



IT'S TIME TO GATHER NEW TOYS AND CLOTHING FOR THE 2013 CHRISTMAS STORES AT THE THREE BAPTIST CENTERS!



We call them “Christmas Stores” because the items are not simply given away. A small amount - \$5.00 is charged for each child, entitling the parent(s) to select toys and several pieces of clothing. The money collected is used in a neighborhood fuel assistance fund for the winter months. Our stores are a ministry to the whole person, in which relationships are central. Parents retain their dignity as they carefully select gifts which they have paid to obtain.

We need gifts for children ages birth through 12 years old (shortages reported for the 7 to 10 year-olds). Suggestions: clothing (including jeans, sweaters, sweatshirts, sleepwear, socks, underwear, coats, **hats, and 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. **Please leave price tags on items so that it is easier to distinguish less expensive from more expensive items.**

Last year your gifts made it possible for these centers to assist 243 families and provide a happy Christmas for 548 children! The Center Directors continue to report that they are receiving an increase in requests for applications to participate in the stores. They want to help as many as possible, so consider adding some additional gifts to your donation or becoming a first time “Santa” by providing toys and clothing to bless the increased number of families who are in need this Christmas season.

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
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 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.**

SOUTH RICHMOND

/OREGON HILL:

Bethany Place
Bon Air
Community of Grace
Derbyshire
First
First Union
Friendship Memorial
Gayton
Ginter Park
Grace
Gravel Hill
Hatcher Memorial

Huguenot Road
Korean of Richmond
Lakeside
Lighthouse of Hope
Morning Star
New Canaan
New Life
Northminster
Oak Forest
Patterson Avenue
Pine Street
Rising Liberty
Saint Paul’s
Shalom Fellowship

Skipwith
Southampton
Stockton Memorial
Swift Creek
The Light Community
Trinity
United For Christ
Weatherford Mission Gp
Westhampton
Westover
Woodland Heights

CHURCH HILL

Bethlehem (Fairmount)

Bethlehem (Penick)
Carlisle Avenue
Chamberlayne
Community Mission
Disciples for Christ
Leigh Street
Life-Line for Jesus
Monument Heights
Mt. Carmel
Mt. Sinai
Mt. Tabor
River Road
Sandston
Second



Greetings All:

I have heard it all of my life! You have, too, I suspect. On some occasions it is an expression that becomes all too real. "In life, you have to take the bad with the good!" And it is true! We don't always have the luxury of choosing. There's a popular song today that reminds us, "If it doesn't kill you, it'll make you stronger." Those are not new words. They are words that echo in my head from my more than a decade at Tabernacle Baptist when Mr. Bill Crawley, President of the Men's Bible Class, used to utter them with some regularity.

I particularly like the words found in 1 Kings 8:57-60 (NASB), "May the LORD our God be with us, as He was with our fathers; may He not leave us or forsake us, that He may incline our hearts to Himself, to walk in all His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His ordinances, which He commanded our fathers. And may these words of mine, with which I have made supplication before the LORD, be near to the LORD our God day and night, that He may maintain the cause of His servant and the cause of His people . . . , as each day requires, so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God; there is no one else."

To me, that is the essence of what we do in the RBA: "So that all the peoples of the earth [and especially Richmond, VA] may know that the LORD is God." And our prayer is, "...may the LORD our God be with us...; may He not leave us or forsake us." In another place He declares, "I will not fail you or forsake you." Joshua 1:5. I share these thought with you because for all of us, Associationally speaking, this has been an extremely taxing year.

Following a year that ended well and during a year that started strongly our situation changed drastically in what seemed like the "twinkling of an eye." My heart breaks to report that ten churches have left us. Not only will their church's names be missed in our directory, but their hands and hearts no longer moving among us and serving with us brings grief to our souls. Such a dramatic loss damages the work that we do "...that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God."

While we may be tempted to allow our current situation to define us, I am hopeful that, instead, we will use it as a pathway to greater strength and larger capabilities in the future. In his book Promise and Peril, Dr. David Brubaker, expert in conflict resolution and consultant to churches and organizations in distress, writes, "Conflict is a symptom, but a very useful one. Congregations [and Associations] don't seek assistance until the pain of the presenting symptoms overwhelms their resistance to outside intervention." The Richmond Baptist Association is now in the midst of a process to

help it manage its pain but, perhaps more importantly, to address the underlying systems and structure that have made us vulnerable to the kinds of crises that come to all organizations.

