

## South Richmond Baptist Center

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### Annual Report 2021

The following information has been presented by the South Richmond Baptist Center operating under the two locations listed above. Most of the day-to-day activities are done at the Satellite location. Please contact the community missionary at (804) 232-0174. For mailing purposes please use either the 700 E. Belt Blvd address above or the RCFN address of 2828 Emerywood Parkway, Henrico, VA 23294.

The activities include:

**Back-to-School celebration** and Backpack giveaway. Through the generous donations from churches like: Bon Air (Sunday School class), Huguenot Road Baptist, Friendship Memorial Baptist, Woodland Heights, Jahnke Road Baptist, Webber Memorial Baptist, Weatherford Mission Group, Stockton Memorial Baptist, and Carlisle Avenue (member: Rosa Coleman). In September 2019, God provided through these churches and missionary efforts: 279 backpacks and school supplies for the youth and children of our southside community. We had 12 volunteers to hand out the various backpacks filled with school supplies enough to make sure each child had adequate supplies. Also, we were blessed by the efforts of WMUV, we were able to present backpacks to preschool/kindergarten with age-appropriate items. Snacks and popcorn were distributed to parents and students alike on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. We also continued to make available to the community youth and children, several backpacks on the weekend afterwards (Saturday, Sunday, and Monday Labor Day) to some that missed the giveaway on that Friday. We added in each backpack, some necessary items like band-aids, lunch containers supplied by Webber Memorial, as well as a note wishing each person to receive this bag, God's blessing, and a reminder to come back anytime during the school with their report cards, in order to receive more supplies. Also currently, we provide families with hygiene bags for each household.

**After-school programs** for youth and children. During the after-school activity we assist with homework help and mentoring. Also, currently, the activities include Christian paper games, board games and table tennis, and have available a lending library of free books for all. Very soon, we will be receiving Biblical character costumes for the soon to be started - Satellite drama activities. Volunteers from Huguenot Road Baptist church have been creating these costumes for various ages. Some Saturdays I spend time with the youth and children and have something worth while for them.

**Satellite Ministry:** God blessed the Satellite building with various items from the RBA office located at 3111 Moss Side avenue, including the conference room table, display boards and thermostats. (There are still items that need to be installed on the walls, so please help.) Thanks to Friendship Memorial men's group for the moving of furniture from the RBA office.

**Easter Baskets** – Mrs. Davidson, the first lady of Lyndale Baptist Church (Middle District) again blessed the ministry center with 30 Easter baskets and candy during the Easter season. Easter candies before and after the holiday (when prices drop) is always welcomed. Also, Jahnke Road WMU, by way of Mrs. Betty Shires, several bags of snacks were donated.

**Football club/time:** During the winter months, on Sunday afternoons, the Satellite ministry welcomes the community youth to root for their favorite NFL teams. This is our effort to reach fathers and boys of our community. Thanks to many of our churches in donations of candy and cookies and other sugar-free juice snacks for this and other after-school activities.

**Adult Bible Study:** The Bible Study class continues Wednesday morning, at the Satellite location. During this pandemic we moved the study to virtual. After study, we teach seniors computer skills. We are seeking undated Bible study materials to be donated.

**Repairs and Cleaning of Satellite Ministry Building:** Having this building takes a tremendous amount of time keeping it clean. We are blessed to have Mrs. Frances Hayes coming in once or twice a month to keep it clean. Donations of cleaning material is welcomed. There are still various needs necessary for the ministry to be hung or fixed properly. New fire extinguishers and exit signs need to be replaced.

**Widow of Zarepheth:** At the Satellite we have added a free food cabinet for those in the community can stop by 24/7 to groceries. Many people in the community, may work or cannot make it to the scheduled times for food pantry or some just feel uncomfortable asking for assistance. This ministry cabinet is located right outside the ministry center door, and we continually restock it for the community.

