



## RCFN Gathers for Reflection and Celebration

The River City Faith Network gathered on Sunday, October 15th at Friendship Memorial Baptist Church to reflect on the activities of this past year and celebrate dedicated clergy, volunteers and individuals in the network.

Rev. Wesley R. Garrett, South Richmond Baptist Center Director and Pastor of Friendship Memorial Baptist Church welcomed the RCFN community to the meeting. He also introduced and welcomed all new and Interim Pastors who attended during this month of Pastor Appreciation. Rev. Dr. Maria Lynn then provided a video reflection on all of the activities and work of the RCFN through the



Into the Neighborhood events this past year. Beth Wright, Director of Camp Alkulana shared about the Westhampton Scholarship and the recipients chosen to receive it for this year. Rev. Glinda Ford, Church Hill Wellness Center Director led appreciation for attendees who serve on support teams for each center and the WMU members in attendance for the faithful work they provide for RCFN. Rev. Jennifer Turner of Oregon Hill Baptist Center shared a touching memorial for members of the RCFN community who have passed this past year; Rev. Billy Davis, Ruth Guill, Rev. Tom Ficklin, Rev. Chuck Craddock, Rev. Louis Blakey, Sr. and Raymond Kee.

The keynote address was provided by Rev. David M. Bailey, Chief Vision Officer of Arrabon. David reframed the conversation regarding racial healing by introducing 5 areas of hope, formation, practice, community and peacemaking that will help us embody reconciliation. The event was accented by music selections and contributions from Mrs. Frances White and Mrs. Joyce Solomon.

Dr. Bob Thompson called the business meeting to order and was joined by Susan Hughes to present the Ministry Placement nominations and oversee the election of officers, committees and support team members for the coming year. Rev. Dr. David Bailey, who chairs the Stewardship Committee then presented the Treasurer's Report and Budget for 2024. He and Rev. Dr. Maria Lynn shared their concerns about the increasing expenses of the ministries and how the leadership of RCFN will be re-envisioning the Mission Offering to better support the ministry work of the RCFN in the future. The proposed budget was approved by the attending messengers. Dr. Thompson and Dr. Lynn led the installation and prayer for those stepping forward to lead in 2024.

The RCFN staff shared their gratitude for specific volunteers who took on projects this past year. Bill Rusher of River Road Church was recognized for his dedication to camp facilities and for leading a team of volunteers from River Road Church to overhaul the SRBC Annex and ready it for its future clothing and furniture ministry. In addition, Bob Jones, Wayne Davis and Bill Rusher were recognized for searching and procuring a new van for ministry use in a timely and responsible way when the urgent need presented itself. Rev. Dr. Lynn then reflected on the years of service and dedication of Dr. Bob Thompson and shared a gift from the RCFN Board and staff to him as all who attended joined in a standing ovation. Dr. Thompson then welcomed Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze, as the incoming RCFN Board Chairperson. Dr. Glaze provided the Benediction and adjournment. RCFN would like to thank Friendship Memorial Baptist for hosting the meeting and reception for Dr. Bob Thompson, that was enjoyed by all attendees. The RCFN Annual meeting information and pictures from the event can be found on the website at [www.richmondbaptist.org/annualmeeting](http://www.richmondbaptist.org/annualmeeting).

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### Noteworthy Dates

#### BWA World Day of Prayer

November 6, 2023

#### BGAV Annual Meeting

November 13-15

Bon Air Baptist Church

[www.meeting.bgav.org](http://www.meeting.bgav.org)



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#### **CAST Meeting**

November 14, 6 pm

RCFN Office Meeting Room

#### **SRBC Food Pantry**

November 16, 11am-1pm

SRBC @ Belt Rd.

#### **RCFN Office Closed**

**Thanksgiving**

November 23 & 24

#### **RCFN Board Meeting**

November 28, 3:30 pm

RCFN Large Meeting Room

#### **MINISTRY OF THE WEEK**

**November 2023**

11/5–Shalom Fellowship

11/12– Skipwith Baptist

11/19– Stockton Memorial

11/26– Tabernacle Baptist

## Camp Alkulana Golf Tournament

Thank you to everyone who participated as a golfer or a sponsor in the October 9 Alkulana Golf Tournament. The tournament raised \$7,128 for Camp Alkulana! We would like to take a moment to thank everyone who supported the event! For the golfers:

We had two tiers or groupings for this tournament. In our first tier grouping the team of Michael Haydon, Ken Douglas, Art McGraw and Bob Spicknall came in first place. The second place team in this group was Ronnie Jones, Oliver Way, Ed Pruden and Bob Gilliam. In our second grouping/tier of players, the first place team was Tom & Susie Gilsdorf, Jerry Carr, and Paul Thompson. Our second place team for this group was Bill Rusher, George Davis, Russ Collins, and Rick Scherer. Our were Mike Clingenpeel, Ken Douglas, Rob Comer, and Jerry Carr.



