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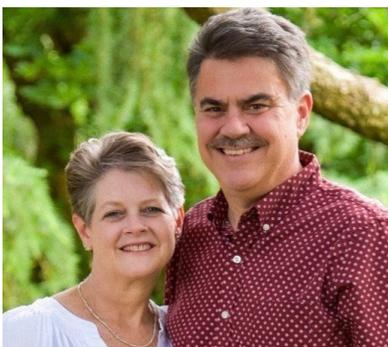


25 and 30

July 1 marked two significant ministry anniversaries in the River City Faith Network. Philip Turner celebrated 30 years as pastor at Pine Street Baptist Church, and Jennifer Turner celebrated 25 years as the community missionary and director at Oregon Hill Baptist Center. Their two anniversaries are worth a double celebration!

The story of how they arrived on Oregon Hill shows God at work before either recognized it occurring. Jennifer grew up in Ginter Park Baptist Church. She worked at Camp Alkulana and worked with Jane Jackson at Hillside Center. Jennifer was completing her degree with an emphasis on urban ministry when they met at seminary.

Philip also felt led toward urban ministry. They married and moved to Richmond while he completed his seminary degree. He served as an intern with Evelyn Berry at Oregon Hill Baptist Center. That internship turned into a position that brought Philip to the attention of Pine Street Baptist Church. Pine Street called Philip as pastor shortly after Pastor F. E. "Pat" Patterson retired.



Jennifer succeeded Philip as the intern at Oregon Hill Baptist Center. That fall Pine Street called Jennifer to join the church staff as Minister of Outreach. Jennifer served there until Evelyn Berry retired and Richmond Baptists called her to succeed Evelyn.

Longevity in a ministry position can open many doors. Over time, both the minister and the people learn each other's ways and come to trust one another. It takes several years to learn the responsibilities and rhythms of a position. It takes time to learn names and how people relate to one another. Jennifer and Philip have knowledge of these things from years of experience in their ministry settings.

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To stay the years Jennifer and Philip have each stayed in one place in ministry requires several factors. First, one must feel called to keep on serving. When God calls a person to a particular ministry, the call remains open until God changes it. Both Jennifer and Philip understand that. That has helped them keep going through "the dry spells" of ministry.

The minister must keep on choosing to stay as well. With their gifts for ministry they might have left, but they have chosen to remain.

It also helps if a ministry fits both the passion and the personality of the minister. Jennifer and Philip each felt God's call to ministry in an urban setting. They found ministry among the families on Oregon Hill fit their calling.

The young minister who stays thirty years becomes the old minister who serves three or more generations. A pastor like Philip must change to match the people and the times while preaching an unchanging Gospel. Philip describes flexibility as one key to longevity in ministry. "We must adapt to changing situations. Richmond is not the same city. River City Faith Network is not the same association. We grieve for any losses we feel at the same time we see what else emerges."

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PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Please let us know if you have updates to your contact information. We appreciate it!

Please update your contact information for **Church Hill Christian Wellness Center!**
The new phone # is **804-234-3549**

The RCFN Stewardship Committee is currently working on the 2022 Budget. Please contact Steve Allsbrook with any questions as you are planning for the new year. 804-329-1701*102

Save the date!
Camp Alkulana
Golf Tournament
October 11, 2021



MINISTRY OF THE WEEK AUGUST 2021

- 8/1-- Korean Baptist
- 8/8-- Lakeside Baptist
- 8/15-- Lifeline for Jesus
- 8/22-- The Light Community Church
- 8/29-- Lighthouse International

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In Jennifer's case, God has created new passion for her ministry with the variety of needs she discovers. Every day brings something different. A ringing doorbell at the ministry center may change her plans for the day. Philip said, "Everyone who comes to Jennifer has a crisis, and she cares enough to try to help each person with their problem."

The ministry setting must continue to show it wants the minister to stay. That means not sending the minister away. It also means showing appreciation to those who serve the ministry setting. In this case, both Pine Street and Richmond Baptists have done things to help Philip and Jennifer know we value them and their ministries.

The Turners are grateful for all God has given them and their family on Oregon Hill. Their children have roots not every minister's child gets to develop. On Oregon Hill Jennifer and Philip raised their daughters "with hundreds of grandparents." Lindsey and Hannah got to put down their roots in a village-like setting where most people knew each other. Their daughters now recognize that as a gift. What they learned in their home on Oregon Hill has shaped their lives as adults. Lindsay lives on Church Hill near the Richmond Public School where she teaches. Hannah works in Raleigh, NC with a ministry to immigrants who hope to make a new life in this country.

God also blessed Philip and Jennifer through mentors like Bill and Evelyn Berry. Philip said, "They meant so much to us. Bill taught us the importance of knowing the names and family ties of the people to whom we minister." What a gift, as well, for Bill and Evelyn that the Turners welcomed them to remain a part of the Baptist family on Oregon Hill after Bill and Evelyn retired!

