

RIVER CITY FAITH NETWORK

Working together until Metro Richmond is

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January 2026



JOY! JOY! JOY!

It is with great JOY that we begin each New Year having celebrated the advent of Christ's birth and anticipating the epiphany of the Holy Spirit's work in the world through our hands and feet. This year it has been a JOY to assist our staff in the distribution of your gifts to the children connected to our ministry center and camp communities – all 480 children from 195 families! Throughout the year there are many gifts of time, talent and resources for which we are thankful and receive only because of your partnership in the River City Faith Network.

JOY in volunteering with our Community Center ministries of Bible Study, Meals for the Unhoused, Food Pantry, Clothes Closet, and Furniture Ministry among others. **LORD, we give thanks for our participants, volunteers, and WMU ladies who meet the needs in our neighborhoods.**

JOY in leading our Network through our Board of Directors, Personnel, Stewardship, Facilities and Ministry Placement committees, and our Center and Camp Support Teams. **LORD, we give thanks for those who give of their time and expertise to steward the resources of our Association for the glory of God.**

JOY in sponsoring children for Summer Camp, Back to School Supplies, and Christmas JOY by individuals and churches in our Network. **LORD, we give thanks for their generosity and desire to see our RVA children have the resources they need to thrive in school, to build resilience and relationships with God and each other through summer camp experiences, and a spark of hope in the miracle of Christmas.**

JOY in collaborating, connecting our light with one another to learn more about the systemic needs of Hunger, Housing, Immigration, and Mental Health in our City. **LORD we give thanks for those who joined us in learning about the practical needs of refugees and immigrants and those that helped pack 6000 meals for impoverished communities around the world. Thank you for expanding our understanding of global needs through our friends at ReEstablish Richmond and Rise Against Hunger.**

JOY in partnering for regional ministry through the Central Virginia Baptist Ministries of Middle District Association, Dover Baptist Association and River City Faith Network. **LORD, we give thanks for the leadership of associational volunteers and representatives that plan our Leadership Development Conference and ministry at the Richmond Raceway. Keep us connected for Kingdom work.**

JOY in celebrating the ministries and life of our congregations, for the pastors, the ministerial and support staff, for their openness to follow God's leadership in all the seasons of life and ministry. **LORD, we give thanks for our newly installed pastors, for our churches that have closed their doors and yet continue their worship and service to You.**

JOY of Remissioning the Network as part of our 75th Anniversary. For the leaders that guide us in a process that will bring new life to our work, foster better relationships in our community and develop the next generation of missional leadership. **LORD, we give you thanks for the opportunity to dream new dreams, to build on the legacy of those who came before us and the companionship and support among our congregations that make us who we are.**

In Joyful Gratitude, Maria Lynn

Lighting A Spark! Remissioning our Association

Please join us on January 24th to learn more about remissioning and how you can be part of the Spark that gets a fire going!

Registration will open on January 10, 2026



2025 Contributions Statements

will be emailed / mailed out by January 31, 2026. If for any reason your mailing address or email has changed please contact the main office at 804.329.1701, ext 101

Thank you,
Rev. Lois Carter, Executive Assistant



MINISTRY CENTERS



CHURCH HILL CHRISTIAN WELLNESS CENTER

Rev. Glinda Ford, Director 804.329.1701 ext 104

Join us for Bible Study and Lunch on Fridays!

Our group enjoys lively conversation as we dig into the Scripture and fellowship around the lunch table.

Sponsor a Lunch

If you would like to prepare lunch, sponsor a lunch, or provide gift cards for lunch from Food Lion, Jason's Deli, Papa John's, or Sally Bell's please contact Glinda.



