

## “Thank God for Proverbs 31 Women”

Proverbs 31:10-31 is often used to describe a woman of valor. She is a virtuous woman characterized by her fear of the Lord, strength, wisdom, and tireless devotion to her family and community. I am so very grateful for the **women who faithfully serve in various capacities in our church**. Women who meet this description whether they have biological children or not. We minister to a variety of children, and not all come from homes in which a **“Proverbs 31” woman** is present, so to have godly women sharing the love of Jesus as they lead our children is *“far more precious than jewels.”* Recent statistics are showing a decrease in women attending church and that is troubling to me. As I look around our church, I am grateful for the **women who continue to teach and lead with Christ-like love and integrity**. We need the tender compassionate love of more **Proverbs 31 women** involved in the various ministries of the church and especially with our children of all ages.

I am grateful for the **Proverbs 31 women** in my life. One of which is **my wife, Debbie**. Debbie has exemplified the qualities and characteristics mentioned in Proverbs 31 with me and our children. The life of a minister’s wife comes with its own set of unique challenges, and through them all, Debbie has, as Proverbs 31:12 says done me *“good and not harm”* all the days of our life together. She has helped me to look good in front of others more times than I can count and she has kept our family and home running when I have been called to be with or help others. She has been a wonderful and godly example to our children and grandchildren, and I am so blessed by her and grateful for her!

For my daily quiet time and reading through the Bible this year, I have been using a Bible that belonged to **my mom**, another **Proverbs 31 woman** in my life. It is the Bible she used daily for decades in her own reading, studying, and preparing for various Bible studies she led. It was the Bible she carried to worship and the one that has her handwritten notes concerning personal moments she has shared with the Lord in it. It is a treasure and recently when I was reading Deuteronomy 5:29, I saw where she had written, “Prayer for my children and grandchildren” in the margin next to that verse. A similar note is next to Colossians 1:9-14. These remind me that my mom has been and continues to be a prayer warrior for her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Throughout the pages of this Bible are notes with mine, my three sisters, and my two brothers’ names with them for a variety of reasons. There are dates when specific prayer requests she was praying for one of us was answered. There are notes where she poured her heart out to the Lord concerning things in her life or that she read in scripture. She has poured over that Bible from cover to cover so many times that there is red duct tape holding the cover together. I am grateful, blessed, and honored that God allowed me to be raised by a **Proverbs 31 woman**.

**To all our Proverbs 31 women we say, “Thank you!”**

We celebrate all our **Proverbs 31 women** this month, but that’s not all. We kick the month off with our Whole-notes and Half-notes **Children’s Choirs leading us in worship on the evening of May 3**. I have enjoyed hearing our children as they have spent Wednesday evenings this spring rehearsing. Our older children will be presenting the musical, *Mission: Possible; Sharing the Gospel...By Our Love*. You need to make plans to attend and support our children who have been working so diligently on this. Some of our kids have missed rec sports practices that were scheduled on Wednesday nights so they could participate in sharing this musical with us. We will also celebrate with families who are participating in our **Parent and Child dedication services on Mother’s Day**. May is the month in which our **Outdoor Ministry hosts an annual fishing rodeo** and the month where we **celebrate graduates with Graduate Recognition Sunday**. And as the month closes out and the **school year ends, so do our children & youth Wednesday night activities**.

