RBA Seeks Assistance from Third-Party Mediator

Following the Special Called Associational Meeting of March 19 there has already been considerable impact upon the resources required to honor the Association’s calling to minister to the under-resourced of our city.

The following five churches totaling nearly 4,000 members and in excess of $48,000 in missions and ministry support have withdrawn from the Association:

- New Bridge
- New Canaan International
- Oak Grove
- Staples Mill Road
- Webber Memorial

Two more churches are in active conversations with a sister association regarding changing affiliation from the RBA.

One former RBA church that has remained very loyal to the RBA by continuing to contribute to our calling even after joining another association is also considering whether to continue to do so. Eight more member churches are reviewing whether or not to continue their affiliation with the Richmond Baptist Association. Some are escrowing funds while they deliberate.

If all of these churches remove themselves from our Association the impact upon mission efforts equals 13,455 members from whom we draw volunteers and $239,800 in ministry support. These figures represent nearly 25% of our associational membership and more than 38% of our missions support.

We are a fractured family whose faithfulness to her calling is threatened! Like any family in crisis, we need help to resolve the dilemma in which we find ourselves and to restore our family’s health.

At the urging of our Director of Missions at the recent Executive Council Meeting on May 16th, the body approved the following recommendation:

The Director of Missions recommends the engagement of the Center for Congregational Health under the direction of Dr. Bill Wilson to act as an impartial, third-party mediator to engage the association in a process to enhance our ability to work together collaboratively and to minimize the impact of our current circumstances in order to more effectively accomplish our calling to missions and ministry going forward. The investment in this process is estimated by Dr. Wilson (Executive Director of the Center for Congregational Health) to range between $8,000.00 and $15,000.00.

This recommendation will be funded out of existing reserve funds to minimize further impact upon budgeted dollars.

The Center is well respected throughout Baptist circles and beyond! They have done excellent work in opening doors of hope and wholeness with faith communities since 1992. A number of our churches have been served or are currently involved with Center staff.

As we take this opportunity to invest in our family in a meaningful way, we will be modeling for our churches and their family’s healthy steps in repairing brokenness in their own families. This approach is an investment in a better outcome and a brighter future for the mission and ministries of our Association than we might otherwise expect to experience without help.

This investment in the process that the Center will design with us is one that we cannot afford NOT to make. The cost of doing nothing has already been graphically displayed above.

Please add the Center and the forthcoming process to your prayers!

If you would like to know more about the Center for Congregational Health or Dr. Bill Wilson, please email mike.robinson@rbaonline.org or call 356-9663!

Introducing the RBA 2013 Summer Sojourner Missionaries

**Mr. Anthony T. Muhammed**  
*Returning Sojourner from 2012*  
*Member: Bethlehem Fairmount Sophomore, Chowan University*  
*Parents: Demetrius Muhammed & Shonda Harris-Muhammed*  
*Pastor: Dr. Victor Davis*

**Miss Carrie E. Johns**  
*Brother Wil was Sojourner in 2010*  
*Member: Huguenot Road Senior, Clover Hill High School*  
*Parents: Wilton & Caroline Johns*  
*Pastor: Dr. Bert Browning*

**Miss Tyler J. Miles**  
*Former Camp Alkulana Camper*  
*Member: Life-Line For Jesus Community Church Junior, Clover Hill High School*  
*Parent: Yvette Miles*  
*Pastor: Rev. Lorenzo Nicholson, Sr*
Greetings All:

In early May I attended the memorial service for Henry. Henry is not his real name but the memorial service was very real. Years ago Henry had become estranged from those whose bloodlines he shared. None of us will ever know what precipitated the breach, but it was definitive enough that none of his relatives attended the memorial service. For them much of his life was probably a painful nightmare.

The memorial service was held at one of our Baptist Centers and conducted largely by our Community Missionary, Jennifer Turner, her family and a member of the church staff, Clint Jackson, where the center is located, Pine Street Baptist Church. Gathered were Henry’s friends, primarily others from the homeless community where he resided.

Like the memorial service, the tears for Henry were very real. His homeless “family” remembered the woodworking skills that he applied in the community, the painting jobs he had started and completed, the kindness that usually characterized him, but the moods that could at times be volatile. It was clear that Henry didn’t like the confinement of the indoors; after the completion of very serious brain surgery requiring the removal of nearly half of Henry’s skull, he, clad in his hospital gown, checked himself out of the hospital and reappeared in the community where he was viewed as a person of value.

