news of Richmond area churches...together...changing lives—December 2011

The Staff of the Richmond Baptist Association Wishes you and yours a Very Merry Christmas and A New Year filled with God’s Richest Blessings!
Greetings All:

Depending on your sources it is calculated by some that on October 31, 2011 one of the children born that day was the 7 billionth citizen currently inhabiting our planet! India, the country in which the most births take place on any given day, was the likeliest country to have given birth to that 7,000,000,000th child. According the U. S. Census Bureau it is projected that the 7 billionth child will be born sometime during the month of March in 2012.

Select your source! Take your pick! Reality is, the planet is more crowded than ever before.

It is estimated that approximately 357,253 persons will be born today and 152,537 will die for a net population growth of 204,616 just today! There will be 113,532,582 births this year; deaths will number 48,488,775 and we will experience a net annual population growth of 65,043,807 persons!

On a day when world population was much smaller than today, the Psalmist lamented, “I lie awake, I have become like a lonely bird on a housetop.” (Psalm 102:7) Calling out to God for guidance and protection he prays, “Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.” As a shepherd boy alone on a quiet hillside grazing his flocks, his loneliness could easily be understood.

In the 21st century in a world bustling with more citizens more able to communicate and transport themselves in a wider variety of ways than ever before, why is loneliness so prevalent today? How many of us have not “lain awake” in a lonely moment in our own lives?

As we gather in our churches to worship and our homes to visit, exchange gifts and share ample meals, this Christmas, like all others before it, will know its fair share of people who are lonely and isolated! Many of us know folks who attend our churches or have had some contact with our church family in recent months who may not have “signed on” just yet. We know others within our communities who are not well connected.

Imagine the difference it would make in the life of one of those individuals if we set an extra place at our table laden with more food than any of us should eat. Consider how different their Christmas would be if they were included in ours! Think about how much more we would look like Jesus to them if they were invited to share in the holiday laughter at our houses across the association and throughout our city!

This Christmas hundreds and hundreds of otherwise lonely folks just might have the best Christmas they have had in years and so might we!

I pray that each of you reading these thoughts will have a marvelously merry CHRISTmas and one that you will remember with unique fondness!

Joyously!
Mike

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 1 & 2
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Deliver your gifts: November 28 & 29 (Monday & Tuesday), between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, November 30, 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 2. If you can volunteer, call Jennifer Turner at 648-1353.

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 3
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; November 29, 30 and December 1 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday), between 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up on Friday afternoon, December 2, starting at 10:00 a.m.; as shopping assistants on December 3; and to assist with clean-up on Dec. 3 from 4 to 5:00 p.m. If you can volunteer, call Glinda Ford at 780-0053.

2011 Camp Alkulana Offering
Formerly known as the RBA Week of Prayer for Associational Missions

As of 10/31/11
Offering Goal: $116,000.00
YTD Receipts: $134,669.56
YTD Expenses: $106,986.83

From Your DOM, Mike Robinson
By Beth Reddish Wright, Director Camp Alkulana

Recently, I had the pleasure of experiencing a retreat at Alkulana from your side of things. I was hosting the retreat, sure, but I was also on retreat with a group from my own church. Fourteen of us loaded into vehicles in Richmond on a Friday afternoon and drove into the mountains and up the driveway of Lantern Lodge, our Camp Alkulana retreat house.

In April 1997, with fundraising support from RBA churches, Camp Alkulana purchased this beautiful house in order to provide retreat space for RBA churches at Alkulana year round. A 1998 article in the camp newsletter announcing the opening of the Retreat House said “A large house and 3.5 acres adjacent to Camp Alkulana became available for purchase last spring. Because of the generosity and commitment of friends of the camp, we were able to purchase the property for $40,000.” It goes on to say, “We expect to use the house for a wide variety of retreats aimed at improving relationships among family members, church members, youth groups and the like.”

Volunteers then put hours of work into the house, essentially recreating it to be a retreat facility with paint, new dry wall, and updated electrical and plumbing work. It has three bedrooms with bunk beds to sleep twenty-two, three bathrooms, two group sitting rooms, a large kitchen, and a front porch with a spectacular view.