Grace and Peace,  
Danny

## Our Stewardship

- 8:30 Service Nursery**  
 May 3 Debbie Rago & Erin Swortzel  
 May 10 Mary Bowser & Lindsay Thompson  
 May 17 Debbie Rago & Richelle Christian  
 May 24 Debbie Rago & Teresa Witt  
 May 31 Debbie Rago & Caryn Connor
- 9:45 Sunday School Nursery**  
 May 3 Rene & Ned Jeter  
 May 10 Erik & Kelly Olson  
 May 17 Kayla Anhold & Rachel Witt  
 May 24 Anna Clark & Don Epperly  
 May 31 Kate Lawrence & Sandra Kidd
- 11:00 Service Nursery**  
 May 3 Laurel Bowser & Hannah Rogers  
 May 10 Laura Epperly & Maribeth Martin  
 May 17 Kelly Denison & Jill Ferguson  
 May 24 Lara Lee Strickler & Jenna Humphries  
 May 31 Katie Imron & Ashley Ulma
- 8:30/11:00 Service Toddler Workers**  
 May 3 Kim Lawrence/Danielle Tolley  
 May 10 Jennifer Ferguson/Mary Bowser  
 May 17 Melissa Peery/Jess Hayden  
 May 24 Marybeth Rush/Andy Shotwell  
 May 31 Sandra Kidd/Anna Clark
- 8:30/11:00 Service Preschool Workers**  
 May 3 Sharon Ernest/Nikki Cook  
 May 10 Luke Winand/Rachel Witt  
 May 17 Cindy Holland/Laura Epperly  
 May 24 Chelsea King/Kayla O'Bryant  
 May 31 Jordan Kidd/Melanie Thacker
- 8:30 Service Greeters**  
 May 3 Mark Painter, Pat Shotwell, Teresa Simmons, Nancy Epperly, Brian Stevens  
 May 10 Judy Prease, Jimmy Brugh, John Plenge, Melissa Peery, Philip Christian  
 May 17 Jerry & Sue Sweet, Pam Gibson, Lesa Mabe, Shawn Crist  
 May 24 Debbie McAllister, Pat Shotwell, Carol & Robbie Theimer, Dan Bowser  
 May 31 Mark Painter, Becky Meadows, Richard Simpson, Jeff Gibson, John & Rachel Edmonds
- 11:00 Service Greeters**  
 May 3 Klayton Akers, Don Epperly, Melissa Peery, Deacon Witt, Hank Rogers  
 May 10 Bruce Lightner, Wayne & Sandy Myers, Kelly Denison, Jonathan Simmons  
 May 17 John Murphy, Pam Morris, Sidra White, Brian Simpkins, Adam Davis  
 May 24 Donna Mack, Don Johnson, Fergusons, Harry & Curtis Akers, Bud Mack  
 May 31 John Caldwell, Bruce & Patricia Lightner, Charlie & Erik Olson, CJ Boothe



### Our Kingdom Giving

|   | SS  | 8:30am<br>Worship        | 11:00am<br>Worship | Regular<br>Offering | Building<br>Fund |
|---|-----|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| March 29  | 228 | 201                      | 150                | \$10,005.00         | \$2,025.00       |
| April 5   | 246 | 286                      | 200                | \$22,071.00         | \$1,295.00       |
|   |     | 6:45 Sunrise Service: 83 |                    |                     |                  |
| April 12  | 251 | 232                      | 125                | \$16,627.00         | \$1,715.00       |
| April 19  | 237 | 185                      | 129                | \$14,160.00         | \$700.00         |
| April 26  | 200 | 193                      | 123                | \$18,136.00         | \$335.00         |
| Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Total: \$8,597.00 |     |                          |                    |                     |                  |

## Happy May Birthday!

- 1 Dana Craighead  
Curtis Akers  
Darrick Gust  
Don Ditzler
- 2 Kate Lawrence
- 3 Kayla Anhold  
Sharon Dunbar  
Sue Lee
- 4 Laura Epperly  
Cora Beth Akers
- 5 Amanda Marshall  
Kelly Focht  
Annie Lee
- 6 Richelle Christian  
Connor Clark
- 7 Ben Marshall
- 8 Patricia Lightner  
Teddy Bisnett
- 11 Ron Calhoun  
Sammy Minter  
Travis Holland  
Jason Focht  
Heidi King
- 12 Bryan Thacker  
Cindy Markham  
Timothy Taylor
- 13 Ryan Kidd  
Charlee Nichols
- 14 Vickie Martin
- 15 Susan Bratcher
- 16 Frank Garrett
- 19 Eliza Hammond
- 20 Rob States  
Sawyer Mack
- 22 Shelba Ferguson  
Chad Neighbors
- 25 Beth Hetherington  
Sonia McGuire
- 26 Adeline Camper  
Jeanette Tatum  
Donna Grisso
- 27 Peggy Arbogast  
Josephine Powell  
Amelia Neighbors
- 28 Debbie Adkins  
Paul Peery
- 29 Josh Simmons
- 30 Lynn Camper  
Payton Krecklow  
Alan Berry
- 31 Curtis Tatum  
Curtis Parr

Remember that in order to meet our annual unified budget, we need \$12,988/week in offerings.



