Richmond Baptist Association’s 62nd Annual Fall Meeting

**Sunday, October 20, 2013**

**3:00 p.m.**

**3:00 pm - Meeting Session**

- Testimonies of Summer Sojourner Missionaries
- Report from Center For Congregational Health
- Reports from: RBA Director of Missions, Baptist Centers Community Missionaries, Camp Alkulana Director and Others
- Praise and Worship Through Music

**5:15 pm - Dinner**

By reservation only

**Cost: $7.00**

**Deadline for Reservations**

**Tuesday, October 15**

To make dinner reservations: contact your church office and they will make reservations for messengers and visitors. Individual reservations will not be taken.

NOTE: Pre-payment of reservations is requested with check made payable to RBA. Mail to RBA, Attn: Annual Meeting, 3111 Moss Side Avenue, Richmond, VA 23222

Any questions, contact: Frances Jones at 329-1701 or frances.jones@rbaonline.org

**Hosted by:**

Chamberlayne Baptist Church

215 Wilkinson Road, Richmond 23227
804-266-8735

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RBA CHURCHES—IT’S TIME TO ELECT MESSENGERS TO REPRESENT YOUR CHURCH

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

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

Processes often require more time, discipline, flexibility and patience than any of us wants to give! After all, we are conditioned by a world that regularly witnesses several dilemmas of considerable complexity being solved every half hour to hour, even with ten to twenty minutes drained away by a multiplicity of commercials, news cast teasers and public service announcements. Such conditioning is not our friend! It breeds contempt for expending the energy and investing the time that authentic problem solving requires.

I am grateful for the twelve to sixteen persons who are gathering regularly each Tuesday afternoon to think about the issues that are currently facing the Richmond Baptist Association. This is a team that was drawn, by instruction from the Center for Congregational Health, from the larger group that met at Second Baptist Church on Saturday, August 17th, from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM in a process of DISCOVERY. All churches were invited to participate with one lay and one clergy representative. Twenty-eight churches attended numbering nearly fifty-five persons. The group discovered that day that there is a strong commitment to missions and ministry on the part of many of our churches of the Association.

We also discovered that the identity of the Association has become unclear. In addition, we seem to be unsure of what distinctions exist between being a member of the RBA and being a partner for the sake of what we notably do.

In light of this uncertainty there has been considerable response! Churches uncomfortable with the uncertainty about membership and identity have chosen to disengage – ten of them! One church, formerly a member of the RBA but having moved to the heart of another Association thus moving her membership, is engaged in the process of evaluating whether or not they will continue to contribute to our Association as they have even since their departure several years ago. Another member church has voted to leave at the end of October. Nine additional churches are studying their affiliation. These twenty churches represent between forty and fifty percent of our missions support but, perhaps even more importantly, between fifty and sixty percent of our volunteer force to accomplish the work of the Association.

The DESIGN team is grappling with the steps to take to move us forward. Theirs is not an easy task! Pray fervently for them!

A goal is to have a clear recommendation ready for presentation at the 62nd Annual Fall Meeting of the Richmond Baptist Association on Sunday afternoon, October 20th, at Chamberlayne Baptist Church which has kindly agreed to host us. Along with serving as host, the church will provide a delicious meal at 5:15 PM. If you have not already done so, mark your calendar with plans to attend and have your church office communicate your intentions. Your church office will know how many messengers your church is allowed based upon membership, contributions and positions of Associational leadership.

Meanwhile, the work of the Association continues! As you will see later in the “TRANSFORMED!” more than 800 children were served during the Back-to-School Celebrations hosted by our Centers. Left over backpacks and school supplies have either been shared with partnering agencies or will be distributed to the homeless or to school children as the year progresses and their back-packs or cache of paper and other supplies is exhausted.

Camp Alkulana completed its 2013 Summer Camping Season having hosted 200+ youngsters. The season was blessed by the absence of natural disasters and storm damage for which we are all grateful!

