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.

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.
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 $1 + 1 = 0.0$. 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 to 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

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**June 2013 RBA Budget Report**

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**2013 Camp Alkulana Offering**

Formerly known as the RBA Week of Prayer for Associational Missions

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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 Frazeur, “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)
colored pencils
red pens
highlighters
Elmer’s glue, 4 oz
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blank CDs
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Church Hill Wellness Center
SATURDAY, AUGUST 17 (10AM-3PM)
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Set-up will be August 16 from 10 am until finished.
Call Glinda Ford; 780-0053 to schedule delivery.

South Richmond Center
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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.
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

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT:
Simple process:
1. Pick the preferred game(s) and note payment deadline
2. Promote in church and among friends
3. Collect payment
4. Fax ticket orders to 804-321-7121 or email office@rbaonline.org.
5. Send payment to RBA by payment deadline for game(s) attending:
   a. Check (payable to RBA) mailed to RBA Office, Attn: Baseball, 3111 Moss Side Ave., Richmond, 23222
   b. 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!

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

THE RESOURCE CENTER
800.255.2428m ext, 2243 or Karen.rackett@vbmb.org

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

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
Benefits of Membership in entrust

“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.
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 Methoist, 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/East 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, August 21, at 7:00 pm. 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 orphans 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. HUGUEY- 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.
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](http://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 marktholland@gmail.com.

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**Crown Financial Ministries** offers **A World of Help and Hope!**

Crown Financial Ministries is making an impact around the globe in the lives of people. If you are interested in how much of an impact, just click on “We Are Crown”. at [www.rowekamp.crown.org](http://www.rowekamp.crown.org). If you would like to learn how Crown can help you, your church, your business or your career, please contact me.

**Randy Rowekamp, Area Manager**

Crown Financial Ministries

804-683-1595; RRowekamp@crown.org; www.rowekamp.crown.org

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**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.

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**The 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**

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(Deliver Supplies on August 27, 28 & 29)
TRANSFORMED! is published monthly by the Richmond Baptist Association, 3111 Moss Side Avenue, Richmond, VA 23222, 804-329-1701.

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.

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.

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
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