ANNOUNCING!

3 DAY TRIPS TO CAMP ALKULANNA
DURING 2012 SUMMER CAMP SESSIONS

With the success of last year’s Day Trips to Camp, the RBA, at the invitation of Camp Director Beth Wright, is offering three opportunities again for folks to come see camp in action! These trips are great opportunities to experience Alkulana fully alive with summer campers for RBA Pastors, Church Staff, WMU Members, Missions Leaders, and Friends who may never have been to camp or who have only been on work days or on a retreat in the "off season."

Anna Tuckwiller, Camp Registrar and former counselor, will be leading the tours again this year. She can answer questions about the camp program and what goes on during a day in the life of Camp Alkulana!

The Day Trips are being offered free of charge! Each trip will leave from the RBA Office (3111 Moss Side Avenue, Richmond, 23222) by bus or van depending on the size of the group.

SPACE IS LIMITED: RESERVE YOUR SPOT ASAP!

Trip #1
SUNDAY, JUNE 24 (DURING OLDER BOYS SESSION)
Depart RBA at 1:00 p.m., Arrive Camp at 3:45 p.m.
Dinner with Campers, Depart Camp at 7:00 p.m.,
Arrive RBA at 9:30 p.m.

Trip #2
MONDAY, JULY 9 (DURING YOUNGER BOYS SESSION)
Depart RBA 8:00 a.m., Arrive Camp at 10:30 a.m.
Lunch with Campers, Depart Camp at 2:30,
Arrive RBA at 5:00 p.m.

Trip #3
THURSDAY, AUGUST 2 (DURING OLDER GIRLS SESSION)
Depart RBA 8:00 a.m., Arrive Camp at 10:30 a.m.
Lunch with Campers, Depart Camp at 2:30,
Arrive RBA at 5:00 p.m.

RESERVATIONS
Contact RBA: Frances Jones at 804-329-1701 or
by email to: francs.jones@rbaonline.org.

Richmond Baptist Association’s
2012
Missions Involvement Extravaganza!

All RBA churches are invited to send representatives from their missions organizations to the 3rd Annual Extravaganza on:

Saturday, July 14, 2012
9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
at the RBA BUILDING,
3111 Moss Side Avenue

This will be a great opportunity to learn about missions involvement in the RBA. The RBA Missions Involvement Program provides support to the three inner-city Baptist Centers (Oregon Hill, Church Hill and South Richmond), Camp Alkulana, the campus ministries at VCU and UR, and the after-school and summer children’s programs of the African Christian Community Church. You will be able to meet staff, learn about programs, and discover ways you and your church can be involved with these inner-city social ministries.

The RBA Missions Involvement Extravaganza is sponsored by the RBA and the RBA WMU. The Missions Involvement Assignments for 2012-2013 will be distributed to churches during the event.

Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Questions?: Contact,
Missions Involvement Co-Coordinators:
Barbara Swann at 804-272-5150 or
Kathleen Coxon at 804-272-1667
Greetings:

I suspect it began with my parents!

Every year my dad arranged for one of the local farmers who rented the back side of our property to plow and disc a half acre in an odd corner of the back field. He would similarly prepare another quarter acre adjacent to the yard that surrounded our house. Every year the family planted, hoed, tilled and harvested tomatoes, potatoes, beans of several kinds, lettuce, carrots, squash, melons, corn, beets, peas, and numerous other vegetables that were then frozen, canned or pickled!

When I was about ten he tilled the third garden area. It was located in a fenced section of what had once been a “hen yard.” It was an area occupied by the fifty or so chickens that supplied fresh eggs for our family and a number of our neighbors.

The third garden was given to me to plant and tend on my own. It was a “no fail setup!” The soil was so rich from the natural fertilizer left behind by the previous occupants that I could have planted gravels and they would have taken root and flourished!

Well…….not quite. But almost!!!

Imagine how encouraging it was to a young gardener to begin with such a “no lose” opportunity. How wise my parents! Thus my passion for growing things was nurtured.

Growing anything is never an easy task. It’s hard work. The ground must be plowed and prepared, seeds planted, sprouts watered, soil cultivated, weeds pulled, damaging insects eliminated, fruit monitored for ripeness, and at the right time…the harvest!

My parents gave me a place and the freedom to do all of those things so that I might come to know the work as well as the joy of harvesting!

