Announcing the
Richmond Baptist Association’s
62nd Annual Spring Celebration
Thursday, April 25, 2013
7:00 PM

THEME:
“Cooperating to Serve!”
Assuredly, I say to you, INASMUCH as you did it to one of the LEAST OF THESE My brethren, you did it to Me. Matthew 25:40

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
Dr. David Crocker
Founder and President, Operation InAsMuch

WITH
SPECIAL MUSIC BY
Lightforce
Webber’s Upbeat Ensemble

HOST CHURCH
Webber Memorial
7800 Salem Church Road
Chesterfield, VA 23237

IT’S TIME FOR CHURCHES TO ELECT MESSENGERS. CONTACT YOUR CHURCH TO BE A MESSENGER!
The number of messengers allowed for your church is determined following the guidelines stated in the highlighted sections of the RBA Constitution and Bylaws below.

SECTION 3
The voting body of the Association shall be composed of five (5) elected messengers from each member church, and one (1) additional messenger for each $5,000 or major fraction thereof given to the General Program and Week of Prayer offering of the Association during its previous fiscal year; provided, that no church shall be entitled to more than fifteen (15) such messengers. Further, each mission under the sponsorship of an Associational church shall be entitled to two (2) elected messengers, and all officers, members of all teams and councils, chairs or heads of Association organizations shall be members of the voting body of the Association.

SECTION 6
One hundred messengers shall constitute a quorum.
Greetings All:

Psalm 76 is a song of praise for the power of Jacob’s God. The Psalmist credits God with breaking the enemy’s flaming arrows, shield, sword and weapons of war.

The Psalm begins with these words, “God is known in Judah; His name is GREAT in Israel.” The caps are mine! I don’t want you to miss the impact of that word….“GREAT!”

You see, the God of Jacob is the same God we turn to today! He was GREAT then and He is GREAT…now!

Why is His GREATness important today?

Perhaps it’s because we live in a society which pays such great homage to self-sufficiency and in which we too often hear the GREAT One referred to as “the man up-stairs!” We have lost the sense of Who He is!

The myth of HELPLESSNESS. This myth is often characterized by the phrase, “I don’t have a choice!” The implication is that, by virtue of birth or some other circumstance that I did not control, I have been deprived of choices. I am helpless. This is a great rationale for those who just want to settle for doing what they are doing without being held responsible for their actions. After all, they are helpless – victims!

The myth of HOPELESSNESS. “My circumstances may have been fine, but I have so messed up, that there is nothing left for me.” There is the sense of being stuck with no one and no way to fix the dilemma. A person has passed beyond the point of no return.

The myth of HEEDLESSNESS. This myth would tout that if there is any mess in my life, it is someone else’s fault. “I am entitled to so much more but, because of so and so,…..!” You have heard the TV commercials reminding us, “…you deserve…!” The self-centeredness of this myth leaves little room to heed the needs of others. Life is mostly about me. “Others expect far too much and I deserve so much more!”

I’m sure you can think of other myths as well.

But there is good news! When we accept Christ as Savior and Lord, He can transform us into new creations. (II Cor. 5:17) When we have so messed up that all seems lost, He has the power to forgive and to make all things new (I John 1:9). When our hearts need refocusing, He has the ability to help us not think more highly of ourselves than we ought and to hold others in high regard. (Romans 12:3ff).

Understanding who God is and His GREATness gives hope against such myths as HELPLESSNESS, HOPELESSNESS and HEEDLESSNESS. We do not have to settle. We are no longer slaves, but fellow heirs of the resurrected One! We have been set free!

Join the Psalmist in proclaiming, “God is known in my house, in my church; His name is GREAT in Richmond, VA!”

Share that Good News with someone today! I’m guessing that you will not have to travel very far to find someone who has bought into the myths of HELPLESSNESS, HOPELESSNESS or HEEDLESSNESS.

Joyfully,

Mike
**MORE THAN NETS**  Virginia Baptists have entered into a 2 year agreement with the **Ghana Baptist Convention** to reduce malaria in Yendi, Ghana and to plant churches in the surrounding area. We hope to significantly reduce the cases of malaria through:

- Distributing 100,000 chemically treated mosquito nets within the Yendi municipality. The population of Yendi is approximately 180,602.
- Providing vital education into the proper use of the mosquito net
- Providing additional education on health, awareness and prevention of malaria

There are approximately 454 communities in Yendi. 145 of those already have a church. Our goal is to assist the Ghana Baptist Convention, under the leadership of church planter Emmanuel “Moose” Mustapha, in planting 309 churches in the remaining villages.

