



Richmond Baptist Association's
Restoration Process Gets Underway!

Saturday
August 17, 2013

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

*Lunch and Snacks will be provided
at no cost to attendees*

at

Second Baptist Church
9614 River Road, 23229

Led by

The Center for Congregational Health

Each RBA congregation is asked to send two representatives, one clergy and one lay person. The Center for Congregational Health will guide our Associational family through a discovery process to move the mission and ministry of the Richmond Baptist Association forward.

The desired outcome for the day is to discover options and possibilities for creating a positive future for our Association to continue to faithfully carry out our unique calling. This exercise will allow for many options to be articulated and examined, culminating with a process to identify the most promising option(s) that can generate a design for the immediate future of the RBA. For the process to work well, it will be important for all attendees to arrive on time and to participate for the entire event.

Box lunches from Jason's Deli will be provided, at no cost. Representatives can indicate their choice of ham or turkey when they register.

REGISTRATION: *Advance registration is required for all church representatives.* We need an accurate count of those attending so that adequate provisions and accommodations will be available on this important day. Please contact Frances Jones (804-329-1701 or office@rbaonline.org) at the RBA Office **by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 15** with the names and box lunch choices of the representatives from your church..

**NOTICE:
Change
of Date**

RBA Executive Council Meeting

NOW: August 8, 2013 @ 12 noon
(originally scheduled on August 15)

Westover Baptist Church
1000 Westover Blvd, Richmond

Executive Council Members can make ***lunch reservations*** with Frances at the RBA office (804-329-1701 or frances.jones@rbaonline.org) **by Monday, August 5.** ***Cost of lunch is \$6.*** Payment is welcomed in advance or at the door.



FROM YOUR DOM, MIKE ROBINSON

Greetings All:

In 2001, just 12 years ago, there were in the United States less than 50 churches that had multiple locations. We call them Multi-site Churches. Today, just a dozen years later, there are more than 5,000 churches meeting in multiple locations. Seventy-five of the largest churches in the U. S. are multi-site and, characteristically, there is a less than 30 minute drive time between most locations. "Facts & Trends" magazine, a publication of LifeWay, cites that 15% of the American multi-site churches have more than three locations and 1 in 10 offer church services online.

Who would have anticipated this?

Two of the Richmond Baptist Association's largest churches are multi-site!

The St. Paul's congregation currently meets in three locations.

Bon Air Baptist Church has recently added its fifth location in a merger with New Covenant Baptist which has just become Bon Air @ the Village! It is particularly exciting for me as a former pastor of New Covenant to see the opportunity for renewed vitality in a ministry location that was struggling due to the challenges of a rapidly aging congregation and the need for new vision and energy! It is a merger fashioned after the model of multi-site guru, Dr. Jim Tomberlin, author of the book Better Together.

For many decades the prevailing merger model involved two or three struggling churches who came together to pool their resources to stave off a final demise. Their methods of ministry were usually relatively similar and so they continued to do what they had always done. While a strategy that required little change and offered considerable comfort for a while, it generally only delayed the inevitable and eventually both or all three of the merging churches would cease to exist.

In Tomberlin's model, there is a *lead* church and a *joining* church. The *joining* church is the one that has been struggling and needs new vision, energy and methodologies. The *lead* church brings these ingredients to the situation and offers a revitalized future of ministry and Kingdom fruitfulness together with the *joining* church in a location that would otherwise more than likely eventually lose its ministry impact and cease to exist.

In Tomberlin's book the old style of merger produces an outcome that looks mathematically like $1 + 1 = 0$. In the more current model that Tomberlin encourages, because both churches benefit with renewed vigor and vision, the model is better depicted as $1 + 1 = 3$ and the entire Kingdom

of God benefits and is expanded.

There are probably only four or five churches within our Association that are in a place where being a *lead* church in a merger would be advisable, but for those churches, Tomberlin's book Better Together is recommended reading and can provide a very viable means for expanding your church's ministry and Kingdom impact.

I am certainly delighted that Bon Air has that sense of Kingdom spirit to be the *lead* church at the Bon Air @ the Village site at the corners of Patterson Avenue and Horsepen Road. I am excited about the good work that God will be continuing at that great location.