Demand upon our Centers’ food pantries remains heavy. The Church Hill Christian Wellness Center has already served groceries to 906 adults and 501 children and a quarter of the year remains! At the Oregon Hill Center food distribution takes place every Thursday morning, the homeless are served a warm meal weekly on the same day and on two Thursdays monthly the center works with Pine Street Church to offer Senior Adult Dinners in the evening. At their 2nd Annual College Student Welcome Back Celebration held on August 25th, 134 young adults attended! This number is up tremendously from the 39 that attended last year! Praise God! Just since the last RBA Centers Support Group meeting three months ago, the South Richmond Baptist Center has reached into 520 homes with contributions of food and Bible Study. The Center’s Volunteer Appreciation Banquet was a wonderful success attended by more than 70 persons! Thanks, Wesley!

The distribution of seasonal clothing continues to meet an important need. The supply of fall and winter clothing will be helpful for those who have no clothing budget! I suspect that each of us has items in our closet that are in great shape but that we no longer intend to wear. Each item will supply a need greater than we might imagine. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Pray for our Budget Sub-group and our Nominating Team as they discern how to move forward in coming days.

Despite considerable challenges, the work of Matthew 25:40 continues! Your staff remains faithful in its representation of Christ and our Association! Our volunteers continue to offer exemplary service in His Name!

Please continue to pray without ceasing! “The fervent effectual prayer of a righteous person accomplishes much!”

Praise be to God!

Mike

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**August 2013 RBA Budget Report**

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**2013 Camp Alkulana Offering**

Formerly known as the RBA Week of Prayer for

As of 8/31/13

Offering Goal: $109,200
YTD Receipts: $77,941
YTD Expenses: $93,034
Richmond Baptist Centers
Back-To-School Celebrations
August 13, 17 & 30, 2013

888 Backpacks & Supplies Donated with 818 Distributed to Date!

The reports of the RBA Community Missionaries (Jenifer Turner, Glinda Ford and Wesley Garrett) of our three Baptist Centers at the September 16th Centers Support Group meeting included their sincere appreciation to the RBA churches, WMU groups and individuals who very generously provided backpacks, school supplies and volunteer helpers for the three Back-to-School events in August. The numbers from each Center follow:

OREGON HILL: August 13 (6-8 p.m.)
♦ 203 backpacks & school supplies donated
♦ 149 children received backpacks and school supplies
♦ Extra supplies will be shared with St. Andrew’s School in Oregon Hill.
♦ Some supplies are kept at the Center for needs during the year.
♦ The remaining empty backpacks will be used in the homeless ministry.

CHURCH HILL: August 17 (10 am - 3 pm)
♦ 347 backpacks given by 21 churches.
♦ 341 backpacks given out at the Celebration.

SOUTH RICHMOND: August 30 (1-3 p.m.)
♦ 338 backpacks and supplies donated.
♦ 288 backpacks were distributed on 8/30.
♦ 40 backpacks given to the ACCC.
♦ 10 backpacks and the remaining supplies will be distributed during the year.

Camp Alkulana
Report of Summer 2013
By Camp Director, Beth Wright

Camp Alkulana’s 99th summer of camp ministry has come to a close. We are grateful for another summer that granted us the opportunity to serve Richmond’s children in our camp in the beautiful Allegheny Mountains. We are thankful for the transformation that we witnessed in campers and counselors alike. We are blessed to have you and the part you play in this ministry each and every summer.

This summer we hosted 202 campers (ages nine to fifteen) and had over fifty-five volunteers or staff members on-site at various times ministering to them. Seventy-five percent of our campers receive free or reduced lunch at school, indicating that they are a good fit for our ministry target area. Others were referred and accepted based on other needs that made them a good match for Alkulana or because they are “legacy” campers, meaning that their parent or grandparent was once an Alkulana camper. About a third of our staff or volunteers this summer were former campers, highlighting the ways that our ministry successfully disciples and mentors its own into leadership roles.

We are thankful to have been spared the heat and destructive weather that we’ve seen in recent years, and instead enjoyed mild temperatures that allowed us to keep campers safe as they enjoyed camp activities like swim lessons, rock climbing, canoeing, and hiking. Themes like fear and trust, weakness and strength, failure and success always come up in these activities and enabled counselors to use these activities to share the Gospel with campers.

The relationships that counselors built with campers modeled Christ’s love and forgiveness. And of course, daily Bible studies and group worship times emphasized God’s presence in our lives.