A few weeks ago, I crowded into one of those sitting rooms with members of my church and worshipped together on Sunday morning. We played board games around the tables in the kitchen, hiked at Dan Ingall’s Overlook to take in the Fall leaves, and roasted s’mores around a campfire at night. The house was at times filled with uproarious laughter and other times it witnessed tears that were shared in genuine conversation. Finally, we closed our time with songs, scripture, and prayers lifted up together. We had a chance to connect in ways we don’t in our normal lives. In these moments, I received the blessings that are found in a retreat at Alkulana. We, a group of very busy young adults, had a chance to get away from our commitments and enjoy each other’s company, nature, and the wonderful experience of meeting God in community.

I’m thankful that in addition to our ministry to Richmond’s children and youth, and the impact we have on college students who serve each summer, Alkulana can also be a ministry of renewal to you and others who choose to take advantage of it as a retreat location. Please consider how you might claim the opportunity to enjoy time at your RBA camp. Take time out in the space that was purchased and renovated for you-- it will be worth the drive!

Camp Alkulana Retreats

Retreats are available year round, and start at $500 for RBA Churches. Contact Beth Wright at campalkulana@gmail.com or call the RBA office at 329-1701. More information is available at www.alkulana.org/retreat.php.

Have you Heard the News!

“Camp Alkulana was Reaccredited”

