Central Virginia Baptist Ministries, Inc.

Presents the:

2012 Pastor-Deacon Conference

“Keeping the Main Thing, The Main Thing”
(Ephesians 2:10)

MARCH 19, 2012

Branch’s Baptist Church
3400 Broad Rock Blvd, Richmond, VA 23234
804-276-5000

SCHEDULE:
6:00 p.m. Refreshments/Bookstore
6:30 p.m. Welcome & Inspirational Meditation
7:00 p.m. Session I
7:50 p.m. Refreshment Break
8:00 p.m. Session II

CONFERENCE CHOICES, select two:

• Helping Others Wrestle Their Way through Grief, Dr. P. James Flamming, First Baptist Church
• Pumping New Blood into Worn out Deacons (Session I only), Dr. Daniel Bagby, BTSR
• Deacon Family Ministry/Team Ministry Overview, Dr. Tom Stocks, VBMB
• New Models in Ministry, Reverend Louis Blakey/Reverend Lois Blakey Paige, New Canaan Worship Center
• Dealing with Growth Within the Church, Dr. David Benjamin, Winfree Memorial Baptist Church
• Using Social Media in Ministry, Reverend Spenser Dillard, Parham Road Baptist Church
• Shepherding Congregations through Loss and Grief During Change and Transition, Dr. Robert E. Lee, IV, New Highland Baptist Church
• Basic Training for Deacons, Dr. Ken Kessler, VBMB
• Multiple Ministries, Multiple Services and Multiple Campuses, Dr. Travis Collins, Bon Air Baptist Church
• Equipping Saints to Serve, Dr. Roberta McBride Damon, Chester Baptist Church
• Keys to Multiplication, Reverend Larry Frakes, New Covenant Baptist Church
• Help for Hurting Pastors (Pastors/Clergy only), Dr. Charles Chandler, Ministering to Ministers Foundation

There is a $5.00 fee for this Conference, payable at door.
No Pre-Registration Requested!

Information will be available on-line in February 2012 at www.cvbm.org
Questions? Contact Frances Jones, RBA, at 329-1701
Happy Valentine’s Day!!

February is the month for celebrating love and all that is “warm and fuzzy” in those relationships that are special to us! A heart appears on many calendars on the 14th to remind us of the day!

As I think about the Richmond Baptist Association and the ways in which so many of you engage in serving others throughout the year, it seems as if every day is Valentine’s day – a day for expressing God’s love toward others!

And you do it so well! You do it in the groceries you share, the toys, clothing and bicycles you give, the hours you spend tutoring and baking, the backpacks you fill, and in an inspiring myriad of other ways.

Thank you, too, for the way that you have lovingly expressed your care for the residents of the city of Richmond and surrounding areas with your regular monetary gifts through your churches to the Association.

Giving to Camp Alkulana through the Week of Prayer Offering hit a record $166,829.73 by year’s end! Beth Wright and the Camp Alkulana Support Team have been wonderful at publicizing the ministries of camp to friends, former campers and counselors to spur individual and organizational giving to nearly $63,000.00, a major part of the record total.

Though in General Program giving we missed our budgeted target by more than $100,000, we are thankful to have completed the 2011 year in the black – income over expenses - by $24,721.64. Throughout the year we did our best to hold expenditures to a minimum in operational costs as well as in critical areas intended to provide training and resources to our churches. Too, we received an insurance dividend from Brotherhood Mutual Insurers in the amount of $42,163 for which we are most grateful. It is an amount, however, upon which we cannot base our budget looking forward.

In a step toward greater fiscal strength we have reduced the 2012 RBA Budget by more than $32,000. If we meet or exceed our 2012 Camp Alkulana Week of Prayer Offering Goal of $114,000 and if each of our 69 churches will increase your 2011 giving to the General Program Budget by only $24 per week for each of the year’s 52 Sundays – for most, a manageable amount - we can totally meet the 2012 General Program Budget!

Such a weekly gift would allow us to minister more fully to strengthen our churches and church members to thrive rather than merely survive. Let’s consciously choose to thrive!! Your meeting this challenge is a step toward helping all of us to say to each other, our city and our churches every week, “Happy Valentine’s Day, all year long!”