This year’s Bible study theme focused on prayer. The beauty in this focus is that campers not only spent time in the practice of prayer at camp, but they were given the tools to continue that growth throughout the year. One Bible study activity asked campers to write prayers on large pieces of paper spread on the floor of our Big Lodge. The pages were headed with different themes they were asked to focus on. Later, as we read these prayers, I was struck by both the depth and seriousness of the prayers our campers wrote and by the breadth of our God’s ability to answer them.

Our campers lifted up prayers for health for family members and for a stop to violence in their homes. Some offered prayers of thanksgiving for the beautiful nature they see at camp. Others prayed that God would help their generation work hard to improve the world. There were pleas for forgiveness and the ability to forgive others. Some wrote prayers that there would be no bugs or mice in their cabins! One simply wrote “Be sure to keep camp safe for 100 more years. We all need it!” Others prayed to become counselors at Alkulana. Campers prayed for personal direction in their lives, for safety in their neighborhoods, for strength to follow the right path, and for spiritual growth.

Please join me this year in praying for our campers, their families, their communities, and for our camp ministry. Thank you for the part you play in this ministry and the ways that you allow God to use you in impacting the lives of our campers. You partner through the hours you spend volunteering to repair or clean the facility and through donations of money and needed items. You partner by referring campers or counselors and then supporting them through the summer with encouraging notes, prayers, and care packages. Some of you sit in planning meetings to help administrate the camp, some hand-make our warm fuzzies, and others are counselors interacting with our campers throughout the summer. In whatever way, thank you for serving God through this ministry and for being part of bringing the good news to the children of Richmond. It takes all of us working together to transform lives.

PRAY FOR THE RBA CHURCH OF THE WEEK

October 6 South Richmond Baptist Center
October 13 Camp Alkulana
October 20 Richmond Baptist Association
October 27 African Christian Community
November 3 Bethany Place
On November 7, 2013, Dr. Billy Graham will celebrate his 95th birthday! This November he and the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association will spearhead what may be his last evangelistic campaign, and it will be a significant event if we partner with him!

Out of 100 average Americans, 7 of your neighbors struggle with depression; some consider suicide. 14 feel crippled by fear and anxiety. 7 abuse or are addicted to drugs or alcohol. 8 are struggling with the loss of a job. 3 are grieving the death of a loved one. 60 don’t profess to know Jesus Christ as their Savior. Those statistics paint a bleak picture, but THERE IS HOPE! “Our nation needs the hope of Jesus Christ!”

How can you help?

Following the simple Biblical model, My Hope with Billy Graham combines the excitement of a nationwide media event with the power of personal relationships. Christians across America and Canada will share the Gospel message with friends, family, colleagues and neighbors using a variety of media programs featuring Billy Graham, dynamic music and testimonies.

Like the Apostle Matthew, some will invite guests into their home, while others will gather at a coffee shop or their favorite hangout. Whether using a television, tablet, or smart-phone, participants will choose a program format and time that suits them, show the program, and share their personal testimony of only several minutes’ length.

The steps:

LOOK AROUND and identify friends, neighbors, students, co-workers, and family who do not know Jesus Christ as Savior. Write their names on your Matthew List.

LOOK UP and pray every day for each person on your Matthew List. Ask God to open their hearts so they can see their need for Him. Pray that He will strengthen your relationship with them and that they will accept your invitation to watch the program.

LOOK OUT for opportunities to build your relationships with these people. Spend time with them. Be transparent about your relationship with Christ so that your friends can see the difference He is making in your life. God’s Spirit will help you.

LOOK FORWARD to the event. PREPARE for the outreach. INVITE every person on your Matthew List. WATCH the My Hope with Billy Graham programs together. SHARE your story and ASK your guests if any of them would like the kind of hope that you have. Then you can help them receive Christ as their Lord and Savior using a prayer similar this:

“Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn away from running my own life, and now I ask You to run it. I invite You to come into my heart and life. I trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.”

LOOK AFTER those who give their lives to Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith. (The My Hope with Billy Graham packet contains excellent materials to help with this process.)

Well, this is a quick summary of a wonderful opportunity to represent Christ to your family and acquaintances! For more information, you can either contact Mike Robinson at the RBA by email mike.robinson@rbaonline.org or by calling the office at 804-329-1701 (cell: 804-356-9663) or go online to www.myhopewithbillygraham.com. When you contact me, I will sit down with you, supply you with an information packet and supplies that will make this effort very simple and straightforward. I will personally review the packet with you!