Yesterday, I was on hand for another occasion where faithfulness and forward-thinking is evident. Stukeley Hall Baptist Church at 601 Azalea Avenue held its final service after sixty-six years of ministry. It was a bitter-sweet day as folks, some of whom were present on the first day of worship at Stukeley Hall, led the service on its last day and had been tremendously faithful during all of the days and years between.

This dwindling congregation wanted to see the spiritual investment of their peers and predecessors continue and have had the vision and faith to turn their facilities over a new and growing Baptist congregation, Light Community Church, presently meeting in the facilities of the Parham Road Baptist Church. Light Community Church, under the leadership of Rev. Kimberly Ridley, has already met with the RBA New Work Team and will be recommended for membership in the RBA family of churches at our next Executive Council Meeting on August 8 at Westover Baptist.

The faithful members and leadership of Stukeley Hall are thankful and excited to know that the building and property entrusted to them for all those years will continue to serve the purpose of Gospel proclamation and service to the community in the Name of Jesus Christ. Their graciousness in turning over the keys to the Light Community Church is exemplary and to be commended. Their pastor of more than eighteen years, Rev. Richard Landess, encouraged their steps to ensure that the investments of the past will live on well into the future as new fruit is born on that sacred site.

It was a privilege to be with them as they passed the gospel torch into the hands of a bright and productive future! The goodness and greatness of our Association has shown beautifully through these congregations I have held up to you today!

Thankfully,

Mike

JUNE 2013 RBA BUDGET REPORT

Budget Amount:	\$ 52,186
Budget Receipts:	\$ 48,722
Budget Expenses:	\$ 59,301
YTD Budget Amt:	\$313,116
YTD Receipts:	\$206,347
YTD Expenses:	\$268,767

2013 Camp Alkulana Offering

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

As of 6/30/13

Offering Goal:	\$109,200
YTD Receipts:	\$ 45,855
YTD Expenses:	\$ 43,752



Central Virginia Baptist Ministries
Presents

LC13

2013 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Monday, September 23, 2013

Bon Air Baptist Church

2531 Buford Road, Richmond
804-272-1475

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

5:45 pm: Registration and Snacks

6:30-6:45 pm: Opening Remarks

6:45-7:45 pm: Session #1

7:45-8:00 pm: Break

8:00-9:00 pm: Session #2

SPEAKERS AND TOPICS

- **Phil Peacock**, "Operation Inasmuch: A Gateway into your Community"
- **Steve Perky**: "Leverage Twitter without Losing Your Time"
- **Ben Jamison**: "Building a Discipleship Culture through Huddles"
- **Leon Castle**, "Great Adult Sunday School Ideas that Work"
- **Sharon Gary Smith**, "Is your Sunday School Going to Seed?"
- **Welford Orrock**, "Kairos Ministries: Young Adult Ministry in a Changing World"
- **Sterling Severns**, "Work of the People: Infusing Participation and Creativity Into "Traditional" Worship"
- **David Burt**, "Ministry Grid, Training Leaders 24/7"
- **Dean Frazier**, "Leading a Church in a Time of Anxiety"
- **Becky Kaiser**, "Teaching and Reaching Preschoolers Through Love, Laughter, and Learning"
- **Dominic Sottile**, "Church Safety and Security"
- **Nancy Castle**, "Great Children's Sunday School Ideas that Work"
- **Steve Law**, "Ways for Your Church to Have More Money, Guaranteed"
- **Tiffany Hall**, "Engaging Faith Communities in Partnership"
- **Dane Jackson**, "Leading Youth"

Refreshments/Conference Fee

\$5.00 payable at the door!

No pre-registration required!



*For more details on conference
go to: www.cvbm.org*

2013 "Back To School Celebrations"
@ RBA's Baptist Centers



Last fall our three Baptist Centers distributed over 800 backpacks with school supplies to the children of their communities! We hope to do as well this year. Items to be included in each backpack are listed below. **Questions? Contact WMU Mission Involvement Co-Consultants, Barbara Swann, 804-272-5150, or Kathleen Coxon, 804-272-1667.**

BACKPACK (sturdy, large enough for notebooks & textbooks.)