Keep in mind, too, that the week of February 12 thru 19 is RBA WMU Focus Week. Pray for all the women of our Association who are involved in ministry through WMU. Pray, too, for many others to join their great work in 2012!

Joyously,

Mike

FROM YOUR DOM, MIKE ROBINSON

RBA’S MINISTERS’ FELLOWSHIP LUNCH
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2012
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, February 3. Contact
Frances Jones (frances.jones@rbaonline.org or 329-1701).

12:30 to 1:30 P.M.: PROGRAM
Led by: Dr. Ron Crawford, President, Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond will lead discussion on the topic: “The Shape of Theological Education for the Future and Continuing Education Opportunities in the Present”

Please Note
The RBA Office will be CLOSED
Monday, February 20, 2012
For the President’s Day Holiday

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS
(includes quickly served lunch and Thursday meeting 12 noon-1:30 p.m.)

August 16
November 15

61st ANNUAL FALL MEETING on Sunday, October 21
3:00 p.m. Session and 5:00 p.m. Dinner
If your church is interested in hosting one of these meeting or if you have questions, contact Frances Jones or Mike Robinson at the RBA at 804-329-1701 as soon as possible.

DECEMBER 2011 RBA BUDGET REPORT

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

As of 12/31/11
Offering Goal: $116,000.00
YTD Receipts: $166,829.73
YTD Expenses: $109,760.55
LET’S GO TO CAMP!

ATTN: Children’s Leaders in RBA Churches

RE: Summer Camp Scholarships to CrossRoads Camp and Conference Center

Leaders, the children enrolled in your church’s mission groups in grades four through six are eligible to apply for scholarships to the summer camping program at CrossRoads Camp and Conference Center in Lowesville, Virginia. There are two scholarships available for a week of camp. The first is given by Woman’s Missionary Union of Virginia and is offered state-wide to children in BGAV affiliated churches. The second is given by the WMU of the Richmond Baptist Association and is offered to children in RBA affiliated churches. Children in RBA affiliated churches can apply for BOTH scholarships. Any number of children from an RBA church can apply for the scholarships.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

For the WMU Lisk Scholarship:
♦ Complete the application form that can be downloaded from the WMU website: www.wmu-va.org.
♦ Applicant writes an essay to accompany the application form.
♦ Two recommendations from church leaders and a school photo of the applicant also accompany the application form.
♦ Questions? Contact WMU at 804-915-5000.
♦ DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, 2012.

For the RBA WMU Scholarship:
(Use the LISK SCHOLARSHIP form)
♦ Send a copy of the applicant’s Lisk Scholarship application form, essay, church leaders’ recommendations, and a school photo (optional) to:
  RBA Woman’s Missionary Union
  Attn: Amy Sowder
  Richmond Baptist Association
  3111 Moss Side Avenue
  Richmond, VA 23222
♦ Questions? Contact Wyatt Heisler at 804-741-9320.
♦ DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 17, 2012.

*Special Education Ministry* Needs Your Help!
The RBA has a Special Education Team which sponsors a Valentine Social every year in February for Valentine’s Day. This year the event will be Friday, February 10 from 7-9 pm at Monument Heights Baptist Church. More details are given in the box below.

We are trying to reach as many Special Education Adults as possible but need your help in finding these individuals to invite. If you or your church know of someone who would enjoy this event, please let us know! You can call or email Amy at the RBA office. The event is free and “the more the merrier”.

It’s Time to
Make your Reservations
For the:

2012
SPECIAL EDUCATION VALENTINE SOCIAL

Friday, February 10
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Monument Heights Baptist Church
5716 Monument Avenue, Richmond

Featuring: Square Dancing and Refreshments!

Once again, there is no charge to attend!

RSVP by February 3
To Amy Sowder
Richmond Baptist Association
329-1701 ext. 208; amy.sowder@rbaonline.org

Take God Provides™ Films from Crown on Your Next Missions Trip
The God Provides™ Films have been translated into several languages, including Spanish, Arabic, Tamil, Hindi, Mandarin and Swahili. What is God Provides™? Throughout history, people have wrestled with the concept of trusting God to meet their needs versus relying on the world. Through stirring accounts found in the Bible, God reveals how He wants to be our ultimate Provider. This media driven experience offers a rich, dramatic journey through six theater-quality, epic short films.

