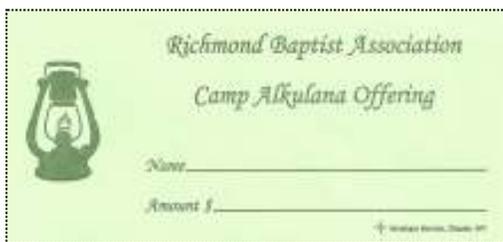


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## MATERIALS AVAILABLE FOR RBA'S 2013 Camp Alkulana Offering and Week of Prayer for Associational Missions (May 19-25, 2013)

The promotional materials the 2013 Camp Alkulana Offering and Week of Prayer for Associational Missions are now available at the RBA Office. Shown below are samples of the Offering Envelope, the Flier (8½ x 11) for the Camp Offering, and the Prayer Guide for the Week of Prayer. Other promo items available for the Camp Offering are: bulletin inserts (5½ x 8½) or posters (11x17), and the Camp Alkulana brochure. These promotional items are not dated so that your church can use them any time during the year when you emphasize Associational Missions. To view samples of these items and download the order form, visit the Camp Offering section of the RBA website at [www.rbaonline.org](http://www.rbaonline.org). To place an order contact Frances Jones 804-329-1701 ext. 201 or [frances.jones@rbaonline.org](mailto:frances.jones@rbaonline.org). Hurry! Place your order while supplies last!

To read why Joe Freeman, a returning camp counselor, begins to yearn for Camp Alkulana in March see his article on page 3.



### 2013 CAMP ALKULANA Offering

Formerly known as the RBA Week of Prayer for Associational Missions Offering  
**2013 OFFERING GOAL: \$109,200**

Friends of Camp Alkulana,

"Pass It On" is a Camp Alkulana favorite that is sung at camp each summer and it references a spark ... a spark that gets a fire going, a spark that inspires people to gather around, and a spark that brings people together to know God's love. Not only is this song loved by so many that have sat around the campfire at Alkulana, but the image and meaning of the spark in this song symbolizes what camp means for the many people touched by its ministries.

For those of you that have had the pleasure of experiencing a campfire at Alkulana, you know that there is a sacredness about the experience. It's a place that allows children that have suffered horrible tragedy to experience peace. A place where children that are scared can be consoled through a simple arm around the neck. A place where it doesn't matter what shoes or clothes you have on but instead how much fun you are having dancing to lyrics that may not even make sense. A place where worries have a way of waiting. And most importantly, a place where God is ever-present.

Alkulana is the spark for many of these children – the spark of encouragement to try harder the next day, the spark of self-esteem that allows them to feel more confident when they return home, and the spark of belonging that helps build a foundation in their lives.

<b>Summer Staff</b>	
Camp Staff Stipends	\$32,000.00
Camp Staff Training	\$4,000.00
Maintenance Support	\$5,000.00
Bus Months	\$1,000.00
	<b>\$42,000.00</b>
<b>Camp Operations</b>	
Program Expenses	\$5,000.00
Food/Cris	\$14,500.00
Utilities	\$8,800.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$7,700.00
Insurance/Liability/Rate	\$14,000.00
Bus Transportation	\$7,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance	\$1,800.00
Fuel/Gasoline	\$3,000.00
Mileage	\$1,000.00
Medical Expenses	\$300.00
Misc- Postage, Mailers, etc.	\$2,000.00
Meeting Program	\$1,000.00
Website	\$500.00
	<b>\$67,200.00</b>
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$109,200.00</b>

With that said, the trees will soon be budding, school will be out and the first Alkulana campfire of the 2013 session will be lit. In order to continue camp year after year, it not only takes dedicated staff and volunteers to work diligently throughout the year to prepare for the summer months, but it also takes financial contributions from the many people touched by camp. This continued support is vital to the ministry as it allows Alkulana to continue serving the many children that would likely not be able experience God's love in a way that only Alkulana can show them.