Our distress is found in an Associational structure that requires little or no accountability from members and in an identity that is so unclear that an outsider might be totally mystified regarding the values and guiding principles that govern our work together. The few things that are clear is that we are engage in commendable and valuable ministry through our centers and camp and that there is a specific demographic that benefits and is pointed Christward. While the ministries which engage us are tremendously engaging and laudable, the principles and values that speak of who we are remain uncertain.

And so, the next work we will do involves a CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE and, hopefully, a VISIONING AND PRIORITIES TASK FORCE to deal with the sources of our vulnerabilities. It is a process that will still take some months, but in which I hope that every one of our churches will engage. During this period I ask that no one moves to dismiss another and no one takes steps to remove themselves. To do so will only heighten the tension, further polarize our family and weaken our witness to the surrounding world. I have confidence that how we identify ourselves will become remarkably clearer.

The process that we began with the Center for Congregational Health on August 17th at Second Baptist Church has only completed two of three phases. The IMPLEMENTATION PHASE – PHASE III – will begin at the conclusion of our 62nd Annual Fall Meeting as a result of the adoption of the REPORT and MOTION from the consultation with the Center for Congregational Health. It is printed elsewhere within this "Transformed!"

I pray that all of us will remain patient for the next several months to allow God's Spirit to continue to work in our Association to complete that which was begun with CCH and that will be advanced through the CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE. I hope to receive permission at our November Executive Council Meeting to add to the leadership team a VISIONING AND PRIORITIES TASK FORCE that can strengthen the work of establishing a clear identity and strong values, a forward looking vision, and priorities to set the course for the days ahead.

Prayerfully,

Mike

Executive Council Members

Plan to attend the:

RBA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, November 21, 2013

12:00 Noon

Sandston Baptist Church

100 W. Williamsburg Road



**The RBA Office will be CLOSED
November 28 and 29, 2013
for the
Thanksgiving Holiday!**

PLEASE NOTE: The Deadline for submission of articles for the December TRANSFORMED! has been moved forward to Friday, November 8, due to the early mailing of the this issue before the Thanksgiving holiday.

Report and Motion from 62nd Annual Fall Meeting

The following Report and Motion were presented to the 62nd Annual Fall Meeting of the Richmond Baptist Association on Sunday, October 20, 2013 at Chamberlayne Baptist Church:

REPORT FROM THE RICHMOND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CENTER FOR CONGREGATIONAL HEALTH

Following the vote of the messengers to the Richmond Baptist Association meeting on March 19, 2013, to embrace Ginter Park Baptist Church, many churches have chosen to sever their relationship with the Association. Their primary reason for leaving the RBA is the belief that the ordination of a non-celibate homosexual member of Ginter Park Church does not meet the Biblical standards set for Christ-centered leadership and is inconsistent with moral standards outlined in the New Testament.

At the direction of the Executive Council of the RBA the Center of Congregational Health was engaged to work with us in resolving the conflict that has arisen. On August 17, a first meeting with the Center was held at Second Baptist Church. Three consultants from the Center for Congregational Health gathered with approximately 60 members and clergy from congregations in the Richmond Baptist Association. In Phase 1 – the Discovery Phase – the consultants facilitated constructive conversation to discover various options and possibilities to move the ministry of the Richmond Baptist Association forward. A report was presented to the Association which represents the work of Phase 1 – Discovery. The consultants recommended moving into Phase 2 – the Design Phase. This phase consisted of numerous meetings between twelve to fifteen members of the original Discovery Group from the August 17, 2013 meeting to determine how the Association should resolve its conflict and clarify its identity. After much prayer, soul-searching and reflection, several themes emerged that had substantial support:

- The RBA's three ministry centers and its camp do important work well and we should find ways to preserve them either through the RBA's current corporate structure or through a new and independent 501(c)3 non-profit entity.
- The original vision of all members sharing a commonly

held interpretation of "commonly held biblical principles" and embracing the absolute autonomy of each local church have set the stage for frequent conflicts such as the one currently confronting the Association.

- The identity and mission of the RBA needs to be clarified, strengthened, and promoted.