Camp Director, Beth Reddish Wright, reports Camp Alkulana received the official acknowledgment of their reaccreditation by the American Camp Association! ACA Accreditation is a voluntary certification that acknowledges that a camp is meeting or exceeding industry standards for summer camps. We are proud that our ministry has continued to offer a camp program that meets this high standard.
AFRICAN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY will have an early Christmas Breakfast Service on Christmas Morning from 9:00 to 10:00 am. It will include a Christmas drama and carols. BETHANY PLACE will present the musical, “Fear Not” by Randy Vander & Jay Rouse on December 18 at 11:00 am. BETHLEHEM (Penick) will present a musical called “Hope for Christmas” at 11:00 am on Sunday, December 11. The musical is an original story of a Grandfather, his estranged family and his neighbors and their search for meaning at Christmas. The adult and children’s choirs will provide a moving musical score. BON AIR will have their first elementary iKids multi-media musical presentation “Children of Bethlehem” on Sunday, December 4 at 6:00 pm. Their Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra will present “Jesus, Name Above All Names!” on Sunday December 11 at 3:30 and 7:00 pm. CAMBRIDGE will present the cantata “Joy to the World” by Johnathan Crumpton on Sunday, December 11 during their morning worship service at 10:30 am. CARLISLE AVENUE will join the Black Creek Baptist Church choir on December 18 in presenting “Emmanuel, Celebrating Heaven’s Child” at Carlisle Avenue at 3:00 pm and at Black Creek at 6:00 pm. The Carlisle Avenue Handbell Choir will play Christmas carols before the musical presentation at each church. CHAMBERLAYNE will have a “Special Christmas Music Program” on Sunday, December 11 at 11:00 am. CHINESE BAPTIST OF RICHMOND will have their Christmas Celebration on Saturday, December 10 at 7:00 pm. DERBYSHIRE will present their Christmas music ministry during evening performances on December 9 & 10, as well as an afternoon performance and evening performances on Sunday, December 11. DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST COMMUNITY is offering a Special Invitation to the Shockoe Bottom Old Time Gathering Christmas Celebration on Saturday, December 17 at 4:00 pm with special speakers, Reverends Herbert and Lorae Ponder, and music by Minister Carmel Blake and Reverend Charlotte Godfrey. FAIRMOUNT MEMORIAL will have their Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 18 at 10:30 am and includes a youth skit. FIRST will have “ChristkindlMarkt”, a Community Christmas Market, on December 2, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm when local vendors, craftsman & artisans will be on hand to sell their handmade craft and food items, Christmas trees and ornaments with live music and activities for children. First will have their Sanctuary Choir and One Accord, their auditioned adult ensemble, joined by their orchestra presenting “The Many Moods of Christmas”, featuring familiar carols of the season along with new works by Dan Goeller, Howard Helvey and K. Lee Scott on Sunday, December 4 at 7:00 pm. FIRST UNION’s Music Ministry is sponsoring a Christmas Concert on December 10 at 4:00 pm. GAYTON will present “Jazz Nativity”, classy vocal and instrumental jazz in a coffee house setting to share the Nativity story, to raise money (tickets are online at www.gaytonchurch.org) for global missions on December 3 & 4 at 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm each day. On December 11 the children will perform their Christmas Musical at 4:00 pm, and their Sanctuary Choir will present “Joyous Christmas Morning” on Sunday, December 18 at both worship services, 9:30 am and 11:00 am. GRACE will present the Central Virginia Masterworks Chorale 2011 Christmas concert, “Prophets, Dreams & Dancing: Festive Music for Choir and Brass” on Sunday, December 11 at 3:00 pm, featuring John Rutter’s “Gloria” and other holiday selections accompanied by brass and percussion. Advance tickets are $10 for adults ($15 at the door), $5 for students and can be purchased at Cross Brothers’ Grocery in Ashland, by calling 1-800-838-3006 or online at www.brownpapertickets.com/producer/1058. Grace raised $5,330 for Freedom House through their “Empty Bowls Project”. GINTER PARK has a variety of events planned during Advent including a Live Nativity on Saturday, December 10 at 5:00 pm followed by a Community Meal at 6:15 p.m. Their Christmas Eve service of “Welcome” will be at 5:00 pm on Saturday, December 24. For information on other events, contact the church office at 359-2475. GROVE AVENUE’s Music and Media Ministries will present a special Christmas TV presentation, “From the Manger to the Cross”, during “The Victory Hour” on Sunday morning, December 11 which will feature their choir, instrumentalists, soloists, and Scripture. HATCHER MEMORIAL will combine services on Sunday, December 18 at 10:30 am in order to present the musical “A Song in the Air” created by Dennis Allen and Nan Allen. The early service vocal team and band along with the adult choir and the youth drum circle will combine forces to deliver the Christmas story in this blended musical style. HUGUENOT ROAD will have two performances, December 18 & 19 at 6:00 pm, of “A Celtic Christmas”, the story of the Christ child retold through Celtic music, worship and dance. All tickets are free and are available online at www.hrbcrichmond.org and clicking on the Celtic Christmas button. There will be a reception following each performance. JAHNKE ROAD