Just like the song, we ask that you prayerfully consider what financial contribution you can "pass on" to camp in order to continue the spark that was started almost a hundred years ago.

Sincerely,  
*Beth R. Wright*  
Beth Reddish Wright • Director, Camp Alkulana

To learn more about Camp Alkulana or to give online, go to: [www.alkulana.org](http://www.alkulana.org). You can contact the Camp Director by calling 804-329-1701 or emailing [campalkulana@gmail.com](mailto:campalkulana@gmail.com). Camp Alkulana is a ministry of the Richmond Baptist Association.

*The girls and boys of inner-city Richmond need your help in 2013 to keep camp running!*

Contributions to this offering will be accepted throughout 2013. Camp Alkulana is a ministry of the Richmond Baptist Association.

**THE PRAYER GUIDE** highlights a different associational mission for each day of the week with a photo of the RBA staff member and specific prayer requests relating to that ministry. The use of the prayer guides for a week is an excellent way for a congregation, Sunday School class or missions group to get to know the staff and ministries of the RBA. The Guide is formatted so that it can be used for any seven-day period during the year, not just during the official Week of Prayer for Associational Missions which is May 19-25, 2013.

Together...Transforming Lives

### PRAYER GUIDE FOR THE 2013 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CAMP ALKULANA OFFERING ANNUAL GOAL \$109,500.00

You may recognize the buildings of the Richmond Baptist Association.

The RBA Office

Church Hill

South Richmond

Oregon Hill

Camp Alkulana

We invite you to pray for the ministries that take place within their walls.

**RICHMOND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**  
3111 Moss Side Avenue,  
Richmond, VA 23222  
804-329-1701 ♦ [www.rbaonline.org](http://www.rbaonline.org)

## FROM YOUR DOM, MIKE ROBINSON

Greetings All:

What are some of the major decisions in your church over which you may have agonized for months before drawing a satisfactory conclusion?

Some that come to mind for me are...

- the creation of a new staff position,
- deciding to relocate to a new area of a city or county,
- building a new structure such as an educational wing or a worship center,
- or the vote to call a new person to serve on the staff of your church.

In the church where I grew up I can still remember the years of planning and the months of deliberation when we finally approached in earnest the possibility of building the first fellowship hall and classroom facility we had ever attempted. For many of my years at the church we had used various corners of the sanctuary, the pastor's study and choir loft (more like a choir corner) at the front of the sanctuary to locate the five or six classes that made up our Sunday school. This expansion project was a huge undertaking requiring a large commitment and great unity of purpose before the first footings were dug or the first cinder block was laid for the foundation. The commitment to such a project had to be nearly unanimous!

And so it is with major decisions!

Defining decisions require unity of vision and agreement upon methodologies and details in order to go well.

In that same church I remember the process of calling a pastor to serve as the under shepherd of our congregation. If the vote had not been clear and definitive, I would have heard such a declaration as "...back to the drawing board. It is obvious that we are not unified enough to make this decision. There is more work to be done before we are prepared to finally decide."

To have proceeded without a clear mandate would have been, quite accurately, a recipe for disaster!

In many respects, that is where we are at this moment in our Associational life. Several weeks ago, we met at Huguenot Road to make a benchmark decision in our family, but when the vote was taken one of the clearest conclusions that could be drawn was that we were tragically divided. The vote was 52.7% to 47.3. I was surprised by the vote and was immediately concerned by the narrow margin of separation.

As I have carefully watched for several weeks now the reaction and the backlash following the vote, my deep concern related to the narrow margin has only increased. Once again, as in those early childhood days at my first church, I have heard the faint echo of the words, "...back to the drawing board. It is obvious that we are not unified enough to make this decision. There is more work to be done to prepare us."

What does that mean? Does it mean getting on the phone or the internet to insure that there will be a greater number in attendance who agree with me? It could mean that, but then it just becomes a numbers war.

