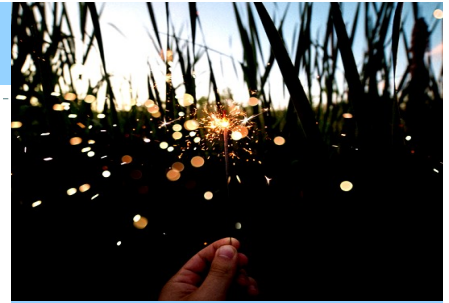


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God Held Back the Rain

The Bethlehem Baptist Men’s Fellowship and the Jannie Jennings Church School Class were willing and ready to join in with The Well to have a Community Fun Day combined with a Clothes Give Away. The men passed out hundreds of flyers and people were in a ready-set-go position to start cleaning out their closets. The excitement was building as the day slowly approached. However, we all were concerned that the event would be rained out because the ten-day forecast predicted rain for that Saturday.



Above: Set up for the clothes giveaway

Each day and night, we watched the weather forecast. By the fifth day, the chance of rain began to decrease. Hope was building and finalizing our plans to proceed with the event were made. The Thursday forecast before Saturday’s event was very promising. The ready-set-go people could not wait any longer and brought me bags of clothes, boxes of clothes, clothes on hangers, clothes with tags still attached, clothes golden in color from years of being in an attic or basement and of course, along with the clothes, they also brought their shoes.

Thank God that the day finally arrived with only partly cloudy skies, and we rejoiced that God held back the rain. Due to the numerous orders for bounce houses for that Saturday, several men had to be at church by seven o’clock to receive the delivery. A couple of hours later, the volunteers began to show to set up for the day. Tables were lined up on the sidewalk in front of the Bethlehem Fairmount location, food and games were placed in the parking lot. The men were the overseers of the parking lot, and the women took great care of filling the tables with clothes, shoes, pocketbooks, etc.

Within a short period of time, people walking along and those driving by stopped to participate in the event. The tables were emptied and constantly restocked from the abundance of donations received. The tables were filled with men’s, women’s and children’s clothes, but disappeared quickly. I heard one young lady say, “These are some nice things.” Another woman who overheard her remarks, replied, “Mrs. Ford always have nice things. She doesn’t give out any old thing.” Tracts, Daily Bread, and The Well’s flyers were distributed to as many that wanted one.

Music, talking, laughter, squeals of joy, smells of cooking hot dogs and hamburgers filled the air. Many were served with clothes and food. The Bounce House and the bean bag toss were the most popular games, but the food reigned supreme overall. At the end of the event, the volunteers had backaches and sore feet, but smiles were on their faces. So many of them were saying the same thing, “This has been a good day and God Held Back the Rain.” Of all The Well’s past events, this one was the best.

-Glinda Ford, Church Hill Christian Wellness Center

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OHBC Haircutting Ministry July 11 & 25

OHBC Movie Nights July 14 & 28

Camp Alkulana Older Girls Session July 15-26

CHCWC Support Team Meeting July 15

Camp Alkulana Visit Day July 17

CHCWC & SRBC Food Pantry July 20

SRBC Support Team Meeting July 29

RCFN Board Meeting July 16



MINISTRY OF THE WEEK JULY 2023

- 7/2– Jahnke Road
- 7/9– Korean Baptist
- 7/16– Lakeside Baptist
- 7/23– The Light Community
- 7/30– Lighthouse International

Back to School Celebrations!

Please contact your church's center director for updates or for more information about this year's events.

Church Hill Christian Wellness Center

Glinda Ford- 804-234-3549 ext.101

Event Date: Saturday, August 19, 10 am-1:00 pm

Please deliver backpacks and toiletry bags to Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1920 Fairmount Avenue August 17 and 18, 10:00-Noon and 1:00-3:00

CHCWC is collecting filled backpacks and **toiletry bags**. We need new packages of underwear and socks (sizes from 3T through young adult) as well as these items for toiletry bags: Shampoo, Comb & Brush, Deodorant, Soap, Washcloth, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Mouthwash, Floss, and Lotion

Churches: Bethlehem (Fairmount), Bethlehem (Penick), Carlisle Avenue, Derbyshire, Gayton, Ginter Park, Hatcher Memorial, Lakeside, Mount Tabor, River Road, Skipwith, and The Light Community

Oregon Hill Baptist Center

Jennifer Turner- 804-648-1353

jennifer.turner@rbaonline.org

Event Date: Tuesday, August 8,

All day by Appointment

Please call or e-mail Jennifer for SPECIFIC NEEDS and to make delivery appointments.

Churches: Pine Street, First Baptist, New Community Baptist

South Richmond Baptist Center

Wesley Garrett- 804-232-0174

Event Date: Friday, August 12, 10 am– 2pm

Backpacks filled with school supplies will be given out for South Richmond ZIP codes 23224, 23225, and 23235.

Remember we are requesting that the Back Packs be already filled with: Large Binder -1, Composition books - 3, Spiral notebooks - 4, Pencils - large pack, (ten count or more), Pens - Large package, (ten count or more), black or blue ink, Folders, Dividers, Erasers, Large Markers, Loose leaf paper - large package, Elmer's school glue or glue sticks. **We do not need: crayon, pencil sharpeners or red ink pens.** Deliver filled backpacks to the SRBC Satellite, 5500 Germain Road (enter the property from 5515 Bryce Lane and follow the signs to the SRBC Satellite). Please deliver backpacks on August 8,9 or 10th from 10:00-2:00.

