



October 2023

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## RCFN Annual Meeting, 3:00 pm on Sunday, October 15, 2023 Hosted by Friendship Memorial Baptist Church

Each October, the River City Faith Network gathers for the purposes of fellowship, celebrating what God is doing in, among and through our Network churches, and charting the course for ministry in our Richmond neighborhoods in the next year.

This fall we will gather at Friendship Memorial Baptist Church at 3pm on October 15th. Check in will begin at 2:30 pm.

Our time together will include:

- ◆ Telling the stories of God’s presence “In the Neighborhood”
- ◆ Sharing the expanding ministries among our centers and campers
- ◆ Celebrating our volunteers and camp scholarship recipients
- ◆ Welcoming new ministers to the Network
- ◆ Electing and installing new RCFN officers, committee, and support team members
- ◆ Remembering the impact of key leaders and pastors our Network has lost this year
- ◆ Honoring the ministry of Board Chairman Dr. Bob Thompson for his service to the RCFN

We invite you to share the ways you and your church have been involved “In the Neighborhood” by sending us photos, video, and stories to include in our gathering! Please send these to our office by **October 10th**.



Friendship Memorial Baptist Church is located at 1901 Hicks Rd, Richmond, VA 23235. We look forward to seeing you, your church messengers\*, members, and friends of the RCFN Ministry Centers and Camp Alkulana as you join us on October 15th!

You can RSVP on the RCFN website at [www.richmondbaptist.org/annualmeeting](http://www.richmondbaptist.org/annualmeeting) or call our office at 804-329-1701 ext: 101.

\*Information regarding messengers has been sent to your Pastor.

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### PLEASE TAKE NOTE

**Last Call** for updates to Church Directory Information ahead of the Annual Meeting! **Please submit updates by October 5!** Form on [Richmondbaptist.org](http://Richmondbaptist.org)

### RCFN EVENTS

- 10/9– Camp Alkulana Golf Tournament
- 10/10– CAST Meeting
- 10/13– Alkulana LEADS Retreat
- 10/15– RCFN Annual Meeting
- 10/16– RCFN Office Closed
- 10/28– SRBC Support Team Meeting

### MINISTRY OF THE WEEK OCTOBER 2023

- 10/1- Pastor Appreciation
- 10/08– Camp Alkulana
- 10/15- River City Faith Network
- 10/22– River Road Church
- 10/29- The Saint Paul’s Baptist Church

**NOW HIRING**

**OPEN POSITIONS AVAILABLE IN OUR FAITH COMMUNITY! CHECK OUT**

[www.richmondbaptist.org](http://www.richmondbaptist.org)



**A DAY OF GOLF =  
THE SUMMER OF A LIFETIME**  
Monday, October 9, 2023

(Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day)

12:00 pm Lunch, 1:00 Shotgun Start  
Richmond Country Club (12950 Patterson Ave, 23238)

Individual Golfer: \$125/Foursome: \$440

Sponsorships: from \$50-\$500

Visit [alkulana.org](http://alkulana.org) to register or scan the QR code.

SCAN TO REGISTER



**Golf "Four" Camp Alkulana!**

The Camp Alkulana Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, October 9th.

Please join us for this year's tournament in the traditional format and enjoy a beautiful fall day of golf with others here in Richmond in support of Camp Alkulana!

This is the first time we have partnered with Richmond Country Club and we are looking forward to an enjoyable and challenging course with a variety of water and terrain layouts. RCC hosted the Senior Women's Open Qualifier event in August advancing two players to the USGA Women's Senior Open Championship.

The event will kick off with lunch and the tournament will run through the afternoon concluding with an awards ceremony.

Opportunities to sponsor this event are still available. Please check the camp website for full details about the tournament and how you can help support Camp Alkulana.

**All registrations must be received by October 1, 2023!**

Register at [alkulana.org](http://alkulana.org) or by calling Beth Wright at 804-329-1701 ext. 114.

**See you on the course October 9th!**

**RCFN Center Corner**

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

- **Oregon Hill Baptist Center:** Now collecting men's fall and winter clothing and shoes ahead of winter weather. Please contact Jennifer Turner at 804-648-1353.
- **South Richmond Baptist Center:** Continues to see a need for food in their community. Shelf stable items are welcome ahead of distributions on 3rd Thursday of each month. Contact Wesley Garrett at 804-232-0174.
- **Camp Alkulana:** Is beginning to prepare for their Spring Auction which will be held in March of 2024. They are searching for anyone who may have hand-crafted items or possible donations ahead of the event. Please contact Beth Wright at 804-329-1701 ext: 114 if you have an interest in helping support this event.