## MUSIC NOTES.....

Come along and join us on this **MISSION: POSSIBLE**—where God will show each of us what He has called us to do for His Kingdom! Join our **Whole-notes Choir** on **May 3rd at 6:00pm** and you can find out how you can share the word of God right where you are every day. Please mark your calendars now to support our children who are the future of our church! The **Half-notes Choir** will also share music they have been working on this spring.

Are you interested in singing in a Patriotic musical for America's 250th birthday? We will present the musical on June 28th at both services. We will practice 3 times in May and 2 times in June. If you are interested in joining us please let me know. You don't have to be a part of our regular choir or read music. Our youth are also invited. Please let me know if you are interested. You can talk to me at church or text or call at (540) 314-6456. Let's have a big celebration on this 250th year of how God has blessed America!

As most of you have probably heard, I will be retiring as of December 31, 2026. It has been an honor and privilege to serve God at Mill Creek for the last 20 years. This church has seen Philip and I through many good times and a few more challenging times and we appreciate all the love we have received. I have 7 more months to lead worship and you know I will be talking about Christmas soon!

Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers and those who are like mothers to us! Thanks for all you do!

For His Glory  
Cindie



### Welcome New Members

Michael Clement joins by transfer of letter. His address is 3707 Harvest Lane NW, Roanoke, 24017.

*Welcome To our Church* Lottie Joy Olson joins by profession of faith and baptism. Her address is 5555 Valley Drive, Roanoke, 24018.

Ronald and Bonnie Stevens join by statement of faith. Their address is 82 Oak Ridge Road, Buchanan, 24066.

Our church family rejoices in their decisions.



### Parent Child Dedication

#### Mother's Day—May 10

As a part of our Mother's Day service, we will have a Parent & Child Dedication during both of our worship hours. If your family would like to participate, please call the church office at 540-992-3474 or email at [office@millcreekbc.com](mailto:office@millcreekbc.com) by Tuesday, May 5.

### National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 7  
Troutville Park, 12pm

*Glorify God Among the Nations* "Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples."  
1 Chronicles 16:24 NASB




### Quarterly Business Meeting

Wednesday, May 20  
6:30pm

Fellowship Hall

Children & youth activities will go on as scheduled.



## Connected To God's People

The Whitakers were Cedar Grove Baptist Church's unofficial champions of the "Just-In-Time Arrival." Every Sunday, without fail, their minivan screeched into the parking lot at 10:59 AM like it was sliding into home plate. The doors flew open, children tumbled out, and the whole family hustled inside with the frantic energy of people who had definitely, absolutely, 100% overslept.

They slipped into the back pew with the stealth of ninjas who had eaten too many toaster pastries. They sang only the parts of the hymns they recognized, usually the last line, and during the sermon they nodded at random intervals, while wondering if they left the stove on. And then, at the final "Amen," they executed their signature vanishing act like the Navy seals. Before the pastor could even close his Bible, the Whitakers were already halfway to their minivan, leaving behind only a faint trail of Goldfish crumbs and the echo of a child asking, "Can we get McDonalds?"

Pastor Jeff had watched this routine for months. He wasn't annoyed, but very intrigued. The Whitakers were like a rare species that was hard to observe and even harder to catch. But he had a plan. One Sunday, he ended the service early. The congregation gasped as Pastor Jeff leaped from the stage to quickly make it to the back pew. The Whitakers, unprepared for this plot twist, were still gathering crayons and half-completed children's bulletins when Pastor Jeff cornered them like an exterminator with a family of raccoons that'd been living in the attic.

"Good morning, Whitakers!" he said with a smile so warm it could have melted the wax of the Advent candles. They froze. Mrs. Whitaker clutched her purse like it contained Colonel Sanders' secret family recipe. Mr. Whitaker looked around for an escape route. One of the kids attempted to camouflage himself behind a hymnal. Pastor Jeff continued cheerfully, "I've been wanting to ask, have you ever thought about joining the church?"

Mr. Whitaker cleared his throat. "Well... we just didn't think it was that important. We figured showing up sometimes was enough." Pastor Jeff nodded kindly. "I understand. But membership isn't about paperwork. It's about having people who know your names, who pray for you, who show up with casseroles when life gets messy. It's about belonging, not attendance." Mrs. Whitaker blinked. "Casseroles?" "Oh yes," Pastor Jeff said. "Homemade, not store bought." The Whitakers exchanged a hopeful look and realized they might actually like this place. And for the first time ever, they didn't sprint for the door. They stayed. They talked.

