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Central VA Baptist Ministries

Leadership Development Conference 2012

Monday, September 24, 2012 • 5:45 p.m. • Cool Spring Baptist Church
9283 Allie Station Road • Mechanicsville, VA 23116

Speakers and topics

Bobby Ukrop
You’ve Been Elected as a Church Leader;
So How Do You “Lead Like Jesus”

Matt Thornhill
Helping Boomers Transform Lives and Churches

Lynn Turner & Steve Booth
Becoming Missional,
Is It For My Church?

Tony Brooks
Why Sunday School:
Serving as a Sunday School Director

Cameron Dahl & Don Runion
Creative Worship Planning (or Survival Skills for the Seriously Stressed Worship Leader)

Bob Dale
Vision: Creating a Community Vision? Or, Creating a Vision Community?

Roberta Damon
Caregiving for Caregivers

Susan McBride
Reaching Young 20 and 30-somethings

Bob Lee
Leading Your Church Through Healthy Changes

Ben Jamison
Building a Discipleship Culture through Huddles

Steve Law
10 Ways for Your Church to Have More Money, Guaranteed

Brenda Jennings
Great Preschool Sunday School Ideas that Work

Nancy Castle
Great Children’s Sunday School Ideas that Work

David Haun
Great Youth Sunday School Ideas that Work

Leon Castle
Great Adult Sunday School Ideas that Work

Register and pay upon arrival
Cost: $5

5:45 - 6:30 p.m.: Registration and snacks
6:30 - 6:45 p.m.: Opening remarks
6:45 - 7:45 p.m.: Session #1
7:45 - 8:00 p.m.: Break
8:00 - 9:00 p.m.: Session #2

Online: www.cvbm.org
Greetings:

Those of you who have spent much time with me have heard me say, probably more than once, “I L-O-V-E being a grandparent!”

Brayden, our first grandchild and 43 months old, and Connor, our second and 22 months his junior, are such gifts and tremendous sources of joy to our family! They are both wonderful treasures from our Heavenly Father and we continually thank Him for them.

Connor, the less vocally developed of the pair, is learning to verbalize, but without words speaks volumes with the happy and contented attitude with which he greets nearly every morning. His eyes and lips smile with joy as he greets each new day.

Brayden, unlike his cousin, never suffers from a shortage of words! A few weeks ago he and I were having some “Paw Paw Time!” As often happens with active youngsters his age, his shoe became “unfastened” – not untied. Laces are of the distant past and Velcro IS IN!

I bent down and was busily securing his shoe when he asked with such seriousness, “Paw Paw, what happened to your head?”

Immediately I ran my fingers across the top of my head, thinking “I don’t remember hitting my head! Is there a scab? Am I bleeding?” Finding nothing amiss I quickly realized that what he had noticed from his less than frequent vantage point as I had bent down in front of him was the increasing absence of hair on Paw Paw’s dome!

So... I set about explaining to this not-yet-four-year-old one of the oft experienced consequences of “aging” (such a painful word to include in this paragraph).

Brayden listened patiently. Then, in spoken words filled with sympathetic expression that the written version can scarcely capture, he equally seriously exclaimed, “Paw Paw, you need to fix that!”

In those innocent words Brayden latched onto one of the most frequently expressed sentiments among humankind! When something is awry, “YOU need to fix that!”

In the brokenness that plagues many human relationships, if only the other side would do better, would act differently, would respond with greater understanding, would just “get it,” or would just leave, all would be better and that which is broken could be fixed. The problem rests squarely on the shoulders of the other party! And so we wait for “them” to get their act together. And the brokenness nearly always continues to linger.

Too frequently, in the midst of our own insecurities, we choose not to ask ourselves or God how we might have contributed to the brokenness. We hesitate to explore how we might think or act differently to bring healing to that which is broken.

After all, it IS their fault!

I have discovered over the years that very few problems and very little brokenness are exclusively “you” or “I” dilemmas. Almost without fail they are “we” situations! The truth be told, both sides have contributed more than their fair share. Neither can honestly claim innocence.

The reality of the cross reminds me that none of us can be declared innocent apart from the conferred righteousness of Christ, which none of us earn nor deserve. Romans 3:23 assures me that “All have sinned...” and I am among the “all.” I am not innocent!

