



# LIGHTING A SPARK

2025 RCFN  
ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 5, 2025

3:00 PM

HATCHER MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH  
2300 DUMBARTON ROAD

"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands."  
- 2 Timothy 1:6

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."  
- Hebrews 10:24-25

## **74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Richmond Baptist Association**

**October 5, 2025**

**Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church**

**2300 Dumbarton Road**

**Richmond, VA 23228**

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Recognition of New RCFN Pastors and Host church	
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Anniversary Recognition for Rev. Glinda Ford	
Business Session	
Call to Order	Daniel Glaze, Board Chair
Clerk's Report	Joyce Clemmons, Clerk
Treasurer's Report	Richard Martin, Treasurer
Stewardship Committee Report	David Bailey, Chair
*2026 Budget Presentation and Adoption	
Ministry Placement Committee Report	Susan Hughes, Chair
*Election of Officers, Committees, Support Teams	
Commissioning Prayer	Daniel Glaze
Lighting a Spark in 2026	Maria Lynn, Executive Director
Adjournment	Daniel Glaze
Closing & Benediction	

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## RCFN REPORT FROM THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON

*Dr. Daniel Glaze*

I am honored to continue serving as Chair of the Board of Directors of River City Faith Network. We have an exceptional team of ministers and leaders who continue to guide our cooperative mission work with wisdom and dedication.

On behalf of the Network and its Board, I want to express our deep gratitude for your and your church's ongoing gifts of prayer, time, energy, and financial resources that sustain the RCFN's vital ministries. Your partnership makes our shared work possible. As we look forward to the year ahead, I encourage you to prayerfully consider how you or your congregation might be called to deepen your involvement or expand your support of the RCFN's mission. Your continued generosity is a blessing to our entire community.

We recognize that we continue to face significant challenges—a reality that come as no surprise to those of us serving in ministry and nonprofit leadership. Fundraising remains difficult, and we see participation levels that require us to be creative and intentional in our approach to ministry.

This year and next, we look forward to a time of Re-Missioning and Re-Visioning, led by Rev. Dr. Josh Hayden, consultant, and pastor of FBC Ashland. Dr. Hayden is no stranger to the RCFN, yet his global church focus will help us to embrace and navigate our challenges with grace. All along, we will trust in God's faithful guidance as we pray for fresh opportunities to share the hope and love of Christ in Richmond, Bath County, and beyond.

Thank you for your partnership in this sacred work.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MISSION STRATEGIST REPORT

*Dr. Maria Lynn, EDMS*

2026 will mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Richmond Baptist Association. Although 1951 is the official launch date of the RBA, Baptist churches in Richmond have been ministering in the city through the Baptist City Missionary Society (1888), Baptist Council, and the Women's Mission Society (1872) for more than a hundred and fifty years. We will celebrate this milestone in several ways, the most important one being the gift of rekindling the spark of what it means to be God's people in this place at this time.

I began my tenure here in 2022 as the Board was examining the ministries, programs, and property to develop a plan for the best stewardship of our resources that will meet the most need. It is a difficult task to decide what to do with dwindling resources, great staff, and important ministries. In scripture, Jesus introduces the biblical themes of stewardship and pruning. Pruning is necessary at times for preventing disease, reshaping the plant, taming unguided and unrestricted growth. But how much do we cut, what and when do we prune? In the end, pruning brings about health, beauty, and better fruit.

In January, our Board made the decision to acquire the services of a consultant to help us envision the future of our work among our Richmond Baptist churches. We did our research, interviewed potential agencies, and voted to engage the help of Iwa Collaborative and their Director of Remissioning, Dr. Joshua Hayden. Iwa Collaborative exists to help churches make discipleship central and connect it with their local mission. They help remission established churches and associations that are trying to adapt to their culture and seek the flourishing of their local communities.

The remissioning process will take approximately 18-24 months and include a three-pronged approach. First, the staff will participate in a 25-week remissioning collective with other leaders from across the United States. Our cohort will help us recalibrate our ministries around missional presence, tackle policies, and procedures, and honor the past while innovating toward the future. Second, our associational leadership will engage in several 4-hour workshops as we discover, plan, and implement the vision for the future. Third, our churches are invited to join us in remissioning themselves. Associations are only as strong as their churches, and we want to invest in the health and kingdom mission for all of us.