Churches: Bethany Place, Bon Air, First Union, Friendship Memorial, Grace, Gravel Hill, Huguenot Road, Jahnke Road, Korean, Morning Star, New Canaan, Rising Liberty, Shalom Fellowship, Southampton, Saint Paul's, Stockton Memorial, Swift Creek, United for Christ, Weatherford Mission Group, Westover, and Woodland Heights

CVRM to assist with July NASCAR Race in Richmond

The CVRM has Ministry Service Opportunities available during NASCAR Race Weekend held on Saturday, July 29 and Sunday, July 30, 2023 at Richmond Raceway located at 800 East Laburnum Avenue. Volunteers are needed to minister by providing race fans an opportunity to worship, enjoy Christian music and arts and fellowship with others.

Volunteers are asked to work a 5 or 6 hour shift as they serve in a variety of ways in our Hospitality Ministry Sites at the Richmond Raceway Complex. We are also asking that church mission groups, Sunday School classes, youth groups, etc. volunteer to make "homemade" cookies and bag these in small clear zip lock plastic bags with 2-3 medium sized cookies each. A label saying *Compliments of _____ Baptist Church* may be put on the outside of the bag. No literature in the bags please. Also please label if any peanuts or tree nuts are in the bags. These will be available by Central Virginia Raceway Ministries. Cookies may be brought to the RBA (River City) Office, BGAV building, 2828 Emerywood Pkwy. July 24-27, from 9 am until 3 pm (804-329-1701). Please see the volunteer needs below and contact Charles to volunteer.

July 28 - Friday: SET-UP- Main Hospitality Site & Hospitality Site in F lot. 1 Shift: Noon-3 pm

July 29 - Saturday: Kids Corner and Hospitality Ministry : Shifts: 8:30 am-1 pm, 12-4 pm & 4 to 8 pm

July 30- Sunday: Kids Corner and Hospitality: Shifts: 8 am-1 pm, 12pm—6pm; 6pm to the end of tear down

For more information or to volunteer: **e-mail:** info@varacewayministries.org OR **Call** Charles Ward at 804-262-3612.



We Need Cookies!!



Training and Mission Engagement Events



Join the BGAV for this year's **Church Weekday Education Conference** on **August 5th** in Richmond to be held at Second Baptist Church. This conference provides training, ideas and networking opportunities for teachers and directors of faith-based weekday preschool programs and can be counted as part of the required training hours. The cost is \$35.00.

Four breakout sessions will be offered with many sessions to choose from. Please contact Karen Rackett at 800.255.2428, ext. 2243 with any questions. Register today! www



Please contact the RCFN if you or your church would like to participate in any of these Into the Neighborhood events!

Camp Alkulana

Work Days	May 13 and May 27
Camper Family Picnic	May 28 Bryan Park
Bus Stop at RCFN Office	June 16, July 1, July 15, 31
Day at Camp	July 17 and August 4
Golf Tournament	October 9

Church Hill Christian Wellness Center

Fairmount Fun Day	May 27
Summer Night Lights	June 17
Back to School Celebration	August 19

South Richmond Baptist Center

SRBC Annex Improvements	All summer
Block Party &	August 12
Back to School Celebration	

Oregon Hill Baptist Center

Movies in the Park Nights	2nd & 4th Friday
VBS Team Needed	June or July
Back to School	August 8



COFFEE & CHAT

Virginia Church Library Association

Saturday July 29, 2023 from 10-12 pm

Join the VCLA for fellowship and discussion on How a Library Can Aid in Bible Journaling.

For more information contact Carola Buckles at 757-968-3482 or vachurchlibrary@gmail.com



Tabernacle Baptist Church

401 Lucas Creek Rd Newport News, VA 23602
(757) 877-0297 vcla.org

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

5:15-8:30 PM

SHALOM BAPTIST CHURCH

8116 Walnut Grove Rd.
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

DINNER, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKOUT SESSIONS

WWW.BAPTISTLEADERS.ORG



"...AND LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." MARK 12:31

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RCFN Mission Offering Update!

\$1,938.52 of \$100,000.00

Be sure to get your Week of Prayer materials and speakers for your church!

RCFN Care and Concern Corner

Please join the RCFN in prayer and words of encouragement for the following:

Congratulations to Jennifer and Philip Turner on the birth of their first grandchild, Mabel, on May 31st.

Congratulations to Rev. Wesley Garrett on his 12th anniversary serving as Director of the South Richmond Baptist Center on June 15th.



Our Centers and Camp Alkulana Need Your Help!

SUMMER NEEDS FOR RCFN

Our outreach doesn't take a summer vacation! Please contact our ministries to help with the following:

OHBC- Call Jennifer Turner at 804-648-1353

- Men's seasonal casual clothing for homeless
- Snack Bags- contact me for items needed
- Baseball caps/ hats to keep sun off face
- Sunscreen and bug spray

CHCWC- Call Glinda Ford at 804-234-3549
Needs toiletry bags- see list of items on Page 2

Camp Alkulana- Call SaraAnne Burgess at 804-329-1701 ext: 112 or saburgess@alkulana.org

The vendor for bibles shared with campers has changed. Please help us purchase enough of the new items to share with each camper who participates. Contact SaraAnne to make a donation today!