At this point I find Romans 12:3 helpful, “… I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think soberly so as to have sound judgment, …” This call for humility is coupled with the invitation to “think soberly.” The word “soberly” means to be:

- balanced
- sane
- in one’s right mind

The exhortation is to think of oneself wisely and accurately, making a sane and well-balanced evaluation of one’s person and abilities. An evaluation of oneself should be made, but it should be a sober and sane judgment, not an insane, imbalanced one. This is a strong bit of advice:

- thinking too highly of oneself is an insane thought
- thinking that one is more important than someone else is insane behavior

Every person is important to God. Every person is meaningful and significant to God’s kingdom, no matter who the person is.

I hope I remember this the next time I am tempted to think that all would be better “if only the other side would do better, would act differently, would respond with greater understanding, would just ‘get it,’ or would just leave.”

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I hope I remember to approach the situation inviting partnership by offering an invitation like this, “It appears that WE have a situation here. Let’s sit down and figure out how, with God’s help, WE can solve this together.”

I hope all of us will remember!

Joyously,

Mike

P.S. – Our precious daughter-in-law Tracey is about to bless our family with our third grandchild and our first granddaughter, Krista Marie, scheduled to arrive on Monday, July 30th. Please add Chris, Tracey and Krista Marie to your prayers for a safe and healthy arrival! Thank you so, so much!!

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**JUNE 2012 RBA BUDGET REPORT**

- **Budget Amount:** $53,666
- **Budget Receipts:** $46,249
- **Budget Expenses:** $60,351
- **YTD Amount:** $378,994
- **YTD Receipts:** $243,415
- **YTD Expenses:** $313,060

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**2012 Camp Alkulana Offering**

Formerly known as the RBA Week of Prayer for Associational Missions

As of 6/30/12

- **Offering Goal:** $114,000
- **YTD Receipts:** $40,676
- **YTD Expenses:** $76,189
**PRAY FOR THE RBA CHURCH OF THE WEEK**

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**RBA – PANAMA PARTNERSHIP MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY!**

**October 11 – 16, 2012**

**Third Annual Pastors’ Family Retreat**

*Theme: “Being Successful…”*

Santa Clara, Panama

**Depart Richmond**

Thursday, October 11

**Serve the Pastor’s Family Retreat**

Friday thru Sunday, October 12 thru 14

- Orientation on Friday, October 12
- Conferences on Saturday, October 13
- Worship on Sunday, October 14

**Tour of Panama**

Various Options

Monday, October 15

**Return to Richmond**

Tuesday, October 16

**Personnel needs:**

- Leadership for *Pastor’s Wives* session for 2½ hours (1 leader and 2 assistants)
- Persons to team with the Panamanian *Praise Team* (2-4 persons)
- Leadership for *Young Adults* (ages 18-25) session for 2½ hours (1 leader and 2 assistants)
- Bible Clubs leadership for *Youth* (2 assistants)

**Translators are available, Spanish speaking skills unnecessary!**

**Cost:**

$1,060.00 (includes lodging, meals, airfare, etc.)

**Sign Up Deadline:** A.S.A.P.

**Contact DOM Mike Robinson for details!**

Phone: 804-329-1701 ext. 202; Cell: 804-356-9663
Email: mike.robinson@rbaonline.org

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**Booknet Visits ACCC**

More than two dozen volunteers from Bon Air Baptist brought Booknet to the African Christian Community Church from July 9th thru 12th! Youngsters honed their reading skills and then were allowed to take home a brand new book of their choosing as their own!

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**SUPPORT CAMP ALKULANA THIS SUMMER WITH YOUR PRAYERS**

We cannot all be volunteers helping out at Camp Alkulana this summer, but we can pray for Director Beth, the camp staff, counselors, and campers during the last summer sessions:

- **July 30-Aug 10** OLDER Girls (ages 12-14)
- **August 10-11** Staff Summer Wrap-Up

Remember the **2012 Special Education Valentine Social?**

It was such a fun time!!!

Well, it is time for some more fun together!!!