is kicking off the Christmas season with a time of music and Christmas caroling with “Betsy, Lyn and the Boys” on Wednesday night, December 7. They will have a Christmas musical of the Christmas story performed by the youth and children of the church on Sunday, December 11 during their 11:00 am worship service and their Adult Choir will present a Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 17 at 11:00 am. LAKESIDE will have their Christmas Choir Concert, “I Hear the Prophet Callin’” on Sunday, December 18 during their 10:30 am worship service and their Outdoor Christmas Nativity will be Thursday and Friday, December 22 & 23 at 7:00 & 7:45 pm both nights. LEIGH STREET invites all to their Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:30 pm. The church had an Organ Recital for the 100 Year Anniversary of their church organ on Saturday, November 19. LIFE-LINE FOR JESUS celebrated their 13th Anniversary on Sunday, November 6 with guest preacher Pastor William Wiggins of Mount Vernon Baptist, Rosewood Avenue. The celebration was preceded with Revival, October 31 through November 2, lead by Pastor Todd Winston of Greenwood Baptist of Ashland. MONUMENT HEIGHTS will have their combined Children’s Choirs perform “A Christmas Silhouette” on Sunday, December 11 at 6:00 pm and their Sanctuary choir will present “Winter’s Grace” on Sunday, December 18 at 6:00 pm. MOUNT TABOR will have their Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 18. They will have one service only at 10:00 am on Christmas Day and New Year’s Day. NEW BRIDGE will have “Festival of Lights 2011” to Celebrate the Season – Discover the Savior on December 9 & 10 at 7:00 pm and on December 11 at 6:00 pm. Free tickets available from church office (737-7331) in advance. NEW CANAAN provided the Thanksgiving dinner for the South Richmond Baptist Center on November 17. NEW LIFE will observe the church and Pastor Jerome Lee’s 13th Anniversary on Sundays, December 4 and 11. OAK FOREST’s Children’s Choir will present “For the Glory of the King” and the Adult Choir will present “Mary, Did You Know” on Sunday, December 18 at 6:00 pm. Their Director of Music, Laura Smith, will present “Christmas Reflections” on December 10 at 7:00 pm. OAKWOOD MEMORIAL will have a Christmas Program on December 11 at 5:00
pm and a Christmas Eve candlelight communion service at 6:00 pm on Saturday, December 24. PATTERSON AVENUE will have “Family Praise – Christmas Music Celebration” on Sunday, December 11 during their morning worship. The church will offer a free Internet Safety Class on Wednesday, November 30 at 6:30 pm featuring Sgt. Carol Adams of the Richmond City Police Department for this community-wide presentation. PINE STREET’s Annual Choir Christmas Cantata “Mary, Did You Know?” on Saturday, December 17. The church has a new updated website: www.pinetobaptist.com. RIVER ROAD will have a “Bach Advent Concert” on Sunday, December 11 at 7:30 pm. SANDSTON will have their Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 11 at 7:00 pm with their entire music department taking part and featuring some “special guests”. SECOND will have a Christmas Dinner Theater, “Follow the Star!” on Sunday, December 11 at 5:00 pm featuring their Middle School and Senior High Choirs, Brass and Women’s Ensembles, Sanctuary Choir, Solists and many others and will be followed by the second Act, “Amahl and the Night Visitors”, a one act opera about the travel of the Kings to see the Christ Child. Tickets, $15 are on sale at the church. The church will be hosting CARITAS Monday, December 26 through Monday, January 2. SKIPWITH will have a Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 11 during their 11:00 am worship service. STAPLES MILL ROAD will have their Christmas Musical Drama on Saturday and Sunday, December 17 & 18 with dinner at 5:00 pm and the musical starting at 6:30 pm. Tickets are required but they are free and can be obtained by calling the church office at 672-6811. STOCKTON MEMORIAL will have their annual Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 18 at 11:00 am and will include the participation of their children. STUKELEY HALL will have their Christmas music program on Sunday, December 18. SWIFT CREEK will present their special Christmas program Friday, December 9 and Sunday, December 11 at 6:30 pm both days. TABERNACLE will have their Children’s Christmas Pageant during their Sunday, December 18 worship service at 11:00 am. They will offer “Christmas in the Fan Concert” on Sunday, December 18 at 4:00 pm which will include both sacred and secular music featuring the Richmond Concert Band, their Sanctuary Choir, children and youth ensembles, the Meadow Street Band and Meade Skelton, concluding with a sing-a-long of seasonal favorites. WEBBER MEMORIAL’S Music Ministries will lead in worship the musical “Beautiful Star of Bethlehem” on Sunday, December 11 during both worship services. WESTHAMPTON will have a Christmas concert entitled “A Christmas Mosaic,” featuring their choirs, followed by their annual Candlelight Buffet” on Sunday, December 18 at 5:00 pm. WESTOVER is in their 20th year of selling Christmas Trees on the lot at the corner of Dunston Avenue and Westover Hills Blvd and are open 7 days a week. Their children are making and selling Christmas Wreaths. The children are also presenting “Christmas Dinner and a Movie” on Wednesday, December 7 at 6:00 pm. Tickets are $10. WOODLAND HEIGHTS will have their Children’s Christmas Program on Sunday December 11 at 11:00 am and their Adult Sanctuary Choir Christmas Service on Sunday, December 18 at 11:00 am.