Over the next few weeks, something changed. They started arriving earlier. Not super early but early enough that the greeters no longer had to perform cardio to catch them. They learned names. People learned theirs. Their kids made friends. They discovered the joy of potlucks, the mystery of committee meetings, and the miracle of being known. When they finally joined the church and the congregation clapped, it was not because they had gained new members, but because the Whitakers had finally realized they were already home.

What's stopping you from becoming a member of the church?

Brad Hamilton

Minister of Discipleship and Outreach



## Blood - The Gift of Life

On April 11, Mill Creek hosted a Red Cross Blood drive in our fellowship hall. During the drive we collected 16 units of urgently needed blood supplies. Thank you to all who supported this successful event in which up to 48 people can benefit from these donations. The next Mill Creek/Buchanan blood drive will be held at Buchanan Baptist Church on Saturday, June 27 from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Hope to see many of you there. Please sign up at the Red Cross donation website. Thank you again to all who help support this outreach mission.

The light at the end of the tunnel is growing brighter every day. Students (and parents), hang in there. Summer break is ALMOST here! Doesn't seem like everyone was just gearing up to go back to school in August? It is so hard to believe that the last day of school is just a few days away.

While we do look forward to summer (it is my favorite time of the year in youth ministry), let's not forget that there are still quite a few things going on before we get to enjoy summer break! Many of our students are going through end of the year SOL testing right now. Please be in prayer for them as they work to finish the school year strong! This month, we also look forward to recognizing our high school and college graduates. Bibles for our high school grads will be placed on a table in the fellowship hall. Please take a moment and write them an encouraging note or highlight some of your favorite passages of Scripture. We hope that this will be a meaningful gift for them to cherish in the years to come.

Blessings,  
Josh  
Minister of Youth  
540-521-9266

### Upcoming Events:

- 5/17 - Graduate Recognition
- 5/20 - Summer Kickoff Cookout (6:30-8pm)
- 5/27 - No Wednesday PM Activities
- 5/31 - Balance Due for FUGE Camps
- 6/3 - Limestone Begins



Photos are from our Jamarama weekend.

### Youth Culture Corner:

The following is excerpted from an online article posted by Barna

Only 14 percent of married parents fall into Barna's "Resilient" category, while more than a third (36%) are classified as "Fragile." Because resilient families represent such a small share of the population, their experiences offer a valuable window into the conditions and practices most closely associated with family resilience. Examining the differences between these groups helps illuminate how families—and those who support them—can strengthen the foundations that allow resilience to take root and grow.

Here are three crucial insights to glean from resilient families.

#### 1. Resilient Families Practice Repair, Not Avoidance

Healthy families don't avoid conflict—they repair it. Resilience is shaped less by the absence of tension and more by consistent patterns of accountability and repair that preserve trust and emotional connection over time.

#### 2. Resilient Families Seek Support After Hardship

Resilience isn't about being spared from hardship. It's about not walking through hardship alone. Families are more likely to remain resilient when they have access to trusted sources of care—and when seeking support is viewed as a strength rather than a failure.

#### 3. Resilient Families Engage Beyond the Household

Resilience is strengthened when families share practices that connect them beyond the household. Consistent, collective engagement helps reinforce relational bonds and provides stability during times of strain.



## Are You a Dandelion?



I recently came across one of my favorite pictures I took in 2008 of Ryan, our first grandchild, when he was 18 months old. He picked two handfuls of dandelions in our yard and gave them to me. The Roanoke Times published this photo with the caption “Flowers for Nana”. I love his expression as he clutched them so tightly in his little fists! This picture reminded me of a devotion in my Women’s Devotional Bible that made me think differently about these little flowers.



Probably you have dandelions now in your yard as I do! We try to get rid of them and pull them up. The root stays deep in the ground and will grow up and blossom again. Dandelions often get a bad reputation, but they are pretty little flowers that children love to pick and are especially beautiful when presented by a child.

These pesky little flowers do not need any special care or nurturing to bloom and spread. They pop up everywhere in our lawns, our neighbor’s lawns, fields, beside roads and even in cracks in the sidewalk. Imagine trying to plant them in a garden! They would quickly spread beyond the garden!