MOTION

In light of these three themes, the following MOTION was presented for action and approved by the voting body of the Richmond Baptist Association at the RBA's 62nd Annual Fall Meeting on October 20, 2013:

A Constitution and By-Laws Committee be appointed by the moderator immediately, with instructions to:

- A. Revise the current Constitution and Bylaws to update the current mission statement, with consideration given to the following:

"The mission and purpose of the Richmond Baptist Association is to assist Associational churches in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the greater Richmond area. Out of love for Jesus and in obedience to the Great Commission, we affirm excellence in leadership and the highest standards of Christian faith and discipleship. We will encourage and facilitate congregational witness, fellowship and cooperation with member churches."

- B. Recommend changes in the membership model for participation in the mission and ministry of RBA through such vehicles as membership and partnership.
- C. Define the role of the Association in ordination as it impacts the membership of the local church.
- D. Study the structure of the Association and present recommended changes which will make its function and purpose more efficient.
- E. Update any other areas of the Constitution and By-laws needed at this time.

In order to comply with existing bylaw requirements the Constitution and By-Laws Committee would make its recommendation to the Association no later than the April 2014 meeting.

2014 Proposed RBA Budget Passed

At the Annual Fall Meeting of the RBA on Sunday, October 20, the 2014 Proposed Budget was presented by Mr. Bob Bass, Budget Sub-group Leader, and passed. The 2014 Budget represents a reduction to the previous year's budget of \$32,110. Heartfelt appreciation is extended to the Budget Sub-group which has struggled with a very uncertain and confusing forecast of contributions for the coming year. The 2014 Budget is based on conservative estimates and balanced by projected withdrawals from both the RBA and Camp Alkulana reserve funds in a combined amount of \$167,371.00 or approximately 28% of the budget.

The Association is blessed to have received a dividend check on Sunday from Brotherhood Mutual Insurers represented by Sanford Insurance Company! Mr. Mike Sanford, President of Sanford Insurance, presented the check for \$45,200 at our Annual Meeting. That check amount has also been designated to be used as part of the income required in 2014 to offer to the Association a balanced 2014 Budget.

MY HOPE AMERICA

with BILLY GRAHAM



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!

SEPTEMBER 2013 RBA BUDGET REPORT

Budget Amount:	\$ 52,186
Budget Receipts:	\$ 3,106
Budget Expenses:	\$ 42,699
YTD Budget Amt:	\$469,673
YTD Receipts:	\$314,747
YTD Expenses:	\$449,614

2013 Camp Alkulana Offering



As of 9/30/13

Offering Goal:	\$109,200
YTD Receipts:	\$ 78,337
YTD Expenses:	\$101,337

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

NOVEMBER 3 BETHANY PLACE
NOVEMBER 10 BETHLEHEM ON FAIRMOUNT
NOVEMBER 17 BETHLEHEM ON PENICK
NOVEMBER 24 BON AIR
DECEMBER 1 CARLISLE AVENUE



**2013 BGAV Connect
November 12-13, 2013**



**Fredericksburg Expo
and Conference Center**

This year will feature.....

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Rev. Dr. Ross Clifford

Australian Baptist Theologian and author of:
*The Cross is Not Enough—Living as Witnesses
to the Resurrection.*

Dr. John Upton Jr.

Tuesday evening get an update on the ministries of the Baptist
World Alliance from John Upton who is currently serving a
five-year term as President.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Brethren

Virginia Baptist Male Chorale

Friends of the Groom Theater Company

SCRIPTURAL FOCUS:

HOPE:

Creating a Resurrection Culture - 1 Cor 17:17-24

GRACE:

Being an incarnational people in a world of "nones" and alter-
nate spiritualities - Acts 17:26-32

VICTORY:

Committing in discipleship to the last word of the risen Christ -
Revelations 22:7-21

**For Information and Registration, please visit:
www.bgavconnect.net**

NEW THIS YEAR! Childcare will be available at Salem
Baptist Church on Tuesday from 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. and
Wednesday from 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Registration fee is \$5
per child, which covers both days. To register contact Karen
Rackett at Karen.rackett@vmbmb.org or call 800-255-2428,
ext. 2243 or . Or you can register online at the BGAV Con-
nect website mentioned above.