Imagine what would happen if each of our churches encouraged a team of staff and mature lay persons to each set aside some of their other responsibilities for twelve to eighteen months to plow and prepare, plant, water, cultivate, weed, and monitor in the lives of a handful of folks needing nurture and training so that they each could garden into the lives of another handful of folks during the following twelve to eighteen months who would then garden into another handful!

As my parents did, could you set forth a team of mature believers to start a multiplication process that could expand the Kingdom of God in a way we have not consistently seen in decades?

Acts 6:7 says that “…the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiply in Jerusalem greatly....”

Happy (multiplying) gardening!

Mike

P.S. If you’d like more details, call me!
PRAY FOR THE RBA
CHURCH OF THE WEEK

JUNE 3  WOODLAND HEIGHTS
JUNE 10  CHURCH HILL CHRISTIAN WELLNESS CTR
JUNE 17  OREGON HILL BAPTIST CENTER
JUNE 24  SOUTH RICHMOND BAPTIST CENTER
JULY 1  CAMP ALKULANA

Updated
RBA Resource Directories
Now Available!

The much anticipated, updated 2012 version of the RBA Resource Directory is now available from the RBA office!

The Directory is a true “Resource” book that you will want to keep at your desk or easily accessible at home. The Directory contains information on:

♦ RBA Staff Members
♦ RBA Churches and Missions
♦ The RBA Executive Council
♦ Interesting Websites
♦ Richmond Area Baptist Associations
♦ Baptist General Association (BGAV)
♦ BGAV Institutions and Agencies
♦ Southern Baptist Convention Boards and Institutions
♦ Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia
♦ Richmond Area Clergy Organizations
♦ Other Church Organizations and Institutions
♦ Correctional Institutions and Jail Ministries
♦ Richmond Area Hospitals
♦ Guide to Community Services
♦ RBA 2012 Calendar

Attendees of the RBA Spring Celebration were the first to receive copies “hot off the press.” Anyone who has recently visited or attended a meeting at the RBA office has been able to pick up a copy.

Anyone involved in the ministries of the RBA will want to have a copy. All you need to do to obtain your copy of the Directory is stop by the office and pick up one, but if you are not able to get by just contact Frances Jones at 804-329-1701 or by email at frances.jones@rbaonline.org. She will be happy to put one in the mail!

Introducing the
RBA 2012
Summer Sojourner Missionaries

MISS LINDSEY A. TURNER
Member, Pine Street
Senior, Open High School
Parents: Philip & Jennifer Turner
Pastor: Dr. Philip Turner

MR. AKIO R. BOYD
Member: First Union, Dill Rd
Junior, John Marshall High School
Parents: Clicent & Pamela Boyd
Pastor: Alvin T. Armstead, Jr.

MR. ANTHONY T. MUHAMMED
Member: Bethlehem Fairmount
Freshman, Chowan University
Parents: Demetrius Muhammed & Shonda Harris-Muhammed
Pastor: Dr. Victor Davis
All singers are invited to join in this ecumenical inclusive choir festival. It is hoped that everyone can participate in a rehearsal on Saturday, June 2nd, 1-3 pm at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Mechanicsville.

Two additional rehearsals are offered to accommodate as many schedules as possible (locations TBA): Tuesday, May 29 @ 7pm and Thursday, May 31 @ 7pm.

To participate, or for more information, contact:

**IN CONCERT**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 4:00 PM**

**EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH**

216 W. Leigh Street, Richmond, VA 23220 804-643-3366

Featuring:

Marlene Fuller, Directing
Jim Bennett, Accompanist

**Church Weekday Education Conference**

**CELEBRATING God’s Children**

**AUGUST 4, 2012**

8:30 am to 3:15 pm

MOUNT VERNON BAPTIST CHURCH

11220 Nuckols Road, Glen Allen, VA 23059

**Register by June 15**

to take advantage of the group discount!