One of my life verses is Psalm 119:105 (NASB) which states, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

The word "lamp" expresses the nature of God's Word. His Word discloses to us, concerning God and ourselves, what we could not have known. The word "light" captures the great intention of God in giving His Word to us. It is directed to our feet and the path where we will take our next step to help us avoid misdirected steps along a false path, nor a false step even on the right path.

The fact that God has chosen to give us His Word is a signal of the magnanimity of God's goodness and care to so generously provide us with this revelation of Himself.

So for me, the preparation has to do with discovering what the Guide Book for life from the Creator of life reveals about the living of life from the mind of God, the One Who loves you and me more than we are loved by all others. I do not create "sin lists" but I respect them for what they are, signposts to steer me clear of pitfalls that He understands better than I, better than psychologists, psychiatrists, and even many theologians. His "light unto my path" has never misled me!

I have come to realize after many of my own false steps along the way when I was not paying attention as closely as I should have been that He really desires to lead me and has an inordinate amount of experience at it.

In the wilderness He led the children of Israel as a pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day. And in His time they reached their destination, something they would never have accomplished on their own.

Though Jonah went kicking and screaming, God led him to Nineveh and even provided express transport!

He even led His own Son out of Bethlehem and sure infanticide to Egypt and back to insure that we might serve a resurrected Savior, whom He led to the cross but from the tomb alive after three days.

If I will listen to Him and obey His calling, He is trustworthy and capable. If I will receive His Word for what it says rather than what I want it to say, He will lead me faithfully and lovingly to the destination of His choice, which is always the best choice that could be selected.

If WE will listen to Him and obey His calling, He is trustworthy and capable. If we will receive His Word for what it says rather than what we want it to say, He will lead us faithfully and lovingly to the destination of His choice.

His word is trustworthy...all of it! (*II Timothy 3:16-17*)

Prayerfully,

*Mike*

**RBA TRANSFORMED!** is available in (8 1/2" x 11) letter-sized format that can be sent to you via email each month. This version is also available at our website at [www.rbaonline.org](http://www.rbaonline.org). Let Frances Jones ([frances.jones@rbaonline.org](mailto:frances.jones@rbaonline.org)) know if you would like to stop receiving a paper copy of the newsletter and go electronic!

**PRAY FOR THE RBA  
CHURCH OF THE WEEK**

**MAY 5** NORTHMINSTER  
**MAY 12** OAK FOREST  
**MAY 19** OAK GROVE  
**MAY 26** OAKWOOD MEMORIAL  
**JUNE 2** PATTERSON AVENUE



The RBA Office will be  
**CLOSED**  
 Monday, May 27, 2013  
 To Observe the  
**MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY**

**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 & Welton Avenue)



If you have ever volunteered, given 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](mailto:wesley.garrett@rbaonline.org).

**MARCH 2013 RBA BUDGET REPORT**

**Budget Amount: \$ 52,186**  
**Budget Receipts: \$ 26,164**  
**Budget Expenses: \$ 48,695**  
  
**YTD Budget Amt: \$156,558**  
**YTD Receipts: \$ 82,436**  
**YTD Expenses: \$125,944**

**2013 Camp Alkulana Offering**

*Formerly known as the RBA Week of Prayer for Associational Missions*

**As of 3/31/13**

**Offering Goal: \$109,200**  
**YTD Receipts: \$ 5,995**  
**YTD Expenses: \$ 10,731**



**CAMP ALKULANA OFFERING NOTES**

From Beth Reddish Wright, Camp Director



*Joseph "Joe" Freeman, a student at Virginia Commonwealth University, has been involved with Camp Alkulana for ten years. He first came as a nine years old camper, and has served on staff for the past four years. His strong sense of leadership and wonderful sense of humor are two gifts that serve him well as an Alkulana counselor. Joe is just one of several of our counselors who have signed on to return again this summer!*

**CAMP FEVER**

It happens earlier and earlier every year. A colleague of mine, Mitchell Cisney, refers to the phenomenon as "Camp Fever," and it affects 99% of all Camp Alkulana returning counselors. The triggers are different for everyone: anything as blatant as seeing a former camper on the streets of Richmond to something as small as leaves growing back on trees. For me and my colleague Mitchell it's when the weather gets warm and it's time to break out those sandals and shorts. When you spend the majority of your summers in one location you will naturally start to associate warm weather with that location. I doubt that any weather-location combination will make you yearn for the next few months to speed by as a warm day in March will make you yearn for Camp to hurry up and get here.