**THANKSGIVING REQUEST
FROM OUR BAPTIST CENTERS**

"THE WELL"

**NEEDS GIFT CARDS, GIFT CARDS,
GIFT CARDS**



Glinda Ford, Church Hill Christian Wellness Cen-
ter, plans to include grocery store gift cards with the regu-
lar food bags she will be distributing. **She asks for dona-
tions 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, No-
vember 21 (please call ahead to set up delivery time).**
**Call Jennifer Turner, Community Missionary for Ore-
gon 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)
- Boxes of Instant Stuffing or Potatoes or Rice
Flavored Rice (Rice a Roni, etc.)
- 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 sur-
rounding community for Thanksgiving and Wesley will see
that the SRBC regulars are included in that distribution.

**He is requesting donations of 100 Walmart, Mar-
tin'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.

AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

CHURCH NEWS

BETHLEHEM (PENICK) hosted the North/East RBA Women on Mission meeting on Tuesday, October 22, which featured Rev. Jennifer Turner, Community Missionary, Oregon Hill Baptist Center. **FIRST UNION** (Derwent Road) is celebrating their 138th Church Anniversary on Sunday, November 3, at their 11:00 am worship service with Rev. Roberta Young-Jackson, Youth Associate Minister, bringing the Word. **HATCHER MEMORIAL** will have a combined worship service, "All Saints Day Memorial Service", on Sunday, November 3, at 10:30 am to remember all those who have gone to be with the Lord during this past year. **HUGUENOT ROAD'S** Ends of the Earth mission team is sponsoring a Mission Fair October 28 to inform the congregation about the five Mission Trips planned for 2014 and match volunteers with projects. **MONUMENTS HEIGHTS** will host the CARITAS Ministry November 30 – December 6. **NORTHMINSTER** will have a Cancer Awareness Month Worship & Healing Service Friday, October 25, 6:30-8:00 pm. The church hosts the Youth Life Foundation of Richmond with a learning center for middle and high school students and the goal is to bring an elementary program as well. **PATTERSON AVENUE** updated their website: www.pattersonavenuebaptist.com. **RIVER ROAD'S** E. Carl Freeman Concert Series will present a Harpsichord Recital by Stefan Palm on Sunday, November 3, at 3:00 pm. **SANDSTON** is honored to once again be a collection center for area churches and individuals to bring their Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes from November 18-25.

SECOND'S Sanctuary Choir and guest soloists will present a "Concert of Spirituals" including the musical, "God's Trombones", which will feature folk-sermons by author, James Welton Johnson on Sunday, November 3, at 6:00 pm. On Sunday, November 17 the church will unite their English, Spanish and Portuguese congregations for a Joint Worship Service. **SKIPWITH'S** Men's Bible Class will host a Fish Fry and Gospel Sing on Saturday, November 2. **SOUTHAMPTON** will have their Fourth Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 23, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. **STOCKTON** will have a Thanksgiving Eve service at 6:45 pm on November 27. **WOODLAND HEIGHTS** WMU in honor of the 100th Birthday of the GA's (Girls In Action), is challenging church members to give 100 cans of Thanksgiving related items which will be given out in the Thanksgiving food bags their food pantry gives to neighbors in need during November.

STAFF NEWS

BON AIR has called Dr. Jim Ailor as their new Associate Pastor of Worship and Music. **DERBYSHIRE** called Elizabeth Tuck as their Interim Director of Children and Family Ministries and welcomes Cheryl Walker as their Administrative Assistant. **PATTERSON AVENUE** honored Lee Stevens' 25 years of music ministry during their Homecoming Celebration which included a surprise BBQ Dinner and "Homecoming Hoedown", a Formal Recognition during their Sunday Service followed by a Luncheon and Reception.

RBA OFFICERS

October 20, 2013 to October 19, 2014

Moderator:	Mrs. Patricia K. Hallinan	Sandston
Vice Moderator:	Dr. Cecil J. Chambers	Skipwith
Clerk:	Mrs. Joyce Clemmons	First
Treasurer:	Mr. Charles R. Hankins	Sandston
Registrar:	Mrs. Ann P. Kitchens,	Monument Heights
Historian:	Dr. Frederick J. Anderson,	River Road
Parliamentarian:	Mr. Richard L. Bidwell,	Bon Air
*Legal Counsel	Mr. George "Ted" Allen	First
	Mr. Darren Hart	First
	Mr. Kevin Mottley,	First
*Director of Missions:	Rev. J. Michael Robinson	Bon Air @ The Village
**WMU Co-Director:	Mrs. Mary Palmer	First
**WMU Co-Director:	Mrs. Kim Britton-Oliver	Monument Heights