**BEFORE JUNE 15:**

$45/person (individual)
$40/person for 3+ participants

From same CWE center

**AFTER JUNE 15:**

$45/person (no group discounts)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO DOWNLOAD REGISTRATION FORM, GO TO:**

http://www.vbmb.org/Networks/Age-Groups/Children-Ministry/Event_Church-Weekday-Education-Conference.cfm

**HURRY—Space is limited with deadline of July 25, 2012!**

**On-Line Giving to RBA Available for Churches and Individuals at www.rbaonline.org Through E-Giving!**

The RBA is supported by the monthly gifts of our 69 member churches, and missions that give to the RBA General Program fund, our Baptist Centers, and Camp Alkulana. This financial support comes to the RBA by way of checks through the U. S. Mail. **NOW THERE IS A NEW EASY OPTION! On-line giving through the E-Giving service provided by NCS Envelope Service which can be accessed on the RBA website at**

http://rbaonline.org

E-Giving permits easy, safe and secure online giving from a checking or savings account, credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover) or debit cards. Churches and individuals are invited to visit the E-giving section of our website http://rbaonline.org/about-us/donations to discover for themselves how easy it is to create an on-line account and to begin regularly giving to the RBA on-line, especially if you are already comfortable doing your personal banking online.

Based on your designation at the e-giving site, your donation will go towards the General Program Budget of the RBA, one of our Baptist Centers, Camp Alkulana or to the RBA Endowment Fund.

If you would like to designate a gift towards a specific need or project you can send a check with a notation of your designation on the memo line of the check to the Attention of Tenny Farnen, Financial Coordinator, Richmond Baptist Association, 3111 Moss Side Avenue, Richmond, VA 23222.

If you have any questions, please contact Frances Jones at 804-329-1701 or frances.jones@rbaonline.org.
2012
BAPTIST NIGHTS at the DIAMOND!!!

GAMES
Mon., June 25 @ 12:05 pm vs. New Britain Rock Cats (June 18)
Tues., July 17 @ 7:05 pm vs. Altoona Curve (July 10)
Tues., Aug 21 @ 7:05 pm vs. Bowie Baysox (August 14)
* Memorial Day Fireworks!

OPPONENT
RESV. DEADLINE

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Tues., July 17 @ 7:05 pm vs. Altoona Curve (July 10)
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RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT: Churches/Groups/Individuals need to get their ticket count along with payment by check (made payable to RBA) to the RBA Office, 3111 Moss Side Ave.; Richmond 23222; 804-329-1701, one week before the selected game(s). Ticket orders can also be faxed (804-321-7121) or emailed to office@rbaonline.org with payment mailed in by the deadline or payments can be made by credit card or bank transfer online via an E-giving link at the Baptist Night at the Diamond section on our website www.rbaonline.org. A minimum RBA group size of 20 is needed for the special group discount. Sign Up Now!!

Great Turnout and Enthusiastic Work Groups for May 19th Workday at Camp Alkulana!

The turn out of the May 19th workday was impressive! An estimated 65 volunteers showed up with lots of energy, plenty of tools, and a heart for service! Thank you to all the workers from our churches at River Road, Staples Mill, Tabernacle, Cambridge, Grove Ave. and Sandston! So much was accomplished to get camp ready for our summer ministry! The surrounding pictures show volunteers at work.

On the June 2 workday will have volunteers from Derbyshire, Bon Air, Westhampton, Carlisle, Second, and Sandston’s youth group.

Including the groups from Stockton Memorial and Huguenot Road that came in April, the Chamberlayne group planning a trip in June, and a North Carolina church volunteering on Memorial Day weekend, this makes a total of fifteen churches getting involved in a hands-on way this spring to help spruce up the facilities!

Thank you RBA churches for your contributions and hard work that make OUR ministry possible!