But why is there this yearning? Surely if you worked at a McDonalds every summer you wouldn't be itching to get back behind that register every March. Truth is there are many reasons to get excited about Camp. Each summer holds something new. Even during summers like last year, when it seems like every natural disaster mother nature has to offer was thrown at us over the course of the summer, six months later all that remains are the good memories of it. Each summer is a fresh new start where you can reunite with old friends and meet some great new ones. Each summer has the opportunity to be the best yet. At the beginning of last year, my good friend Ryan Mason and I would talk about all the fun we were going to have at Camp and then say "and so began the greatest summer of our lives..." Each summer at Camp you get to go back to something amazingly familiar and yet have the opportunity to have an experience unlike any you've had yet. The potential is limitless.

I've been going to Camp every summer since I was a 9 year old kid with my best friend Dean. I wouldn't trade any of those memories for the world. You would think something's gonna get old after about ten years of doing it, but this just doesn't. Every summer is a brand new awesome experience. I've had some of my greatest friends at Camp, and met some of my favorite people there (including a love interest, wink). Alkulana holds a special place in my heart and the hearts of many that have worked there. There is very little reason not to be excited about Camp...I guess I just need to put it out of my head for a few months or I'll go insane.



PRAY FOR

RBA CHURCHES SEEKING A PASTOR



Grace

Southampton

First Union

Westhampton



Virginia Baptist Historical Society

Announces:

*"Faith, Freedom & Forgiveness"*

Religion and the Civil War,

Emancipation and Reconciliation in Our Time

May 20-21, 2013

"Faith, Freedom & Forgiveness" is the theme of a national conference on Religion and the Civil War, Emancipation and Reconciliation in Our Time to be held May 20-22 in Richmond under sponsorship of three Baptist historical organizations. Sessions will be held at the University of Richmond and Virginia Union University. The conference includes about 28 historical presentations, a group tour and meals and is open to anyone interested.

Full details, registration information and fees can be found at [www.baptisthistory.org](http://www.baptisthistory.org).

There will be three free public events:

- ♦ the opening session featuring Ed Ayers, president of the University of Richmond and noted Southern historian, at 7 p.m., Mon., May 20 at Camp Concert Hall at UR;
- ♦ the evening session featuring Harry Stout of Yale University at 7:30 p.m., Tues., May 21 in the chapel at Virginia Union University; and
- ♦ the panel discussion on racial reconciliation today to be held at 2:30 p.m., Wed., May 22 in the Camp Concert Hall at UR.

The three free events require tickets which can be secured by telephoning the Virginia Baptist Historical Society at (804)289-8434.



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. - 9:00 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](mailto:Jeanette.Hildebrand@vbmb.org)

A NEW STUDY FROM  
CROWN FINANCIAL MINISTRIES

We're extremely excited about the new *MoneyLife® Personal Finance Study*. This study includes new content, videos, and powerful on-line tools. Crown has not wavered in our commitment to Biblical truth. We realize God's Word is essential to disciple your congregation in the area of financial faithfulness and generosity.

From motivating true stories of great perseverance to insightful teaching to deeply introspective reflection, the new study provides solutions for both the symptoms and the root cause of financial problems. The *MoneyLife® Personal Finance Study* includes 10 lessons that require approximately 1 hour of class time per week. The curriculum offers flexibility for churches that want to use it in a 4-, 6-, or 8-week format (instead of the full 10 weeks). This makes it an excellent teaching solution for both small groups and Sunday School classes. The study is a highly relational resource that's intended to foster mutual support and accountability for all group participants.