The break in Jennifer’s voice at the beginning of the memorial service made it clear that Henry had found at the Oregon Hill Baptist Center a family who loved him and helped him to experience God’s love and forgiveness in the context of Christian community.

Though you were unaware of it, you were there on that Thursday afternoon at Henry’s memorial service! You were there on those numerous mornings when Jennifer negotiated the transportation schedule with Henry to help him to be on time for the next day’s doctor’s appointments! You were there when Henry was given clean clothing to finish the week because he had no access to washers and dryers, clotheslines and clothespins and clean water to do laundry! You, through the Baptist centers you support faithfully, lent to him dignity in life. At his death you gave him and his friends a sense of value in the community and in the eyes of God.

Henry was 52 years old.

At his memorial service the Gospel message was clear as each of us was challenged to re-evaluate our lives in light of the gift offered to us by the Christ of the cross. One of the homeless men there prayed one of the most honest and contrite prayers I have heard in far too long. The transparency of his prayer was almost shocking; his honesty frightening, heart-warming and refreshing. His confession was remarkably genuine. Both God and Henry had made a lasting impression upon him.

I’m glad I knew Henry a little bit. I’m so glad our Community Missionary knew him well. Through her, her family, and your gifts, Henry had come to know God!

That’s why we are the Richmond Baptist Association and why we must do all that we can to regain our strength of purpose and calling to serve our city’s hurting and helpless in the Name of Christ.

This is our REAL identity! Let’s settle for nothing less!

Prayerfully,

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

**JUNE 2**  River Road
**JUNE 9**  Saint Paul’s
**JUNE 16**  Sandston
**JUNE 23**  Second
**JUNE 30**  Shalom Fellowship
**JULY 7**  Skipwith

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“**Been there– done that.**”
Wesley Garrett, Community Missionary
South Richmond Baptist Center

When a dear friend of many years asked what I was going to do now, referring to the recent possibility that the Richmond Baptist Association might lose some funding for ministry, all I say is “God is able.”

You see, I’ve been in this situation before a few times. In 2001 when the North American Mission Board decided to cut their ties because of theological differences with the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, the Baptist Center in which I was directing, was in the middle of it then. Eventually I and others had to seek other places to do ministry. Later when the Richmond Baptist Association took a severe cut to its funding in 2004, somehow I was in the midst again. After only 17 months, we were led to seek ministry with the Philadelphia Baptist Convention for several years.

Now I am back in Richmond and working along with several others in reaching the lost with food, clothing, and love. I’ve only been back here about 22 months and I truly can say “been there– done that,” over and over, only because of God’s hand in His work. You see, “God is Able!”

As a young boy I remember some of the hymns we use to sing at our small church in Newport News. One of them was “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms.” Those words are so true as I walk with Him. Yes, I must trust His leading through this storm with faith in my own heart that God cannot be caught by surprise and that He is strong enough for anything that comes His way.

So I’ll keep trusting Him even though the storm beats up against the ship, the rain may fall, and the waves are getting high.

I have to keep at it because someone may need food this week. I’ll keep the sewing class open for our seniors to have a place for Christian fellowship and the opportunity to sew together some clothing. I’ll keep going because a little boy may need shoes and clothing for school or a back pack and school supplies. I am reminded that no storm can sink the ship while Jesus on board. He still calms our soul and speaks, “Peace be still.”

Yes, I’ve been there before - but it is God who truly has done that!

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**2 DAY TRIPS TO CAMP ALKULANA**
**DURING 2013 SUMMER CAMP SESSIONS**

With the success of the Day Trips to Camp offered during the past two summer sessions, the RBA, at the invitation of Camp Director Beth Wright, is offering two opportunities again for folks to come see camp in action! These trips are great opportunities to experience Alkulana fully alive with summer campers for RBA Pastors, Church Staff, WMU Members, Missions Leaders, and Friends who may never have been to camp or who have only been on work days or on a retreat in the “off season.”

Anna Tuckwiller, Camp Registrar and former counselor, will be leading the tours again this year. She can answer questions about the camp program and what goes on during a day in the life of Camp Alkulana!

The Day Trips are being offered free of charge! Each trip will leave from the RBA Office (3111 Moss Side Avenue, Richmond, 23222) by bus or van depending on the size of the group.

**SPACE IS LIMITED: RESERVE YOUR SPOT ASAP!**

**Trip #1**
**Monday, July 22 (During Younger Girl’s Session)**
Depart RBA 8:00 a.m., Arrive Camp at 10:30 a.m.
Lunch with Campers, Depart Camp at 2:30,
Arrive RBA at 5:00 p.m.