There are three phases to this process:

**Discovery:** will help us gain clarity on our remissioning pathway in conjunction with identifying where our member churches are at the same time. This involves interviewing our church leaders and listening to the heartbeat of our churches.

**Planning:** will identify gaps from where we are to where we want to be. This involves looking at how we operate, trying something new and aligning our structure with our mission.

**Implementation:** will clarify the practical ways to develop and implement a plan for the association. This may involve remissioning the centers, forming funding plans, exploring new partnerships.

I am excited about this remissioning process as we reconnect with our churches, discovering who we are as a body of churches. I look forward to imagining what opportunities for missional discipleship might look

like for the RCFN. Most importantly, to strengthen and regenerate our association and her churches for God's kingdom.

We have many years to continue God's transforming work in Richmond. My hope is that we can **Light a Spark in 2026** to do what only God can make possible!

## REPORT FROM THE CLERK

*Joyce Clemmons, Clerk*

- Gracie Kirkpatrick, former camp director for thirty years, passed away on November 4, 2024. A memorial service was held at Broadus Memorial BC at which many camp alumni gathered to share their memories of Gracie.
- SaraAnne Burgess celebrated her fifth anniversary with RCFN.
- The Board voted to acquire the services of a consultant to guide us in a revisioning process.
- A Volunteer Luncheon was held on April 26<sup>th</sup>. The Oregon Hill Support Team planned the program and provided entertainment. The Church Hill Christian Wellness Center Support Team served the meal.
- Rev. DeLores (Lois) Carter joined the RCFN Staff on May 12, 2025, as Office Manager/Executive Assistant.
- Maria Lynn presented a Week of Prayer for Associational Missions program which addressed the needs for housing, food security, mental health, generational needs, and welcoming strangers among us. The theme was CONNECTING THE LIGHT. Date was May 18-24, 2025.

## REPORT FROM THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF RICHMOND

*Mary Palmer, Director*

Our Richmond WMU and mission leaders continue to be a support to our Camp and Center ministries. Praying for, giving to, and engaging in these ministries is vital to the viability of the RCFN. We look forward to gathering for a new year of mission opportunities in 2026!

## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

*David Bailey, Chair*

The Stewardship Committee met several times this year to review the network's financial policies and updated them as needed. The Stewardship committee reviewed the RCFN income and expenses, approved recommended COLA adjustment and housing allowances for 2025 and will do so for 2026. We present our proposed 2026 Budget prepared by our Treasurer, Richard Martin, for your approval.

**TREASURERS REPORT**  
**Richard Martin, Treasurer**  
 January – August 2025

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Change</b>
Church, Individual and Legacy Receipts	163,785	128,627	+27.33%
Mission Offering	2,380	4,784	-50.25%
Camp Alkulana Receipts	88,613	72,750	+21.80%
Camp Alkulana Other Receipts	38,918	66,104	-41.13%
Church Hill Center Receipts	4,309	3,606	+19.51%
Oregon Hill Center Receipts	8,143	5,645	+44.25%
South Richmond Center Receipts	5,904	5,080	+16.22%
Investment Transfers and Other Receipts	81,754.	93,750	-12.8%
Uncategorized Receipts	4,500		
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$398,305</b>	<b>\$380,345</b>	<b>+4.72%</b>
Congregational Connections Expenses	1,701	1,091	+55.93%
Camp Alkulana Expenses	215,244	269,831	-20.23%
Church Hill Center Expenses	51,109	52,034	-1.78%
Oregon Hill Center Expenses	54,482	51,412	+5.97%
South Richmond Center Expenses	56,200	61,422	-8.50%
RCFN Operational Expenses	119,581	132,936	-10.05%
Uncategorized Expenses	4,545	1,040	+337.11%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$502,861</b>	<b>\$569,766</b>	<b>-11.74%</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>-\$104,566</b>	<b>-\$189,421</b>	<b>+44.80%</b>

*All figures have been rounded to the nearest whole number and may result in minor discrepancies in totals.*