Past experience with this crusade in other parts of the world have shown that out of each Matthew group, on average 2.2 persons make a profession of faith and come into the local church to learn more about the Lordship of Christ and to follow Him more closely. Imagine if your church had only 10 Matthew groups and each group brought 2.2 persons into your church!

When was the last year that your church welcomed 22 new members in one year?? For many of our churches this would represent a ten-fold increase in any recent annual harvest!

Sharing Your Story

Here’s a three-minute plan for telling your story - how Jesus gave you hope and what He’s doing in your life today;

• 30 seconds: Tell what your life was like before you received Christ.
• 30 seconds: Explain what caused you to turn to God.
• 60 seconds: Share the circumstances of how you received Him into your life.
• 30 seconds: Repeat the prayer you prayed to receive Jesus Christ.
• 30 seconds: Explain how your life has changed since Jesus became your Lord and Savior.

If you have never written out your story, I will help you do that! It will thrill your heart to develop this tool for use in serving Him and it will expand your service capability in a marvelous way!

Remember, “the fields are ripe unto harvest.” Would YOU be one of the workers? Call me! Email me! Text me!

Let’s do this together!
THE 2013 CHRISTMAS STORES AT THE THREE BAPTIST CENTERS!

Gifts are needed for children ages birth through 12 years old (Shortages reported for the 7-to-10 year olds). Suggestions: Clothing (jeans, sweaters, sweatshirts, sleepwear, socks, underwear, coats, hats, gloves) in regular and larger sizes, games, toys, books, bicycles and helmets. Go easy on stuffed animals, Barbie dolls, Candy Land and Chutes & Ladders Board Games. In other words, purchase gifts that you would want your own children to receive. Do not wrap them; the parents need to see what they are selecting. (Donations of small amounts of wrapping paper will be appreciated.). Please leave price tags on items so you can tell less expensive from expensive items.

Refer to the lists, below, to see where it is suggested that your church take its gifts. Questions? Contact WMU Mission Involvement Co-Consultants, Barbara Swann 804-272-5150 or Kathleen Coxon 804-272-1667.

SOUTH RICHMOND AND OREGON HILL BAPTIST CENTERS
Christmas store in South Richmond Center
Saint Paul’s Belt Campus, 700 East Belt Blvd.
Thursday & Friday ♦ December 5 & 6
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Deliver your gifts: December 2 & 3 (Monday & Tuesday), between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, December 4, between 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Bring gifts to the rear of the gymnasium at Saint Paul’s Belt Campus. Volunteers are needed to help sort and set-up each delivery day; help as shopping assistants on Store days; be interpreters for Spanish speaking shoppers; and help pack-up leftover items on Friday, December 6. If you can volunteer, call Jennifer Turner, OHBC, at 648-1353; or Wesley Garrett, SRBC, at 323-0174.

THE CHURCH HILL WELLNESS CENTER
Christmas Store @ Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1920 Fairmount Ave. (on the opposite side of Fairmount Ave. from the Wellness Center in Mount Tabor Church)
Saturday ♦ December 7
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Deliver your gifts to Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1920 Fairmount Avenue, across the street from Mount Tabor; December 3, 4 & 5 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday), between 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up on Friday, December 6, starting at 10:00 a.m.; as shopping assistants on December 7; and to assist with clean-up on Dec. 7 from 4 to 5:00 p.m. If you can volunteer, call Glinda Ford at 780-0053.

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THANKSGIVING REQUEST FROM OUR BAPTIST CENTERS

“THE WELL”
NEEDS GIFT CARDS, GIFT CARDS, GIFT CARDS

Glinda Ford, Church Hill Christian Wellness Center, plans to include grocery store gift cards with the regular food bags she will be distributing. She asks for donations of 80 Martin’s or Walmart $10 Gift Cards to be delivered no later than Tuesday, November 19. The more cards received, the more folks who will be blessed. She always appreciates food bag donations. If you have any questions, contact Glinda Ford at 780-0053.

