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February 2024

CAMP ALKULANA PRESENTS

MARCH 16, 2024

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8800 Derbyshire Rd, Richmond, VA 23229

LIGHTS, CAMERA...AUCTION!

Registration is now open for the Camp Alkulana Auction! The auction and dinner will be held at Derbyshire Baptist Church at 8800 Derbyshire Rd, Richmond, VA. Space is limited for this event, and the deadline for online tickets is March 4, 2024. Tickets are \$15.00 each or you can bring your entire cast and crew (group of 8) for \$100.00. Tickets, sponsorship opportunities and more information can be found at <https://alkulana.org>.

Bidding opportunities will be available for a variety of services, gift certificates, destinations, experiences, gift baskets, and handmade goods. The Camp Alkulana Support Team is still collecting items for the event and if you have a donation, please contact Beth Wright at bwright@alkulana.org.

Camp Alkulana is a ministry of the River City Faith Network. Your support of this event will help us continue to create life-changing summer camp experiences for campers for decades to come.

Ministry of the Week

Please pray for our churches and the activities providing ministry around the RCFN each week. Each week we focus on a different church or program here in Richmond.

February 2024

2/4- Bethlehem
2/11- Bethlehem- Penick Rd.
2/18- Bon Air
2/25- Carlisle Avenue

Upcoming Events

Please be sure to check for all the happenings on the RCFN website for the most up to date information and to register for certain events!

2/4- VCLA Coffee & Chat
2/6- RCFN Staff Meeting
2/10- A Conversation on Racial Healing
2/12- Camp Registration Opens
2/13- CAST meeting- 6 pm

2023 Contribution Statements are currently being processed. Please contact our office with any questions about your statement. All gifts should be mailed to our main office at 2828 Emerywood Parkway or online through our website.



A Conversation in Racial Healing

If you would like to join others in this discussion, please see the following for registration and details.

Tickets are available online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-conversation-on-racial-healing-with-rva-leaders-river-road-church-tickets-714222858797?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

You can also contact River Road Church Baptist with questions at 804-288-1131.



River Road Church
DISTINGUISHED
SPEAKER FORUM

A Conversation on Racial Healing

A PANEL DISCUSSION WITH
REV. DR. LANCE WATSON,
THE REV. BEN CAMPBELL, &
AUTHOR KRISTEN GREEN

**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 10, 2024, 12-2PM**

River Road Church, Baptist
8000 River Road, RVA 23229



RCFN CHURCHES CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

A Conversation on Racial Healing

River Road Church Baptist will be hosting Rev. Dr. Lance Watson, Senior Pastor of the Saint Paul's Baptist Church of Richmond, Virginia and The Rev. Ben Campbell, Pastoral Associate at St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Richmond, Virginia at their next their next Distinguished Speaker's Forum.

Rev. Campbell is an Episcopal priest serving as Pastoral Associate at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in downtown Richmond. He is also the Founder of Richmond Hill, a residential Christian community and spiritual retreat in Richmond's Church Hill neighborhood. Rev. Campbell is a Civil Rights Activist and Author of *Richmond's Unhealed History*. They will also be joined by Kristen Green, author of *The Devil's Half Acre*. This panel discussion will be held in the Sanctuary. This event is open to the public. While tickets are free of charge, you may offer a suggested donation of \$10. Free parking is available across River Road and behind the church.

A Challenge to Our City

Please join Rev. Jim Somerville and David Bailey (pictured left) on March 4th at First Baptist Richmond for this year's choice for the FBC city-wide book read. The selection is *The Fire Next Time* by James Baldwin, written as a letter to his nephew on the 100th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. And because it's a short book (only 111 pages), they are recommending a second short book, *Between the World and Me*, by Ta-Nehisi Coates, written as a letter to his son. Baldwin's book is a classic among African American literature. Coates's book was the winner of the National Book Award.

The challenge is to read one or both books during Black History Month (February) and then join us for a discussion in the fellowship hall of Richmond's First Baptist Church on Monday evening, March 4, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. These intimate, personal letters will move you, teach you, and make you eager to hear what others have to say. The discussion is free and open to the public. No reservation is required. Both books are available at Amazon.com

A Challenge to Our City



The event will be held at
First Baptist Church
2709 Monument Ave
Richmond, VA 23220

Join us in the fellowship hall. Free parking is available at the church.

Any questions about this event, please call 804-355-8637.

UPDATES FROM AROUND THE RIVER CITY FAITH NETWORK



2024 Richmond Raceway Spring Event March: Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st

CVRM has a unique opportunity for evangelism this year as Easter weekend is a race weekend. They are prayerful that people will be even more receptive to the Gospel during festivities and the free Easter service open to the public at the Raceway's amphitheater. Please consider assisting the Raceway Ministry for the following needs:

- Set-up and transport of tables and chairs
- Distributing beverages and refreshments
- Maintaining tables with literature for visitors
- Handing out flyers for the worship events
- Guide the fans around the track.
- Assist with games & refreshments at our Kids Corner locations.
- Donate homemade cookies and Easter eggs! Place 2-3 cookies per bag with a label including if they are nut-free and "compliments of [your church]." Plastic Easter eggs should contain factory-wrapped candy and should not be taped shut.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please call Charles Ward, Volunteer Coordinator at 804-317-0094. You can also email Charles Ward at abcdward73@yahoo.com

Please deliver all COOKIE AND EASTER EGG DONATIONS to the River City Faith Network Office at 2828 Emerywood Pkwy, Richmond, VA 23294 by Thursday, March 28th.

Thank you for your help on behalf of the Central Virginia Raceway Ministry team!

Virginia Church Library Association

Coffee & Chat

Saturday, February 4, 2023

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Monument Heights Baptist Church
5716 Monument Avenue
Richmond, VA 23226
monumentheights.org/library
(804) 285-3256

We will discuss promotion using newsletters, social media, and more. Bring your ideas and questions for a time of roundtable discussion and fellowship with other church librarians.

RSVP by Friday, February 9, 2024 to
Lee Smith @ vachurchlibrary@gmail.com
or (804) 306-3862

If you have books, DVDs, or library supplies you would like to share with others, we will have a swap area. Items should be within 10 years of publication 2013 or newer, not yellowed, torn, or written in.

vacla.org

Facebook: VCLA / Virginia Church Library Association
Instagram: [vachurchlibrary](https://www.instagram.com/vachurchlibrary)

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

The River City Faith Network would like to share congratulations to:

Lighthouse Internation Church
on rejoining the RCFN!

Rev. SaraAnne Burgess on her
4th Anniversary with Camp
Alkulana as Camp Liaison.



Beth Wright, on 15 years as
Director of Camp Alkulana.

Rev. Tom Ingram, on being
named Music Minister Emeritus
at Hatcher Memorial Baptist
Church- *pictured right*



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RCFN CENTER CORNER

Our Centers are currently looking for assistance with the following items:

Church Hill CWC- Men's pants sizes 30-38 and brown paper grocery bags for the clothing and food ministry.

Oregon Hill- Men's winter coats, clothes and shoes for the Unhoused in the community. Help serve a Thursday meal to the Oregon Hill Community!! Available dates are: **February 15, March 14, April 4, April 25**

South Richmond- canned food items are always appreciated for the urgent food insecurity in South Richmond.

Please contact our Center Directors for more information and to make an appointment to deliver your items. Thank you for your support!

804-329-1701



MILEAGE UPDATE

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service today issued the 2024 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes.

Beginning on Jan. 1, 2024, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be:

- 67 cents per mile driven for business use, up 1.5 cents from 2023.
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations; the rate is set by statute and remains unchanged from 2023.

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