- 1 three-ring binder and divider tabs
- 1 or 2 packs loose-leaf paper (wide or standard rule)
- 4 black-and-white composition books
- 2 one-subject notebooks
- 1 three- or five-subject spiral notebook
- 5 to 8 No. 2 pencils (no mechanical)
- 5 to 8 black or blue ink pens (erasable/no gel)



Christian bookmark or something similar, appropriate for children

*Church Hill and South Richmond Centers prefer pre-filled backpacks.
Oregon Hill Center prefers empty backpacks with supplies grouped by type..*

ADDITIONAL ITEMS (DO NOT PUT IN BACKPACKS)



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|------------------------------|--|
| colored pencils | 2" three-ring binders |
| red pens | crayons (pack of 16 or 24) |
| highlighters | pencil sharpeners (small hand-held) |
| Elmer's glue, 4 oz | markers (washable, 8/10 pack) |
| erasers, pencil top & block | 3 x 5 index cards & file box |
| blank CDs | protractors, clear |
| glue sticks | scissors (pointed or blunt, metal) |
| pencil boxes | calculator, 4-function |
| rulers (12 inch/metric) | zippered pencil pouches |
| water-color paint kits | pocket folders (with or without brads) |
| Tissues, large box & pocket | dictionary, pocket-size |
| hand sanitizer, regular size | zip lock bags (quart and gallon size) |



Socks and Underwear for children
Kindergarten through high school age.

(Boys prefer boxers. Girls prefer bikini underwear!)



For Church Hill Only—TOILETRY BAGS (approx. 500) to include w/backpacks. In one gallon zip-lock bag: travel size shampoo, lotion, hand sanitizer, mouth wash, tooth paste, tooth brush, dental floss, deodorant, regular size bar soap, and wash cloth.

WHERE AND WHEN TO DELIVER THESE SUPPLIES: AGAIN, THIS YEAR WE ARE **ASKING THAT YOU TAKE YOUR BACKPACKS AND SUPPLIES DIRECTLY TO ONE OF THE CENTERS.** NOTE: Each Center has scheduled their celebration for a different date with specified delivery dates and times.

OREGON HILL CENTER

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13 (6-8PM)

Deliver supplies on Aug. 12 from 9 am to 3 pm and Aug. 13 from 9 am to 1 pm. Call Jennifer Turner; 648-1353 to schedule delivery.

CHURCH HILL WELLNESS CENTER

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17 (10AM-3PM)

Deliver Supplies to Bethlehem BC, 1920 Fairmount Ave on August 13 & 14 from 10 am to 12 pm and 1 to 3 pm. Set-up will be August 16 from 10 am until finished. Call Glinda Ford; 780-0053 to schedule delivery.

SOUTH RICHMOND CENTER

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30 (1-3PM)

Deliver supplies on Aug. 27 & 28 from 10 am to 2 pm and Aug. 29 from 10 am to Noon. Call Wesley Garrett; 232-0174 to schedule delivery.

2013
BAPTIST NIGHTS with the RICHMOND  **!!!**

<u>GAMES</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>RESV DEADLINE</u>
Thur, Aug 1 @ 7:05 pm	vs. Portland Sea Dogs	(July 24)
Mon, Aug 19 @ 7:05 pm	vs. Harrisburg Senators	(Aug 12)

**SPECIAL TICKETS
PRICES**

 General Admission
 \$5.00/person
 Diamond Club



Invite friends, neighbors and co-workers for great fun. This is a great opportunity to reach out to a person who likes baseball and may not attend church or may have become irregular in attendance. The game options are given above with the reservation deadlines for each game. See reservation/payment information below!

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT:

Simple process:

- Pick** the preferred game(s) and note payment deadline
- Promote** in church and among friends
- Collect** payment
- Fax ticket **orders** to 804-321-7121 or email office@rbaonline.org.
- Send payment** to RBA **by payment deadline** for game(s) attending:
 - Check (*payable to RBA*) mailed to **RBA Office, Attn: Baseball, 3111 Moss Side Ave., Richmond, 23222**
 - Credit card** or **bank transfer** online via E-giving link at **BAPTIST NIGHT WITH THE SQUIRRELS** section on our website www.rbaonline.org

There will be a prize each night for the church which has the largest number of baseball fans in attendance!

THE SURPRISING WAY TO A STRONGER MARRIAGE
 with Michael and Amy Smalley LIVE!