**Richmond Baptist Association Endowment Fund**

Beginning Balance:	\$1,384,629.83
Disbursements	\$58,904.00
Earnings	\$0.00
Administrative Cost	\$6,535.13
Investment Performance	\$141,079.56
Ending Balance:	\$1,463,411.76

**RCFN Headquarters Fund**

Beginning Balance:	\$282,788.39
Disbursements	\$13,612.00
Earnings	\$656.41
Administrative Cost	\$1,346.77
Investment Performance	\$29,788.08
Ending Balance:	\$298,274.11

**Camp Alkulana Endowment Fund**

Beginning Balance:	\$476,120.14
Disbursements	\$27,604.00
Earnings	\$1,080.60
Administrative Cost	\$2,246.97
Investment Performance	\$48,526.68
Ending Balance:	\$495,876.45

Investments as of 8/31/2025	\$2,257,562.32
Investments as of 1/1/2025	\$2,143,538.36

## 2026 River City Faith Network Budget Proposal

	2026 Proposed	2025 Budget
RECEIPTS	\$758,100	\$609,362
EXPENSES	\$756,975	\$719,848
	\$(1,875)	\$ (110,486)

### RECEIPTS

41000	RIVER CITY FAITH N Church/Individuals/Legacy receipts	\$313,500	\$230,200
41100	RCFN MISSION OFFERING	\$9,500	\$25,000
41200	CAMP ALKULANA Church/Individual/Legacy receipts	\$129,900	\$113,000
41300	CAMP OTHER RECE Grants/Fundraisers/Fee	\$82,225	\$75,000
41400	CHURCH HILL CENT Church/Individual/Legacy receipts	\$6,975	\$10,250
41500	OREGON HILL CENT Church/Individual/Legacy receipts	\$13,300	\$14,800
41600	SOUTH RICHMOND CETN Church/Individual/Legacy receipts	\$15,050	\$13,800
41700	INVESTMENT TRANSFERS & OTHER RECEIPTS	\$187,650	\$127,312
	Uncategorized                      AV Sale		

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$758,100	\$609,362
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### EXPENSES

72000	RCFN OFFICE & OPERATIOANL EXPENSES	2.8% Increase \$227,650	\$188,068
50000	RCFN CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS	\$1,875	\$9,700
61100	CHURCH HILL CHRISTIAN WELLNESS CENTER	\$79,775	\$78,460
61600	OREGON HILL BAPTIST CENTER	\$80,540	\$78,660
61700	SOUTH RICHMOND BAPTIST CENTER	\$86,325	\$100,660
65500	CAMP ALKULANA	\$283,810	\$264,300

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$759,975	\$719,848
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## MINISTRY PLACEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

*Susan Hughes, Chairperson*

- The MPC wishes to propose that the vice chair position become two positions: 1<sup>st</sup> vice chair and 2<sup>nd</sup> vice chair. The first chair will fill in the chairman when necessary while mentoring the second vice chair in preparation to become chair.
- We propose that Daniel Glaze continue as Chairman through the initial phase of our remissioning process and until vice chairs are elected.
- The Ministry Placement Committee wishes to nominate Board, Committee, and Support Team members in bold on the handout.

## PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

*Phyllis Baskerville & Robert Thompson, Co-Chairs*

The Personnel committee has gathered several times in person and on Zoom to approve ordained staff annual housing allowances, revise the employee handbook, and learn more about the staff's performance goals established for 2025. We welcome DeLores "Lois" Carter as the Office Manager/Executive Assistant for the RCFN office. We congratulate Rev. Glinda Ford, Director of Church Hill Wellness Center, for her 20 years of service with RCFN.

## FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

*Bill Rusher, Chairperson*

**Camp Alkulana:** A tree that was down across the creek foot bridge was removed by volunteers. The single-seat ATV was sold, and we are still looking for a suitable replacement. Frozen water pipes were repaired in the laundry and shower rooms. Cabin row screen doors were repaired. Four toilets were repaired or replaced. The washing machine and the shower control valve at the retreat house were repaired. The handrails on the bridge were routed and sanded. The benches in Piney Park were sanded and stained. New ladders for the swim hole were purchased and one was installed. The other one will be installed in the off-season. The ropes on the ropes course were replaced. The 4-inch drainpipe leading into the septic tank, and the 4-inch pipe from the septic tank to the distribution box were repaired. Two new covers were installed on top of the septic tank. The UV light sanitizer in the pump house was replaced, as well as the pump controller. All the HVAC and walk-in cooler/freezer systems were cleaned, with new filters installed, and refrigerant was added where necessary. Several of the camp vehicles received minor repairs.