**Saturday, August 11, 2012**

1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION SUMMER SIZZLER!**

**MONUMENT HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH**

5716 Monument Avenue, Richmond

**Yard Games, Ladder Golf, Corn Hole Toss, Crafts, Refreshments**

*There is NO charge for this event!*

**Come and bring a friend!**

**RSVP by August 9**

To Amy Sowder, RBA, 329-1701 ext. 208; amy.sowder@rbaonline.org
**LEMONADE.**

We are asking that church mission groups, Sunday School classes, youth groups, etc. volunteer to make “homemade” cookies and bag these in small clear zip-lock plastic bags with 2-3 medium sized cookies each. A label saying compliments of ‘church name’ Baptist Church may be put on the outside of the bag. No tracts please! The cookies will be distributed to face fans by CVRM Volunteers with a cup of cold water or lemonade. Cookies may be brought to the RBA Office, 3111 Moss Side Ave, Aug 30-31 & Sept 4-6; 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (329-1701).


**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

- DISTRIBUTING cups of cold water, homemade cookies, and Christian driver literature;
- PERFORMING as singers, musical groups or as clowns, magicians, mimes, jugglers, balloon artist, etc.;
- ASSISTING with FAMILY FUN CARNIVAL ministering to children & families with face painting, crafts, matchbox car racing;
- SERVING as chaplains, crisis counselors, logistics coordinatorsassistants, or support persons; or
- PARK your RV in ONE of the THREE MINISTRY SITES in the camper lots for you or a CVRM member to occupy.

**SCHEDULE OF MINISTRY SERVICE**

9/5 & 6 - SET-UP MAIN TENT: AM & PM & Minister to Campers
9/7 - NATIONWIDE RACE: 9 am-1pm, 1-4pm, 4-7pm, 7-10pm
9/8 - FAMILY FUN CARNIVAL & SPRING CUP RACE: 9 am-1pm, 1-4pm, 4-7pm, 7-10pm
9/8 - TAKE DOWN: 9 am until Done

**VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION/TRAINING**

All volunteers or anyone interested in learning more about this ministry should plan to attend the Orientation/Training Session on Tuesday, August 28, at 7:00 p.m. at the Richmond Baptist Association building, 3111 Moss Side Avenue, Richmond. Agenda includes discussion of volunteer responsibilities, finalization of the plans for the weekend, and a chance to sign up for a shift time.

**RACEWAY MINISTRY PRESENTATION**

Member of the Central Virginia Raceway Ministries Leadership Team are available to come to your church or small group to give a presentation about this expanding seed-planting ministry. You can contact Billy Davis or Todd Combee (toddcombee@verizon.net) to schedule a presentation.

**WANTED!! THOUSANDS OF COOKIES!!**

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**QUESTIONs OR TO VOLUNTEER, CONTACT:**

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[GRAP Greater Richmond Aquatics Partnership]

**PARTICIPATE WITH GRAP**

To introduce the Collegiate Schools Aquatic Center and GRAP to the larger Richmond Community, the Greater Richmond Aquatics Partnership invites you to attend...

**Family Fun Night**

at the Collegiate School Aquatics Center
5050 Ridgedale Parkway, Richmond, VA 23234

**Thursday, August 16, 2012**

6:30 to 8:30 pm

Bring the whole family for this fun-filled event and come see our brand new amazing aquatics facility. **All Ages are Welcome! Activities for Everyone and Just $8 for the Whole Family Admission!**

- **Dive-in Movie** – 7:00 pm on the 18 ft video board above the 2008 Olympic Tryal competition pool (Don’t forget to bring your floats!)
- **Free-swim** in our recreational pool
- **Pick-up 4 v 4 and 2 v 2 water basketball**
- **Concessions** featuring Ukrop’s Homestyle Foods and Coca-Cola for purchase in the community room.

Come experience what GRAP has to offer and learn about SwimAmerica Swim Lessons, Water Fitness Classes, Therapy Pool and much more! For questions and to find out more, please call 804-271-8271 or visit [www.swimrichmond.org](http://www.swimrichmond.org).