If you would like to learn more about this new study, please contact me:

Randy Rowekamp, Area Manager, VA & WV  
804-683-1595; [RRowekamp@crown.org](mailto:RRowekamp@crown.org);  
[www.rrowekamp.crown.org](http://www.rrowekamp.crown.org)





**RENEW**

**May 3-4, 2013**  
Eagle Eyrie Conference Center

Engaging worship gatherings and practical breakout sessions that encourage church leaders to find God's missional calling for your congregation as the church seeks to live out its involvement in God's Kingdom! All church leaders and spouses are invited to attend.

FEATURING

**DR. JULIE BELL**



*President/Founder of the Mind of a Champion*  
*Author of PERFORMANCE INTELLIGENCE, RENEWED*

**REGISTRATION COSTS:**

Friday & Saturday = \$59  
Saturday Only = \$49

**MEAL/LODGING COSTS:**

[www.eagleeyrie.org](http://www.eagleeyrie.org)

**NEW SCHEDULE**

**Friday 4:00-6:15 pm:** Breakouts for Everyone  
**Saturday 8:30 am to 3:00 pm:** Leadership tracks for deacons, Bible study leaders, and other church leaders

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER ONLINE,**  
**GO TO: [www.VBMB.org/LG](http://www.VBMB.org/LG)**  
Or contact Gwen Payne at 800.255.2428 x6265

**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."



**Save the Date:**

**OCTOBER 4, 2013**

*to help Richmond's kids go to camp!*



**2013 Alkulana Golf Tournament**  
**Location To Be Announced!**

Details about registration and sponsorships will be available in the coming months. Check online at [www.alkulana.org](http://www.alkulana.org) or call the RBA at 804-329-1701.

**RBA-IDEA-SHARE!**

*Take a look at what one of your sister churches is doing; it may be an idea God will bless in your church family! This ministry idea is from Huguenot Road Baptist Church, Senior Pastor Bert Browning!*

**HUGUENOT ROAD'S STAFF-LED MISSION**  
**(in HRBC's words)**

"March 11-13, the staff, along with church members, worked together to care for the earth and for our neighbors during the staff-led mission project.

The project consisted of working with and learning from our friends at Shalom Farms in Goochland and serving our friends at Reams Road Elementary by establishing a community garden at the school.

Shalom Farms, a partner with The United Methodist Urban Ministries of Richmond, serves the city of Richmond by providing fruits and vegetables along with food education to those without easy access to healthy choices. They are very connected to the people in low-income communities. The team assisted in preparing tracts for planting later this spring.

HRBC has in turn taken Shalom's idea and is applying it in miniature with our friends at Reams Road Elementary by installing a small garden. For the last seven years, the church has provided mentors to students at the school. The hope is that this garden will allow new pathways toward building relationships so that we can care, educate, and share God's love with students, families, and teachers there.

The garden is just at its beginning stages with the planting of spring, cold weather veggies including cabbage, lettuce, broccoli, peas, collard greens, and onions. Later, summer varieties will be planted including squash and tomatoes.

If gardening is an interest of yours, please check out *our* garden (Reams Road and HRBC). There will be more opportunities as a group or as an individual to help this garden flourish. Please contact Matthew Hensley to learn how you can help!"

*Do you have a favorite ministry at your church that you would like to tell us about? It might become an **RBA-IDEA-SHARE** article and spark a great ministry elsewhere. Send your IDEA to Mike Robinson at [mike.robinson@rbaonline.org](mailto:mike.robinson@rbaonline.org)!*

