

Questions for the Missions Team?

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*“... to proclaim the Gospel through words and deeds
to those whose lives ours touch ...”*

Mission Action Teams at Vienna Baptist Church

We encourage you to join us and to explore your gifts for Christian ministry. In the name of Christ and in the words of our covenant, we seek to reach out and touch the lives of those around us.

If you have a concern or a calling that is not represented here, please let us know. There may be others who share your dream or concern and would like to join you on a new Mission Action Team.

The VBC Missions Team can assist you by inviting others to join you for hands-on participation and by providing potential financial support from our missions giving. Participating in our journey outward is integral to our covenant and in the call of the Gospel “... to proclaim the good news throughout the land.”

We believe the good news needs tangible expressions in the church, in the local community, and throughout the world.

The following are some mission opportunities at VBC through which you may choose to express your love for God, our community, and Vienna Baptist Church.

CROP Hunger Walk (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty)

Purpose Raise funds that provide resources for those living in poverty in the U.S. and worldwide.

Type of work Ask neighbors, friends, and coworkers to sponsor you in a neighborhood walk or assist at water stations. Watch for the date and time of this year's Vienna CROP Hunger Walk.

Contact Debbie Dorcus, dadorcus@verizon.net

VBC Denominational Relations

Purpose Serve as a liaison and promote educational awareness between the VBC congregation and our regional and global Baptist denominational partners.

Type of work Attend annual meetings of denominational organizations, serve on partner committees, and keep the VBC congregation informed of activities within the denomination.

Contact Ward Kay, wkay@adironack-inc.com

FACETS

(Fairfax Area Christian Emergency and Transitional Services)

Purpose Serve disadvantaged people in Fairfax County with dignity and grace to help them break the cycle of poverty.

Type of work Volunteer in many areas—maintenance, computer skills, meal preparation, recreation with teens and children, and more.

Contact Ben Wagener, bwagener@vbc-va.org
See also www.facetscares.org

Fair Trade Coffee

Purpose Alleviate poverty and promote social justice among farmers and farm workers in the coffee, tea, cocoa, nut, and fruit industries in the developing world.

Type of work Order and sell fair trade products such as coffee, tea, and nuts; encourage a sense of social justice that influences personal purchasing decisions to help farm workers earn a living wage.

Contact Becky Albritton, 703-938-1830
See also www.equalexchange.coop

50/90 Ministry

Purpose Provide an atmosphere for senior adults to meet for fun, food, and fellowship, in a community where all religions and races are welcome.

Type of work Join in fellowship and make friends with seniors. A gift of gab is useful.

Contact Gaye Wymer, gahuwymmer@aol.com

Gulf Mission Team

Purpose Assist survivors of Hurricane Katrina in rebuilding their lives.

Type of work Construct homes and churches, assist with clean-up, cook for those

doing construction, other projects as needed.

Contact Jerry Duane, jerryduane@comcast.net

Habitat for Humanity

Purpose Provide safe, decent, and affordable housing for low-income families through the local chapters of Habitat for Humanity, and participate in any ongoing projects.

Type of work Assist in building a condominium or house in the Northern Virginia area with hands-on work in partnership with other churches. No previous building experience is required for participation.

Contact Linda Gooding, ljgooding@cox.net
See also www.habitat.org

HCCC Partnership

(Harvest Chinese Christian Church)

Purpose Share the love of Christ with our Baptist brothers and sisters from China.

Type of work Provide on-site room and support for this congregation; facilitate communication between HCCC and VBC. Ability to speak any Chinese dialect would be helpful.

Contact Rosalyn Dozier, rdozier@cox.net

Kairos Prison Ministry

Purpose Share Christ's love with incarcerated individuals and their families by participating in meals, prayer, and fellowship.

Type of work Minister to prisoners and their families (specialized training required). Pray for those engaged in the face-to-face ministry at specified times.

Contact Lauris Eek III, lauris.eek@usdoj.gov
See also www.kairosprisonministry.org

Lost River Retreat Ministry

Purpose Spiritual renewal in a retreat venue through programs, rest, and relaxation designed for individuals and families of all ages, religions, and backgrounds.

Type of work Assist in maintenance of the grounds and buildings; assist with publicity, programming, and other duties as needed.

Contact Hank Dunn, hankdunn@aol.com
See also www.vbc-va.org/lrrc

OAR

(Opportunities for Alternative Resources for Ex-Offenders)

Purpose Assist ex-offenders in the transition back to the local community.

Type of work Participate in active citizen involvement in restoring ex-offenders to productive roles in society.

Contact Yudy Wiley, joeandyudy@cox.net
See also www.oarfairfax.org

Our Daily Bread

Purpose Provide food deliveries and other resources for low-income individuals and families in Fairfax County.

Type of work Shop for groceries, bag them, and/or deliver them to families or individuals in Fairfax County. ODB is also involved in many other areas—advocacy for housing, child care, and more.

Contact Claudia Figueredo, claudiarainbow@hotmail.com

See also www.our-daily-bread.org

Peace, Justice, and Reconciliation Team

Purpose Raise awareness of the need to seek answers to social justice, peace, and reconciliation

issues in America and beyond.

Type of work Support organizations that advocate for these issues.

Contact Ben Wagener, bwagener@vbc-va.org

Russian Partnership

(Word for the Soul Baptist Church, Moscow)

Purpose Share the love of Christ with our Baptist brothers and sisters in Russia.

Type of work Assist with financial support; host exchanges between our churches.

Contact Rosalyn Dozier, rdozier@cox.net

Shepherd's Center of Oakton/Vienna

Purpose Provide interfaith opportunities for those over 50 years of age to live fulfilling lives through life-long education, social programs, and community services.

Type of work Transportation, companion shopping, handy helpers, friendly calls—a wide range of services to those in need.

Contact Michelle Scott, director@scov.org or 703-281-0538

See also www.scov.org

VBCC

(Vienna Baptist Children's Center)

Purpose Promote the physical, social, emotional, cognitive, and spiritual development of young children while responding to the needs of their families. Our emphasis is living out God's love by fostering the growth and development of children in a safe, inclusive environment.

Type of work Prayer support, participating in fundraisers. Staff openings arise periodically for preschool teachers and teacher's aides.

Contact Sharon Wobie, preschool@vbc-va.org or 703-281-2021

See also www.vbc-va.org/vbcc