RBA DOM Mike Robinson says: **YOU can help!!!** By saving 5 quarters a day for just 32 days, one month and one day. With this $40 **YOU alone** can provide 4 of the needed nets ($10 buys 1 net unit), educational materials, transportation and funding to help plant a church!!!  **Let’s all pitch in!! More details to come on the RBA savings plan for “More Than Nets.”**
Virginia Baptist
DISASTER RELIEF
VOLUNTEER TRAINING

May 3-4, 2013
River Road Church, Baptist
8000 River Road, Richmond 23229

Cost
$25 - First-time Volunteers
$15 - Returning Volunteers

SCHEDULE AND NOTES
Friday, 5/3: 6 to 9 p.m.
6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.: Registration (arrive early to avoid lines)
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.: Introduction to Virginia Baptist Disaster Relief Ministry.

Saturday, 5/4: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
7:30 a.m. – Breakfast
8:30 a.m. - Opening remarks
9:00 a.m. - Training session begins
12:00 p.m. - Lunch
1:00 p.m. - Training session continues
3:30 p.m. - Dismiss

PLEASE NOTE:
• IMPORTANT - Housing is available, free of charge, at the host church. Be sure to bring an air mattress. A shower unit will be on-site available for use.
• IMPORTANT - Friday evening "Introduction to Virginia Baptist Disaster Relief Ministry Seminar" is required, for all new volunteers, and for trained volunteers whose ID badge has expired, or anyone who has not responded to a callout in the last three years.
• Virginia Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers are unpaid individuals who receive specific training and volunteer their time and efforts to minister to the victims of disaster.

For more information and to REGISTER online: http://www.vbmb.org/Ministries/Disaster-Relief/Training.cfm
Questions, contact: Jeannette Hildebrand at: 800.255.2428 x7260 or Jeanette.Hildebrand@vbmb.org

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CENTRAL VIRGINIA RACEWAY MINISTRIES (CVRM)

Ministry Service Opportunities During NASCAR Race Weekend
April 25-27, 2012

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to minister beside RIR guest services by providing raceway fans an opportunity to worship, enjoy Christian music and arts, discover the message of Christ through media and know His transforming presence.

VOLUNTEERS work a 3 or 4 hour shift as they serve in a variety of ways in our Hospitality Ministry Tents at the RICHMOND INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY (RIR) COMPLEX. As ambassadors of goodwill, opportunities for service include: distributing “cups of cold water,” cookies, Christian driver cards; performing as singers, musical groups or with performing arts (clowns, magicians, mime, jugglers, balloon artists, etc.); and serving as chaplains, crisis counselors, logistics and support persons.

VOLUNTEERS are also needed to become residents or minister at a CVRM provided camper/motorhome parked at one of the three RV lots with camping race fans during the race weekend. RIR track management believes that having CVRM representatives living and ministering at these sites among camping race fans will strengthen the Christian influence throughout the raceway complex. CVRM is SEEKING RVs: If you have a camper or motorhome you would like to park at RIR for the race weekend either for your own occupancy or for someone else from CVRM to occupy, please contact Billy Davis (billy.davis1@verizon.net) or Todd Combee toddcombee@verizon.net.

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VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

All volunteers are REQUIRED to attend the Training Session Tuesday, April 16, at 7:00 p.m., at the Richmond Baptist Association, 3111 Moss Side Avenue, Richmond, VA. At this session Volunteers can sign up for a shift time, which are:

APRIL 24 - WEDNESDAY: SET-UP Main Ministry Site

APRIL 25 - THURSDAY: SET-UP & Hospitality for NASCAR K&N PRO SERIES EAST RACE
9 am-1 pm, 1-4 pm, 4-7 pm, or 7-10 pm

APRIL 26 - FRIDAY: NASCAR NATIONWIDE RACE
9 am-1 pm, 1-4 pm, 4-7 pm, or 7-10 pm

APRIL 27 - SATURDAY: NASCAR SPRINT CUP RACE
9 am-1 pm, 1-4 pm, 4-7 pm, or 7-10 pm

APRIL 27 - SATURDAY: TAKE-DOWN Main Ministry Site
8 pm until done

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WANTED! THOUSANDS OF COOKIES!!!