**Church Hill:** For the two rooms on the ground floor, deadbolt locks were installed. Also, six new electrical outlets were installed. Painting and carpet were upgraded, and now Glinda has good office space on the ground floor.

**Oregon Hill:** A work truck parked next to our white van caught fire and the heat from the fire bubbled the paint and melted the mirror on the passenger side. An insurance claim was filed, and repairs were made. South Richmond: The 1998 white van was sold. Several fluorescent lighting fixtures were repaired.

**THANK YOU** for being a generous supporter of the RCFN.

## CAMP ALKULANA ANNUAL REPORT

*Beth Wright, Camp Alkulana Director*

This year has flown by with all that Camp Alkulana is doing to minister to our campers and their family members in the Greater Richmond Area. Our Summer Camp ministry will always be our primary work, but Camp Alkulana offers many other ministry opportunities as well.

**Summer Camp Ministry:** Alkulana’s ministries are focused on building relationships, and relationships at summer camp are where it all starts. Summer camp adventures like caving, hiking, rock climbing, and swimming built positive camper connections. Goofy games, captivating stories, and vulnerable conversations with camp counselors establish rapport, trust, and mentoring relationships. Feedback from campers indicates that they value the relationships they make at camp and that they think camp improves their friendship building skills. With a higher-than-average return rate for campers and a team of counselors who were once campers themselves, Alkulana nourishes such bonds for years to come. Alkulana also nourishes campers' relationships with God and tools for growing in their faith. Campers experienced worship services, daily Bible studies, and morning devotions. At the end of their session campers shared promises with their peers and counselors, claiming how God is leading them and how they want to respond.



This summer we had 210 campers and 14 Counselors in Training, from 53 ZIP codes. Of this number 77 were new campers.

We had 38 counselors. Of that number, 16 were new to our staff; 85% of our summer camp staff were former campers. In addition, we had 30 volunteers who came to be cooks, nurses, craft leaders, and general ‘do what needs to be done people’.

At the end of their time at camp, we asked campers “What did you learn about God or yourself at Camp this summer?” Their responses included: God helps you; God is keeping you safe/watching you; God is good; God always forgives; I learned that trying new things can be hard but as long as God is with me, I will be ok.

We asked, “If you were going to tell someone back home about Camp Alkulana what would you say?” they told us: It is the best place ever; Be prepared for anything; Be open; Have a good attitude.

**Ministry to Families:** Our camp family is more than just the campers who come in the summer. The Alkulana Family includes all our campers’ family members, too.

In December 2024, we partnered with the Oregon Hill Baptist Center, Tabernacle Baptist Church, and Grace Baptist Church to offer support to some of our camper families with holiday meals for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We also had sponsorships from several private individuals. Within these partnerships we provided a Thanksgiving meal for six families and Christmas gifts to 51 children in 20 families.

In the spring, in the midst of registering for the summer sessions, we gathered at Three Lakes Park for a “Spring into Camp” Family Reunion. We had a potluck meal, played yard games, and spent time getting to know each other. There were returning campers and new campers, and their families, some of which included Camp Alums. This has become an annual event to kick off the summer.

**School-Year Ministries:** This year, our school-year programs continued to thrive. Alkulana RVA, a program for 9–13-year-old current Alkulana campers meets in the gymnasium at Anna Julia Cooper School multiple times a school year for a morning of play and connection. Activities at Alkulana RVA are designed to continue summer camp relationships, to have fun, and to revisit lessons learned over the summer.

Alkulana LEADs continue to meet monthly, with a focus on leadership development. LEADs are open to any 14–18-year-old former camper, and for many, the program eases the transition from camper to counselor. LEADs can be found meeting in many different areas around Richmond. This past year we took in a Squirrels game at the diamond, packed Thanksgiving meals at a local food pantry, enjoyed board games at a local public library, and had our own Tacky Lights tour. Both LEADs and ARVA would not be possible without a coordinated effort between year-round Alkulana staff, our VCU Social Work intern, and volunteers from our summer camp program!