Janice Kempe, the author of the devotion, writes “Christians should be more like dandelions. Our sunny yellow faces should be a reminder that simple faith has deep roots that are impossible to dislodge. Our vast numbers would show the world that even though we are not fancy or pampered, we are evident everywhere. We should be as easily accessible as a dandelion. Jesus was. We need to get out of our gardens and jump across boundaries that keep us where people expect to find us. We need to show our sunny yellow faces in all the spots that need a little brightening up - even the crack in the sidewalk.”

Let’s all try to be more like dandelions and spread the Good News and God’s Love wherever we go!

***Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19***

Blessings,  
Sandy Moore  
Deacon

### Prayer Blanket



I would like to thank everyone for the support and encouragement the Prayer Blanket Ministry has received since it's beginning in 2013. Starting a new ministry was exciting and challenging. God made the way for it to be a special part of Mill Creek's service to others. This ministry has been a blessing to so many and especially to me. However, it is time for new leadership and changes.

I am pleased to announce that Sharon Ernest has agreed to take the lead in my place. Sharon has been a strong member of the Prayer Blanket team since 2022. She brings great organizational skill, innovative ideas and such a helpful spirit to our team. She makes exceptionally beautiful blankets as well.

If you have questions, would like to be a part of the team, or want to thank Sharon for taking on this role, you may contact her at 540-874-5074.

I can't adequately thank you all for allowing me the privilege of being a part of this ministry from the beginning. God has given me so many blessing through it.

With love and gratitude,  
Josephine Powell



## Standing Rock Mission Trip July 20 – 25, 2026

Planning has begun, and supplies are being collected for a mission trip to the Standing Rock Reservation in South Dakota. A group has been going for more than 16 years from Roanoke Area Churches. The community we minister in is Kenel, S.D., a small settlement where we work with the children and adults. The children's program is similar to Vacation Bible School plus gym time and two meals each day. The adult program works with the women of the community in a variety of ways. We would welcome you to go! The dates are July 20-25 to serve at the site. Registration of \$150 is due by June 1. If you would like additional information on how you can be involved, please see Judy Deel, Jerry or Sue Sweet or you may call (540)797-2304 or e-mail [jssweet04@hotmail.com](mailto:jssweet04@hotmail.com).

## Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 17

During both worship services

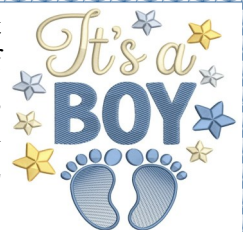
Please notify the church office of any high school or college graduates by Tuesday, May 5. Also, we need 12 photos of each high school graduate and 1 photo of each college graduate by Sunday, May 10.



Congratulations to Lesley & Michael Batsakis on the birth of their baby girl, Scottie Grace, on March 22. Scottie weighed 6lb 11oz. Proud big sister is Andy. Proud grandparents are Patsy & Bill Potter.



Congratulations to Olivia & CJ Boothe on the birth of their baby boy, Beckett James, on April 4. Beckett weighed 6lbs 14oz and was 20 1/2 inches long.



Congratulations to Emily & Colin Guilliams on the birth of their baby girl, Callahan June, on April 5. Callahan weighed 7lb 14oz. Proud grandparents are Jeff & Vicki Amos.



Congratulations to Jordan & Ryan Kingery on the birth of their baby boy, Lane William, on April 21. Lane weighed 8lbs 7oz and was 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are Chad & Laura Epperly and proud great-grandparents are Don & Nancy Epperly, Jim & Donna Crawford and Gino & Peggy Arbogast.



## "A Time to Pray" Church-Wide Prayer Meeting

*Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. Jeremiah 29:12*



Wednesday,  
May 6  
5:45—6:20pm  
Room M-1

## Mother.....

When you're a child she walks before you,  
To set an example.  
When you're a teenager she walks behind you  
To be there should you need her.  
When you're an adult she walks beside you  
So that as two friends you can enjoy life together..  
- Author Unknown.



**Fish Fry**  
**Saturday, May 30**  
**4:30-6:30pm**  
**In the Fellowship Hall**

**White Fish**  
**Parsley Potatoes**  
**Slaw**  
**Hushpuppies**  
**Beverage (for eat in only)**  
**\$15**  
**Eat In/Carry Out**

*Desserts will be available for an additional charge.*

All proceeds will benefit the Standing Rock Mission Team.

Tickets are available from Judy Deel, Ruth Fix, Bill and Ruby Booze, Vickie Amos and Jerry or Sue Sweet or you may call 540-797-2304. Advance tickets are recommended.