Originally developed for the poor and ultra-poor, these films bring the Word of God to life and are impacting people around the world. They are economically priced at $19.95 for all six films. Visit www.crown.org/GodProvides to see the trailers and www.store.crown.org to purchase.

Crown Financial Ministries
www.crown.org
The Good News: Every Person, Every Place, Every Church
21-C 2012: New Dates & a Fresh Focus

There will be a fresh focus for the 21-C Conference in 2012! It is our hope that Virginia Baptists will set in motion a vision of Kingdom proportions as we play host to the inaugural Fresh Expressions National Gathering at First Baptist Church of Alexandria.

March 16—17, 2012
First Baptist Church of Alexandria
2932 King Street, Alexandria, VA

Come and participate in the epic story of God’s work through Fresh Expressions and receive practical training on how it can impact your church and community. Visit http://freshexpressionsus.org/national-gathering/ for information on the conference or contact Ben Jamison, Fresh Expressions, at 800-255-2428 x6280 or ben.jamison@vbmb.org.

The Art of Marriage
Offered at various Richmond Churches
February 10-11, 2012

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: expert teaching, engaging stories, real-life testimonials, man-on-the-street interviews, and humorous vignettes.

Cost is $50 per couple (includes 2 workbooks and lunch)

Register for The Art of Marriage at:
http://www.firstthingsrichmond.org/topic/aom-registration

Be sure to select the correct location when registering.

2012 Tax & Compensation Planning Seminars

To help church staff and church lay leaders understand and comply with the tax laws a series of seminars sponsored by the Financial Support Planning Ministry of the Virginia Baptist Mission Board will be held across the state in February-March 2012. The seminar in Richmond will be held on February 16, 2012, at the Virginia Baptist Resource Center. The seminar will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 noon.

The seminars are designed for church staff and lay leaders who handle taxes and compensation at BGAV churches. Attendees will get help with financial support planning for church staff, including retirement and insurance, handling minister’s taxes and federal reporting requirements for churches.

The most important federal reporting obligation for most churches is withholding and reporting employee income taxes and Social Security (FICA) taxes. A number of unique rules apply to churches and “ministers for tax purposes.” Yet many churches do not comply with them because they do not understand them. This misunderstanding can lead to substantial penalties.

Minimize your risk and potential for substantial penalties resulting from non-compliance with State and Federal Tax Laws. MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE 2012 SEMINARS!

The seminars are provided free of charge by the generous Cooperative Missions gifts of Baptist churches affiliated with the Baptist General Association of Virginia.

For information on the date and location of other seminars, to register for the Richmond seminar or to secure a post-seminar appointment, please contact Melody Fowler, GuideStone Administrative Assistant at 1-800-255-2428 X5293 or by email to melody.fowler@vbmb.org.
CAMP ALKULANA IS LOOKING FOR DEDICATED CAMP COUNSELORS FOR OUR
2012 SUMMER SEASON

WHY NOT SPEND YOUR SUMMER AT ALKULANA?

Camp Alkulana is a year-round ministry of the Richmond Baptist Association with a targeted summer ministry to inner-city children. We serve about 200 campers per summer in a rustic overnight camp setting.

The camp is located in Millboro Springs, Virginia, deep in the beautiful Alleghenies. Some of the activities offered during the summer are hiking, cave exploring, camping out, cooking out, rock climbing, rappelling, ropes course, swimming, crafts, Bible study and worship.

Camp counselors are 18 years or older, are on-call 24/7, and are committed to transforming the lives of Richmond’s young people. Our counselors wear many hats, doing everything from teaching crafts and swimming lessons, to changing Band-Aids and plunging toilets. They facilitate an interactive Bible study, lead outdoor adventures, and share their living space with 9-14 year olds! They are a brave staff! They do God’s work each summer, loving children who often feel lost and unaccepted.

Top 5 reasons to work at Alkulana

5 live, play, and work in the outdoors
4 go on active adventures
3 make life-long friendships
2 become a child’s hero
1 serve God by serving others

Join us this summer!