OREGON HILL NEEDS
“THANKSGIVING LIKE” FOOD

Oregon Hill Baptist Center is in need of “Thanksgiving like” food to be given away on Monday, November 25 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Food should be delivered to the Center by Thursday, November 21 (please call ahead to set up delivery time). Call Jennifer Turner, Community Missionary for Oregon Hill at 648-1353 if interested in helping. Thanks in advance for your contributions — Jennifer

FOOD ITEMS REQUESTED FOR EACH BAG ARE:
- $10 Kroger gift cards (1 per family)
- Canned Ham (small, non-refrigerated)
- Gravy (Turkey or Brown)
- Macaroni & Cheese (Family-sized box or 2 smaller boxes)
- Family sized cans Sweet Potatoes/Yams (No large #10 cans)
- Family-sized cans Green Beans or Corn (No large #10 cans)
- Cream of Mushroom or Chicken Soup
- Cans of Fried Onions
- Cranberry Sauce or Apple Sauce
- Muffin Mix, Cornbread Mix, etc.
- Graham Cracker pie shells in pan
- Large boxes of Instant Pudding Mixes for pies
- Apple Juice
- Instant Coffee; Box of Tea Bags

SOUTH RICHMOND CENTER
THANKSGIVING DINNER AND FOOD BAGS

Community Missionary, Wesley Garrett, says that the South Richmond Center will not have a Thanksgiving Dinner or distribution of food bags in November. St. Paul’s Belt Campus distributes a large number of food baskets to the surrounding community for Thanksgiving and Wesley will see that the SRBC regulars are included in that distribution.

He is requesting donations of 100 Walmart, Martin’s or Save A Lot $10 Gift Cards to have available in case some of the SRBC regulars do not receive a Thanksgiving basket.

Any food donations during November will be used for emergency requests or held for distribution in December.

Graham Cracker pie shells in pan

Largest boxes of Instant Pudding Mixes for pies

Apple Juice

Instant Coffee; Box of Tea Bags
**CHURCH NEWS**

**AFRICAN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY** will celebrate their 10th Anniversary October 19-27 with a variety of activities. **BON AIR’s** new @ the Village campus had a hugely successful “Launch Day” on Sunday, September 8, with 258 attending worship. **CARLISLE AVENUE** is launching the “Greater Fulton’s Seniors” an organization providing a variety of activities for individuals over 50 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 to 11 am. Interested persons can contact Rosa Coleman for more information at 290-3692. **CHAMBERLAYNE** will celebrate its 60th Anniversary during their Morning Worship on October 6 at 10:30 am with lunch to follow at 12:15 pm. The church has a Women’s Mission Trip planned for October 20-25 to the Southwest Virginia Bland Ministry Center. They will host the RBA’s 62nd Annual Fall Meeting on Sunday, October 13, at 3:00 pm. **DERBYSHIRE** will host the Virginia Baptist Church Music Conference: Gloria Deo! Richmond 2013 on October 4-5 (more details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter). The church will have a Fall Festival of Worship on Sunday through Wednesday, October 13-16, featuring Dr. Chuck Bugg in the pulpit for a time of spiritual refreshment and inspiring worship. **FIRST** has begun the 9 week Dave Ramsey course “Financial Peace University” specifically for single, divorced and unmarried parents, as well as married couples under age 30 with combined income less than $50K. The Women on Mission delivered 135 filled Backpacks to the Oregon Hill Center for their Back-To-School Celebration on August 13. The 23rd annual Divorce Recovery Workshop began on Sunday, September 29, and will run for 8 consecutive Sunday nights through November 10 from 6-8:30 pm. **HATCHER MEMORIAL** filled 26 Backpacks and delivered them to the Church Hill Wellness Center. **HUGUENOT ROAD** has a mission trip to Owsley County, Kentucky, October 19-26 with volunteers to help the 5th grade class they have adopted for this year and also to do some light construction work during the week. **LAGESIDE** collected 30 Backpacks for the Church Hill Wellness Center’s Back-to-School Celebration on August 17. The church will host a “Fall Festival” at the Old Bridge Apartments on Hilliard Road on Saturday, October 19. **MONUMENT HEIGHTS’** “Rural Asia Initiative-Clean H20” Dinner/Auction raised $5300 which is more than enough to pay for a water filtration system (which costs $5000) to provide an entire village of 500 in Indonesia with clean water! **NORTHMINSTER** ordained Amy Holtz to the gospel ministry on Sunday, September 22. **OAK FOREST** will host a concert by “Calvary’s Mercy” on Saturday, September 28, at 6:00 pm. Their WMU collected and delivered 83 backpacks to the South Richmond Center. **PATTERSON AVENUE’s** WMU collected 1,204 school supplies for the Oregon Hill Center. They will have their Homecoming Worship Service on Sunday, September 29, at 11:00 am. **PINE STREET’s** “Welcome Back College Students!” Cookout was very successful with more than 134 students attending as well as 46 Pine Street volunteers and attendees. The church will continue their Friday “Community Movie Nights” through October 25. **RIVER ROAD** will host 40 men with CARITAS on October 19 to 26. **SOUTHWEST MONUMENT** will host the RBA’s 62nd Annual Fall Meeting on Sunday, October 13, 3-6 pm (picnic will begin at 5 pm). **SAINT PAUL’S** celebrated the 28th Anniversary of their First Lady Rose Watson with celebrations featuring special guests at each of their campuses in September. **SECOND** will offer a series of Alternative Worship Services at 6:00 pm on three Sundays September 22, October 20 and November 17. The church has begun registration for their latest “Upward Basketball.” **STOCKTON MEMORIAL** will have their Fall Festival on Saturday, October 26, from 12 to 4 pm with food (Bake Sale and Hot dogs), games, bounce house and more! There will be a yard sale going on from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. **TABERNACLE** ordained Art Wright (husband of Beth Wright, Camp Akulana Director) to the gospel ministry on Sunday, September 15. **WESTAMPTON** will have a “Family Fun Day” on Saturday, October 26, from 3:00 pm to dusk at Osborne Landing (a Henrico County Park). **WESTOVER’s** Brotherhood men’s mission group visited ReEstablish Richmond’s northside headquarters on Saturday, September 7, to learn about this charitable organization’s work with refugees and lend a hand with some maintenance and construction around the building. **WOODLAND HEIGHTS** graciously hosted the RBA WMU Fall Celebration on September 17. The church will have their Annual Fall Festival & Picnic on Sunday, October 13, 3-6 pm (picnic will begin at 5 pm).