**Rugging—On the Porch**



Spring has sprung and it's time for the ruggers to go back to the porch at Brugh's Mill Country Store on Thursday, May 21 at 6:30pm. All are welcome to join in for crocheting, chatting, laughing and ice cream eating! For more than 15 years, those wishing to crochet rag rugs for their homes or for giving have gathered monthly for a time of work, support and fun. Joining those who wish to crochet rag rugs are some who only gather for support and fun! Everyone is welcome --- crocheting is optional! Brugh's Mill Store is located at 345 Brugh's Mill Road Fincastle. Contact Judy Deel (540.759.1914) for more information OR **JUST COME!**

**Mission Luncheon**  
**Sunday, May 17**

Hosted by the Mission Development Team

**Menu: Ham and Cheese Croissants, Turkey Subs, Potato Salad, Baked Beans and Desserts**




**Eat in or take out.**


All proceeds will help support Haley Shotwell in her Fellowship of Christian Athletes ministry at VMI.

**Daytime Mission Group**  
**Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 10am**

Please join mission minded women to learn more about our church's recent mission trip to the Dominican Republic. The meeting begins at 10 am and a potluck lunch will follow. Contact Judy Deel (540.759.1914) if you are interested OR just come! All are welcome!

Thank you to everyone (SWVA Mission Team) for coming all the way to Dryden again this year! The students so appreciate your thoughtfulness & so do we! And thank you for the beautiful rug!

Angie Hedrick  
 Guidance  
 Dryden Elementary School  
 Dryden, VA



To the Mill Creek Family,  
 I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, calls, cards, texts and food during this difficult time in the loss of my wife, Mary.

Thanks to All,  
 Michael Clement

**Thank You!**



**The church office will be closed**  
**Monday, May 25, in**  
**observance of Memorial Day.**

## “Together for the Harvest”

### Roanoke Valley Baptist Association

#### Prayer Emphasis and Annie Mae Broyles Offering for Associational Missions

**Day One:** Pray for **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. [friendshiphouserohanoke.org](http://friendshiphouserohanoke.org)

**Day Two:** Pray for **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. [keystoneroanoke.wixsite.com/kccroa](http://keystoneroanoke.wixsite.com/kccroa)

**Day Three:** Pray for **Children’s Missions Camp** held June 22-25, 2026, 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 for **CarePortal** as they help families and children. CarePortal was launched in 2015, and since then, the platform has expanded across the nation engaging child welfare agencies, schools, pregnancy centers, churches, businesses, and organizations to facilitate effective care for children. [www.careportal.org](http://www.careportal.org)

**Day Five:** Pray for **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. [thelampstandva.org/about-us](http://thelampstandva.org/about-us)

**Day Six:** Pray for **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. [www.facebook.com/ChristianSoldiersFP/](http://www.facebook.com/ChristianSoldiersFP/)

**Day Seven:** Pray for **Teen Challenge** to help more teens to have a new beginning in life and in Christ. Eastern Appalachian Teen Challenge is a Christ centered program that strives to provide a safe environment for adolescent girls. Your desire for your daughter to be whole again is our mission. Through the teaching of biblical principles and practical life skills, your daughter can find freedom. [teenchallenge4u.com](http://teenchallenge4u.com)

#### Annie Mae Broyles Offering

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|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Friendship House                | \$4,500.00        |
| Keystone                        | \$4,500.00        |
| RVBA Mission Requests           | \$500.00          |
| Care Portal                     | \$1,000.00        |
| Christians Soldiers Food Pantry | <u>\$4,500.00</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.

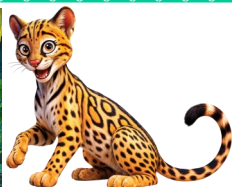
**Mill Creek’s offering goal is \$1000.**



## Operation Christmas Child

The suggested May donations for OCC are: card games, small crafts, games that can fit in the shoe boxes, and hair accessories. Thank you for your continued support of this mission that spreads the Good News of Jesus Christ to thousands throughout the world.





**VBS**  
**July 12-16**  
**6:00-8:30pm**



Step through the mist into "Rainforest Falls" where kids will plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their Creator, a safe place in life's storms. VBS will be held **July 12-16 from 6:00-8:30pm**. Please pray about how you can participate in one of our largest community outreach opportunities. It's not too late to volunteer! Contact Danielle Tolley at [dtolley303@gmail.com](mailto:dtolley303@gmail.com) or 540-798-7592 if you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions about VBS.