**Trip #2**
**Saturday, August 3 (During Older Girls Session)**
Depart RBA 8:00 a.m., Arrive Camp at 10:30 a.m.
Lunch with Campers, Depart Camp at 2:30,
Arrive RBA at 5:00 p.m.

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**RESERVATIONS**
Contact RBA: Frances Jones at 804-329-1701
or by email to: frances.jones@rbaonline.org.

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Order this resource by July 31, 2013, and receive the benefit of a 10% discount. If you would like to learn more about this new study, please contact me.

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Inclusion Concert
June 2, 2013 @ 4:00 p.m.
Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
9155 Hungary Road, Henrico 23294

Inclusion, a choir reflecting the racial and ethnic diversity of the Richmond metro area and The Resource Center’s vision of unity-in-diversity, will perform again on Sunday, June 2nd, in a concert to benefit the ministry of

Rev. Marlene V. Fuller, Director, and Jim Bennett, accompanist will lead rehearsals on May 28 at 7 pm, May 30 at 7:30 pm, and Saturday June 1 at 10 am. Interested singers should attend one or all, as their schedule permits.

Concert admission is free; a love offering will be received with all proceeds going to The Resource Center, a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) incorporated in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

For information about this event, or resources to support your ministries, call the Resource Center at 804-358-8306 or visit the website: www.resourcingchurches.com.
GOLFERS SAVE THE DATE!

**OCTOBER 4, 2013**

to help Richmond’s kids go to camp!

9th Annual

Alkulana Golf Tournament

Sycamore Creek Golf Course,
991 Manakin Road, Manakin-Sabot, VA.

Lunch @ 12 noon • Shot Gun start @ 1 pm.

All proceeds go to fund Camp Alkulana.

FEES (same as last year!):

- Individuals—$80
- Foursomes—$300
- Foursome + Hole Sponsor—$380

TYPES OF SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE:

- Bright Eyes Sponsor: $500.00
- Hole Sponsor: $100 per hole

For more details about Sponsorships and to Register On-Line visit the Alkulana website: www.alkulana.org or call the RBA at 804-329-1701.

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 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!!**

For up-to-date information, check out:

- www.vbmb.org/MoreThanNets
- www.facebook.com/MoreThanNets.

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.

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**CHURCH WEEKDAY EDUCATION CONFERENCE**

August 3, 2013

Mount Vernon Baptist Church
11220 Nuckols Road, Glen Allen, VA 23059

**BEFORE JUNE 15:**

- $45/person (individual)
- $40/person for 3+ participants

From same CWE center

**AFTER JUNE 15:**

- $45/person (no group discounts)

Registration Deadline is July 24, 2013!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, TO REGISTER ON-LINE OR DOWNLOAD REGISTRATION FORM, GO TO:**

http://www.vbmb.org/Networks/Age-Groups/Children-Ministry/Event_Church-Weekday-Education-Conference.cfm

Questions, Contact: Karen Rackett at 800.255.2428 ext.2243 or karen.rackett@vbmb.org
**CHURCH NEWS**