The **First Things First Marriage Coalition** is partnering with more than 20 churches to bring **Michael and Amy Smalley LIVE** for "The Surprising Way to a Stronger Marriage" event. Couples throughout the Central Virginia region can attend this Friday evening and Saturday morning seminar that will inspire you to experience the kind of love and passion God desires for your relationship. Each session will truly make a difference in each couple's lives!

August 16-17, 2013
Friday: 7-9:30 p.m.
 and
Saturday: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



MECHANICSVILLE CHRISTIAN CENTER
 8061 Shady Grove Rd., Mechanicsville, VA 23111

Why: Couples need an opportunity to enrich their marriages

Reduced cost for churches. Churches may purchase advance discount bulk tickets at a reduced cost of **\$25 per ticket**. (more than 15% off the regular price). The minimum is 20 tickets for 10 couples. **The bulk tickets must be purchased by Aug. 2.**

Cost for regular tickets: \$30 per person
 (\$35 per person after August 2).

For more information and to register go to
www.firstthingsrichmond.org

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

AUGUST 4	TRINITY
AUGUST 11	UNITED FOR CHRIST
AUGUST 18	WESTHAMPTON
AUGUST 25	WESTOVER
SEPTEMBER 1	WOODLAND HEIGHTS



Unpacking and display of our extensive collection is underway this month at our new location on the 4TH Floor of Kingsley Hall, The Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology, on the campus of Virginia Union University. A grand opening event is anticipated for late summer. Monitor our progress on Facebook, or Twitter or our website www.resourcingchurches.com.

For current resource needs, contact staff at:
 Phone: 804-358-8306,
 Email: info@resourcingchurches.com
 Mailing address: 1500 North Lombardy St
 Richmond, VA 23220

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Pastors, educators and congregational leadership are encouraged to register for the upcoming seminar: **Toolbox for Tomorrow, Being Church Together** on **September 14, 2013** at First Presbyterian Church, Richmond

Nominations are now being accepted for the **10th Annual Evening to Honor Excellence in Ministry Banquet** on **November 15, 2013** at Greater Richmond Convention Center.



CHURCH WEEKDAY EDUCATION CONFERENCE
August, 3, 2013

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

AFTER JUNE 15:
\$45/person (no group discounts)

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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

Questions, Contact: Karen Rackett at
800.255.2428m ext,2243 or Karen.rackett@vbmb.org



CENTRAL VIRGINIA RACEWAY MINISTRIES
In association with Central Virginia Baptist Ministries



**Ministry Service Opportunities Available
During NASCAR Race Weekend
September 6-7, 2013
Richmond International Raceway (RIR)**

Central Virginia Raceway Ministries (CVRM) has been granted the unique opportunity to minister through RIR guest services to over 100,000 race fans during the upcoming September race weekend. **Many Volunteers (adults & youth) are needed to serve as ambassadors of goodwill** at one of the four ministry sites at the track or in the RV lots. Volunteers are asked to work one 3-4 hour shift during the weekend. Check out the ministry opportunities listed below and pick out the ministry "shift" that best works for you. **Contact Billy Davis by August 23 to sign up or sign up when you attend the Volunteer Orientation meeting on August 27.** Come join us as we share God's love at the races and in the race of life!

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ DISTRIBUTING *cups of cold water*, homemade cookies, and Christian driver literature;
- ◆ PERFORMING as singers, musical groups or as clowns, magicians, mimes, jugglers, balloon artist, etc.;
- ◆ ASSISTING WITH FAMILY FUN CARNIVAL ministering to children & families with face painting, crafts, matchbox car racing;
- ◆ SERVING as chaplains, crisis counselors, logistics coordinators/assistants, or support persons; or
- ◆ PARK YOUR RV IN ONE OF THE THREE MINISTRY SITES in the camper lots for you or a CVRM member to occupy.