**STAFF NEWS**

**BON AIR’s** @ the Village is led by Jake Maxwell, Campus Pastor; Emily Purdum, Campus Children’s Coordinator; David Bailey, Campus Worship Leader; Les Venable, Campus Pastoral Care, and Rusty Lee, Campus Student Ministry. **FIRST** recognized 4 staff members service anniversaries in September: Mary Hiteman 31 years as the Minister of the Weekday School, Robin Hendricks 24 years as Administrative Assistant for the Weekday School and Deaf Congregation, Ann Carter 11 years as Youth Associate, and Susan Marshall 15 years as Administrative Assistant for the Worship Ministry. **GRACE** celebrated the 25 year anniversary of Wanda Fennell as their Minister of Music. They called Rev. Gary Dalton as their Interim Pastor on August 28th.

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**RBA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING**

**Virginia Baptist Library Association**

"Harvesting 55 years of Church Library Ministry"

**FALL CONFERENCE**

October 4 & 5, 2013

**Chester Baptist Church**

4317 School Street, Chester, VA 23831

**Information and Registration:** call Mari Ellis at (804) 798-2939 and visit www.vbla.wordpress.com.
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.

Stockton Memorial Baptist Church is seeking a **Part-Time Piano Accompanist** for Sunday morning services at 11 a.m. Experience on organ is preferred, but not mandatory. Contemporary ensemble and/or traditional choir. Individual must be passionate about their gift of music and see it as a ministry. He or she must be able to work with a Music Director. Please send a cover letter and resume to: Stockton Memorial Baptist Church, 5100 Claypoint Rd., Chesterfield, VA, 23832 or stockton.church@comcast.net or .Fax (804) 744-8277

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**PRISON CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM**

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the inmate Christmas gift ministry of the Chaplain Service of the Churches of Virginia, Inc. Our donations have allowed the ministry to provide very practical and needed items to about 1,250 incarcerated women each year. This year we are collecting items for the Fluvanna Correctional Center For Women.

**Hygiene Items (place in a gallon zip lock bag)**

- One individually wrapped toothbrush
- One tube of toothpaste (not to exceed 6 oz.)
- One deodorant stick (not to exceed 2.4 oz.)
- One bottle of shampoo (not to exceed 15 oz.)
- One bottle of lotion (not to exceed 15 oz.)