Our sponsorship levels gave many the opportunity to support this event. To our Bright Eyes Sponsor, Jane Lewis, in memory of Roy Lewis. Our lunch sponsors were Tom Kirkup, River Road Church Baptist's Children, Youth and their Families. The following groups sponsored our prizes for the golfers: J.A. Heisler Contracting Company, Richmond Country Club and the Dominion Energy Charity Classic. Our Snack Sponsors for the event were the Anna Julia Cooper School, Tricia Dagliano of Thirty-One Gifts, Art McGraw and Scott Redmond. To our Booster Sponsors, Nancy & Allen King and Tom & Susan Gilsdorf. Lastly, thank you to all our Hole Sponsors: Open Door Class, Tabernacle Baptist; Derbyshire Baptist Church, Richmond's First Baptist Church, Huguenot Road Baptist Church, River Road Church Baptist WMU; RRCB New Horizon's Class, Joyce Clemmons; Laura Lee & Ted Chandler; The Reddish Family; The Seal Family; Rhonda May; Russ Collins; Mike Haydon; Gracie Kirkpatrick; 3 Point RVA; Westwood Music Club; 3Chopt Investment Partners; Redmond Asset Management, LLC; and Virginia Capitol Connections.



*Pictured above: The first and second place teams of the first grouping/tier.*

**Camp Alkualna Silent  
Auction and Dinner**  
*Save the Date!!*



Items Needed for the  
Auction:  
Handmade Items,  
Gift Certificates, Art,  
Photography,  
Excursions and  
tickets for events.

**March 16, 2024**  
**Derbyshire Baptist  
Church**

Contact SaraAnne  
Burgess, Camper &  
Family Liaison  
at 804-329-1701 ext:112  
or  
saburgess@alkulana.org  
for more information!

## 2023 RCFN Annual Meeting



# RCFN Christmas Wish

Please see information below about the details regarding the delivery of items to the Centers. Please contact the Center Director with any questions and THANK YOU for your generosity to our neighbors!

### South Richmond Center - December 1

Wesley Garrett- 804-232-0174 [wesley.garrett@rbaonline.org](mailto:wesley.garrett@rbaonline.org)

Please deliver your items to SRBC at 5500 Germain Rd  
Richmond, VA 23224 on 11/27 and 11/28/23 from 10am-2pm

### Oregon Hill Center- December 1

Jennifer Turner- 804-648-1353 [jennifer.turner@rbaonline.org](mailto:jennifer.turner@rbaonline.org)

Please contact Jennifer to schedule an appointment to deliver  
your items on 11/27 & 11/28/23.

### Church Hill Wellness Center- December 2

Glinda Ford- 804-234-3549 [glinda.ford@rbaonline.org](mailto:glinda.ford@rbaonline.org)

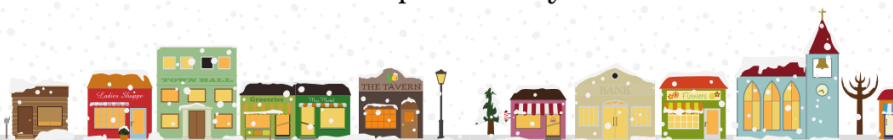
Delivery of items will be on 11/29 & 11/30/23 from 10am-12pm  
and 1-3pm both days.

### Help make a child's wish come true this Christmas!

We are excited about this year's event and hope you are as well!  
Please contact a Center Director and let them know how many children your church would like to sponsor.

Your church contact person will then receive a list of Children's Names and Wish Lists to share with individuals or families.

Individuals can then shop in stores or online for the child whose name you assign them. If an individual has limitations on being able to shop to fulfill a child's full wish list, they can work with others such as another church member, friends or family members, class, other church group.



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### **RCFN Center Corner**

Our Centers could use your help!  
Please see the following regarding  
needs for the upcoming months  
and call them for more information.

- Oregon Hill Baptist Center:** Now collecting Men's winter clothing, blankets, sleeping bags. Assembled Snack Bags or snack bag items. Please contact Jennifer Turner at 804-648-1353.
- South Richmond Baptist Center:** Continues to see an urgent need for food in their community. Shelf stable items are welcome ahead of the food day held on 3rd Thursday of each month. Contact Wesley Garrett at 804-232-0174.

**November 28th, 2023 is**

**GIVING TUESDAY**

**Please consider a gift  
to the RCFN Mission  
Offering for this year's  
Giving Day or for your  
end of the year  
donations.**

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