

**Roanoke Valley Baptist Association**

**Spring Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 29, 2025**



**Bonsack Baptist Church**

**ROANOKE VALLEY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**SPRING MEETING**

**APRIL 29, 2025**

**6:30 pm – Bonsack Baptist Church**

**Dr. Jeff Ritchey, Moderator**

**Heather Lidwell, Music Director & Pianist**

**Prelude Music**

**Call to Order ..... Dr. Jeff Ritchey**

**Welcome, Scripture & Prayer ..... Dr. Chris Cadenhead**

**Work As Unto the Lord – Colossians 3:23-24**

**Congregational Music ..... “Serve the Lord with Gladness” #495**

**Interim AMS Presentation ..... Scott Hamilton**

**Special Prayer for RVBA ..... Glenn Giles**

**Southwest Virginia Mission Trip Testimony ..... Leonard Southern**

**Mission Video for Annie Mae Broyles**

**Business:**

**ReFOCUS Team Recommendation ..... Scott Hamilton**

**AMS Search Team Report ..... Danny Quirin**

**Testimony ..... Bonsack Abigail Girls**

**Special Music ..... “I Believe” Ann-Marie Ball and Sara Kennedy**

**Speaker ..... Glenn Maddox, BGAV Disaster Relief**

**Congregational Music ..... “Be Thou My Vison” #60**

**Closing Prayer ..... Dan Carawan**

**Appreciation to Host Church: We want to express appreciation to Bonsack 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:**

Ann-Marie Ball, Special Music (Bonsack)  
Bonsack Abigail Girls  
Dr. Chris Cadenhead, Pastor (Bonsack)  
Dan Carawan, Interim Pastor (Ridgewood)  
Glenn Giles, Pastor (Enon)  
Scott Hamilton, RVBA Interim AMS (Oakland)  
Sara Kennedy, Special Music (Bonsack)  
Heather Lidwell, Music Director & Pianist (Rosalind Hills)  
Glenn Maddox, BGAV Disaster Relief  
Danny Quirin, RVBA Search Team (Mill Creek)  
Dr. Jeff Ritchey, RVBA Moderator (Troutville)  
Leonard Southern, Pastor (Lithia)

**Upcoming RVBA Dates 2025:**

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

**WMU Children's Missions Camp ~ Monday – Thursday, July 21-24 – Overnight Camp at Ward Haven Retreat Center for grades 2<sup>nd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> --.** Cost is \$75.00 if paid by May 31, 2025, and \$100.00 if paid in June or July. Questions contact: [asheleykshepherd@yahoo.com](mailto:asheleykshepherd@yahoo.com) or call or text. Anthony Shepherd 540-988-3460.

**ImPACT Virginia in Roanoke ~ July 7-11** – 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/WBCb7veNhxDPEyeZ7>

**RVBA Financial Statement - March 31, 2025**

Checking Account .....	\$59,480.53
Designated Funds .....	\$79,047.48
Endowment RVBA Office & Ward Haven .....	\$836,104.72
Endowment RVBA.....	\$316,380.90
Total Assets .....	\$1,291,013.63

**BUDGET SUPPORT BY CHURCHES**

**January - March 2025**

Arcadia	0.00	Journey	1,113.00
Belmont	75.00	Lithia	300.00
Bethel	0.00	Longdale	0.00
Big Spring	0.00	Lynn Haven	2,653.03
Bonsack	9,964.31	Mayflower Hills	0.00
Buchanan	1,051.91	Melrose	5,161.66
Catawba Valley	0.00	Midland	653.04
Cave Rock	0.00	Mill Creek	7,500.00
Cave Spring	637.41	Mineral Springs	0.00
Cedar Bluff	237.00	Mount Pleasant	922.13
Central	0.00	Mountain Pass	319.26
Conn. Memorial	47.33	New Century	0.00
Cooper's Cove	611.00	North Roanoke	0.00
Craig Valley	0.00	Oakland	500.00
Crystal Spring	394.00	Pleasant Hill	0.00
Daleville	0.00	Radiance	0.00
Eagle Rock	0.00	Red Hill	0.00
Enon	0.00	Redemption	225.00
Faith	406.28	Ridgewood	0.00
Fellowship	0.00	Riverdale	0.00
Fincastle	0.00	Riverland Road	240.00
Forest Grove	1,500.00	Roanoke, First	0.00
Garden City	298.70	Rosalind Hills	0.00
Grandin Court	0.00	17 <sup>th</sup> Street/Access	0.00
Gravel Hill	0.00	Springwood	600.00
Green Ridge	100.00	Troutville	783.11
Haitian Mission	0.00	Villa Heights	400.00
Haran	1,250.00	Vinton	1,666.67
Heights Comm.	0.00	West Salem	0.00
Hollins Road	600.00	Windsor Hills	0.00
		Zion Hill	0.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$40,219.84</b>