**Fundraising Events:** Camp Alkulana’s budget is raised through a combination of financial gifts from churches, individuals, foundation grants, and fundraising events. This year our young alums hosted an online fundraiser and raised \$16,232. This fall we will host our annual Alkulana Golf Tournament fundraiser at the Richmond Country Club.

**Gratitude:** From all the campers, staff, and alumni of Camp Alkulana, thank you for your continued support and belief in this ministry. When we all work together as the body of Christ we can do amazing things.



## CHURCH HILL CHRISTIAN WELLNESS CENTER REPORT

*Glinda Ford, CHCW Director*

***“Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst” (John 4:14).***

The Church Hill Christian Wellness Center, BKA the “Well” continues to minister to the East End Community by trying to fulfill our Mission Statement “to promote and nurture the persons in the process of recognizing and using their God-given gifts, talents, and abilities to empower themselves and others. Hopefully, the East End Community will develop spiritually, emotionally, physically, mentally, and socially. Our prayer is that we may be able to meet some of the physical and spiritual needs of the people and that God receives the glory.

During the past year, the Well ministered to the East End Community resulting in the following:

- **Food Pantry distributes** bags once a month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. CHCW served approximately **200** people and distributed **110** bags due to the faithfulness of River Road Baptist Church who consistently stocks our pantry with many of the items needed to fill the bags for this ministry. Their generosity defrayed any cost that CHCW would have occurred. On behalf of those that are being blessed by this ministry through the faithfulness and generosity of the River Road Baptist Church we extend a heartfelt Thank You.

**The Food Pantry Ministry includes other ministries where food is served:**

- **Community Fun Day & Clothes Give Away, BTS, Food Pantry** Total \$ **409.44**
- However, the food for the Back-to-School Celebration was sponsored by Bethlehem Baptist (Wilkinson Road) Men Fellowship/Men Ushers Ministry and Community Mission Ministry.
- **Volunteers’ lunch** (Preparation for Christmas Joy) Total \$ **74.85**
- **Friday Bible Study Lunch**- Total cost was \$**4,977.05**. This is the best Bible Study in the city, the state and possibly the country/world. Our new space feels a little tight to accommodate our regular participants. However, everyone is welcomed, and we invited you to join us every Friday at 10:00 for Spiritual food, fellowship, prayer, and a scrumptious meal provided by our Body and Soul Bible Study.



- **Christmas Joy served 43 families and a total of 90 children**

During my twenty years as Community Missionary/Director for Richmond East End, I have experienced many things and all types of people. In the beginning of my tenure, it appeared to me that those who consistently patronize the center were just seeking to get all that they could get. However, over time as the center’s standards were being established (fair treatment and firm requirements)

attitudes changed from grabbing all that can be gotten to taking only what they needed so that others would have something to choose from.

The Christmas of **2023**, one young man's request was a mountain bike and his wish was granted.

The Christmas of **2024**, he requested headlights and brake lights for the bike. His sponsor purchased him a beautiful expensive new mountain bike. In the past, the attitude of some would have been "jackpot." I have received two bikes in two years. However, his mom said, "My received a nice bike last year and he wanted headlights and brake lights for his bike. I cannot take this bike, so I am leaving it for a little boy who wants a bike." So, his mother received a **\$50** gift card so her son could buy these items. The center still has some who have "grab-itis" but many of the Christmas Joy regulars reflect the attitude of this mother. I now realize that setting standards in the beginning have resulted in many of the center's participants having risen to meet them.



Donations from Churches: Derbyshire Baptist, East End Fellowship, Mt Tabor Baptist, River Road Baptist, Second Baptist, Bethlehem Baptist (Wilkinson Road) Ministries: Members, Deaconess Ministry, Music Ministry, Love Outreach Ministry, Rosa Davis, Raymond Purdie.

Individuals : Nancy King (Carlisle Baptist), Gail Meadows (Carlisle Baptist) and Pam Mann (2 assistants)



- **Office Relocation & Renovation Supplies/Expense** The cost of office supplies and painting of new office total \$ **848.65**

- **Financial Assistance** was suspended from **7/1/2024 to 12/31/2024** and resumed in January **2025**.