**Important Dates for "Rainforest Falls" Volunteers:**

**Adult Volunteer Training: May 31st after 11:00 Service**  
 We will provide pizza for lunch. Please RSVP to Danielle ([dtolley303@gmail.com](mailto:dtolley303@gmail.com) or 540-798-7592) by Friday, May 29. Training will be over by 1:30pm!

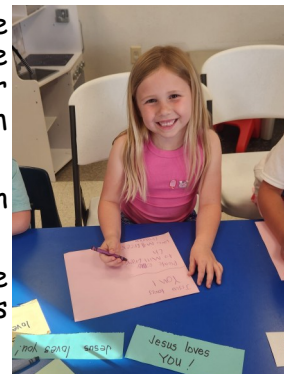


**Youth Volunteer Training: May 31st during Youth Sunday School**  
 Breakfast will be provided. Please contact Danielle ([dtolley303@gmail.com](mailto:dtolley303@gmail.com) or 540-798-7592) if your student can not make this training.

**Mini & Mighty Mill Creek Explorers**



Our Mini & Mighty Mill Creek Explorers have been preparing for their mission trip to the Royal Apartments where we invite our neighbors to church, offer prayers for them and drop off a goodie bag.



During craft time they have been working on Mother's Day gifts also.

Bible Story time is always a hit as they have been learning about the Resurrection of Jesus and his ministry here on earth.



The kids are wrapping up the year with excitement and anticipation of what summer brings. May 20th will be our last of the Wednesday night activities here at Mill Creek Baptist Church until school starts again in August.



If you would like for a prayer request to be sent out by email and/or to be on the printed prayer guide, please email your request to [prayer@millcreekbc.com](mailto:prayer@millcreekbc.com) or call the church office at 540-992-3474.



# May 2026



| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday  |
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| <b>17</b><br>8:30am Worship & Graduate Recognition<br>9:20am - 9:55am Holy Grounds Coffee Shop<br>9:45am - 10:45am Sunday School<br>10:45am Mission Luncheon for Haley Shotwell's FCA Ministry<br>11:00am Worship & Graduate Recognition<br>12:00pm Deacons Meeting<br>12:00pm Mission Luncheon for Haley Shotwell's FCA Ministry | <b>18</b>   | <b>19</b><br>9:30am "Forgiving What You Can't Forget" Study<br>6:00pm Believing Jesus: A Journey Through the Book of Acts" Study   | <b>20</b><br>11:00am - 2:00pm Greeter Ministry Training in Room M-1<br>6:00pm Supper for Mini & Mighty Mill Creek Explorers<br>6:30pm Quarterly Business Meeting, Mini & Mighty Mill Creek Explorers, Youth Activities/Bible Study<br>7:35pm Adult Choir Practice | <b>21</b><br>10:00am Prayer Blanket Ministry Team<br>6:30pm Prayer Blanket Ministry Team, Rugging @ Brugh's Mill | <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b>   |
| <b>24</b><br>8:30am Worship<br>9:20am - 9:55am Holy Grounds Coffee Shop<br>9:45am - 10:45am Sunday School<br>11:00am Worship  | <b>25</b><br>Church Office Closed<br>Memorial Day | <b>26</b><br>6:00pm Believing Jesus: A Journey Through the Book of Acts" Study   | <b>27</b><br>6:30pm Adult Choir Practice  | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b><br>4:30pm - 6:30pm Fish Fry @ Mill Creek for Standing Rock Mission Team |
| <b>31</b><br>Promotion Sunday<br>8:30am Worship<br>9:20am - 9:55am Holy Grounds Coffee Shop<br>9:45am - 10:45am Sunday School & Youth VBS Training<br>11:00am Worship<br>12:00pm VBS Adult Volunteer Training   |   |  |   |  |  |   |

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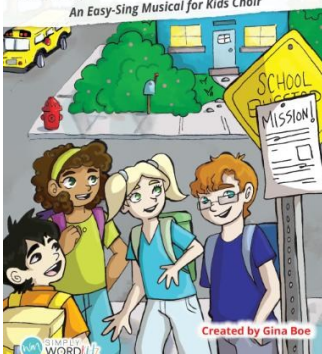
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