## **2025 SWVA Partnership Mission Report**

The 2025 SWVA Mission Team led by the WMU of the Association worked during the week of March 9 – 13<sup>th</sup> in the southwestern part of our state. There were 47 volunteers from a dozen of our local churches who participated in the ministries that took place throughout the week.

The BookNet Teams visited 9 schools in Scott and Lee Counties and were able to give over 6000 books to students in levels Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 7. They gave about 1500 cloth ditty bags filled with health supplies to the students they encountered. In addition to this, they dropped off books to 5 different schools for distribution to students that they were unable to visit.

In addition to the ministry to students, the Construction Team completed much needed improvements to a home. They built a handicapped ramp for a woman confined to a wheelchair and replaced the kitchen and bathroom floors in her home. They also removed her tub and installed a walk-in shower. The Food Pantry Team worked at the pantry in Gate City and were able to bag groceries and meet clients as they came to receive food. Behind the scenes work was done by the Prep Team that worked at the Nickelsville Baptist Church Family Life Center to fill all the ditty bags that were given to students.

All of these teams were well supported by the Cooking Team that provided delicious meals throughout the week. No one went hungry!

A team of 47 were the ones with “boots on the ground” that week in Southwest Virginia, but hundreds more were a part of the team.

MANY, MANY from our churches and community donated the children’s books that were given away. Countless hours were spent by volunteers sorting, labeling, counting and boxing books in preparation for the trip.

Seamstresses throughout the valley used their sewing skills to create beautiful handmade bags. Churches and individuals generously supplied the funds to purchase the toiletries.

Prayers were offered by many for the safety and witness of the team. This has been a wonderful ministry to our neighbors in southwest Virginia for over 20 years and many have been blessed. To God be the glory for the great things he has done!

## **RVBA Nominating Committee**

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](mailto:sanny610@aol.com).

### **Help with ImPACT Virginia 2025**

We are making plans to work with ImPACT Virginia again this summer. The dates are July 7-11, 2025, 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 sign up using the following link: <https://forms.gle/WBCb7veNhxDPEycZ7>

### **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. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 20 @ Oakland Baptist Church.** We are working to have a speaker at each meeting that can share about their ministry that our churches can participate in or ways to help you and your ministry be more effective and healthy.

### **Weekly Pastors/Staff Prayer Meetings**

The RVBA has opportunities for pastors and staff to come together for prayer and fellowship. Pastors and staff need to come together to pray, support, and encourage each other. Our prayer meetings are held every **Tuesday at 10:00 AM at Oakland Baptist Church. The only exception is when we have the third Tuesday Pastor/Staff lunch.** 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 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>

### **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>.

**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.”**



**“BUILDING Together 2025”**  
**ROANOKE VALLEY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**  
**PRAYER EMPHASIS AND**  
**ANNIE MAE BROYLES OFFERING FOR**  
**ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS**

**Day One:** *PRAY TODAY for 2025 BUILDING 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://friendshiphouseroanoke.org/>

**Day Two:** *PRAY TODAY for 2025 BUILDING TOGETHER 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 2025 BUILDING TOGETHER concerning Children’s Missions Camp* held July 21-24, 2025, 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](https://www.rvba.org/files/ugd/adc839_50059a9c7c6d4af28da507ac366ca223.pdf)

**Day Four:** *PRAY TODAY for 2025 BUILDING TOGETHER concerning Blue Ridge Women’s Center* as they provide a safe environment to be heard and supported, Blue Ridge Women’s Center equips each woman to make an informed decision for her and her family. The center is relocating to a new facility and need support as they help prospective mothers and fathers to make wise choices as they steer them toward a relationship with Jesus. <https://www.blueridgewoman.org/>

**Day Five:** *PRAY TODAY for 2025 BUILDING TOGETHER 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 2025 BUILDING 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 2025 BUILDING TOGETHER 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	\$4,500.00
Keystone	\$4,500.00
RVBA Mission Requests	\$500.00
Solomon’s Mission	\$1,500.00
Christian Soldiers Food Pantry	<u>\$4,000.00</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.