To date, we have served **8** families-Total **\$1,645.96** (the 2023-2024 limited budget decreased assistance by two-thirds, **2024-2025** budget caused an even greater decrease in assistance). For example, I received **126** calls for assistance in August, and we could only assist three families. Financial Assistance was suspended from **7/1/2024 to 12/31/2024** and resumed in January **2025**.

- **Back -To- School Celebration**

- Collected **136** backpacks and served **44** families totaling **114** children

- Distributed to Schools : MLK Preschool 10 and MLK MIDDLE 12

- Donations from Churches : Bethlehem Wilkinson Rd (**6** individual members), First Baptist, Hatcher Memorial, Mount Tabor, River Road

- Monetary Donations from Individuals and Groups:

Mr. F. Bellanger, III, Bethlehem Men Fellowship (Wilkinson Rd), Bethlehem Males Ushers Ministry (Wilkinson RD), Community Mission Ministry

- Volunteers from Mt. Tabor and Bethlehem Baptist: **27** faithful volunteers made the Back-to-School successful!

- **Clothes Closet** is open on **Mondays from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.**

Served over **75** people, Distributed over **253** clothing items, **23** Household items, **114** Socks/Other Items (underwear, hats, gloves), **32** pairs of Shoes, **105** Miscellaneous Items (hygiene bags, razors, pocketbooks, etc.)

**Special Thanks:** WMU All Volunteers RBA churches Individuals' Donations

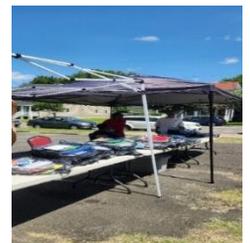


I thank God for all of you and for all that you do to support the Well. I am truly grateful.

Respectfully Submitted,

Glinda F. Ford

CHCWC Community Missionary/Director



# OREGON HILL BAPTIST CENTER ANNUAL REPORT

*Jennifer Turner, OHBC Director*

"Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor."  
Ecclesiastes 4:9



## \* Unhoused Services:

**4,220 Meals and Snack Bags** were prepared and served by **14 different churches** (most churches more than once). **18 committed** individuals currently serve as **weekly volunteers** in various ways. **80 people have** a safe place to store some of their belongings in our **lockers** instead of having to carry heavy backpacks and suitcases. **Over 100 receive mail** at our location. **Over 100** pick out quality items from our **Clothes Closet** each month. **20 various individuals** receive assistance in doing **Laundry** each month. **Plastic Sleeping Mats** are crocheted by talented members of various churches. Thanks to generous **Financial Giving** we are also able to assist people in obtaining IDs, Birth Certificates and Prescriptions. The OHBC also partners with other service providers in a coordinated effort to secure shelter or permanent housing whenever possible. **THANK YOU** to the **multitude of churches and individuals** who have been crucial in supporting and growing this ministry!



## \*Outdoor Community Movies:

2 movies a month May – September 2025. Including free hot dogs and side dishes! This has been a joint ministry of **Pine Street Church** and the OHBC for the past 24 years!



## \*Christmas Joy Event:

70 children (42 registered through OHBC, 28 through Camp Alkulana) were sponsored by 8 different churches. **THANK YOU: Bethlehem (Penick), Skipwith, Ginter Park, Pine Street, Jahnke Road, New Community, New Bethesda (Dover Association), and Second Baptist WMU** for sponsoring children! The 2025 Christmas Wish Event will occur on December 5th.



## \*Additional Events:

\* **Bon Air Church Mission Blitz & Youth Disciple Now:** Several teens and adults provided a special Saturday Meal with musical entertainment as well as organized clothes closet, packed snack bags, and assisted in other areas.

\***Pine Street Church & Oregon Hill Retreat at Camp Alkulana:** In September 2025 we held our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual fun & inspirationally filled weekend at Camp Alkulana!



Individuals like Bill, who are an important part of the OHBC say **THANK YOU** to the **River City Faith Network** for all your support, donations, volunteering, and prayers! Bill is always a positive presence at our Thursday meals, writes beautiful Christian poetry, and loves to greet you with an enthusiastic fist bump!

