VA took place the week of March 3 – 7, 2024.

We had 46 people from 13 different churches participate this year. Jan and Tony Johnson welcomed many of us to stay at the Manor. Others stayed at motels, B&Bs or with friends.

Our **BookNet** Teams visited 1800 students in Grades Pre-k through Grade 7.

More than 6,000 books were given at 10 schools in **Lee County** (Rose Hill, St Charles, Flatwoods, Dryden), **Scott County** (Yuma, Hilton, Dungannon), and **Russell County** (Copper Creek, Swords Creek, Ft Blackmore).

Boxes of books were dropped off at 4 additional schools (Elydale, Shoemaker, Duffield, Nickelsville) and also extra books were given to St Charles.

Prior to our trip about 15 volunteers from a dozen local churches worked to sort out and process books during January and February. These books were stored at Mill Creek Baptist.

A dozen rugs/crocheted cloths were given to school personnel as a thank you for helping us when we visited them.

Ditty bags with shampoo, comb, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, and washcloth were given to over 1500 students. Deodorant was included in Grades 5-7.

Two Construction Teams – One team replaced the living room and hallway flooring for Miss Mary who uses a wheelchair. The other team made a bathroom shower handicapped accessible for a couple in need. Each team presented their homeowner with a prayer blanket when the job was completed.

Several volunteers went to the **Gate City Food Pantry** where the work included sorting donations, packing bags of food, stocking shelves, and visits/prayers with the clients.

Our **Kitchen Team** prepared and served delicious meals to the volunteers.

Everyone had an opportunity to help in the preparation of filling the ditty bags for the different schools.

As Team Leader, I would like to thank all the leaders and volunteers who served on the mission team for your hard work. A special thank you to all the churches and individuals who helped by providing the books, toiletry items, and monetary donations to help buy the supplies needed for the ditty bags and materials for the construction sites. Many prayers for this ministry were lifted up as we worked throughout the week, and we were blessed!

Just a reminder that the collection of books is ongoing all year. If you would like to donate new or gently used books, they will be accepted at Mill Creek, Melrose, or Vinton Baptist throughout the year.

Since we need over 1600 ditty bags each year, these can be made throughout the year and taken to the same drop off churches or give me a call and I will be happy to pick them up from your church.

Again, without your faithful support, this special ministry would not be possible. May the Lord continue to bless you and your church throughout the coming year as you serve others in your community.

Fleta Dillon, RVBA WMU SWVA Mission Trip Leader, 540-580-4377

Roanoke Valley/National Day of Prayer

We are inviting everyone to be a part of the Roanoke Valley Day of Prayer. This day is also the National Day of Prayer. We will be praying for the Roanoke Valley on May 2, 2024. We need volunteers to help by taking one or two 30-minute time slots to cover our Valley in prayer for the entire 24 hours of May 2nd. There will also be a time to gather for prayer at 12:00 noon to 1:00 PM at Oakland Baptist Church for anyone interested in attending. Please use the following link to sign-up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FAAAE2FA7F9CE9-48908002-roanoke>

Monthly Pastors/Staff Meetings

The RVBA has opportunities for pastors and staff to come together for prayer and fellowship. Our lunch meetings will be on 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 Oakland Baptist Church on May 21 at 12:00 PM.** We will be having Chick-Fil-A for lunch. Thomas Brown will be our speaker. Please come and hear about ways churches, staff and members can partner together to support missions. Please contact Scott Hamilton if you have any questions.

RVBA Serving Together

The RVBA Missions Development Team is working on developing a ministry called, “Serving Together” where one or more churches partner with local ministries and bless the community by meeting physical and spiritual needs. We are working with the following ministries: **Friendship House, Hope Tree, Keystone Center, Roanoke Rescue Mission and possibly Solomons Mission.** We have made videos for these ministries and have posted them on our website and Facebook pages for churches that would like to volunteer. To see videos with detailed needs and contact information please click on the following link:

<https://www.rvba.org/about-3>

Praying for Each Other

The RVBA churches are always going on mission trips, and we want to pray for each team that goes around the valley, across the state, to another state and internationally. When your church is sending out a team, please let us know in advance and we will send the word out to our churches and partners, so your team is covered in prayer by more people. We know that the sending church is praying, but more prayers are always better. Please send the information to: sanny610@aol.com

Help with ImPACT Virginia 2024

We are making plans to work with ImPACT Virginia again this summer. The dates are July 8-12, 2024, 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/Eswhpp3nt4Uh7Ygz5>

RVBA Prayer Meeting

As 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 next meeting will be on *Sunday evening August 18, 2024, at 6:30 PM*. 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. Please make plans to be a part.

RVBA Event Postings

All RVBA events will be posted on our event page on our website. We will also begin posting events on Facebook for people to keep up with everything that is going on with the Roanoke Valley Baptist Association. If you would like to post an event on the event page from your church or an RVBA group there is a request form to complete online, you may email the event or call Sandy Sloane at the office number, and we will gladly post your event. Here is the link to the online form: <https://www.rvba.org/contact-8>.

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, women, 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. We are brainstorming and preparing to implement ideas that will help our churches to help other churches and to stay true to our mission and vision statement.

Nominating Committee Report

Program Committee
2026 – Diane Grant – Midland

We have open spots to fill on various committees.

If you know of someone who would be willing to serve, please send their name and contact info to Sandy at sanny610@aol.com.