STAFF NEWS

PATTERSON AVENUE welcomes Tim Pierce to their music ministry as Organist. WOODLAND HEIGHTS welcomes Dr. Charles Weedman as their new Minister of Music.
South Richmond Baptist Center
AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT CLUBS: JANUARY – MAY 2012

For more information contact:
Community Missionary, Rev. Wesley Garrett (804-232-0174 or Wesley.garrett@rbaonline.org)

The South Richmond Baptist Center has a strong desire to reach the children of our community with the love of God before other forces such as loneliness, truancy, drug activity and peer pressure become a driving influence in their lives. Plans are in place to start after-school cultural and enrichment clubs in the New Year. By having a variety of after-school enrichment clubs we hope the children will have a positive place to "hang out" and learn about Christ. All of our clubs will have a spiritual emphasis geared toward their particular age group.

After-school programs need leaders and helpers in order to be successful. Listed below is information about the Art, Photography and Drama clubs including the leadership and supply needs. If you are interested in providing leadership or assistance for one of the clubs contact Wesley Garrett. The dates and times listed for each club are just proposed dates and have not been confirmed with St. Paul's, so Wesley is open to adjusting the meeting times for each club depending on the availability of volunteer leadership. Wesley will be happy to accept donations of supplies or snack items. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to help enrich the lives of the children and youth of South Richmond.

ART CLUB: All types of media will be used in this special arts club: pen and ink, water, oil and powder painting, etc. Also free-hand drawing will be introduced to enhance natural abilities they may already possess. Other forms of art will also be introduced to the children and youth. For ages 9 to 16 years old.
- **PROPOSED DATE/TIME:** *Mondays, weekly, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.*
- **LEADERSHIP:** 2 Instructors (Retired Art Teachers) and 3 Assistants.
- **SUPPLIES NEEDED:** Art supplies, water-color sets, brushes, newsprint paper, all types of paints, color number paint sets, and empty egg cartons
- **SNACK:** 2 Volunteers to serve casseroles, cookies, and punch

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB: Do you have an eye for photography? Want to take pictures and do a "show-and-tell" with others interested in photography? People of all ages enjoy photography and children too. In this club, children and youth will develop skills for taking pictures to show to friends and others. Learning to take different subjects and scenes will be incorporated in this club. For ages 13 to 17 years old.
- **PROPOSED DATE/TIME:** *Tuesdays, weekly, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.*
- **LEADERSHIP:** Have Leader, need 1 Helper.
- **SUPPLIES:** Disposable Cameras
- **SNACK:** 1 or 2 Volunteers to serve cookies and punch.

DRAMA CLUB: The fellowship hall at St. Paul’s Belt Campus has a huge stage and area ideal for putting on plays. Children will be introduced to various skills and talent in the field of drama. Short plays and eventually long plays will be produced for the Southside community in general and the Richmond community as a whole. Leaders and teachers in theatrical fields would be ideal but not necessary. The children are seriously interested and 13 of them have already signed up for this club. For ages 9 to 19 years old.
- **PROPOSED DATE/TIME:** *Saturday mornings, twice a month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.*
- **LEADERSHIP:** 1 volunteer with experience/interest in Theater and 2 Assistants
- **SUPPLIES:** Costumes and props when performances
- **SNACK:** 2 Volunteers to serve cookies and punch.

OTHER CLUBS: to be added as space and volunteer leadership becomes available.
- **Book Club:** One-to-One tutoring, and monthly Club meetings.
- **Adult Training:** Certificate programs in Biblical studies
- **Geography Club:** Discovering far-away places.
- **Boys Mentoring**
- **Bible Clubs:** Age appropriate Bible lessons and fun times

ON-GOING MINISTRY NEEDS:
- **Help with the Food Pantry:** packing and preparing bags for distribution on Thursdays 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. twice a month on the third and fourth Thursdays. Also help restocking shelves at SRBC.
- **Assistance with clothing distribution and folding of clothing for Clothing Closet**
- **Food Bank purchases.** (A gentleman with a truck/van would be ideal), twice a month to purchase a small amount of food from the local Food Bank.
- **Leadership for the Ladies Sewing Group** that meets every Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

Crown Financial Ministries Can Help
This is the time of year for church planning – budgets, discipleship series, and sermons. I recognize that many church budgets have been negatively impacted due to reduced giving levels. I am also aware that personal budgets have been stretched due to loss of income, rising costs, and household debt. These are difficult times, and now is the time to offer help and hope to those who are suffering in your church and community.

Crown Financial Ministries is the world’s largest ministry resource for Biblical stewardship teaching today. The range of resources and services targets every age group and all socio-economic levels. And Crown continues to develop timely and relevant tools. If you ask, I can provide input to your stewardship education planning. “Knowing what to implement and when” is where I can help. My experience enables me to make recommendations that will fit in with “how you do things” in your church.

My prayer is that you will consider letting me help you in your ministry. Please call me. I look forward to hearing from you!