**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 mature Christian, director in training, summer camp leader, and preschool lead teacher.

--Adult Bible Study has been shrinking as many of our participants have passed away this past year. We have 3 to 4 attending every Thursday with a hot meal served and delivering 2 homebound meals weekly. We give out a bag of groceries the last Thursday of each month with 40 bags being distributed. Thanks to the AOM group at First Roanoke for bringing lunch on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month and different groups other Thursdays. We will not have ABS during the summer.

--Special seasonal food boxes, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter fed 160 families impacting 200 people.

-- 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. Due to not having a lead teacher for summer session pre-k was not held (hope 2025 we will).

-- 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 2024 had 28 children signed up but numbers varied every day. We attended 4 VBS's that offered transportation, Bonsack Baptist, First Roanoke, Clearbrook Baptist and Vinton Baptist, Child Evangelism came to us for a week, and we had our Read, Write & Sign Language camp with 15 children. We sent 5 children to WMU Children's camp. A new program introduced for children, "Garden to Table" with 10 children 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 held a first time, vegetable market on site selling \$450 of veggies in 2 hours. We plan on expanding to 2 times a month this year 2025. We had 3 professions of faith and 1 baptism.

--Backpack program will be offered again in 2025. School items will be collected in June and July. Call for a list or check our website; [keystonecommunitycenter.org](http://keystonecommunitycenter.org). This year Aug 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm everyone invited to Gather around the Flagpole to pray for our schools and children.

-- Backyard Gardens helped feed 86 people plus what some of the gardeners gave away and what was used in KCC programs. We have 10 households signed up for 2025. We hope to exceed the 3,000 pounds of food grown last year and start the mini market inside KCC gates in June

-- Food preservation for 2025 has grown to 6 families to can and freeze produce grown in their gardens. In 2024 over 400 jars of food were canned and over 30 gallons frozen.

**-- NEW!! You can be a part of our Child/Adult Bible 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. Work has been slow due to the weather and workers catching up on jobs delayed by weather, but we hope to be open this summer.**

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.



Spring has sprung! As we consider the prior year, while looking at 2025 and beyond, we are thankful for God's provision. We are also grateful for the faithfulness & generosity of the local church throughout the Roanoke Valley. These past 5+ years as a non-profit have shown us plenty signs of grace!



**FRIENDSHIP  
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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 2 English Clubs in operation, and are supporting one of our partner churches who recently started a co-ed class. Through this ministry and our church partnerships, we are able to serve close to 100 men & women from around the world!
- One year ago we released the first-in-the-nation web platform called Link2Hope Roanoke. Through Link2Hope we 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](http://www.link2hoperoanoke.org)
- Our Talitha Koum After-School Program has around 20 children that regularly attend each day. 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. This year our Ministry Assistants have been teaching the kids from the Gospel of Mark. Many of these children are unchurched, so this is their first exposure to Jesus.
- This spring we're holding Jobs for Life classes for our families who struggle with unemployment or underemployment. This ministry empowers our marginalized neighbors with job readiness & training in Biblical stewardship.
- This semester we have been blessed with 4 Liberty University 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 info, check out our website.

*Bottom left: Students and their mentors work together during a recent Jobs for Life class.  
Bottom right: Our children in the Talitha Koum After-School Program sit down together for a lesson from the Gospel of Mark.*



## Opportunities to Partner with Us

- **Blessing Shop:** On April 5 we opened up our Blessing Shop (clothing closet) to the community and ended up serving 92 households (300+ people)! This was possible because of a GREAT group of volunteers from Bonsack Baptist! We will be holding our next community day at the Blessing Shop in a couple months and could use more help. If your church or small group is interested, let Aaron know! ([aaron@friendshiphouseroanoke.org](mailto: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.