Beth Wright,
Camp Alkulana Director
CHURCH NEWS

BETHANY PLACE’s Deacon Ministry is sponsoring the Bethany Place Widow/Widower Banquet on Sunday, June 3. BON AIR is sending a mission team to Panama to be Day Camp Workers for their partner church, Calvary Baptist in San Miguel June 2-9. They are also sending a team to Southwest Virginia to participate in BookNet to read and relate with the children of Appalachia June 10-13. All Bon Air Campuses will provide the “Adventures on Promise Island” VBS for children ages 4 years through completed 5th grade June 25-29, 9 am to 12 noon. CAMBRIDGE encourages members to meet for lunch at Rudino’s Pizza and Grinders on the 4th Sunday of each month as a fundraiser for the Deacons with the funds going toward a Benevolent Account from which the Deacons can disperse funds to those in need. CARLISLE AVENUE has a Mission Team scheduled to go to Camp Alkulana to help with the Camp Clean-Up on Saturday, June 2. CHAMBERLAYNE will have “Learn, Serve & Play Together!” VBS on Friday nights on June 1, 8, 15, & 22. DERBYSHIRE will offer “Amazing Wonders Aviation” VBS on June 25-29. FIRST will have a “Good Cause” Yard Sale on Saturday, June 2, 8 am to 12 noon to support “World Vision” building a well in Africa ($2600), support local refugees, and provide services for those in the community experiencing a housing crisis. The church will have two summer opportunities for children, June 25-29: “Sonrise National Park” VBS, 9 am – 12 noon for children ages 3 through 5th grade AND Summer Sports Camp presented by Overtime Camps and First, from 1 to 5 pm for children grades K-5 at a cost of $125. GAYTON will offer “SKY, Everything is Possible with God” VBS two ways: evening sessions for rising kindergarteners through rising 5th graders, will be offered June 24-28, from 6-8 pm; and morning sessions, June 25-29, from 9 am – 12 noon, for age 3 to 5th graders. GRACE was included in the “Go! Discover Richmond” event and was very successful in showing wonderful hospitality to the more than a thousand walkers who visited on Saturday, May 5. The Richmond Times-Dispatch declared GBC as one of the top three points of interest along the walk. The church will have their annual Variety Show on Wednesday, June 13, in conjunction with their regular Wednesday evening meal. It promises to be an evening of fun with a wide variety of talented church members performing. GROVE will offer “SKY” VBS on June 24-28 at 6:15 to 8:30 pm for ages 3 through 5th grade. HUGUENOT ROAD graciously hosted the RBA May Executive Council meeting. HRBC Baby Boomers (1946-1964) will attend the Flying Squirrels game on Thursday, June 14, at 6:30 pm to support the HRBC young adults who will be singing the national anthem that night. The church has decided to add a second week of housing CARITAS, June 30 - July 7, since stepping in to help out an extra week last summer. JAHNKE ROAD celebrated RBA day in May with Mike Robinson and Beth Wright leading in worship. We were all blessed as one of our youth came forward to be baptized. Later there was a time of fellowship and discussion with the WMU and Youth on Mission groups about Alkulana and RBA Partnership opportunities. LAKESIDE is having a Yard Sale Saturday, June 23, from 7 am – 1 pm and will include a Bake Sale and Car Wash. MONUMENT HEIGHTS will offer “Amazing Wonders Aviation” VBS on June 25-29. MOUNT TABOR had a “Faith Filled Friday-140th Church Anniversary Revival Service” with Worship at 7 pm Friday, May 11, 18, & 25 and will continue on Friday, June 1, and concluding Sunday, June 3 with the 140th Church Anniversary/18th Pastoral Anniversary Service at 10 am & 2:30 pm. NORTHMINSTER will have one worship service in the Sanctuary on June 24 at 11 am to celebrate the importance and legacy of worship in their church history and beginning July 1, they will be moving to only one worship service on Sunday morning at 11 am in their CWC. The church is offering a one day “Olympic-sized” VBS on June 30 for children ages 3-12. OAK FOREST will have their second “Breakfast Break” prior to Sunday School so members can invite a guest to join them in Sunday School and to take a few minutes to meet with other church members and share a light breakfast. OAKWOOD MEMORIAL will participate in the “Faith & Family Night” scheduled at the Flying Squirrels Baseball game vs Erie SeaWolves at the Diamond on Saturday, June 2. PINE STREET will serve as an intake site for CARITAS June 2 - August 3. RIVER ROAD is hosting a concert by the Chancel Choir with music by David Briggs & Benjamin Britten. Improvisation by Briggs (guest artist) on Sunday, June 10, at 7:30 pm. Their Men’s Fellowship Breakfast is inviting Dad’s to bring their guests (sons, daughters, wives, family, friends, etc) to watch the Flying Squirrels on Wednesday, June 13, at 6:35 pm. SAINT PAUL’S held a Blood Drive on May 20. Members are encouraged to attend the 3rd Annual “Faith & Family Night” at the Flying Squirrels Baseball game on Saturday, June 2. SANDSTON’s Youth are planning to attend the Camp Alkulana Clean-Up Day on Saturday, June 2. SECOND will have a Joint Worship Service on Sunday, June 10, at 6 pm in Spence Hall with their Portuguese & Spanish Language Ministries. The church will offer “Making of a Champion Basketball Camp,” a co-ed opportunity for children of all skill levels to learn the game. They will offer “Sonrise National Park” VBS for children age 4 through completed 6th grade June 25-29, from 9 am to 12 noon. They will also send a Student Ministries Summer Mission Team of 11th and 12th grade students to “Impact International-Panama!” on June 23-July 1. STAPLES MILL ROAD’s Women’s Ministry presents “Living Simple, Sweet & Salty Lives for Christ” with Guest Speaker, Kim Newlen, for an evening of fun and faithfulness while sharing outreach tips and ideas on Thursday, June 7, from 7:00-8:30 pm. STOCKTON MEMORIAL will offer “Space Quest” VBS on June 25-29. SWIFT CREEK will send members to the “Faith & Family Night” with the Flying Squirrels on June 2. The church will offer “Adventures on Promise Island” VBS on June 25-29 from 9 am – 12 noon. WEBBER MEMORIAL will have their Annual Yard Sale (rain or shine) on Friday, June 8, and Saturday, June 9, from 8 am – 2 pm. WESTHAMPTON will have “Dinner on the Grounds” Sunday, June 3. WESTOVER will have an Indoor Yard Sale and Bake Sale on Saturday, June 2, from 8 am until 2 pm.