SCHEDULE OF MINISTRY SERVICE

- 9/4&5 - SET-UP MAIN SITE: AM & PM & Minister to Campers
- 9/6 - NATIONWIDE RACE: 9 am-1pm, 1-4pm, 4-7pm, 7-10pm
- 9/7 - FAMILY FUN CARNIVAL & SPRINT CUP RACE:
9 am-1pm, 1-4pm, 4-7pm,
- 9/7 - TAKE DOWN: 8 pm until Done

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION/TRAINING

All volunteers or anyone interested in learning more about this ministry **ARE REQUIRED** to attend the **Orientation/Training Session on Tuesday evening, August 27, at 7:00 p.m.** at the RBA building, 3111 Moss Side Avenue, Richmond. Agenda items for this meeting include briefing by race track guest services official, volunteer responsibilities, finalization of the plans for the weekend activities, and a chance to ask questions. Volunteers can also sign up for a shift time.

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! The cookies will be distributed to race fans by CVRM Volunteers with a cup of cold water or lemonade. **Cookies may be brought to the RBA Office, 3111 Moss Side Ave, Sept 3-5, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (329-1701).**

Questions or to volunteer, Contact:

BILLY DAVIS, VOLUNTEERS
(H) 804-741-4898 OR
(C) 804-306-1604 OR
(E) billy.davis1@verizon.net

DEBBIE CARTER, CHAPLAINS
804-377-9914
DebbieCarter88@aol.com



ANNOUNCING!

**FINAL DAY TRIP 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 one final opportunity for folks to come see camp in action! These trips have been 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 offered free of charge!

This final trip for 2013 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 #2

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

(DURING OLDER GIRLS SESSION)

**Depart RBA 8:00 am, Arrive at Camp at 10:30 am
Lunch with Campers, Depart Camp at 2:30,
Arrive at the RBA at 5:00 pm**

RESERVATIONS

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



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.

- July 29-Aug 9 OLDER Girls (12-14)**
- August 9-10 Staff Summer Wrap-Up**

Benefits of Membership in  **entrust**
FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION

"Entrust members could win up to \$10,000 by simply using their online Bill Pay between July 1 and Aug 31. The more Bill Pay bills you write the more times you're entered.

Not an Entrust Financial Credit Union Member? Join today! Contact mbrservices@entrustfuc.com or at 353-8012.

AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

CHURCH NEWS

BETHANY PLACE will host the 3rd Annual Combined Choral Concert on Sunday, August 11, 5:00 pm. With Choir members from 4 area churches, Bethany Place Baptist, Jahnke Road Baptist, Trinity United Methodist and Beulah United Methodist, they will have piano, organ, hand-bells, (new this year), and a new arrangement written specifically for this concert. An Ice Cream Social will follow the concert. Everyone is welcome. **BETHLEHEM (FAIRMOUNT)** will host the Back-to-School Celebration for the Church Hill Christian Wellness Center on Saturday, August 17, from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. **BON AIR's** new campus, Bon Air at the Village, will be offering Vacation Bible School, "God's Backyard Bible Camp", August 12-14, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. **CARLISLE AVENUE** will have their VBS, "Paul's Dangerous Journey to Tell the Truth", August 11-15, 6:15 – 8:30 pm. **CHAMBERLAYNE** will have their Annual Church Yard Sale for Missions on Friday, August 23, 5-7 pm and Saturday, August 24, 7:00 am – 1:00 pm to raise funds for their mission projects. **FAIRMOUNT MEMORIAL** had the "Announcers Quartet" in concert on July 14 with a dinner following the service. **FIRST** hosted 40 CARITAS women during the week of July 13-20. The church will have their annual free Classics in the Courtyard every Thursday night in August at 8:30 pm. This year they are featuring animated favorites from Disney and Pixar. The church will have their 5th Annual River Baptism on Sunday, August 18, at 4:00 pm. For more details on these events, check out their website, www.FBCRichmond.org. **GRACE** will host Richmond's newest chamber music series, Music From Grace, featuring the much acclaimed "Richmond Guitar Quartet" on Thursday, August 1, at 7:00 pm. For more information or to order tickets, call 804-837-9355. **GROVE AVENUE** will have their annual Father/Son Campout trip August 8 – 10 with a fathers grill off, a fishing tournament, a fish fry and corn hole tournament. **JAHNKE ROAD's** choir is participating in the 3rd Annual Combined Choral Concert at Bethany Place on Sunday, August 11, at 5:00 pm. **MONUMENT HEIGHTS** will have a Family Movie Night and Ice Cream Social featuring the movie, "Ratatouille" on Friday, August 9, at 6:30 pm. **MOUNT CARMEL** will have a prayer conference and revival July 29-31 and has a Mission & Crusades trip to Panama City & Santa Clara, Panama, "Mission to the World; Mission to Oneself", planned for August 8-17. They will minister at the Mission Station in Coclé, Province of West Panama City through Vacation

