



July 2022

*Working together until Metro Richmond is...*  
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## Two PBJ Sandwiches and Kool-Aid

I love to tell this little story. I think of it as a snapshot of Matthew 25:35-36. It gives me the principle for ministry that we follow at The Well, the Church Hill Christian Wellness Center. I hope you will enjoy it as much as I love to share it.

One summer, college students inundated my neighborhood. They knocked on doors, selling everything from encyclopedias to storm windows. The young, ambitious students were very well versed. Several times they almost persuaded me to buy what they were selling.

I tried to be home whenever the students came by. My husband had not yet learned to say "No" to such persuasive salespeople. Sometimes he would buy items that we could not use, resell, or even give away.

One day I came home to find a young lady at our kitchen table. She was eating sandwiches that my husband had made for her. I asked my husband, "Who is she?"

He said, "I do not know. She is selling something. I found out she has spent all day in the neighborhood trying to sell her items. She has gone to many homes. She has not eaten anything, and she did not have anything to eat. The young woman still has about two more hours before her ride will return to pick her up. I fixed her a couple of PBJ sandwiches and a glass of Kool-Aid."

My husband has a great big generous heart. Feeding a stranger was no big deal to him. But my husband very seldom fixed anything to eat, even if he was hungry.

My husband's heart had gone out to her, so he made her a couple of sandwiches. He did not feed her because it was the right thing to do. He did not feed her to be seen as a nice person in this young lady's eyes. He fed her because she was hungry.

My husband's actions exemplify what Jesus described in Matthew 25. The King said, "I was hungry and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you invited me in; I needed clothes and you clothed me; I was in prison and you came to visit me." Every time, I get an opportunity to extend a helping hand I believe that Jesus is speaking to me like the King who says, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

We are learning to live with COVID while the community we serve continues to evolve. As the times, the people, and the needs change, The Well has to adapt to these changes, but we keep on helping people in need.

I thank God I do not minister alone. WMU members, churches, volunteers, donors, prayer partners—all of them surround and uphold me and the ministry of The Well. I am grateful God and our supporters allow me to help meet the needs of people through The Well. With their help, I and those who serve with me at The Well will keep serving the people God sends our way, and God will be glorified.

—Glinda Ford

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### PLEASE TAKE NOTE

July 1 CA Older Boys Session	
July 4 RCFN Office Closed	
July 8 OHBC/PSBC Movie Night	
July 9 CA Younger Boys Session	
July 23 CA Older Girls Session	
July 26 RCFN Board Meeting	
July 22 OHBC/PBSC Movie Night	
July 30 SRBC Support Team	

### MINISTRY OF THE WEEK

#### July 2022

7/3– International Community	
7/10– Jahnke Road Baptist	
7/17– Korean Baptist	
7/24– Lakeside Baptist	
7/31– Lifeline for Jesus	



### MARK YOU CALENDARS!

**July 20-22, 2021**

It's time for Virginia Baptist Disaster Response Training! Information and registration is available on the [BGAV website](#) and sessions will be held at Chester Baptist Church, 4317 School St., Chester, VA 23831 [www.bgav.org/events](http://www.bgav.org/events)

## **Back-to-School Celebrations!**

*Some area schools resume in August, so our Back-to-School Celebrations are getting an early start. Please contact your church's center director for updates or for more information.*

### **Church Hill Christian Wellness Center**

Glinda Ford—804-234-3549 ext.101 or 804-399-8846

**Event Date: Saturday, August 20, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

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 16, 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 or 804-386-8124

**Event Date: Friday, August 19, 11:00-1:00**

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

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 15, 16, or 17 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



Each Community Ministry Center has slightly different needs. Mission leaders, please contact your church's assigned Center to verify additional details. The guide below has some items that appear each year on the Richmond Public Schools list of needed supplies. We hope to have more current information in the August issue of "Transformed."

#### **Items to Donate**

**Backpack (large enough to hold notebooks and textbooks)**

#### **Items to put in backpacks:**

- 1 three-ring binder and divider tabs
- 1 or 2 packs of loose-leaf paper (wide-ruled or standard-ruled)
- 2 black-and-white composition books
- 2 one-subject spiral notebooks
- 1 three- or five-subject spiral notebook
- 5-8 No. 2 pencils (not mechanical)
- 5-8 black or blue ink pens (no gel)

#### **Possible additional items (not for backpacks)**

2" three-ring binders  
Pocket folders in solid colors  
3 x 5 lined index cards & file box  
Colored pencils and pencil boxes  
Crayons (pack of 16 or 24)  
Markers (washable, 8-10 pack, wide/thin)  
Highlighters  
Red pens  
Pencil sharpeners (small hand-held)  
Rulers (12 inch/metric)  
Elmer's glue-4 oz. and Glue sticks  
Scissors (pointed or blunt, metal)  
Erasers, pencil top and block style  
Zippered pencil pouches for 3-ring binder

*If you know anyone who needs help this coming school year, please have them contact our office at 804-329-1701, ext. 101 or contact one of our Centers. Thank you for helping our centers minister to our neighbors in need!*

## RCFN Missions Offering and Week of Prayer

We thank God for the prayers, gifts of time and money and donated items, and every other way RCFN churches and donors help make our ministries possible. We rely on that support all year, year after year.

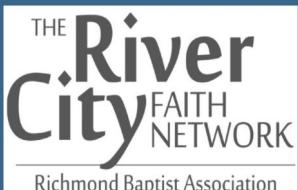
Many RCFN churches observe a Week of Prayer for RCFN Missions to reflect on the ministries and needs of RCFN. Some have invited a staff member or volunteer to speak about this year's offering and the ministries it and every other gift help make possible. You can find our Prayer Guide and additional information at [www.richmondbaptist.com/weekofprayer](http://www.richmondbaptist.com/weekofprayer). For more information about guest speakers, contact our office or any RCFN staff members.



## WEEK OF PRAYER AND OFFERING



**Help support the ministries that support the Richmond Community!**



Prayer Guide and more at  
[www.richmondbaptist.org](http://www.richmondbaptist.org)



## Vacation Bible School

### *It's VBS Season!!*

Many churches are hosting VBS this summer! Others are hosting other youth programs and family oriented events. Please pray for our churches as they provide these activities for the children and families of our faith community.

#### **Bon Air Baptist (Buford)**

July 18-20

#### **First Baptist**

June 27-July 1

#### **Huguenot Road Baptist**

July 6-8

#### **River Road (Baptist)**

June 27– July 1

#### **Second Baptist Church**

June 27– July 1

#### **Woodland Heights Baptist**

July 18-22

#### **Other Youth Gatherings**

Camp Alkulana

Virginia Baptist Music Camp

Worship in the Arts Camp

**See church websites for specific information about these events.**



Please pray for the RCFN and the individuals working on our search committee to find the a new Executive Director and Mission Strategist.

Please pray for the RCFN churches who are searching for individuals to complete their clergy and staffing needs.

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## Visit Camp Alkulana

Camp Alkulana invites volunteers, alumni, donors, and partners to visit camp for a day to get a picture of camp at its best: full of campers! Mark your calendars to visit us on

**Thursday, July 14 or  
Saturday, August 6**

Please arrive at 10:30 and depart by 3:00.

Lunch is provided. Sign up [here](#).

Questions: Please call SaraAnne Burgess at  
804-329-1701 ext:112

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- 62.5 cents per mile driven for business use effective July 1, 2022
- This is an increase from the original 2022 rate

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