We are asking that church mission groups, Sunday School classes, youth groups, etc. volunteer to make “homemade” cookies and bag these in small clear zip lock plastic bags with 2-3 medium sized cookies each. A label saying compliments of ___ Baptist Church may be put on the outside of the bag. No tracts please! These will be available from Motor Racing Outreach and the Central Virginia Fellowship of Raceway Ministries. Cookies may be brought to the RBA Office, 3111 Moss Side Ave, April 22-25, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (329-1701).

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For more information CONTACT:
Billy Davis, Volunteer Coordinator
(H) 804-741-4898; (C) 804-306-1604; billy.davis1@verizon.net
Debbie Carter, Chaplain Coordinator
(H) 804-377-9914; Email: DebbieCarter88@aol.com
The Resource Center proudly announces its relocation to Kingsley Hall
The Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology
Virginia Union University
at the conclusion of this academic year
Mark your calendar to participate in upcoming community-wide events:
• June 2, 4 pm - The INCLUSION Choir Concert
  Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
• Sept 14 - Toolbox for Tomorrow, Being Church Together, First Presbyterian Church, Richmond
• Nov 15 - An Evening to Honor Excellence in Ministry Banquet, Greater Richmond Convention Center

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
Visit current location, Virginia Hall on BTSR campus
Or call: 804-358-8306; Toll-free: 888-241-5132
resourcecenter@cavtel.net; www.resourcingchurches.com

Central Virginia Baptist Ministries presents
2013 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DIRECTOR’S CONFERENCE
Come and learn from the experts and from each other
Pizza – Prizes - Surprises

Monday, April 15, 2013
6:45 p.m.

Arrive at 6:30 p.m. for Pizza
(RSVP for Pizza to gaylebradley1@comcast.net)

MONUMENT HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH
5716 Monument Avenue

Designed especially for VBS Directors, but everyone is welcome!

PLAN FOR THE EVENING:
6:45 p.m.: **GENERAL DIRECTORS’ INFORMATION** including tips on preparing your VBS workers.
7:30 p.m.: A. **LITERATURE NETWORKING** – Bring your VBS Literature and gather with others using the same one. Share ideas with each other and maybe share decorations and materials. OR B. **MORE DIRECTORS’ INFORMATION** for those not ready for literature networking.
8:00 p.m.: Questions and Answers — Ideas for “Follow-Up.”

For questions or more details, contact Gayle Bradley at gaylebradley1@comcast.net.

Virginia Baptist Library Association
Spring Conference
Spring!!!! …Time for New Ideas
April 5 & 6, 2013
Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center
1 Eagle Eyrie Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24503
Information and Registration at either
www.vbla.wordpress.com or www.eagleeyrie.org
call (434) 384-2211

2013 SOJOURNERS SUMMER MISSIONARY PROGRAM

WHAT IS A SOJOURNER Summer Missionary?
♦ A young person between the ages of 16 (must have completed the 11th grade) and 21. Able to provide their own transportation.
♦ Someone who would like to experience missions first-hand by assisting at our three inner-city Baptist Centers in Church Hill, Oregon Hill and in South Richmond.
♦ Wants to work with children, youth, and seniors in an inner-city environment in a variety of social ministries at all three Baptist Centers.
♦ Must be available for up to 10 weeks during the summer. The work schedule is flexible. A Sojourners will average about 20 hours a week, with some weeks being more intense than others.
♦ Willing to accept the challenge of a program that could be very formative in a choice of career or life in service.
♦ Earns a total of $750 for the summer.

SPACES ARE LIMITED.
APRIL 9, 2013, IS THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO THE RBA.

Applications can be downloaded from the RBA website at www.rbaonline.org or obtained from the RBA office. For more information contact Mike Robinson at the RBA at 329-1701.