OREGON HILL BAPTIST CENTER

Rev. Jennifer Turner, Director 804.329.1701 ext103

Men's Gently Used Clothing ONLY

Underwear (New or Like New - washed, unstained, no tears)

Athletic Shoes, Athletic Sweat Pants (sizes 30-34)

Athletic Long Pants and Jeans

Underwear & White Athletic Socks

Coats, Jackets and Hoodies

No dress pants or trousers



Grocery Store Gift Cards

Bottle Water & Protein (Vienna Sausage, Chicken, Tuna)

Snack Bags for the Unhoused

SOUTH RICHMOND BAPTIST CENTER

SRBC 2026

Youth and Young Men's Clothing ONLY



FOR special occasion, weddings, school proms, church, court appearances and funerals.

For sizes please contact **Rev. Wesley Garrett** at 804.404.2402

SOUTH RICHMOND BAPTIST CENTER BAG REFILL

Rev. Wesley Garrett, Director 804.404.2402

3rd Thursday of the month

40 Bags for those in NEED!

Cans of Green Vegetable

Jar of peanut butter

Cans of soup

Cans of meat (corn beef hash, tuna)

Entree-canned tomato sauce/ paste / pasta

Large boxed of cereal or 6-8 pack of oatmeal

1 additional staple: Rice meal

Cans of Yellow Vegetable

Cans of Fruit

Cans of beans



**CAMP
ALKULANA**

CAMP DATES
2026

**OLDER BOYS
JUN 14-JUN 25**
ages 12-14

**YOUNGER BOYS
JUN 29-JUL 6**
ages 9-11 & CITs

**OLDER GIRLS
JUL 13-JUL 24**
ages 12-14

**YOUNGER GIRLS
JUL 28-AUG 4**
ages 9-11 & CITs



Silent Auction & Dinner

to benefit Camp Alkulana

**March 14, 2026
5:00 pm**

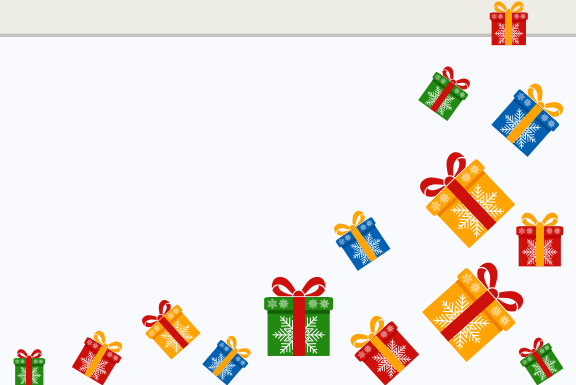
Richmond's First Baptist Church
2709 Monument Ave, Richmond, VA 23220
Tickets are on sale at alkulana.org

Connecting the Light

Your gifts to the RCFN help support these events - Thank you!

Thank You

To the volunteers, donors, churches, and staff that assisted with the Christmas JOY!



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2026 RCFN CALENDAR

Jan 13	RCFN Staff Meeting & Cast Meeting
Jan 19	RCFN Holiday
Jan 24	Leadership Event Remissioning Church

Center Ministry Program Schedule

CHCWC: Mondays: Clothes Closet
Tues- Thurs: Financial Assistance
Fridays: Bible Study
Third Wednesday & Thursday: Food Collection & Pantry

OHBC: Mondays: Mail Distribution
First & Third Wednesdays: Laundry Ministry
Thursdays: Meal, Lockers, Clothes Closet

SRBC: Mondays: Furniture & Clothing
Wednesdays: Bible Study
Third Thursday: Food Pantry

Congratulations to

Our Staff's on their Birthday's Glinda Ford, Director CHWC -Dec 15th- Wesley Garrett, Director SRBC- Dec 21st, Lois Carter, Executive Assistant-Dec 26.

Our Condolences to

The family of Lunette Rice and the Church Hill Center Community in the loss of their beloved volunteer that actively served for many decades.

Church Employment Opportunities

First Baptist - Director of Stewardship & Development
Gravel Hill BC - Bi-Vocational Pastor
Poplar Springs BC- Interim Worship Leader
Lakeside Baptist Church- Pianist
Broadus Memorial BC - Minister of Youth-PT
Gayton BC - Part-Time Church Office Manager
Bon Air BC- Director Finance and Operations
Hatcher Memorial BC- Office Admin/ Comm Coor