**2012 BAPTIST NIGHT at the DIAMOND!!!**

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**SPECIAL TICKETS PRICES**

- General Admission: $5.00/person
- Diamond Club: $10.00/person

**RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT:** Churches/Groups/Individuals need to get their ticket count along with payment by check (made payable to Richmond) to the RBA Office, 3111 Moss Side Ave.; Richmond 23222; 804-329-1701; by August 14. Ticket orders can also be faxed (804-321-7124) 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 the E-giving link at the [Baptist Night at the Diamond section](http://www.rbaonline.org) on our website [www.rbaonline.org](http://www.rbaonline.org). A minimum RBA total group size of 20 is needed for the special group discount. Sign Up Now!!

**2012 RBA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING**

**August 16, 2012 @ 12 noon**

**Skipwith Baptist Church**

1900 Skipwith Road

Lunch will be $6.00, paid in advance (check to RBA). RSVP by Aug. 10 to Frances Jones at RBA.
October 5, 2012

Eighth Annual
Alkulana Golf Tournament
Sycamore Creek Golf Course
Manakin-Sabot, VA
Lunch @12 noon • Shot Gun start @ 1 pm
All proceeds go to fund Camp Alkulana.

Camp Alkulana has been a ministry to inner-city children since 1915. Camp Alkulana seeks to provide a camp experience that will allow each camper to realize, through various activities and relationships, that he or she is a person of immeasurable worth and potential who is loved by God.

For more information call the RBA office at 804-329-1701 or go online to www.alkulana.org.

Become a Sponsor of Camp Alkulana’s Eighth Annual Golf Tournament
October 5, 2012

The Alkulana Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, October 7, at the Sycamore Creek Golf Course just west of Richmond. Proceeds from the tournament will go towards funding Camp Alkulana. Camp Alkulana is a ministry of the Richmond Baptist Association.

Being a sponsor is a great way for non-golfers to participate in this Tournament and support Camp Alkulana. Check out the sponsorship options below to see how you, your family, Sunday School class or mission’s group can...

Take your best swing to help Richmond’s kids go to camp!

TYPES OF SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

BRIGHT EYES SPONSOR: $500
Benefits include:
• Your logo will appear on publication information (when sponsorship is pledged by August 3).
• Your logo will appear on a banner at tournament registration.
• Your company or organization will receive two complimentary hole sponsorships.

HOLE SPONSOR: $100 per hole
Benefits include:
• Your company or organization will receive your logo or other artwork placed at a hole on the golf course. You can sponsor more than one Hole!
• Hole sponsors will be listed in the program on the day of the Golf Tournament when sponsorships are received by September 24.
• Hole sponsors are eligible for a $20 discounted fee when also registering a golf foursome.

To become a sponsor contact Beth Reddish Wright at email campalkulana@gmail.com or call 804-329-1701.

ORANGE COUNTY "Back To School Celebrations"
@ RBA’s Baptist Centers

Last fall our three Baptist Centers distributed over 700 backpacks with school supplies to the children of their communities! We hope to do as well this year. Items to be included in each backpack are listed below. Questions? Contact WMU Mission Involvement Co-Consultants, Barbara Swann 804-272-5150 or Kathleen Coxon 804-272-1667.

BACKPACK (sturdy, large enough for notebooks & textbooks.)
1 three-ring binder and divider tabs
1 or 2 packs loose-leaf paper (wide or standard rule)
4 black-and-white composition books
2 one-subject notebooks
1 three- or five-subject spiral notebook
5 to 8 No. 2 pencils (no mechanical)
5 to 8 black or blue ink pens (erasable/no gel)
Christian bookmark or something similar, appropriate for children

Church Hill and South Richmond Centers prefer pre-filled backpacks. Oregon Hill Center prefers empty backpacks with supplies grouped by type.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS (DO NOT PUT IN BACKPACKS)
colored pencils
red pens
highlighters
Elmer’s glue, 4 oz
erasers, pencil top & block
blank CDs
glue sticks
pencil boxes
rulers (12 inch/metric)
water-color paint kits
Tissues, large box & pocket
dictionary, pocket-size
hand sanitizer, regular size
2” three-ring binders
red pens
highlighters
markers (washable, 8/10 pack)
3 x 5 index cards & file box
protractors, clear
scissors (pointed or blunt, metal)
calculator, 4-function
zippered pencil pouches
pocket folders (with or without brads)

Socks and Underwear for children
Kindergarten through high school age.
(Boys prefer boxers. Girls prefer bikini underwear!)