“Partnering for the Kingdom 2024”
ROANOKE VALLEY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
PRAYER EMPHASIS AND
ANNIE MAE BROYLES OFFERING FOR
ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

Day One: *PRAY TODAY for 2024 PARTNERING FOR THE KINGDOM 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 Two: *PRAY TODAY for 2024 PARTNERING FOR THE KINGDOM 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>

Day Three: *PRAY TODAY for 2024 PARTNERING FOR THE KINGDOM concerning Children’s Missions Camp* held July 7 – 12, 2024 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. https://www.rvba.org/files/ugd/adc839_50059a9c7c6d4af28da507ac366ca223.pdf

Day Four: *PRAY TODAY for 2024 PARTNERING FOR THE KINGDOM concerning Solomon’s Mission* as they seek to help people in need by sharing help, hope, and opportunity in the name of Jesus. Pray for opportunities to share the good news of Jesus as they equip people with basic needs (clothing, furniture, etc). Pray that Solomon’s Mission will be able to expand their ministries. <https://www.solomonsmission.org/>

Day Five: *PRAY TODAY for 2024 PARTNERING FOR THE KINGDOM concerning The Lampstand* as they provide a safe home for girls who are survivors of sexual exploitation. Pray that everyone who is served by the Lampstand will find true healing and hope as they experience the love of Jesus. <https://thelampstandva.org/about-us/>

Day Six: *PRAY TODAY for 2024 PARTNERING FOR THE KINGDOM 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 2024 PARTNERING FOR THE KINGDOM concerning Roanoke Rescue Mission* and their work to “help hurting people in Jesus’ name” providing food, clothing, shelter, and medical care. Pray for their ongoing efforts to help hurting people. <https://rescuemission.net/>

Annie Mae Broyles Offering

Friendship House	\$5,000.00
Keystone	\$5,000.00
RVBA Mission Requests	\$1,000.00
Solomon’s Mission	\$1,000.00
Christian Soldiers Food Pantry	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
	\$15,000.00

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.

With summer just around the corner, 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 ½ years since becoming a non-profit. That's a huge sign of grace!

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

...Signs of Grace

- Our Spring English Club (ESL) is finishing up the semester on April 24! We've had close to 70 students from around the world attend our women's class with an additional 25 students in our co-ed classes! We're in the process of scheduling our summer session.
- 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 worshipping 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/intern



All hands on deck!

We've outgrown our space! We effectively only have about 1000 sq/ft of office and ministry space at our building and are bursting at the seams. As a result, we're in the process of identifying a larger building that we can move into, which would also allow us to partner with church-plants and other like-minded ministries in need of space. If you're interested in learning more about what this campaign would look like or would like to offer support, let Aaron know (aaron@friendshiphouseroanoke.org)



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Opportunities to Partner with Us

- **Training:** We have multiple training opportunities for the local church:
 - April 27, "Helping Without Hurting" seminar.
 - August 23-24, ESL Tutor Training for those interested in starting an ESL ministry or partnering with ours.
 - Refugee Simulations for those who would like to raise awareness about the trials our new neighbors face.
 For more info about any of these opportunities, 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 summer ESL class.
- **After-School Helpers:** We need volunteers **Thursdays & Fridays—2:30-4:30**—who can help our kids with homework, play with them on the playground, & help put together snacks.



KEYSTONE
COMMUNITY CENTER

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Spring, the first season of the year. God has given the earth a fresh start to new life just as accepting Jesus will give a person a new start. Spring is my favorite time of year and if you know me you know why. Yes, it is the start of garden season. God's blessings have been many this past year and I pray that each church will be blessed with a revival of new people and the need to have Jesus in their lives. Just like a garden, churches need to till the earth and reap the harvest of new lives. Keystone has been blessed with some new volunteers and continues to be a building block in many family lives here in this part of SE. If you are new to the area or a church belonging to the RVBA I am inviting you to Keystone Community Center to see how you can serve in a ministry, thriving and growing, that has been in the Roanoke Valley since 1939. We are currently looking to hire a director in training, summer camp leader, and preschool lead teacher.

--Adult Bible Study has an average of 5 attending every Thursday with a hot meal served. We give out a bag of groceries the last Thursday of each month with 40 bags being distributed.

--Special seasonal food boxes, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter fed 150 families.

--Little Lamb Learners had 3 for the year and were very active in learning beginner Bible stories and the basic skills needed to start school. We had a summer session this past summer with 4 participating to prepare first time students for school.

--After school had 13 students in the last school year and 11 for the current year. Numbers are down on purpose due to lack of volunteers. The children learn so much about the Bible, the life of Christ and His followers and life skills they can use forever, and they get a nice meal before they go home.

--Summer camp 2023 had 22 children signed up but numbers varied every day. We attended 4 VBS's that offered transportation, Vinton Baptist, Melrose Baptist, Bonsack Baptist, and Troutville Baptist. We had a new program introduced for children, "Garden to Table" with 10 children who signed up. These children attended 2 to 3 meetings a week working in Keystone's 900 square foot training garden, making a monthly menu, going to a grocery store to get prices to see how much money they save by growing their own, learning about the health benefits, canning, Biblical references and much more. We plan on expanding it next summer.

--Backpack program will be offered again in 2024. School items will be collected in June and July. Call for a list.

--Backyard Gardens helped feed 86 people plus what some of the gardeners gave away. We have 7 households signed up for 2024 so far. We hope to exceed the 3,000 pounds of food grown last year and start the mini market inside KCC gates in July.

--Food preservation for 2024 has grown to 5 families to can and freeze produce grown in their gardens. In 2023 over 400 jars of food were canned and over 30 gallons frozen.

--NEW!! You can be a part of a Biblical playground, the only one like it in Virginia. Pray for all stations to be sponsored by churches and groups. Please call to get the schematics and timeline. We will need carpenters, artists, and more. Closing on the property is May 6, 2024.

If you have any questions or would like to be a part of any programs at Keystone, please call Pat Carter at 540-342-8452 or 540-330-6263. We are available for speaking engagements to SS, whole church, businesses, or youth groups.

Notes