I join Bill in saying **THANK YOU** to each person and congregation for supporting the ministries of the Oregon Hill Center. Without your steadfast commitment, our ministries would be difficult, if not impossible to continue.



Respectfully Submitted,  
*Rev. Jennifer Turner*  
Community Missionary, Oregon Hill Baptist Cent



## SOUTH RICHMOND BAPTIST CENTER REPORT

*Wesley Garrett, SRBC Director*



**Christmas JOY.** (December 2024) This past year we had 89 families involved totaling: 214 children, aged 6 months to 12 years. (River Road is sponsoring another 12-15 youth beyond the age limits of Christmas JOY.) **Sponsors:** Weatherford Group, (3 sponsorships); Bullock Family, (2 sponsorships); Craddock Family (6 sponsorships); Cruikshank Family (3 sponsorships); Jahnke Road Baptist Church (14 sponsorships); Bon Air Sunday School class (42 sponsorships); Huguenot Road Baptist Church (45 sponsorships); Stockton Memorial Baptist Church (3 sponsorships); Fellowship of Christian Athletes, (2 sponsorships); Rising Liberty Church, (donated 8 gift cards, \$200); Friendship Memorial Baptist Church, (8 sponsorships); First Baptist Church, (20 sponsorships); Grace Baptist Church, (28 sponsorships); Webber Memorial Church, (4 sponsorships); Gravel Hill Baptist Church, (34 sponsorships).

**Bible Study** on Wednesdays, have been changed to the afternoon at 1pm. Attendance was between 5-8 regulars. We are studying the Book of Revelation. Once a month, the ladies bring in a potluck fellowship time.

The **Food Ministry**, conducted on the third Thursday of each month, has been a struggle throughout the year. Presently we are halting the distribution until we can fully restock the pantry empty shelves. In August 2025, we ran out of food and had to turn a few families away and instructed them on other food pantries in the community. We also had some food taken out of the ministry site. We have stepped up security to prevent theft in the future. Saint Paul has agreed to change the locks but denies responsibilities on their part. **Food Gift Cards:** Grace Baptist Church, River Road Church, and Bethlehem Church (Penick) donated scores of *Walmart*, *Kroger's* and *Food Lion* Gift cards that were given to families of the community. Many of the families were facing hardships during the ICE raids and many stopped coming to the center for food. In the late Spring, we did a mass mail out of our SRBC Brochure in both English and Spanish, reminding our neighbors of the resources we are offering. In response to the mailouts, we have given out 52 cards to families since January. We are thankful of many churches have stepped up to help restock the food pantry during this urgent time. As of this printing, Jahnke Road, Huguenot Road and Webber Memorial churches have made a special donation of food for this cause.



**Satellite Ministry building** is still a positive ministry in the community. Mr. Eric Stringfield keeps the lawn looking nice and orderly. This past year, we had a community garden in which some youth and adult volunteers helped. One freezer failed in August and will not be replaced. Bill Rusher will work with Bradley Mechanical with HVAC needs. Also, Bill Rusher replaced several electrical issues at the center. Youth Volunteers helped to dispose of the construction junk left over. Most of the things were disposed at the junk yard in August 2025. Other needs are: Repairing of the canopy for outdoor events; Clothing racks for hanging clothing; Hooks and racks for hanging shovels, rakes, and other outdoor tools; kitchen faucet leak in the kitchen, hand washing sink. Also volunteers for the sorting and refolding of clothing; outside work in

the yard; and manpower for donation given to the center to be picked up and delivered to the Annex Building; Install the fans for the annex building; and repair the mailbox that has become lose.

**Back 2 School event:** was held on August 15, right before the Richmond Public School opened. Church and individual sponsors were Friendship Memorial (26 backpacks); Webber Memorial (18); Bon Air Sunday School class (51); First (50); Huguenot Road (69) and supplies; Jahnke Road (30); Oregon Hill Center (28) and supplies; Woodland Heights (supplies); Grace (43); Paula Bass (formally from Stockton Baptist WMU) (2); Kathy Craddock (6). A total of 166 back packs were distributed to the community around South Richmond center. We then gave away another 97 back packs from the parking lot of Friendship Memorial Baptist Church. We will continue to give away Back Packs and supplies for the mid-school season in January. A total of 323 backpacks were donated to SRBC.