For Church Hill Only—Toiletry Bags (approx. 500) to include w/backpacks. In one gallon zip-lock bag: travel size shampoo, lotion, hand sanitizer, mouth wash, tooth paste, tooth brush, dental floss, deodorant, regular size bar soap, and wash cloth.

WHERE AND WHEN TO DELIVER THESE SUPPLIES: AGAIN, THIS YEAR WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU TAKE YOUR BACKPACKS AND SUPPLIES DIRECTLY TO ONE OF THE CENTERS. NOTE: Each Center has scheduled their celebration for a different date with specified delivery dates and times.

OREGON HILL CENTER
THURSDAY, AUGUST 16 (6-8PM)
Deliver supplies on Aug. 13 & 14 from 10 am to 2 pm and Aug. 15 from 10 am to Noon.
Call Jennifer Turner; 648-1353 to schedule delivery.

CHURCH HILL WELLNESS CENTER
SATURDAY, AUGUST 18 (10AM-3PM)
Deliver Supplies to Bethlehem BC, 1920 Fairmount Ave on August 14 & 15 from 10 am to 12 pm and 1 to 3 pm.
Call Glinda Ford; 780-0053 to schedule delivery.

SOUTH RICHMOND CENTER
TUESDAY, AUGUST 30 (1-3PM)
Deliver supplies on
Aug. 27 & 28 from 10 am to 2 pm And Aug. 29 from 10 am to Noon.
Call Wesley Garrett; 232-0174 to schedule delivery.

To help Richmond’s kids go to camp!
**CHURCH NEWS**

**CARLISLE AVENUE** will have “Babylon – Daniel’s Courage in Captivity” VBS August 12-16, 6:15-8:30 pm. **CHAMBERLAYNE** will have their annual yard sale to raise money for missions on August 10-11. **DERBYSHIRE** will have their 16th Annual ‘Good Ol’ Gospel Sing’ and Watermelon Cutting on Sunday, August 12 at 6:00 pm. **FIRST** will offer “Classics in the Courtyard” with a free classic music each Thursday night at 8:00 pm in August: 2 - “Oklahoma”, 9 – “The King and I”, 16 – “Music Man”, 23 – “West Side Story”, 30 – “South Pacific”. Senior pastor, Dr. Jim Somerville, has thrown out a challenge to every church member: “Let’s bring the Kingdom of Heaven to Richmond, Virginia” (KOH2RVA). Beginning September 2012 and continuing to September 2013, the church will seek to engage every member in a “mission trip” to Richmond, Virginia by focusing on specific projects to make the Greater Richmond metropolitan area a better place to live and be. **GAYTON** will have their annual church picnic August 19, 4-8 pm at Red Bird Farm with basketball, horseshoes, baseball, volleyball, tennis and fishing. **GRAVEL HILL** will have a “Youth Style” Morning Worship Service on Sunday, August 26, and later that day at 4:00 pm will have their 2nd Annual “Praise Party!” with Praise Dancers, Youth choir, Mime Dancers, Gospel Rappers, Steppers and much more! **HUGUENOT ROAD** will send a mission team to Charlotte, North Carolina from August 4-11 to participate in urban ministry with the Hyaets. **LEIGH STREET** will host a summer day camp for CHAT (Church Hill Activities and Tutoring). CHAT’s Academy graduation was held at the church in June. **MOUNT CARMEL** had “No Friend Like Jesus” VBS for ages 2 through Adult July 23-27, 6:30-8:30 pm. **RIVER ROAD** will offer their “Catacombs Lecture Series” on Sundays, August 5 – September 2 at 9:45 am in their Chapel Hall: August 5 – “Atonement” with Rob James, August 12 – “The Trinity” with Beth Newman, August 19 – “Heaven” with Bill Tuck, August 26 – “Mormonism” with Dr. Terryl Givens of the University of Richmond and September 2 – “Hell” with Bill Tuck. The Church has a Mission Team heading to Standing Rock Reservation that will be working in Cannon Ball, North Dakota from August 4-11. The team will focus on helping repair the metal roof of the Reservation’s church, Tipi Wakan, damaged by a big storm on July 7. **SANDBLAST’S** Kid’s Drama Club (for children who have completed grades 1 – 5) are meeting from 6-8 pm on Tuesdays in August to participate in activities and exercises that will strengthen their presentation skills as well as build confidence, focus on Christian values, and have lots of fun! The goal is to highlight each child’s existing talents and help develop new ones culminating with a performance for the church family. **SECOND** will present their Annual JUBILATE Concert on Sunday, August 12, at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary with a homemade ice cream social following the concert. **SKIPWITH** hosted the RBA Executive Council meeting and lunch on August 16 at 12 noon. **STAPLES MILL ROAD** sent a Mission Team to Nepal, June 29 – July 10, to serve missionary families. **STOCKTON MEMORIAL** is having “Kamping with the Kids” on August 10-11 with tents, sleeping bags, kids, fun, games, singing songs and roasting marshmallows around a campfire. **SWIFT CREEK** had their annual “Friends Special Needs Sunday School Class” Carnival on Wednesday, June 20. **TABERNACLE** will send a Mission Team to lead the Clue Camp for 40 children ages 5-12 for Metro Baptist Church in Hall’s Kitchen in New York City August 4-11. **WEBBER MEMORIAL** held a Blood Drive on Wednesday, July 25, 4-7 pm. **WEST HAMPTON** will have a special summer worship service August 26 at 6:00 pm on the front lawn of the church featuring Bob & Carol Turner followed by a Watermelon Feast (with a $2 suggested contribution) as a Music fundraiser as part of their summer series “Under the Magnolia”. **WESTOVER** will assist their neighbors at WOODLAND HEIGHTS in offering “SONRise” Vacation Bible School on August 6-10, at 9:30 am until 12:30 pm for children 3 years of age through completion of 6th grade. **WOODLAND HEIGHTS** will host a special Summer Prayer Service on Wednesday, August 22, at 7:00 pm. It will include an Ice Cream Social.