Fill out an application online (www.alkulana.org) today or contact Beth Wright at 804-329-1701 x206 or campalkulana@gmail.com for more information.

Book your CAMP ALKULANA
Retreat today!

Retreats are available year round, and start at $500 for RBA churches. Contact Beth at campalkulana@gmail.com or call the RBA office. More information is available at www.alkulana.org/retreat.php
A R O U N D  T H E  A S S O C I A T I O N

C H U R C H  N E W S

BETHANY PLACE will begin a 13 week “Single & Parenting – Help & Hope for Single Parents” group on Sunday, February 12 from 6-8:00 pm to share tips & parenting wisdom that will help singles find rest, hope & encouragement. DERBYSHIRE hosted 36 single CARITAS women January 14-21. FIRST will offer their Ministry Fair, Sunday, February 6 from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm for members to see the many ways their congregation is helping put God’s love in action and to talk to ministry leaders and to find their place to plug in to kingdom service. GAYTON & GROVE AVENUE will be hosting “The Art of Marriage”, a six-session video event on Friday, February 10, 6:15-8:15 pm and Saturday, February 11, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. HATCHER MEMORIAL Youth are sponsoring the “2nd Annual Lakeside’s Got Talent Variety Show” and dinner on Friday, February 17 at 6:30 pm and Saturday, February 18 at 6:00 pm. Tickets are $6 per person per night. Call the church office for tickets. HUGUENOT ROAD will take a group to see the “Cotton Patch Gospel” on Saturday, February 11 at 7:30 pm at BTRS. LEIGH STREET will host their Sweetheart Banquet on Saturday, February 11 at 6:00 pm with dinner and light entertainment. Please call the church office at 648-0415 for fees, reservations and /or more information. They recognize Mrs. Ruth Dillingham who, at 100 years of age, has been teaching Sunday School for 81 years. MONUMENT HEIGHTS will also host “The Art of Marriage” on February 10-11. NORTHMINSTER has started some exciting new discipleship “workshops” for children during the 11:00 am service with the children rotating through 4 different 15-minute sessions of Bible story, arts & crafts, cooking crafts, and game time (all age-appropriate and all related to the Bible lesson for the day).

RIVER ROAD will host 40 CARITAS women February 11-18 and will host the “Washington & Lee University Chamber Singers” on Saturday, February 25 at 7:30 pm. SAINT PAUL’S Valentine’s Day Concert “It’s All About the Love of God!” on Friday, February 10 at 7:00 pm featuring James Fortune and Keith “Wonderboy” Johnson at their Creighton Campus. SECOND is sending a small construction team to Panama February 1-11 to enlarge a church in the rural area of Oma. They are forming a new “Marriage Team” to focus on the importance of strong marriages by initially working with the “First Things First” Organization which created “The Art of Marriage” video series. STAPLES MILL ROAD will also host “The Art of Marriage” video series on February 10-11. STOCKTON MEMORIAL will have “Rock For Hope” on Saturday, February 11 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (similar to a Walk-a-Thon, but using rocking chairs) to raise money for Hope Tree Family Services which “provides Christian residential and support services to at-risk children, youth and adults with intellectual disabilities”. TABERNACLE will have a Children’s Fundraiser Dinner/Variety Show on Wednesday, February 15 at 6:00 pm.

S T A F F  N E W S

BON AIR welcomes Brooke Brill as their new Administrative Assistant for Adults and their NorthStar Community announced their first Associate Pastor, Scott McBean. DERBYSHIRE congratulates their interim Pastor, Rev. Dr. Ed Stansfield, for his 50 years of ministry and also congratulates Rev. David Schwoebel for his 15 years as their Minister of Music. HUGUENOT ROAD celebrates the 20 year anniversary of Rev. Phillip Brown as Associate Pastor for Music and Worship. SECOND recognized Bob Mayo for his 25 years of ministry as their Church Organist.

2012 SOJOURNERS SUMMER MISSIONARY PROGRAM

The Sojourners Summer Missionary Program of the Richmond Baptist Association places youth, ages 16 (must have completed the 11th grade) to 21, in our three Baptist Centers to experience missions first-hand.