Randy Rowekamp, Crown Area Director, (804) 683-1595

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For more information about Entrust, please contact Greta Kidd at gkidd@entrustfcu.com or 804-278-4714.
Jeff will share how First Things First of Greater Richmond stands ready with many resources to come alongside churches to strengthen marriages and families throughout central Virginia.

Jeff will also share about an exciting upcoming opportunity for churches to work together to build community awareness about the importance of marriage. **February 10-11, 2012** will be a very special weekend in Richmond. Come December 6th to see how you can join other churches to do something BIGGER together!

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**RBA’s Ministers’ Fellowship & Lunch**  
**Tuesday, December 6, 2011**  
Richmond Baptist Association Office  
3111 Moss Side Avenue, Richmond 23222  

12:00 Noon: LUNCH (Reservations Required)  
$6 per person, to be paid at the door  
Reservation deadline is Friday, December 2. Contact Frances Jones (frances.jones@rbaonline.org or 329-1701).

12:30 to 1:30 p.m.: PROGRAM  
Mr. Jeff Ukrop, Executive Director  
First Things First of Greater Richmond

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**The Art of Marriage**

A collaboration of First Things First, FamilyLife and area churches.....

**February 10-11, 2012**

Imagine churches throughout the Richmond Region strengthening marriages at the same time! 15 have already committed...join Gayton Baptist, Grove Avenue Baptist, Staples Mill Road Baptist and others for this special weekend.

- Want to be a host church to help blanket Richmond with The Art of Marriage in February?
- Want to offer a powerful outreach from your church to your local neighborhood to impact the entire city?
- Want to attend a meaningful opportunity for marriage and faith enrichment?
- Want to lead the effort in your congregation?
- For more details go to: [http://www.firstthingsrichmond.org/events-and-training/calendar/calendar_event/29308](http://www.firstthingsrichmond.org/events-and-training/calendar/calendar_event/29308) or Contact Jeff Ukrop at First Things First (804.288.3431).

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**The Art of Marriage Registration**

Sign-up today....

The First Things First Marriage Coalition and FamilyLife, present The Art of Marriage, a new video-based marriage conference helping couples understand God’s blueprint for marriage. The Art of Marriage is an interactive video conference that weaves together the following elements to help couples fully experience God’s design for marriage. **Cost: Registration is $50 per couple (includes 2 workbooks and lunch).** Register for The Art of Marriage at: [http://www.firstthingsrichmond.org/topic/aom-registration](http://www.firstthingsrichmond.org/topic/aom-registration). Be sure to select the correct location when registering.
John Leland Center for Theological Studies
Offering Courses In the Richmond Area

Registration is now open for the following courses during the spring semester, beginning January 23, 2012. These courses are designed for both clergy and laity who are seeking to gain knowledge and practical skill for ministry. Credit may be earned toward a Diploma in Theological Studies, and also toward a bachelor's degree.

Baptist Beliefs and History  Tuesday, 3:00 – 6:00 pm
Pastoral Care and Counseling  Tuesday, 6:00 – 9:00 pm
Christian Theology II  Thursday (time set by students’ schedules)

Spanish-Speaking Courses
Introdución al Nuevo Testamento: Monday, 6:30 – 9:30 pm
Introdución al Antiguo Testamento: Thursday, 6:30 – 9:30 pm

All classes meet at Second Baptist Church, 9614 River Road, Richmond, VA.

For more information, contact Keith Smith, Director of the Leland School of Ministry, ksmith@leland.edu, 747-1380, (Leland website: http://leland.edu).

Annual Fix-up and Clean-up Days
At Camp Alkulana
May 19 and June 2, 2012

Help us get ready for the summer season!
Plenty to do:
• Yard Work
• Spring Cleaning
• Light Carpentry
• General Repair

GREAT BONDING OPPORTUNITY FOR CHURCH GROUPS*

Leave Richmond early, eat breakfast on the way. Arrive at camp by 10:00 and work until 4:00 with a lunch break. Stop in Staunton on the way home for dinner.

*Okay for youth to come with your adult group; however, youth should understand that “normal” camp activities will not be available, as the goal is to fix up camp.

For more information and to let us know that we can count on you, call or email Beth Wright, Camp Director: 329-1701, ext. 206 or campalkulana@gmail.com.

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.

Help the RBA Save Postage Costs
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