**BETHLEHEM (PENICK)** invites you to celebrate their 175th anniversary with the theme of “Celebrating the Past and Anticipating the Future” on Sunday, June 2, at 11:00 am. They are hosting an American Red Cross blood drive on Wednesday, July 12, from 11 am to 4pm. They need 35 signed up to give blood in advance, so if you are able to donate, contact Rebecca Baker at 266-8676. **BON AIR** will have their Vacation Bible School, “Backyard Bible Camp...Under the Stars!” June 24-28, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. **CARLISLE AVENUE** sent a team to Camp Alkulana on Sunday, May 18, for the Camp Work Day. The church will have their Sunday School and Morning Worship Service at the River on Sunday, June 30, followed by a picnic lunch and games. **CHAMBERLAYNE** hosted a “Stop Hunger Now” meal-packaging event on Saturday, May 4, and invited several of their neighborhood churches to join them including Anointed New Life Baptist, Trinity Presbyterian, Chamberlayne Heights United Methodist and First Mennonite. **DERBYSHIRE** will have their Vacation Bible School, “Colossal Coaster World” June 24-28, from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon. **FIRST** will have their VBS, “Camp12”, June 24-28, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. **GAYTON’s** VBS, “Kingdom Rock”, will also be June 24-28, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. **GRACE** will have a Picnic on the Playground after worship on Sunday, June 2. **HATCHER MEMORIAL** will have their Children’s Musical and Teamkid Program on Sunday, June 2, with a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at 5:00 pm and the Program, “The Tale of Three Trees and What I Dream of Becoming When I Grow Up” at 6:00 pm. **HUGUENOT ROAD** is taking a mission team to Bland County for a Dental Mission as well as projects such as yard work, painting and light construction. **LAKE SIDE** had a church-wide indoor Yard Sale to raise money for their Benevolent Fund on Saturday, May 18. **MONUMENT HEIGHTS’** “Love In Action Day” surpassed their goal with 162 participants and 450.25 hours served! **NORMINSTER** is partnering with Embrace Richmond to teach Northminster students construction skills and help them find high paying jobs while making the neighborhood look better by working on a formerly abandoned house. **OAK FOREST** held their annual Singspiration with a Picnic/Cookout at 4:00 pm followed by the Singspiration at 5:30 pm on Saturday, May 18. **PATTERSON AVENUE’s** Family Outreach Ministries hosted a “FUN ‘n Fitness Festival” on Saturday, May 19, aimed at making healthy activity and eating part of families’ daily routines with lots of fun activities for all ages, a “Silent Auction” featuring dozens of terrific resources (athletic equipment, sports memorabilia, fitness tools, educational resources, golf outings, gift certificates, etc.) all to raise funds for the Central Virginia Food Bank and the church’s Outreach Ministries. **PINE STREET** will have a Community Cookout for the local community and the area homeless at the end of May. The church will once again be serving as an intake site for Richmond’s CARITAS homeless ministry beginning June 15. **RIVER ROAD** will send a team to the June 1 Clean-Up Day at Camp Alkulana to help prepare for this year’s campers. **SAINT PAUL’S** is introducing their congregation to the Children’s Defense Fund’s “Cradle to Prison Pipeline” campaign to reduce detention and incarceration of African American and Latino boys by increasing preventive supports and services children need, such as access to quality early childhood development and education services and accessible, comprehensive health and mental health coverage. To learn more about this program visit www.childrensdefense.org/programs-campaigns/cradle-to-prison-pipeline. **SANDSTON’s** WMU group started a food drive April 15 and it will run through June 15. They hope to collect 2013 food items to be divided between Fish, Oregon Hill Baptist Center, Church Hill Wellness Center and South Richmond Baptist Center. The church sent a team of workers to the May 18 Work Day at Camp Alkulana. **SECOND** will offer “Colossal Coaster World” Vacation Bible School June 24-28, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. **SWIFT CREEK’s** Special Needs class, Friends, presented the drama, “Jesus on the Sand and Sea” on Friday, May 3. **WESTHAMPTON** will send a Youth Mission Team to Camp Alkulana on Saturday, June 1, for the Annual Fix-Up and Clean-Up Day. **WESTOVER** will have a Great Big Indoor Yard Sale and Bake Sale on Saturday, June 1, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. **WOODLAND HEIGHTS’** Youth and College Students will present “CHARGED AND CHALLENGED BY GOD” a presentation with drama, music and artistic images related to mission on Sunday, June 16, during the 11:00 am worship service.

**STAFF NEWS**

**HUGUENOT ROAD** is grateful for the five year anniversary of Jon Greenhill as their Associate Pastor for Youth and College Age Ministries. **MONUMENT HEIGHTS** welcomes Chris Robbins as their new part-time Youth Minister. **WESTHAMPTON** called Rev. Bill Duganne to be their pastor. His first Sunday in the pulpit will be June 2.

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**THANK YOU**

For The Generous Donations for Liberia

Ruth Guill, Partnership Missions Coordinator, and Pastor Calvin Birch of the African Christian Community Church express their most sincere appreciation to everyone who donated items for Liberia.

Ruth reports that on Tuesday, May 14, Calvin Birch shipped 11 wardrobe sized boxes to Liberia filled with many items given by various RBA churches and individuals - TVs, medical supplies, hygiene products, choir robes, clothes, linens, toys, Bibles, hymnals and much more. Calvin will be traveling to Liberia in June to accept these items and distribute them to the churches. He knows the members of the Liberian churches will truly be blessed by your generosity.
**PLANNED GIVING IS NOT A NEW IDEA**

*Rev. Jay G. Smith*

*Member, Planned Giving/Endowment Sub-Group Pastor, Cambridge Baptist Church*

Do you think that the concept of a will is a modern idea? Consider the example of King David. He made the first recorded planned gift. In the Bible the book of 1 Chronicles chapters 28 and 29 tell the story of David’s desire to build a temple in which to house the Ark of the Covenant. God, however, told David that because he was “a man of war and have shed blood,” (28:3) he was not qualified to build the temple, but that David’s son Solomon would build it. Verse eleven of chapter 28 says, “Then David gave his son Solomon the plans…” in other words his will for the project. Then the chapter goes on to explain how David planned to finance it. He bequeathed his own savings and received offerings and contributions from other people as well.

