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Dream On! Part Two

Early in 2022, I along with the Oregon Hill Center Support Team, which is made up of several people from various RCFN churches as well as the Oregon Hill neighborhood, began to dream of being able to offer free haircuts to the RVA homeless community. We felt this would be not only a self-esteem booster, but a confidence builder for those

seeking jobs, housing, etc. I wrote about this dream in an article titled DREAM ON! In the April 2022 Transformed. First, we began to search to see if there were others offering this service around the city. Jo Ellen Schneider, administrative assistant at the RCFN office, discovered that about a month earlier a non-profit organization called Nurturing Minds had partnered with TruFades Haircuts and Beards



Pictured above, the staff of TruFades

Barbershop to do this very thing. In an attempt to be wise and not unnecessarily duplicate services, I called Ticeses Teasley, the founder and director of Nurturing Minds, to discuss their haircutting service and how the Oregon Hill Center might join the partnership. She shared how it was meeting a great need, but that it had recently been discontinued due to a change in her organization's programming and a need for more space. Ms. Teasley then connected me with the co-owner and master barber at TruFades, Mr. Perry Lee.

As Mr. Lee and I spoke the excitement grew as we realized a new partnership was about to emerge! Mr. Lee shared with me how it all began. "TruFades had begun an apprenticeship program to help aspiring barbers develop the skills they need for a better future.



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Noteworthy Dates

Camp Alkulana Staff Training June 2-12

OHBC Haircutting Ministry June 13 and 27

OHBC Movie Nights June 9 & 23
 Pine Street Baptist Church

CAST Meeting June 13 at 6 pm

CHCWC & SRBC Food Pantry June 15

Camp Alkulana Older Boys Session June 16-27

CHCWC Youth Fun Day June 17

Juneteenth– RCFN Office Closed June 19

Digital Proficiency Workshop June 20



MINISTRY OF THE WEEK JUNE 2023

- 6/4– Gravel Hill Baptist Church
- 6/11– Hatcher Memorial
- 6/18– Huguenot Road
- 6/25– Church Hill Christian WC

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He also had a desire to incorporate into the training a way to give back to the Richmond community". So, on March 28, 2023, two dreams became one! Now, every second and fourth Tuesday from 3-5 PM the Oregon Hill Center Locker Room is transformed into a Barbershop! As I peek in at the door, conversation and laughter between barbers and hair cut recipients brings a smile to my face and I marvel at how God works in our midst to make dreams a reality!

-Jennifer Turner, Community Missionary – Oregon Hill

A special thank you to all of our Transformed readers for your prayers and support regarding the creation of this ministry, Mr. Perry Lee and his apprentices for their gift of time and talent, Ms. Teasley for helping to make the connection, and to Huguenot Road Baptist Church for the donation of 3 barber chairs! To learn more about these community partners, see www.trufades.com and nurturingminds.info.



CELEBRATE WITH BETHLEHEM BAPTIST PENICK ROAD!

In 1828, nine people organized a Sunday school in a log schoolhouse, five miles from the Richmond City limits. Students from the Virginia Baptist Seminary, now the University of Richmond, helped it become the Bethlehem Baptist Church. The church received its charter on May 31, 1838 and built a new structure in 1839. It reportedly served as a first aid station during the Civil War, burned about 1870 and was rebuilt. A brick Gothic-style church opened on July 25, 1909. On November 3, 1920, this structure burned. Members dedicated the present building on November 6, 1921.

Please join their congregation as they celebrate this milestone in our community on Sunday June 4th, 2023 with worship beginning at 11 a.m. Guest speakers, special music and refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to 804-262-8339.



RCFN Care and Concern Corner

The River City Faith Network expresses their sincere condolences to the families, friends, and congregations on the passing of:

Mrs. Joyce Vaughan, mother of Steve Allsbrook, retired RCFN and Dover Baptist Association Director.

Mr. Lewis Heilman, father of Karl Heilman, Pastor of Sandston Baptist Church, Field Strategist Capital Region, BGAV.