**STAFF NEWS**

**FIRST** celebrates the 15 year anniversary of Rev. Billy Burford as Associate Pastor & Church Administrator. **GRACE** has called Grace Bauson as their new organist. **HUGUENOT ROAD** recognized Jeff Parker for his 20 years as their pianist. **SECOND** welcomes Pastor Isaias Silva to spend a year in their Portuguese Language Ministry. His church in Brazil is providing a sabbatical for him.

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**CROWN FINANCIAL MINISTRIES**

**SMALL GROUP STUDY**

As you finalize your church discipleship plans for Fall 2012, consider including Crown’s Biblical Financial Study. These are difficult times, so why not 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.

If you would like information about how to conduct this study in your church, please contact Randy Rowekamp.

Randy Rowekamp, Area Manager 804-683-1595; RRowekamp@crown.org

www.rowekamp.crown.org

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**Central Virginia Baptist Ministries, Inc.**

**MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY**

**2012**

The Meadow Event Park
1-95 exit 98 net to Kings Dominion, Doswell, Virginia

September 27 thru October 7, 2012

**Hospitality Bags for State Fair Workers**

Churches are invited to prepare *Hospitality Bags* to be given to State Fair workers. The bags should include toiletry items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, shampoo, conditioner, band aids, lip balm, soap, and tissues. Please put the items in gallon-sized Ziploc bags.

The deadline for dropping off Hospitality Bags at the RBA office, 3111 Moss Side Avenue, (Mon-Friday; between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.) is Monday, September 17.

**CVBM will distribute** the Hospitality Bags to the State Fair residential campsites.
MINISTER OF YOUTH: Church in eastern Hanover with 40+ active youth is seeking student ministries leader. Related education and experience a plus. Full-time or part-time position considered. Direct resumes to Personnel Committee of Broadus Memorial Baptist Church, 5351 Pole Green Road, Mechanicsville, Virginia 23116 or call (804)779-2700 for more information. Resumes should be received by August 15.

THE BENEFITS OF A BUDGET COACH

A working mom of two living in Richmond, Merit and her husband were financially strapped when a quarter of their income had to go toward medical expenses for their son with special needs. She met with an Entrust Financial CU Budget Coach, who walked her through recreating her budget to allow her family to tithe, while lowering and meeting their expenses, eliminating all but one credit card, and paying off a vehicle loan. Listen to Merit tell her story at www.entrustfcu.org/higherpurpose.