**CHURCH NEWS**

**BETHANY PLACE** will have a Family Movie Night on Friday, April 26, featuring "Happy Feet 2". **BON AIR's** Young Adult Ministry will have a Yard Sale on Saturday, June 1, 7:00 am – 1:00 pm. **CARLISLE AVENUE** is having a Cookie Bake at their April 19 Family Game Night to provide bagged cookies for the Raceway Ministry Team to distribute at the April 27 races at RIR. **DERBYSHIRE** is having their Inaugural "Pastor's Masters Golf Tournament" at Providence Golf Course on Saturday, May 11, with a 1:30 pm tee time. **FIRST** held the New Creations Fine Arts and Crafts Show: Celebrating God's Gift of Creative Expression, April 20-21, featuring First's artists of all ages. **GRACE** will have a special "Betty's Last La La Concert" featuring Rev. Betty Pugh Mills singing a solo concert to help raise money for the organ fund on Saturday, April 27, at 2:00 pm. **GROVE AVENUE** is encouraging their children to participate in the "Crossover Challenge 1 Mile Kids Run" on Saturday, May 4, to help raise funds for CrossOver's Single Mothers Program. **HATCHER MEMORIAL** hosted a Christian Music Spring Concert featuring Audrey Woodhams, a Dove Award-Nominated Songwriter, during both worship services and in the afternoon on Sunday, April 14, and then had "The Earl Moore Memorial Golf Tournament" on Saturday, April 20, at the Crossings Golf Course. **HUGUE-NOT ROAD** will send Mission Teams to Charlotte, NC for the Hyaets Share Day, May 2-5, and to Owsley County, Kentucky to help with construction and many other ways. The church will host a group of homeless men through CARITAS, beginning Saturday, May 11, through Friday evening, May 17. **LIFE-LINE FOR JESUS COMMUNITY CHURCH's** Associate Pastor, Brian R. Nicholson, will release his second musical CD on Sunday, May 5, at the Richmond Christian Center. **MONUMENT HEIGHTS** held their annual "Love in Action Day" with 14 different projects and opportunities for all ages and abilities to do mission work on Saturday, April 13. The church will host a Free Community-Wide Health Fair on Saturday, April 27, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm featuring visits from the Massey Cancer Center, VCU/MCV Dental School (with the Tooth Fairy), Lions Club, Body & Soul Exercise, Senior Aerobics, AIPCARE, Sheltering Arms Physical Rehab, Henrico Fire, Henrico Police and much, much more! **NEW BRIDGE's** Student Ministry will present the Rob-B-Q Dinner & Talent

Show Fundraiser on May 4 at 6:00 pm. **OAKWOOD MEMORIAL** had a Homebound Members Luncheon in honor of and for their homebound members to eat, worship and fellowship together on Saturday, April 20, at 12:00 noon. The church will have a "Ladies Springtime Tea" on Saturday, May 18, with delicious food, punch, tea, favors, special music and a chance to win a door prize. **PINE STREET's** youth participated in a 30 Hour Famine, prepared and delivered soup to the ill and grieving, baked and delivered spaghetti to the Humphrey Home along with bingo and prizes, went door to door collecting food for the Oregon Hill Center food pantry, and spent an evening in Bible study, reflection and learning games all focused on the world hunger crisis. The youth exceeded their goal of raising \$1,000 to feed and educate a child in a third world, food-deprived country for 3 years. **RIVER ROAD** will have their 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, April 27, at Independence Golf Club. **SAINT PAUL'S** had their Community Foundation Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, April 12. The church is having a "Diaper Change" Drive through Sunday, June 16, to collect diapers for low-income families forced to choose between food, utilities, child care or diapers since diapers are not usually covered by Food Stamps or WIC. **SANDSTON's** WMU will have a Tea Party on Sunday, May 19, at 3:00 pm. **SECOND's** 2020 Vision Committee presented six "2020 Vision Proposals" to guide their annual strategic planning for the next seven years and asked the congregation for suggestions for implementing these goals over the next twelve months. **WEBBER MEMORIAL** will host homeless men of CARITAS April 27 – May 3. **WESTOVER** will have a Community Spaghetti Dinner on Wednesday, April 24, and a Community Cookout on Wednesday, May 29. **WOODLAND HEIGHTS** hosted the Chowan College Choir for a Community Concert on Friday evening, April 12.