Bible School by day and Crusade for Christ through the proclamation of God's Word at night. While there they will also have the opportunity to explore their own lives through Topics for Exploration such as "The Power of Your Story", "The Power of Questions", and others. **MOUNT TABOR** had Vacation Bible School July 8-12. **PATTERSON AVENUE** will bring a global fair to their VBS, "Everywhere Fun Fair: Where God's World Comes Together!", on August 12-16 with a celebration during their worship on Sunday, August 18, at 11:00 am. The church hosted the South/West WMU meeting on Tuesday, July 23 and delighted the ladies with the pastor's cooking. **RIVER ROAD** will send a mission team to the Standing Rock Reservation in Cannonball, ND on August 3-10 to minister to Native Americans. **SANDSTON** hosted the North/East WMU meeting on Tuesday, July 23. Their VBS "Colossal Coaster World—Facing Fear! Trusting God!!" will be July 28 through August 1 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. **SECOND** will hold their annual JUBILATE Concert on Sunday, August 4, at 5:00 pm with a homemade ice cream social after the concert. The church will host 40 homeless CARITAS men August 17-24. **SWIFT CREEK's** Student Ministry is having a Bingo & Movie Night on Friday, August 2. The church is sending a mission team to Haiti to help their orphanages and deliver twin bed sheets, peanut butter, crocs, jump ropes, flat soccer balls and more, August 8-13. **TABERNACLE** will have the "Scenic Roots" Concert, a sister duo which combines old-time mountain melodies, bluegrass drive, Irish traditions and down-home humor, on Thursday, August 1, 7:00-9:00 pm. **WESTOVER** will host the August Executive Council meeting on Thursday, August 8, at 12:00 noon. **WOODLAND HEIGHTS** will have a Summer Worship and Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, August 21, at 7:00 pm.

STAFF NEWS

GAYTON is pleased to announce that Phil Lawson is now serving as their Interim Worship Leader for their 9:30 & 11:00 am services. **GRAVEL HILL** now has Mrs. Mary Young as their Administrative Assistant/Clerk. **HUGUE-NOT ROAD** has announced that Dr. Layne Smith will serve as their Interim Transition Specialist. **MOUNT CARMEL's** Pastor, Dr. Stephen Greene Howard, was part of the 16th Baptist Youth Conference (Baptist World Alliance) program in Singapore, Southeast Asia, July 15-22. **RIVER ROAD** has voted to call Rev. Michael Kellett, Jr. as their new Minister to Children and Youth.

2014 BUDGET PLANNING TIME!

Team leaders, sub-group and ministry leaders, it is time to submit your requests for the 2014 RBA Ministry Year. Meet with your teams and ministry partners to plan your ministry actions for the coming year and estimate anticipated fiscal investments needed to carry out your plans and goals.

Use the email address office@rbaonline.org to submit your requests.

Richmond Baptist Association's



TRAINING SCHEDULED!

Saturday, **March 29, 2014**

9:00 AM to Noon

RBA, 3111 Moss Side Avenue

led by

Dr. David Crocker, Founder of Operation Inasmuch!

HELP/SITUATIONS WANTED

Skipwith is seeking a **CHILDREN'S AND STUDENT DIRECTOR**.

This part-time staff position is an exciting opportunity for a young person with a calling to serve as the director of children and student ministries at an established church in the Richmond Baptist Association. This person will assist in worship, Bible studies, mission ministries, and coordinating events for youth and students. The candidate should be comfortable serving as a resource for parents and youth on important issues related to spiritual formation. Candidate will go through a background check. For more information call 804-282-2234, or check the church web-site at www.skipwithbaptistchurch.org. Resumes and inquiries can be sent to Skipwith Baptist Church 1900 Skipwith Rd. Henrico, VA 23229.