Meeting Notice!
Administrative Council Meeting
Thursday, April 18, 2013
@ 7:00 p.m.
RBA Office
CHURCH NEWS

CAMBRIDGE’s Children’s Ministry held a Family Game Night on Friday, March 8, with dinner, games, Bingo and prizes. CARLISLE AVENUE’s Saints Alive Choir Sing performed at the Envoy Nursing Home on Thursday, March 21. FIRST’s Preschool is accepting donations of gently-used dress clothing for ages 2-15 to be donated to cancer and sickle cell patients to wear at the Third Annual Pediatric Oncology Prom on June 1. The church will have a family-friendly Maundy Thursday and Seder sampling at 5:00 pm followed by their Maundy Thursday worship service at 6:30 pm. GAYTON’s “Feed My Starving Children” event resulted in the preparation of a total of 132,192 meals. The church is now preparing for their “Spirit of Baseball” all day event at John Marshall High School on April 20 to provide instruction on baseball fundamentals to inner city kids while introducing them to Christ’s unconditional love for them. GRACE will host “Feast: Setting the Table, a celebration through sermon, food & art” on Friday, April 19, 3:00 – 9:00 pm. “Feast” is a gathering in which we nurture our creative, caring, spiritual selves through our very presence. The gathering will celebrate the women who’ve set the table for women in ministry and the 25th Anniversary of VBWIM, Virginia Baptist Women In Ministry. GROVE AVENUE members are getting training from Henrico Education Foundation to serve local high school students by coaching students in job interview skills on March 27. HUGUENOT ROAD generously hosted the RBA Special Called Associational Meeting on Tuesday, March 19. NORTHMINSTER held a Men’s Retreat in Sandbridge on March 22-24. OAKWOOD MEMORIAL emphasized North American Missions with a special church-wide Missions Dinner on Wednesday, March 13. PINE STREET had a special “Celtic Worship Service” on Wednesday, March 6. SAINT PAUL’S is asking every member to donate 4 cans of food by Sunday, March 24. Their community partner, SuperValu, has already donated 10,000 cans to help feed some of the more than 14% of children in Virginia that live in poverty. Hungry children have trouble concentrating, get more headaches and infections, are more likely to be hospitalized and are less likely to perform well on athletic fields and in classrooms. SANDSTON will have their annual mission project, “Operation Inasmuch” on Saturday, April 20, and the church will have a Variety Show and Fundraiser on Saturday, April 27. SECOND will host the Taylor Concert Chorale from Upland, Indiana with a free will offering for the Ministering to Ministers Foundation. The church will host a “Stop Hunger Now” event along with River Road United Methodist and River Road Baptist coming together with the goal of packaging 50,000 meals on Saturday, April 6 from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. Second is pleased to announce their new website at www.secondbaptisterva.org. SKIPWITH’s Youth and Youth committee will be having a Yard Sale Fundraiser to help raise funds for their mission trip this year on Saturday, April 6. STAPLES MILL ROAD is hosting the “Secret Church” Simulcast Bible Study with David Platt on Good Friday, March 29, from 6:30 pm – 1:00 am. Register by going to the church website at www.smrbc.org. SWIFT CREEK will have Disaster Relief certification and re-certification training on Saturday, April 6. WESTOVER was recognized by the Richmond Police Department for the good work they have been doing in and around the Forest View neighborhood. The church received a Service to Law Enforcement Award for the ways members have welcomed neighbors and contributed to a stronger sense of community.

EASTER EVENTS

For information about individual church Easter events and times, please check out the RBA Facebook page at www.facebook.com/RichmondBaptistAssociation.

STAFF NEWS

HUGUENOT ROAD expressed their appreciation to Amanda Lott for her 5 year anniversary as Leader of their Children’s Ministries. STOCKTON MEMORIAL has granted Eric Chandler’s request to start a Children’s Worship program and to begin working with the youth.

South Richmond Baptist Center’s (SRBC)

First Annual

VOLUNTEERS’ BANQUET

June 28, 2013 @ 6:00 p.m.

St Paul’s Belt Campus, Fellowship Hall
700 E. Belt Blvd., 23224
(Hull & Wilton Avenue)

If you have ever volunteered, gave donations, or prayed for the ministry of SRBC, you are cordially invited to our first volunteers banquet… to say Thank You!

WMU workers, Pastors, Ministers, Sunday School workers, Church members are all invited to come as guests of SRBC at no charge!