**STAFF NEWS**

**GAYTON** has called Jordan Medas to serve as their Worship Arts Pastor, Caleb Foust as their Youth Pastor and David Giles as their Youth Ministry Associate. **RIVER ROAD** recognized Chuck Ursiny for his 20 years of service as the church sexton and LeAnne Lane for her 5 years of service as their financial secretary. **SECOND** celebrated the five year anniversary of their Pastor, Dr. Craig Sherouse.

**SISTER CHURCH NEEDS  
A COMMERCIAL FREEZER**

Rev. Rufus Adkins, retired former pastor of Friendship Memorial Baptist Church, is assisting a congregation in Lancaster County. The church, located near Deltaville, has just acquired a property in foreclosure and is now in the process of furnishing it so that they can move in and get to work building the Kingdom.

If you can donate a commercial freezer to this sister Baptist church, please contact Rufus at (804)262-0672 or [revadkins1030@gmail.com](mailto:revadkins1030@gmail.com). He can arrange pickup at your convenience.



**SUPPORT CAMP ALKULANA  
THIS SUMMER WITH YOUR PRAYERS**

We cannot all be volunteers at Camp this summer, but we can pray for Director Beth, the camp staff, counselors, and campers during staff training and the four summer sessions.

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| • May 18 & June 1<br>• June 2 | • Volunteer Work Days at Alkulana<br>• Director Beth Wright moves to Camp for the summer |
| • June 5-16                   | • Staff Training   |
| • June 20-July 1              | • OLDER Boys Session (12-14)   |
| • July 5-12                   | • YOUNGER Boys Session (9-11 & CITs)   |
| • July 1-17                   | • Staff In-Service Training  |
| • July 18-25                  | • YOUNGER Girls (9-11 & CITs)  |
| • July 29-Aug 9               | • OLDER Girls (12-14)  |
| • August 9-10                 | • Staff Summer Wrap-Up   |

## HELP/SITUATIONS WANTED

**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](mailto: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 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](mailto:southamptonjoy@yahoo.com) or [dretzer@msn.com](mailto:dretzer@msn.com) or send to Pastor Search Committee, Southampton Baptist Church, 7521

### STEINWAY GRAND PIANO FOR SALE



BTSR is looking for 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](mailto:jamesp@btsr.edu) or (804) 355-8135, ext. 230.

### SEEKING BIBLES, HYMNALS, 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:

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|-----------------|------------------------|
| 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](mailto:wesley.garrett@rbaonline.org).

## CALENDAR

MAY 5

VIRGINIA BAPTIST HOMES SUNDAY

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MAY 6 @ 10:00 AM

RBA STAFF MEETING, RBA

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MAY 7 @ 9:00 AM

RACEWAY MINISTRIES CORE TEAM MEETING,  
RBA

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MAY 10 @ 12 NOON

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MAY 12

BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE SUNDAY

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MAY 12

**Mother's Day**

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MAY 14 @ 6:30 PM

CAMP ALKULANA SUPPORT TEAM, RBA

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MAY 16 @ 7:00 PM

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING,  
FAIRMOUNT MEMORIAL

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MAY 18

GENERAL WORKDAY #1 @ CAMP ALKULANA

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MAY 19 - 25

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS  
"CAMP ALKULANA OFFERING"

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MAY 20 @ 10:00 AM

CVBM LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONF.  
PLANNING, RBA

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MAY 21 @ 10:00 AM

RBA WMU LEADERSHIP TEAM, RBA

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MAY 21 @ 1:00 PM

CVBM PASTOR DEACON CONF PLANNING, RBA

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MAY 27

RBA OFFICE CLOSED FOR  
MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY



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**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.

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING**

Thursday, May 16, 2013

12:00 noon

FAIRMOUNT MEMORIAL

4205 Ravenswood Road, 23222



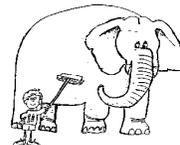
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*The Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology*  
*Virginia Union University*  
at the conclusion of this academic year

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 BTR campus  
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**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
- Spring Cleaning
- Light Carpentry
- 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](mailto:campalkulana@gmail.com).