Our community ministry centers began with the House of Happiness in 1914. What we know as the Oregon Hill Baptist Center started out on Cary Street. In 1974, with the cooperation of Pastor Bill Tomlinson, the ministry center moved to Pine Street. It was a kind of partnership experiment—the first test of moving a ministry center into a church facility in Richmond Baptist Association. Philip asked, "What would Pine Street Baptist Church be today without the Oregon Hill Baptist Center?"

Jennifer wants the churches of River City Faith Network to know the importance of the historic and current relationship between Richmond Baptist churches and our ministry centers. She said, "Our churches can take pride in how they have stayed faithful to our centers and Camp Alkulana. Even though most of our congregations meet in other neighborhoods, they still show they feel passionate about what these ministries do for others and about discovering new ways to serve."

Long-term ministry relationships, like long marriages, have their ups and downs. How did Philip and Jennifer manage the occasional conflicts that a married couple will face, especially with both serving in ministry? Jennifer and Philip complement each other like true "helpmeets". Philip said, "We understand that if we want to work efficiently we need each other."

In marriage and in ministry, we need to work with each other for the Kingdom's sake. Jesus said we are like branches of one vine; we only have life in Him. He prayed that His followers would be one (John 17: 21-22). Baptists have long understood we can do more together than any of us can do alone. Repeat that message and live it too. We *can* do more together than any of us can do alone. The Turners are living proof.

—Steve Allsbrook

Church Hill Christian Wellness Center has a **NEW PHONE NUMBER!**

804-234-3549—Please update your number for "The Well"—804-234-3549

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PLEASE SEE THE WEBSITE FOR
CURRENT OPENINGS IN
OUR FAITH COMMUNITY.
WWW.RICHMONDBAPTIST.ORG
CONTACT US TO SHARE YOUR
OPENINGS WITH RCFN!

RCFN Church Directory

We are updating our directory of churches.
Please help us ensure that your information is
correct for all in the RCFN community!!
Any questions, please call 804-329-1701.

Thank you!

HELP US REACH THE CAMP ALUKULANA OFFERING GOAL \$125,000

**YOU CAN MAKE AN IMPACT
THIS SUMMER THAT WILL
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For more information about the camp or to give online, please visit the camp website: **www.alkulana.org**.

Camp Alkulana is a ministry of the River City Faith Network, and all gifts are tax-deductible.

“Back To School” Celebrations!

Our ministry centers have planned their “Back to School” Celebrations (details below and on right). Please contact your church’s center director re updates or for more information.

Church Hill Christian Wellness Center

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

Store Date: Saturday, August 21, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Delivery at Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1920 Fairmount Avenue on August 18 and 19, 10:00-Noon and 1:00-3:00 p.m.

CHCWC’s goal is to collect 100 filled back packs! We are also collecting new packages of underwear and socks as well as the following for toiletry bags: Shampoo, Comb & Brush, Deodorant, Soap, Washcloth, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Mouthwash, Floss and Lotion

Churches: Bethlehem (Fairmount), Bethlehem (Penick), Carlisle Ave., 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

Store Date: Tuesday, August 24, 6:00-7:45 p.m.

Please deliver items to Pine Street Baptist on Monday August 23rd from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. If unable to do so on that date, please call to set up a delivery day and time. **OHBC will be closed August 12-20, 2021.**

Churches: Pine Street, First Baptist, New Community Baptist, New Life Baptist and Tabernacle

South Richmond Baptist Center

Wesley Garrett—804-232-0174 or 804-386-8124

Store Date: Friday, September 3, 2021 at 1 p.m.

The Back to School Celebration at South Richmond Satellite will be on September 3rd at 1pm. at the Germain Road address. Please deliver all packed backpacks on Monday – Wednesday, August 30, 2021- September 1, 2021. Volunteers do not need to sign up, please just show up. All back packs will be distributed on that Friday, September 3, 2021.

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, St. Paul’s, Stockton Memorial, Swift Creek, United for Christ, Weatherford Mission Group, Westover, Woodland Heights



All Centers need backpacks and other items (see below). Churches, please contact your assigned Center to verify additional details.

Backpack (large enough for notebooks and textbooks) filled with:

- 1 three-ring binder and divider tabs
- 1 or 2 packs of loose-leaf paper (wide or standard rule)
- 4 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 (do not put in backpacks)

- 2” three-ring binders
- Pocket folders (with or without brads) in solid colors
- 3 x 5 lined index cards & file box
- Colored pencils
- 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
- Hand sanitizer 8oz

Please check with your church’s assigned community missionary for any updates re the items to collect for their “Back to School” Celebration.



**COVID-19
Vaccine
Information**

The Virginia Department of Health has posted a link to pre-register for the COVID-19 vaccine.

For more information go to:

<https://vaccinate.virginia.gov>

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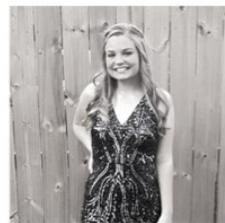
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Since 2017 the Westhampton Scholarship fund has helped Camp Alkulana campers attend college or vocational training. Westhampton Baptist Church generously endowed this fund to help our campers for generations to come! We gladly accept additional contributions.