The 2012 summer session is for up to ten weeks. The work schedule is flexible. The Sojourner will average 20 hours of service per week with some weeks being more intense than others. Stipends for 2012 will be $750 per individual.

The Sojourner Program offers experiences in working with children, youth, and senior adults in an inner-city environment. Sojourner youth are exposed to a variety of social ministries at all three Baptist Centers. The program is often formative in a young person’s choice of career or life of service.

A copy of the 2012 Application can be downloaded from the RBA website, www.rbaonline.org.

For more information, contact Mike Robinson at 329-1701 ext. 202 or mike.robinson@rbaonline.org.

VIRGINIA BAPTIST WOMEN IN MINISTRY READY TO LISTEN RETREAT

EXPLORE A CALL TO MINISTRY!

College women considering a call to ministry are invited to this conference exploring career options and ministry possibilities. Conference leaders are women currently engaged in various ministerial roles.. The conference will be held at Richmond Hill Retreat Center in Richmond on February 17–18, 2012. Lodging and meals are provided at no cost to the participant. The conference begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday with dinner and concludes after lunch on Saturday.

Nominations may be made by pastors, church staff, church leaders and teachers, parents, campus ministers, or by the young woman herself. Download the registration form at www.baptistwomeninministry.org. Interested persons are encouraged to return it by mail or email by February 1, 2012. Space is limited. Participants will be notified by February 15. Contact Maria E. Lynn, WMUV, at 255-2428 or mlynn@wmuv.org with any questions.
**NEW! Christian Community Calendar**

**Entrust Financial Credit Union** is excited to provide a new resource to the Richmond area with its online Christian Community Calendar.

Visit [www.entrustfcu.org/calendar](http://www.entrustfcu.org/calendar) to see upcoming events with Richmond churches and ministries. Entrust led financial seminar dates, more. Plus, you can submit your own church and organization events to be posted on the calendar. For more information about this resource that is available to you at no charge, please contact Greta Kidd at gkidd@entrustfcu.com or 278-4714.

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**Welcome**

**Dr. Gene Cornett**  
Pastor/Teaching Elder  
Bethany Place

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Gene Cornett has been called to be the new Pastor/Teaching Elder of Bethany Place. His first Sunday in the pulpit was January 15.

Dr. Cornett has served churches in both Kentucky and Texas. Most recently, Gene has served as Senior Associate Pastor and Minister of Music at Seaford Baptist Church in Seaford, Virginia, and also served as their Transitional Senior Pastor from 2008 to 2010.

Gene earned his Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, TX in 1989 and his Doctorate of Ministry in Christian Leadership from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC earlier this year. In addition, he has a Bachelor of Music Education from Cumberland College in Williamsburg, Ky.

Gene and his wife Kathleen (Kat) Barnes have three children: Will is married and is a Children’s Pastor in Chesapeake, VA; Hannah is a junior at Liberty University; and Noelle, their third child, whom they adopted from China in November 2008.

We join with the congregation of Bethany Place in welcoming Gene and his family to the RBA family.
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.

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Contact Frances Jones via email or snail mail at the addresses listed below:

- To submit an article—must be received by the 15th of each month.
- To be added or deleted from the mailing list.
- To submit a change of address in a timely manner so the RBA will not incur postage due costs for returned newsletters that cannot be forwarded.

Help the RBA Save Postage Costs
Give us your change of address!

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2012 Vacation Bible School Leader’s Conference

MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2012

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH
1500 Courthouse Road, Richmond, VA 23236

DINNER FROM 6:00 TO 6:45 P.M.
Cost: & Reservation Deadline TBA

CONFERENCES 7:00 PM TO 9:00 P.M.

Directors’ Conference (2 hours): 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
This conference will include information: security, food allergies, leading a child to Christ and other Directors’ information and needs.

Breakout Session I: Preview of VBS Literature: 7-8 pm

* Lifeway I: * Lifeway II: * Gospel Light * Group 2012
Preschool Children

Breakout Session II: (Choose One) 8 – 9 pm
Each conference will include information about leading a child to Christ
- Understanding the Children You Teach
- Understanding the Preschooler You Teach
- Missions Fun with Children
- Teaching the Bible through Art Activities

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.

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