The other ministries conducted at the St. Paul Church, Belt location of the SRBC includes:

**Emergency Food distribution:** This ministry has changed from having two weeks a month for the food distribution to only one week on the third Thursdays. Several churches including a huge amount of food donated in October, donates bags of groceries to assist in this ministry need. On the third Thursday, Huguenot Road Baptist donates the Panera bread. We returned to the Third week in November with Thanksgiving baskets for needy families. This past year we assisted over 771 families with bags of groceries. GA group, assisted by Dr. Valerie Carter Smith, and Friendship Memorial WMU group volunteered help to clean and strengthen the food pantry. Thanksgiving and Christmas is a great time to volunteer your Walmart and Food Lion gift cards, as so many did this past year. These gift cards are used to purchase turkeys and other needed items to make their holidays complete. We distributed 38 turkeys at Christmas.

**Weatherford Missions Group** meets at the Satellite center once a month on the second Tuesday for their WMU mission group. During the Pandemic, they cancelled temporary their attending, but we look forward to their return. Several programs highlights included various speakers throughout the Richmond area. Dr. Valerie Carter Smith, Betty Damon, Cathy Tatum, RCFN staff, and other members of churches serve as speakers.

**The clothing ministry:** continues to help families and single person homes with gently used clothing as needed. We helped over 91 persons this past year. Thanks to Mrs. Annie Smith in volunteering and assisting the ministry of folding, sorting, and handling of clothing for the South Richmond Center.

**The Christmas Store:** My sincere appreciation to churches, WMU members, individuals, and volunteers in sending donations and giving hours in their effort toward a successful Christmas store. In December 2020, we assisted with reaching 43 different families and over 135 children with Christmas gifts, toys, and clothing. We adjusted our "Store" to have the ministry drive by for pick up. Several churches and their members sponsored the children by adopting each child and/or family, and purchased the gifts desired by the child. This "Christmas angel" style of ministry was a huge success and we plan to continue it through the Christmas 2021 season.

**Financial Assistance:** This year, we were not able to assist needy families as we were able in the past. We were still able to assist with Bus Passes, transportation needs and medical assistance. The total assistance was 107

persons over all in such needs. From time to time, some of our young adults earn a few dollars doing odd jobs around the Satellite building.

**Computer Classes:** Through a monthly donation of internet access, the Satellite Ministry center has once again begun computer classes for youth and adults. Adults can learn computer skills as well as research the internet for job opportunities and place resumes.

Thank you for the tremendous support from our churches and the work of Mrs. Mary Palmer and WMU in reaching people for Christ. James 1:27 reminds us, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, *and* to keep himself unspotted from the world." (KJV)

<i>Activity/Attendance</i>	<i>Oct</i> <i>2020</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec</i>	<i>Jan</i> <i>2021</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>Jun</i>	<i>Jul</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sep</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
Food Distribution (Families)	65	60	72	88	45	65	68	45	44	49	70	100	<b>771</b>
Rent, Medical, assistance	2	4	11	0	20	0	2	12	1	12	6	4	<b>74</b>
Warm Meals	4	0	0	12	25	8	12	6	0	0	0	5	<b>84</b>
Bible Studies	3	4	1	4	3	3	3	2	2	0	0	3	<b>37</b>
After School Clubs, Snacks	5	8	6	7	2	4	6	8	8	2	6	3	<b>65</b>
Volunteers	13	10	17	10	2	10	12	12	10	3	35	5	<b>139</b>
Youth/Senior Trips	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	<b>3</b>
Clothing Distribution (Individuals)	7	14	10	17	1	4	5	10	5	5	5	8	<b>91</b>
Church visits	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
Backpack Ministry	25	2	0	0	12	1	5	1	0	0	0	279	<b>325</b>
Sunday Football Ministry	6	7	3	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	<b>31</b>
Computer Training	0	0	2	0	2	2	3	0	5	0	0	0	<b>14</b>
Christmas sponsorship			135										<b>135</b>

Submitted,

Reverend Wesley R. Garrett