We would also like to congratulate and extend birthday wishes to **Mrs. Frances Bailey** of Huguenot Road Baptist Church as she celebrates 100 years of life and living!

Please join us as we congratulate and thank **Rev. Bill Duganne** of Stockton Memorial Baptist Church upon his retirement! His last service will be June 25th.



Can people find our church?

In the last two years, one of the most common things we have heard from our churches is that they have difficulty with their ability to connect and get the word out about their church community. We as the Association also have the difficult task of communicating to the community. We work to provide up to date information to our churches and community members through the website and newsletters. However, the days of the yellow pages have passed and if you can't be found in one or two clicks, people and consumers choose the businesses that are listed. Events are happening weekly and the monthly paper newsletter cannot keep our folks informed as quickly as the electronic means.

We rely on our churches to share the information we send to them regularly. But we can only do so with the most up to date contact information. We also try to make sure we make the necessary changes per our readers requests with address changes and updated emails. For our churches, it can also be difficult to maintain this kind of contact information. Especially since many now use their phones to keep connected for daily and weekly events.

In the month of June, the RCFN and BGAV are partnering to host a workshop for churches and ministries, large or small to get a better idea of their current

REGISTER NOW: BGAV.org/DigitalProficiencyWorkshop

DIGITAL CHURCH PROFICIENCY WORKSHOP

LEADING A CHURCH IS HARD. INCORPORATING DIGITAL CAN BE OVERWHELMING.
Learn the latest trends, get easy and affordable tips, and all participants will receive a free Digital Snapshot personalized for your church!

Register by June 9 to be guaranteed a personalized Digital Snapshot.

**JUNE 20, 2023
HENRICO, VA
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Hosted by BGAV and River City Faith Network

digital footprint and ways to improve your online presence. They will review your current digital presence and help provide valuable insight on how to achieve success in connecting with your community. If you or your church could benefit from this session, please register your staff or volunteers for this event. The training will be held on June 20th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. with lunch provided at the RCFN offices on Emerywood Parkway. The session is free to all BGAV churches and just \$35.00 for non-BGAV churches. Information and training like this can be costly. Please take advantage of this session and let us know if you have any questions by calling our office at 804-329-1701 ext: 101 or emailing Jo Ellen at office@rbaonline.org.

INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS 2023

OREGON HILL

Movie Nights

2nd & 4th Fridays
Contact Jennifer to sponsor hot dog dinner
jennifer.turner@rbaonline.org

Please review these upcoming events where we could use your help! Call the RCFN for more information about needs for each opportunity. 804-329-1701

**CHURCH HILL
SOUTH RICHMOND
OREGON HILL**

Center Visits & Prayer Gathering

Contact the office to schedule your group!

CAMP ALKULANA

A Day at Camp

Transportation Available for trip on July 17 and August 4

CAMP ALKULANA

Golf Tournament

October 9
Richmond Country Club
brusher@rjtc.org

CAMP ALKULANA

Bus Stop Send Off

June 16, July 1, July 15 & July 30
saburgess@alkulana.org

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RCFN Center and Camp Needs and Events

**Oregon Hill Baptist Center and Church Hill
Wellness Center Need Your Help!**

EMERGENCY CLOTHING DRIVE

Both Centers have an emergency need of Men's Clothing. Items especially needed are:

S, M, L, T-shirts (solid colors preferred)

S, M, L, Underwear (new or unsoiled and freshly washed)

S, M, L, XL Men's athletic shorts and pants

Size 32-34 Men's jeans, and shorts

Athletic or comfortable/casual Shoes: sizes 9-13

**NO WOMEN'S OR CHILDREN'S CLOTHING
PLEASE**

Contact Jennifer Turner at 804-648-1353 at OHBC and Glinda Ford at 804-234-3549 for CHCWC with any questions and to set up a delivery time.



**A DAY AT
CAMP.**

ALKULANA
MILLBORO SPRINGS, VIRGINIA

TWO OPTIONS: JULY 17 & AUGUST 4

SEE & EXPERIENCE CAMP IN ACTION

TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE

SIGN UP NOW!

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