RSVP by June 1 to Wesley Garrett

WITH THE NUMBER COMING FROM YOUR CHURCH
(804) 232-0174 or wesley.garrett@rbaonline.org
**Stockton Memorial Baptist** is seeking a part-time, qualified professional **Church Secretary**. Estimated 30 hours per week. Must have a high school education or equivalent, and work related experience. Should have excellent computer skills with MS Word, Excel, and Adobe PageMaker. Be proficient in the use of standard office tools, strong organizational skills, excellent phone skills and understand how a church functions. Applicants should send both a resume and cover letter. Contact Pastor Doug Watson for a more detailed job description. Contact information: Email - pastordug@comcast.net; phone - 804-744-8762. Church located at 5100 Claypoint Road, Chesterfield, VA.

**Southampton Baptist Church** is seeking a **Part-Time Pastor**. Started as a mission in 1956, Southampton is a progressive congregation that has monthly fellowship meals, seasonal weekday Bible studies and an annual deacons' banquet. The church employs a part-time music director and part-time administrative assistant. The following is a job description of the core responsibilities of the pastor:

- Prepare Sunday Service and preach.
- Minister to the individual needs of the congregation upon request.
- Contact members and shut-ins who are in need, with deacons as needed.
- Conduct weddings and funerals as requested by the congregation.
- Provide an article for the church newsletter.
- With the assistance from deacons, contact visitors who attend SS or worship services.
- Attend council meetings, business meetings, and deacons meetings.

To receive additional information or to submit a resume, email southamptonjoy@yahoo.com or dretzer@msn.com or send to Pastor Search Committee, Southampton Baptist Church, 7521 Comanche Dr., Richmond, VA 23225.

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**STEINWAY GRAND PIANO FOR SALE**

BTSR is looking to find a good home for a Steinway Grand! The seminary has a lovely 6' Steinway Grand Piano Model L that would be "a perfect home or church piano." It was recently appraised at $20,000. It is available for sale for $17,500. Please contact Jim Peak for further information at jamesp@btsr.edu or (804) 355-8135, ext. 230.

**SEEKING BIBLES, HYMNTALS, OFFERING PLATES.....**

Rising Liberty Church, a new church plant, is seeking the items listed below to help them in worship as they get up and running. Rev. Wesley Garrett, Community Missionary of the South Richmond Baptist Center, is assisting Rev. Horace Wade Jr., former pastor of First Union on Derwent, with this church plant. The items needed (new or gently used) include:

- Bibles
- Communion Sets
- Hymnals
- Communion Table
- Offering Plates
- Cross & Candle Holders

If you have any of these items you would like to donate, contact Wesley Garrett at the South Richmond Center at 804-232-0174 or wesley.garrett@rbaonline.org.
Camp Alkulana is busy planning for the summer, and we invite you to be a part of it!

- Do you know children ages 9 (who have finished 4th Grade) to 11 that you’d like to see attend Camp Alkulana?
- Do you know college-aged students who would make good camp counselors?

Contact Beth at campalkulana@gmail.com or call the RBA office (804-329-1701 ext 206) to find out more. Camp counselors must be at least 18 years old. Campers should qualify for their school’s free or reduced lunch programs, though some exceptions apply. Get involved in your RBA camp today!

CAMP ALKULANNA IS SEEKING....
CAMPERS and COUNSELORS

Want to do something BIG?

Annual Fix-up and Clean-up Days
At Camp Alkulana
May 18 and June 1, 2013

Help us get ready for the summer season!
Plenty to do:
- Yard Work
- Light Carpentry
- Spring Cleaning
- General Repair

Great bonding opportunity for church groups*

Leave Richmond early, eat breakfast on the way. Arrive at camp by 10:00 and work until 4:00 with a lunch break. Stop in Staunton on the way home for dinner.

*Okay for youth to come with your adult group; however, youth should understand that “normal” camp activities will not be available, as the goal is to fix up camp.

For more information and to let us know that we can count on you, call or email Beth Wright, Camp Director: 329-1701, ext. 206 or campalkulana@gmail.com.

HELP THE RBA SAVE RETURN POSTAGE COSTS
Give us your Change of Address!
If you are on our newsletter mailing list and will be moving—please let Frances Jones know your Change of Address in advance! You will be helping us to direct $0.46 "postage due" to more important missions efforts. Thanks!!

Making a delivery to the RBA Office?
Please call before you plan to arrive to make sure someone will be at the office. There are times, during the day, when everyone may be away, so it will save time and gas if you call ahead. The RBA Office is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday—Friday.

Pray for
RBA Churches Seeking a Pastor

Grace First Union (Derwent)
Southampton Westhampton