Today David’s planned gift might be called, “The David and Solomon Temple Trust,” and it’s a great example of how to use your estate to benefit others. David never saw the completion of the temple. He was not present on the day it was dedicated, and yet because he had put what he wanted accomplished into a plan, his desire was carried out after his passing. The Temple was so glorious that none has been built since to compare to it.

Would you like to accomplish something of lasting value with your estate? The teachings of Jesus are very clear that we are to use our wealth for the benefit of others rather than ourselves. The only way you can have the assurance that your desires will be carried out after your passing (i.e. your “graduation”) is to have a written plan in place, either in a will or trust. In those documents you may designate your church, school, or favorite charity as the beneficiary of a specific amount or percentage or even just the residual of your assets.

Follow David’s example and you’ll have the satisfaction of knowing you will reap so much more than what you have given.

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**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 Delrayville, 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. He can arrange pickup at your convenience.

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**CALENDAR**

- **MAY 31**
  - Camp Director, Beth Wright, moves to Camp for the summer.

- **JUNE 1**
  - **GENERAL WORKDAY #2 @ CAMP ALKULANA**

- **JUNE 3 @ 10:00 AM**
  - RBA Staff Meeting, RBA

- **JUNE 3 @ 6:30 PM**
  - 2013 Summer Sojourner Missionary Orientation

- **JUNE 4 @ 9:00 AM**
  - Raceway Ministries CORE Team Meeting, RBA

- **JUNE 5-16**
  - Camp Staff Training @ Camp Alkulana

- **JUNE 7 @ 12 NOON**
  - Deadline to Submit Material for Transformed!

- **JUNE 9-10**
  - National WMU Annual Celebration, Houston, TX

- **JUNE 11-12**
  - Southern Baptist Convention, Houston, TX

- **JUNE 13 @ 2:00 PM**
  - CVBM Coordinating Team, VBRC

- **JUNE 16**
  - Father’s Day

- **JUNE 16**
  - Hope Tree Family Services Sunday

- **JUNE 17 @ 1:00 PM**
  - CVBM Pastor-Deacon Planning Team, RBA

- **JUNE 20–JULY 1**
  - Older Boys Session, Camp Alkulana

- **JUNE 23-29**
  - Virginia Baptist Heritage Week

- **JUNE 24 @ 9:00 AM**
  - First Day of ACCC Summer Children’s Program

- **JUNE 26-28**
  - Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly, Greensboro, NC

- **JUNE 28 @ 6:00 PM**
  - Volunteers’ Banquet, South Richmond Center

- **JUNE 30**
  - Religious Liberty Sunday
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Contact Frances Jones via email or snail mail at the addresses listed above:
• To submit an article—must be received by the 7th of each month.
• To be added or deleted from the mailing list.
• To submit a change of address in a timely manner so the RBA will not incur postage due costs for returned newsletters that cannot be forwarded.

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
First Union Grace Huguenot Road

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.

May 31  Director Beth Wright moves to Camp for the summer
June 1  2nd Volunteer Work Day at Alkulana
June 5-16  Staff Training
June 20-July 1  OLDER Boys Session (12-14)
July 5-12  YOUNGER Boys Session (9-11 & CITs)
July 16-17  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

Save the Date
Saturday, July 20, 2013
for
Richmond Baptist Association’s
4th Annual
Missions Involvement Extravaganza!
9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
At the RBA Building
3111 Moss Side Avenue, 23222

This is a great opportunity to learn about missions involvement in the RBA. The RBA Missions Involvement Program provides support to the three inner-city Baptist Centers (Oregon Hill, Church Hill and South Richmond), Camp Alkulana, the campus ministries at VCU and UR, and the after-school and summer children’s programs of the African Christian Community Church. You will be able to meet staff, learn about programs, and discover ways you and your church can be involved with these inner-city social ministries.

Stay Tuned for More Details In July!