*Not elected annually; **Named by RBA WMU

Representatives to the Virginia Baptist Mission Board (3 yr terms)

	Term Ends	
Dr. Herbert L. Ponder (Minister)	2015-1	Mount Tabor
Vacant (Lay)	2015-1	
Rev. Rupert Rose (Minister)	2016-1	Monument Heights
Dr. David Cornelius (Lay)	2016-1	Huguenot Road

Representatives to the Central Virginia Baptist Ministries

	Term Ends	
Rev. Maria Lynn	2014	Bon Air
Rev. Billy Davis	2015	Derbyshire
Dr. Bob Thompson	2016	Lakeside
Rev. J. Michael Robinson	Ex-Officio	Bon Air @ The Village

9th ANNUAL

ALKULANA GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sycamore Creek Golf Course
October 4, 2013



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!

First Place with 56 strokes:

Bobby Carrington, John Bochman,
Kenny Glenn, Al Mittlestator

Second Place with 60 strokes

Joe Teefey, Tim Carpenter,
Harold Green, Carl Gattuso

Third Place with 61 strokes:

Stan Floyd, Jim Floyd,
Wayne Floyd, Troy Floyd

Closest to the Hole:

Hole 15: Paul Rhyne

Longest Drive:

Hole 14: Hugh Kitts

TOURNAMENT STATISTICS:

48 Golfers participated (12 foursomes)
25 Hole Sponsors
Income of \$4,200.00 (and counting)

NOTE OF APPRECIATION:

Camp Director Beth Reddish Wright, Tournament Coordinator Bill Rusher and the members of the Camp Alkulana Support Team want to thank the Sycamore Creek staff, golfers, tournament volunteers and all those from RBA Churches who financially supported this year's tournament and ..

Took Their Best Swing

To help Richmond's kids go to Camp!



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.

NEEDED: COMPLETED 2013

ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILES (ACP)!

ACP Contact Persons for all RBA churches should have received the 2013 Annual Church Profile (ACP) survey forms in the mail in mid-September. The survey provides much needed information that is vital to the ministry of the Richmond Baptist Association.

The deadline was October 18, 2013, but we're still accepting them. If you have any questions, contact Amy Sowder at the RBA office, amy.sowder@rbaonline.org or at 329-1701 ext. 208.

We thank you for your cooperation in completing and sending in your ACP as soon as possible!

NEWSLETTER COST SAVINGS REQUEST

Because of the drastic cuts that had to be made to RBA's 2014 General Program Budget, we are asking for your assistance in saving administrative costs of printing and distributing this monthly newsletter. If you currently receive a hard copy of the newsletter and have an active email address, you can help us save at least \$0.30 cents an issue by converting to an e-subscription.

The e-version of the newsletter is formatted to be easily printed at home on 8½ x 11 paper or read at your computer. With the prospect of the printing budget being cut in half, we need everyone who can to switch to the e-version. If you are able to make the switch, email Frances Jones at frances.jones@rbaonline.org with your email address. Thank You!

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 3

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
(SET CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR)



NOVEMBER 4 @ 10:30 AM

RBA WMU WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, LAKEWOOD MANOR

NOVEMBER 8 @ 12:00 NOON

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT MATERIAL FOR TRANSFORMED!



NOVEMBER 11

VETERANS DAY
RBA OFFICE OPEN



NOVEMBER 11 @ 10:00 AM

RBA STAFF MEETING

NOVEMBER 12 @ 6:30 PM

CAMP ALULANA SUPPORT TEAM, RBA

NOVEMBER 19

Delivery deadline for Martin's or Walmart Gift Cards and Food Bags to "The Well" for Thanksgiving

NOVEMBER 19 @ 10 AM

RBA WMU LEADERSHIP TEAM, RBA

NOVEMBER 21

Delivery deadline for "Thanksgiving-Like" Food Bags and Kroger Gift Cards to Oregon Hill

NOVEMBER 21 @ 12:00 NOON

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING, SANDSTON

NOVEMBER 22

Delivery deadline for Walmart, Martin's or "Save A Lot" Gift Cards to South Richmond

NOVEMBER 28-29

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
RBA OFFICE CLOSED



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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