STAFF NEWS

RIVER ROAD honored Steve Harmon for his five years of service as administrative assistant on May 6.
Grace Baptist Church, 4200 Dover Road, Richmond, VA 23221. www.gbconline.org. Seeking PART-TIME ORGANIST/PIANIST for one 11 am Sunday Service and several special services during the church year, accompanying one weekly adult choir rehearsal. 3 manual Allen organ, Yamaha Grand piano. Salary $9,500 with paid vacation commensurate with experience, sick, parenting, and vacation leave; continuing education and professional development leave and sabbatical of 4 weeks after 5 years of service. Contact Rev. Wanda Sauley Fennell at 540-891-0259 or Rev. Dr. Betty Pugh Mills at 804 869-6314.

USED CAR NEEDED: The RBA Partnership Missions Team is looking for a used car for the African Christianity Community Church. If you have a car, in good working condition, you would like to donate, please contact Ruth Guill at 804-745-1655.

Learn how one Entrust Financial Credit Union member saved money by refinancing their vehicle loan with us...

“Entrust has been a blessing to me! They saved me about $1700 over the life of the loan by cutting my interest rate in more than half. The process was easy and quick - just an hour of my time to save such a big amount of money.” – Christy – Richmond, VA

Entrust Financial Credit Union can help you too! Visit entrustfcu.org/knockdown or call 353-8012 for details.

Five 'Staycation' Ideas for the Summer*

- Pretend you’re a tourist - Check out your city’s convention and visitors’ bureau for a list of all the fun things to do in your area.
- Get outside. Pack a picnic and go to the park; take a Frisbee or kite and enjoy the great outdoors.
- Plan a movie day. Rent a few films that everyone in the family can enjoy, pour the soda and pass the popcorn.
- Make something together. Whatever the project, large or small, working toward a common goal can unite your family.
- Host a game night. Invite friends over for a potluck meal and spend the evening playing board or card games. The camaraderie will add to the fun - and you won’t have to do all the cooking.

Note: How much does a vacation cost? The average family spends $1,415 - or 3% of their annual family expenses - on a vacation, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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Randy Rowekamp
Area Director, Eastern & Central Virginia
804-683-1595; RRowekamp@crown.org
Save the Date:
**OCTOBER 5, 2012**
to help Richmond’s kids
go to camp!

**2012 Alkulana Golf Tournament**
Sycamore Creek Golf Course,
991 Manakin Road, Manakin-Sabot, VA.
Lunch 12 noon. Shot Gun start 1 pm.
**All proceeds go to fund Camp Alkulana.**
Details about registration and sponsorships will be available in coming months.
Check online at www.alkulana.org or call the RBA at 804-329-1701.

**Camp Alkulana 2012 Summer Schedule**

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**RBA ON FACEBOOK!**
The Richmond Baptist Association invites you to check out our Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/RichmondBaptistAssociation. Our page is open to the public so anyone can view it, you don’t have to join Facebook to see it. Be sure to click on the “Like” button while you are

**HELP THE RBA SAVE 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! The RBA has to pay $0.45 “postage due” for each returned newsletter because they are mailed bulk rate and the post office will not forward them to your new address! Postage due costs can add up if we have several newsletters returned each month! We appreciate your assistance with this matter.

**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.

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**