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR SOME WAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD but don't have a group to partner with to do it. **Bethlehem Baptist on Penick Road**, has two opportunities that may interest you. One is in January 2014 to work with the Kuna Indians in Panama (open to college students) and the other trip will be in late June/early July 2014 to partner with Frederiksted Baptist Church in St. Croix to go to the island of St. Lucia to assist a church with construction and children's ministry (open to all ages). All of our trips in past years have been made up of church members plus others. If you are interested and would like more information, contact Pastor Mark Holland at 804-262-8339 or markholland@gmail.com.



The John Leland Center for Theological Studies

Offers New Learning Opportunity

A new "learning community" is being launched in the Richmond area this fall. Six (6) to eight (8) students will join with faculty in a joint ministerial education and training venture. They will not only study and learn together in the classroom, but will also become a close community of fellowship, conversation, support, and enrichment.

This group will be the first to undertake a completely revised curriculum offered by the John Leland Center for Theological Studies. After three years, students will graduate with a Diploma in Theology. More importantly, they will be well-equipped for faithful Christian life and service in the church.

Interested persons who are involved in or preparing for ministry (either lay or clergy), please contact Keith Smith for more information and an application: ksmith@leland.edu, 804-747-1380.

A World of Help and Hope!

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Randy Rowekamp, Area Manager
 Crown Financial Ministries
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www.rrowekamp.crown.org



CALENDAR

JULY 29—AUGUST 9

OLDER GIRLS' SESSION, CAMP ALKULANA 

AUGUST 1 @ 7:05 PM 

**BAPTIST NIGHT AT THE DIAMOND
 SQUIRRELS VS PORTLAND SEA DOGS**

AUGUST 3 @ 8:00 AM 

**DAY TRIP #2 TO CAMP ALKULANA, LEAVE FROM RBA
 RETURN TO RBA @ 5:00 PM**

AUGUST 6 @ 9:00 AM

RACEWAY MINISTRIES CORE TEAM MEETING, RBA

AUGUST 8 @ 12 NOON

RBA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, WESTOVER

AUGUST 9-10

 **STAFF SUMMER WRAP-UP, CAMP ALKULANA**


AUGUST 12 @ 12 NOON

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT MATERIAL FOR TRANSFORMED!

AUGUST 12


**DEADLINE TO SIGN-UP AND PAY FOR THE AUG 19
 BAPTIST NIGHT AT THE DIAMOND SQUIRRELS GAME**

AUGUST 13 @ 6-8 PM

**BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION
 @ OREGON HILL BAPTIST CENTER
 (Deliver Supplies on August 12 & 13)** 

AUGUST 17 @ 9AM TO 2PM

**RBA DIALOG, PHASE 1, LEAD BY CENTER FOR
 CONGREGATIONAL HEALTH, LOCATION TBA**

 **AUGUST 17 @ 10 AM TO 3 PM**

**BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION
 FOR CHURCH HILL CHRISTIAN WELLNESS CENTER
 @BETHLEHEM, 1920 FAIRMOUNT AVENUE
 (Deliver Supplies on August 13 & 14; Set-up on 16)**


AUGUST 19 @ 7:05 PM 

**BAPTIST NIGHT AT THE DIAMOND
 SQUIRRELS VS HARRISBURG SENATORS**

AUGUST 27 @ 7:00 PM

RACEWAY MINISTRIES VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION, RBA

AUGUST 30 @ 1-3 PM

**BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION
 @ SOUTH RICHMOND BAPTIST CENTER
 (Deliver Supplies on August 27, 28 & 29)** 

RICHMOND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
3111 MOSS SIDE AVENUE
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PRAY FOR

RBA CHURCHES SEEKING A PASTOR



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First Union                      Grace  
Huguenot Road                Oakwood Memorial

Rural Asia Initiative  
CLEAN H<sub>2</sub>O

Rural Asia Mission Project  
sponsored by

Monument Heights Baptist Church  
5716 Monument Avenue, Richmond

YOU CAN  
HELP!

Please join us for a  
Dinner/Auction

August 17, 2013 @ 6:00 p.m.

Our goal is to purchase a water filtration system  
that will provide CLEAN H<sub>2</sub>O for 100 families  
in Indonesia!

Dinner is \$25.00 per plate!  
\*\*All donations are welcome\*\*

RESERVATIONS: Call the church office at  
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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

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Register On-Line  
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call the RBA at 804-329-1701.