**RCFN Care & Concern**

The River City Faith Network expresses their sincere condolences to the families, friends, and congregations on the passing of Rev. Dr. Tom Graves, Founding President of Baptist Theological Seminary Richmond

**Congratulations** to Maria and Randy Lynn on the birth of their granddaughter, Ellis Claire Covert on 9/5/23!



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

Applications for this year's Christmas Store, now known as Christmas Wish, will be available for those seeking assistance beginning on October 1st. Please contact an RCFN Ministry Center Director and let them know how many children your church would like to sponsor. The Center Director will give your church contact person a list of children's names and a Wish List for each child to assigned.

Individuals or groups (e.g., teams, class members, friends, or family members) can then shop in stores or online for the child/children they have been assigned. Center Directors will provide additional information on how to prepare gifts for delivery to the Centers and dates and times they will be collected. Please contact the Center Director listed below or the RCFN office for more information.

# RCFN Christmas Wish

Please join us as we prepare to bring Christmas joy to Richmond area children this holiday. Contact our Center Directors for more information and to help with this event.

### **South Richmond Center - December 1**

Contact Wesley Garrett- 804-232-0174 Churches: Webber Memorial, Weatherford WMU, Grace Baptist, Stockton Memorial, Bon Air Baptist, Friendship Memorial, Gayton Baptist, Rising Liberty Baptist, Gravel Hill Baptist, Huguenot Road Baptist

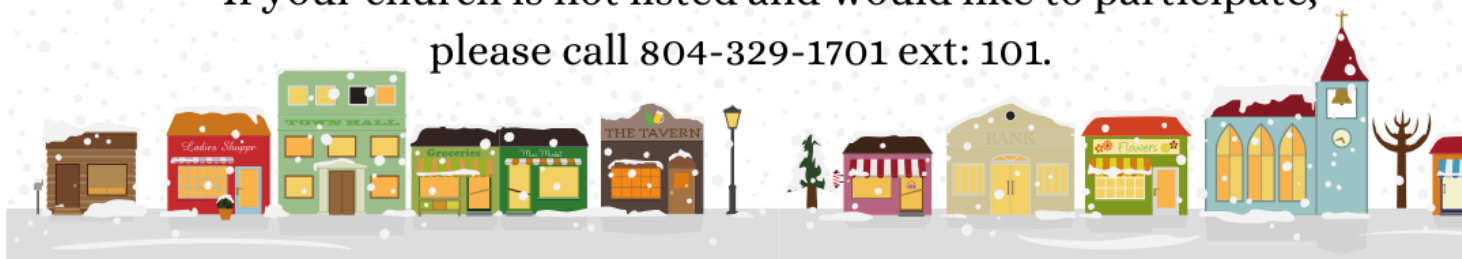
### **Oregon Hill Center- December 1**

Contact Jennifer Turner- 804-648-1353 Churches: Pine Street Baptist, Skipwith, Second Baptist, New Bethesda, New Community, Ginter Park Baptist, Bethlehem Penick, Bethany Place, Jahkne Road Baptist

### **Church Hill Wellness Center- December 2**

Contact Glinda Ford- 804-234-3549 Churches: River Road Church, Lakeside Baptist Church, Carlisle Avenue Baptist, Derbyshire Baptist Church and First Baptist Church

\*\*\*If your church is not listed and would like to participate, please call 804-329-1701 ext: 101.



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## EVENTS AROUND THE RCFN

**BGAV** | A network of churches  
for missions & ministry

### BGAV 2023 Planning Financial Support for Church Staff

Online webinar

Date: September 21, 2023

Time: 9:30 AM - Noon

Register at: [www.bgav.org/events](http://www.bgav.org/events)



### BGAV Annual Meeting

Join BGAV for this year's Annual Meeting in Richmond, VA, as we engage in fellowship, networking, and a celebration for our 200th birthday! November 13-15, 2023 at Bon Air Baptist Church.

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

**Virginia Church Library Association**  
Fall Conference  
Saturday, October 21, 2023  
8-3:30 p.m.  
at North Run Baptist Church  
2100 Lydell Drive, Richmond, VA 23228

This training event for church librarians is planned and hosted by the Virginia Church Library Association, a non-profit organization of volunteers dedicated to the support and advancement of Christian ministry through the local church library. The organization started in 1958 and continues to provide training and networking of church library workers twice a year at spring and fall conferences.

Conference information and registration is available at:

[vacla.org](http://vacla.org), Facebook & Instagram

For more information contact: Lee Smith, VCLA Director at (804) 306.3862 or at [vachurchlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:vachurchlibrary@gmail.com)