The **Furniture and Clothing Evangelism (FACE)** ministry blessed over 47 families with bedding, tables, dressers and chairs this past year. Churches and individuals give to this ministry and as quickly as we receive, we are able to distribute to families in need of furniture. Also, Manhattan clothing store in Southside Plaza donated new men’s and boy’s jeans, during the Christmas JOY ministry. Monday mornings, before noon, are set aside for this ministry. We will be also collecting “Pampers” diapers of all sizes during the Christmas Holidays.



<i>Activity/ Attendance</i>	<i>Oct 2024</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec</i>	<i>Jan 2025</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>
<b>Food Distribution (families)</b>	49	38	65	44	25	35	55	40	46	45	35	0	<b>477</b>
<b>Rent, Medical Assist.</b>	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	<b>7</b>
<b>Warm Meals (snacks)</b>	3	3	0	0	2	3	4	0	1	3	0	0	<b>19</b>
<b>Bible Study Classes</b>	3	4	2	4	3	4	3	5	1	0	0	3	<b>32</b>
<b>After School Clubs</b>	6	10	3	0	5	6	0	4	0	1	0	1	<b>36</b>
<b>Volunteers</b>	12	16	15	5	2	5	3	4	8	5	37	2	<b>114</b>
<b>Youth/Senior Trips</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Clothing Distribution</b>	14	12	15	14	3	0	0	0	5	7	13	3	<b>86</b>
<b>Church Visits</b>	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	<b>4</b>
<b>Backpack Ministry</b>	18	2	1	0	3	0	13	0	0	0	263	5	<b>305</b>
<b>Sunday Football Club</b>	6	3	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	<b>25</b>
<b>Christmas Ministry per child</b>	0	0	214	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>214</b>

Yearly Benevolence Ministry: Oct. 2024-Sept 2025  
 Rent Assistance \$600.00      Prescription Ministry \$240.00  
 Groceries purchased: \$3645.13.    Odd Jobs around Satellite \$845.00.  
 Gasoline/transportation \$450.00

**Stockton Memorial Baptist Church**  
**1892-2025**  
**123 Years of Christian Service in Southside Richmond**



*The River City Faith Network is grateful for the ministry of Stockton Memorial and their contributions of resources and volunteerism in the work of our associational ministries.  
May God provide the Stockton community meaningful places of worship and service  
as you begin the next season of Kingdom work.*

Since 1994, Stockton Memorial Baptist Church has been serving the vibrant and growing community in historic Chesterfield County. Our history of 123 years in Christian service to the Southside Richmond Communities began at 7th and Stockton in 1892. The little clapboard structure was severely damaged by fire in 1910.

Following that devastating fire, Stockton moved to 12th and Stockton where we were privileged to serve the Lord and our community for more than forty years.

As God continued to move and bless us in number, we again relocated to what was then 44th Street. For the next forty-one years the church taught God's Word from what became the Chapel Drive location. Our present location, completed in mid-July of 1997, continues to provide a rich and Christian heritage, a house of worship to reach the growing communities in our area.

After 120 years, the faithful people of Stockton are moving forward together to face the challenges of the 21st Century, and have decided to merge with Bethel Baptist as of June 2025.

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving (Col. 3:23-24).*

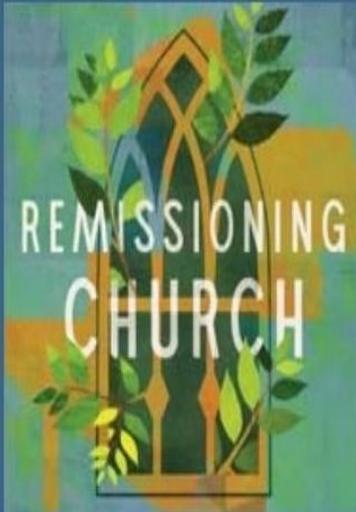
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Please join us in packaging 10,000 meals for those in need around the world!



Thursday, October 30th  
10am - 3pm  
Lunch provided

Cost \$25

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