How could a budget coach benefit YOUR family finances? Contact us to learn more at 353-8012 or www.entrustfcu.org/higherpurpose.

OFFICE SUPPLIES NEED NEW HOMES!

We’ve been sorting and reorganizing at the RBA and have some office supply items (see list below) that we no longer need and would like to find new office homes for them. We are offering these items, free of charge, on a first-come, first-served basis to anyone who wants to come and get them.

- Metal Card Cabinet, Double Drawer, 4”x6”. Grey (6”H x14”W x16”D)
- Metal Card Cabinet, Double Drawer, 4”x6”. Tan (6”H x14”W x16”D)
- Steel 7-Tier Horizontal Organizer, Black (17”Hx12”Wx8”D)
- Steel 4-Tier Horizontal Organizer, Tan (9”Hx14”Wx8”D)
- Avery 4014 Computer Labels (4” x 1/10”), Continuous Form Feed, 5000 labels/box — 2 Full Boxes + 1 Box 2/3 full
- Self Adhesive Labels for Data Processing, White, Continuous Feed, (3½” x 15/16”), 5000/box — 1 Box.
- 4” Binders, gently used, various colors, styles — 10 Binders
- 3” Binders, gently used, various colors, styles — 35 Binders
- 2¼” Binders, gently used, various colors — 3 Binders
- 2” Binders, various colors — 4 Binders
- 1½” Binders, gently used, various colors — 4 Binders

If you are interested in any of the items, contact Frances Jones at 804-329-1701 or frances.jones@rbaonline.org.

HELP/SITUATIONS WANTED

August Calendar

July 30 – August 10
Older Girls Session, Camp Alkulana

August 2 @ 8:00 AM
Day Trip #3 to Camp Alkulana
Leaving from RBA Office

August 7 @ 9:00 AM
Raceway Ministry CORE Team, RBA

August 10 – 11
Camp Staff Summer Wrap-Up, Camp Alkulana

August 11 @ 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM
Special Education Summer Sizzler!
@ Monument Heights

August 14 @ 10:00 AM
Senior Adult Ministry Planning Team, RBA

August 14
Deadline to Sign-up and Pay for the Aug. 21 “Baptist Night at the Diamond” Squirrels Game

August 16 @ 12 Noon
RBA Executive Council, Skipwith

August 16 @ 3:00 PM
Deadline to Submit Material for September 2012 Transformed

August 16 @ 6-8 PM
Back to School Celebration
@ Oregon Hill Baptist Center
(Deliver Supplies on August 13, 14 & 15)

August 18 @ 10 AM to 3 PM
Back to School Celebration
For Church Hill Christian Wellness Center
@ Bethlehem, 1920 Fairmount Avenue
(Deliver Supplies on August 14 & 15)

August 21 @ 7:05 PM
“Baptist Night at the Diamond”
Squirrels vs. Bowie Baysox

August 28 @ 7:00 PM
Raceway Ministries Volunteer Orientation, RBA

August 30 @ 1-3 PM
Back to School Celebration
@ South Richmond Baptist Center
(Deliver Supplies on August 27, 28 & 29)
Training for Clergy and Lay Ministers in Richmond

- Do you need more education and training for ministry?
- Would you like to gain a fuller knowledge of the Bible and the Christian faith?

Then consider The John Leland Center for Theological Studies. We are offering courses in the Richmond area this coming fall semester. Credit may be earned toward a Diploma in Theology, and also toward a bachelor’s degree.

**English Language Courses (Beginning August 27)**
- Life and Letters of Paul: Tuesday, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- Introduction to the Old Testament: Tuesday, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- Preaching and Communication: Tuesday, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- Philosophy of Religion: Monday, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**Spanish-Speaking Courses (Beginning August 23)**
- Ética cristiana (Christian Ethics): Thursdays, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
- Historia y creencias bautistas (Baptist History and Beliefs): Saturdays, Nov. 3 - Dec. 8: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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, 804-747-1380, or Leland’s website: http://leland.edu.

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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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RBA Senior Adults
SAVE THIS DATE!!!

October 12, 2012
Senior Adult Program & Luncheon
10:30 a.m.—Program
12:00 noon—Luncheon

Details to come!.......

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