Please note that Correctional Center rules do not permit substitution of products or larger sizes than the ones listed.

ALSO: Postage stamps (Forever type), stationery items, all occasion greeting cards, and unsharpened wooden pencils can be donated separately and not included in the Hygiene packets.

Deadline for delivery of the items to the RBA Building is November 15, 2013. Call Mary Palmer at 794-2620 for more information.

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**Wise Words from Larry Burkett & Chuck Bentley**

It was Larry Burkett who said: “On God’s provision, ‘Do you trust God, or do you just say you trust God?’”, and “If you don’t borrow money, you can’t get into debt. If you don’t borrow more money, you can’t get deeper into debt”.

It was Chuck Bentley, CEO, Crown Financial Ministries, who said: “God is not a financial principle. He’s a living God,” and “Our purpose is to help people learn to walk in a faith relationship with Jesus Christ. That’s when you are successful – now when you’re just on a budget.”

Crowd wants to help the people overcome financial challenges so they can gain a life of meaning and purpose. If you would like to learn more, please contact me.

**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!

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**Calendar**

**October 1 @ 9:00 AM**

**Raceway Ministries CORE Team Meeting, RBA**

**October 4 @ 12:00 Noon**

9th Annual Alkulana Golf Tournament
Sycamore Creek Golf Course
Details & Registration: www.alkulana.org

**October 7 @ 10:00 AM**

**RBA Staff Meeting**

**October 7 @ 10:00 AM**

CVBM Leadership Development Conf Review, RBA

**October 8 @ 6:30 PM**

Camp Alkulana Support Team, RBA

**October 10 @ 12:00 Noon**

Deadline to submit material for Transformed!

**October 17 @ 7:00 PM**

Administrative Council Meeting, RBA

**October 20 @ 3:00 PM**

62nd RBA Annual Fall Meeting, Chamberlayne Advanced Registration of Messengers by Oct. 17

5:15 PM Dinner (Reservations Only) by Oct. 15

**October 22**

“Women on Mission” Meetings
* 10:30 AM (Lunch):
  South-West @ Jahnke Road
* 6:15 PM (Dinner):
  North-East @ Bethlehem Penick

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**Randy Rowekamp, Area Manager**

Crown Financial Ministries
804-683-1595; RRowekamp@crown.org;
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.

MULTI-PUBLISHER CHORAL READING SESSIONS AND MUSIC MINISTRY WORKSHOPS
October 4-5, 2013
Derbyshire Baptist Church
8800 Derbyshire Road, Richmond

A FREE pre-conference adult choir member workshop on Thursday, October 3, 2013, at Derbyshire Baptist Church, Richmond, at 7:00 PM that will be part of our upcoming Virginia Baptist Church Music Conference: Gloria Deo! Richmond 2013 The only cost of the evening will be for the music packet. There will also be a free worship concert, “A Celebration of Hymns”, on Friday evening, October 4, at 7:00 PM at Derbyshire Baptist Church featuring a mass choir and brass ensemble, and our conference clinicians and pieces from the choral workshop. This concert is open to the public. Clinicians for the workshop and Gloria Deo! conference are Joseph Martin, Mary McDonald, Victor Johnson, Milburn Price and David Schwoebel.

Gloria Deo! 2013 is jointly sponsored by the Office of Worship and Church Music Ministries and the Pine Lake Music Company in Decatur, GA. For more information, music packets and registration for the workshop or conference, please contact the Office of Worship and Church Music Ministries, VBMB, at 804.915.5000, Debbie Cobb x6235 or Tom Ingram x6220 or Debbie.cobb@vbmb.org or visit www.vbmb.org/GloriaDeo.

MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY
October 17, 2013
9:00am until 4:30pm
9am-2pm - FREE Shred Truck
11am-1pm - FREE Chick-fil-A
2:30-4:30pm - FREE gelato ice cream
Entrust Parking Lot
1801 Dabney Road

You don’t have to be a member to join in on the fun!
Stop by and say “Hi”, pick up some free food, and shred some important documents while you’re here. If you have questions about the event feel free to contact me: Josh Karrer, Entrust Director of Communications and Outreach, jkarrer@entrustfcu.org or 804-278-4714

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED