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**61st Annual Fall Meeting**

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- Praise and Worship Through Music

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By reservation only

**Cost: $8.00**

**Deadline for Reservations**

**Tuesday, October 16**

**Only 75 spots for dinner, make your reservations early!**

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Any questions, contact: Frances Jones at 329-1701 or frances.jones@rbaonline.org

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**ATTENTION!**

All RBA Churches need to elect messengers and be represented at the Annual Meeting!

Contact your church office if you want to be a Messenger.

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**Theme:**

“Shine, Shine, Shine!”

Matthew 5:14-16: “You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. The same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”

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Greetings:

An advertisement for an upcoming one-day seminar on Disaster Preparedness in Philadelphia later this month declares that there have been 484 tornadoes reported in the U.S. in 2012. At least 271 of those have been confirmed. These tornadoes have tragically resulted in 57 fatalities. Thousands of fellow citizens in our nation are without homes and the businesses they once owned. Damages are estimated at over $10 billion and counting.

You and I know that tornadoes are only one type of disaster that can strike us at any time. We still have to take into account numerous other natural and man-made disasters.

To motivate you and me to attend their conference they remind us that “less than 25% of Americans have a disaster plan in place for their family, home, and business.” More forcefully, they prod us by letting us know that “…it’s only a matter of time until another major disaster will affect you and your love ones. How it will affect you depends on one vital factor - PREPAREDNESS.”

Many of you attended the Central Virginia Baptist Ministries sponsored Leadership Development Conference at Cool Spring Baptist Church on Monday, September 24. I want to applaud your dedication to PREPAREDNESS by your willingness to learn and grow through the workshops provided! These events provided through the significant CVBM partnership between the Dover, Middle District and Richmond Baptist Associations strengthen more than individuals alone. The Kingdom is strengthened!

I am so proud of the magnanimous manner in which you have helped others with their PREPAREDNESS for the 2012-13 school year now underway! Because of your generosity and the Spirit of Christ in you, a large number of school-aged children will start their school year on an equal footing with their peers. They have paper, pens, pencils, composition books, binders, erasers and more that they need to launch well! You allowed our Community Missionaries to distribute on your behalf in the Name of Christ 806 backpacks to under-resourced youngsters – an increase by more than 16% beyond last year’s generosity! Yeah, Team!!

Speaking of PREPAREDNESS…are you prepared to exercise your right and responsibility of citizenship in November by voting in the up-coming national election? It recently came to my attention that “…40% of self-identified evangelical Christians are not registered to vote. Of the 60% who are registered, [just over half vote in a typical election]. That means only 35% of evangelicals vote.” If you have not registered, you have only until October 15th to do so. If you are voting by absentee ballot, you must do it by November 3rd. If not ready, PREPARE! If PREPARED, act!

The word “PREPARE” is used 78 times in the New American Standard version of the Bible. The last occurrence in the New Testament is found in I Peter 1:13, “Therefore, PREPARE your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.” Simply, with a thoughtful spirit and bolstered completely by hope based on grace, get ready, PREPARE, to act!

October is a busy month! Some of you are PREPARING to participate in the 8th Annual Alkulana Golf Tournament on Friday, October 5th! Others will be attending the silent auction and dinner as part of the “Evening for Alkulana” at River Road Church, Baptist on the 6th! Others of you will find out what it means to be “Off Your Rocker” at the Senior Adult Program and Luncheon at First Baptist on the 12th!

Let’s all PREPARE to attend our 61st Annual Fall Association Meeting at Gayton Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, October 21st! Our theme is “Shine, Shine, Shine!” Our keynote speaker is Dr. Tom Stocks, Virginia Baptist Field Strategist and member of the Empowering Leaders Team. Tom is a very fine communicator!

PREPARE to represent your church at this only-twice-a-year gathering of Richmond Baptists. Have your church appoint or elect you as a messenger; have your church office make your dinner reservation on the form supplied to your church office (by Oct. 16); then come to join the celebration. Our works “shine” so that He might receive glory!

Until then,…

…rejoice always!

Mike

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**State Fair Hospitality Bags Update:** 252 Hospitality Bags were delivered to State Fair workers on Friday, September 21. More than 100 additional pairs of socks and numerous travel containers of shampoo and lotions were give by the churches of Richmond, Dover and Middle District in Jesus’ name to these guests to Virginia. Thank you for your generosity!

**August 2012 RBA Budget Report**

| Budget Amount: | $53,666 |
| Budget Receipts: | $40,500 |
| Budget Expenses: | $58,661 |
| YTD Amount: | $425,660 |
| YTD Receipts: | $359,997 |
| YTD Expenses: | $431,816 |

**2012 Camp Alkulana Offering**

Formerly known as the RBA Week of Prayer for Associational Missions

| As of 7/31/12 |
| Offering Goal: | $114,000 |
| YTD Receipts: | $73,333 |
| YTD Expenses: | $107,306 |
PRAY FOR THE RBA CHURCH OF THE WEEK

| October 7  | Derbyshire  |
| October 14 | Derbyshire Cambodian |
| October 21 | Disciples for Christ |
| October 28 | Fairmount Memorial |
| November 4 | First Richmond |

Richmond Baptist Association’s
Senior Adult Program & Luncheon

October 12, 2012

Richmond’s First Baptist Church
2709 Monument Avenue, Richmond 23220

10:30 A.M.- PROGRAM
“Off Your Rocker”
(Everyone has a purpose, so get off your rocker and serve!)

Rev. Melissa Fallen
Associate Pastor for Older Adults and Administration, Huguenot Road Baptist Church

Group Singing of Favorite Hymns
Special Music by Laura Smith

12:00 NOON LUNCHEON @ $7.00
MENU: Peach & pear salad, Pork Tenderloin w/apricot glaze, Green beans, Sweet Potato Casserole, Rolls, Carrot and Chocolate Cake, Coffee, Tea, Water

RESERVATIONS - Contact Frances Jones, RBA: 804-329-1701 • FAX 804-321-7121
Email: frances.jones@rbaonline.org.
Advance Payment Required for Lunch: Send check (payable to RBA) and names of persons from your church to: Senior Adult Luncheon, RBA, 3111 Moss Side Avenue, Richmond, VA 23222
DEADLINE: October 5, 2012

SPONSORED BY:
RBA SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY TEAM
June Burton, Anne Carnefix, Dot Dunston, Mary Giddens, Linda Johnston, Ann Jones, Elsie Lee, Richard Perkins, Frances Jones, and Mike Robinson

RBA Administrative Council Meeting
Thursday, October 18, 2012
@ 7:00 p.m.
RBA Office, 3111 Moss Side Avenue

PARTNERSHIP MISSIONS
ACCC SUMMER PROGRAM REPORT

Ruth Guill, Partnership Coordinator, reported the summer program at the African Christian Community Church (ACCC) was a great success again this year.

Forty children and youth were enrolled with an average attendance of 20-22. There were two paid workers, Mrs. Emma Brown, member ACCC, and Miss Valerie Westerman, 2011 Sojourner and member of Sandston Baptist, who coordinated the program with the two RBA Sojourner Missionaries, Lindsey Turner and Anthony Muhammad, assisting for 10 days throughout the summer.

The summer program ran from June 25 through August 9 on Mondays through Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Funds were provided by the RBA WMU and the WMU of Virginia. The WMU of Virginia and the Virginia Baptist Resource Center donated books, supplies and tee shirts. 25 churches sent volunteers with lunches, Bible studies, crafts, music and all kinds of activities. Some of the special events of the summer were:

♦ Mike Robinson, Glinda Ford, Billy Davis, Emma Brown and the two Sojourners took the kids to a baseball game at the Diamond. This was the day of the big rain and wind storm, so everyone got wet and maybe a little frightened, but everyone had a good time and got home safely.

♦ Emma Brown and others took the kids swimming one day with Billy Davis driving the First Baptist bus. The kids were having so much fun they didn’t want to leave the pool!

♦ Bon Air sent about two dozen volunteers for a week with BookNet. Each child was encouraged to strengthen their reading skills and given a new book of their choice.

♦ Second Baptist hosted the kids for VBS at Second. Their bus transported the children daily.

♦ A Girl Scout Troop refurbished the ACCC Library. They repaired, cleaned, sorted, replaced books, and decorated the room creating a lovely room for the children to use.

♦ Patti and Don Spragg, Huguenot Road, took pictures of each child. Pictures were given to the children at the end-of-summer picnic.

♦ Friday, August 31: the end-of-summer picnic and program included music by the ACCC kids, special recognitions and many expressions of appreciation for the volunteers. A chicken dinner followed the program and each child received a backpack filled with school supplies, underwear and socks at the end of the evening.

Calvin Birch, Pastor ACCC, sends his heartfelt appreciation to all those who volunteered this summer to enrich the lives of the children and youth of the ACCC.

If you have any questions about the ACCC summer or after-school program or would like to volunteer, please contact coordinator, Ruth Guill, at 804-745-1655.
Entrust is hosting a **COMMUNITY SHRED DAY**
**Wednesday, October 10, 2012**
7:30am – 2:30pm.

Please plan to stop by our office at 1801 Dabney Road, Richmond 23239, anytime between 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on October 10 to drop off documents to be shredded at no charge. While there, you are invited to play our wheel of prizes, register to win an iPad2 and more. Plus, the first 50 folks to stop by between 7:30am and 9:30am will receive a Chick-fil-A Biscuit and then the first 50 to stop by between 11:30am and 1:30pm will receive a Chick-fil-A Sandwich!

For more information about this event and other happenings in the Christian community, go to www.entrustfcu.org or contact Greta Kidd at 353-8012.

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**GROVE AVENUE YOUTH MINISTER TO OUR CITY**

RBA Community Missionaries, Ginda, Jennifer and Wesley, supplied the **Grove Avenue Youth Group** with a list of much needed repairs to center spaces and homes in the surrounding neighborhoods. Pictured are members of the Youth Group with their adult helpers as they organize to go out to paint porches, house trim, garages, rooms within one of our centers, and remodel a badly deteriorated bathroom as part of their local mission trip. They ministered in our city rather than travel to Southwest Virginia this year! They signed in at the church each morning, gathered for prayer, received their assignments and headed out with their adult helpers!

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**VIRGINIA BAPTIST LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD DINNER & MEETING**

**Friday, October 12, 2012**

6:30 p.m. - Dinner
7:30 p.m. - Board Meeting

Cost: $25 for Board Members for Friday & Saturday

**FALL CONFERENCE**

**Reaching New Horizons**

**Saturday, October 13, 2012**

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Cost: $20 for Saturday only

**MONUMENT HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH**

5716 Monument Avenue

Registration Deadline: October 1, 2012

To Register or for more information, please call Monument Heights at 804-285-3256 or contact Lee Smith at 804-288-3966 or by email at: lsmith5471@aol.com

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**BECAUSE OF YOUR FAITHFULNESS...**

...on August 18th, the day of the Church Hill Christian Wellness Center’s Back-to-School Celebration, hundreds of folks encircling the block early on Saturday morning at Bethlehem Baptist Church were not disappointed! Thank you for being so dependable and so generous! Christ was honored!!

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**RICHMOND BAPTIST CENTERS**

**Back-To-School Celebrations**

**806+ Backpacks & Supplies Distributed!**

The reports of the Community Missionaries (Jennifer Turner, Glinda Ford and Wesley Garrett) of our three Baptist Centers at the last Centers Support Group meeting included their sincere appreciation to the RBA churches, WMU groups and individuals who very generously provided backpacks, school supplies, underwear, socks, toiletry bags and volunteer helpers for the three Back-to-School events in August. The numbers from each Center follow:

**OREGON HILL:** August 16 (6-8 p.m.)

- 168 backpacks & school supplies donated
- 130 children received backpacks and school supplies
- 20 to the Immigrant Ministry at Tabernacle
- Extra supplies were donated to St. Andrew’s School in Oregon Hill
- The remaining empty backpacks will be used in the homeless ministry.

**CHURCH HILL:** August 18 (10 am—3 pm)

- 404 backpacks given by 21 churches.
- 321 backpacks, toiletry bags and underwear given out at the celebration.
- 30 additional backpacks given to children not able to attend the celebration.
- 10 to the Community Mission Church.
- 5 to Tabernacle’s Immigrant Ministry.
- 75 remaining backpacks (except for 7 to be kept at the Center) will be divided and given to schools in the community.

**SOUTH RICHMOND:** August 30 (1-3 p.m.)

- 301 backpacks available for distribution this year (266 backpacks donated this year + 35 from 2011).
- 245 backpacks were distributed during the Celebration.
- 50 backpacks given to the ACCC.
- 6 given to DOM Mike Robinson to distribute.


**THANKSGIVING REQUEST FROM OUR BAPTIST CENTERS**

**“The Well” Needs Gift Cards, Gift Cards, Gift Cards**

Glinda Ford, Church Hill Christian Wellness Center, plans to include grocery store gift cards with the regular food bags she will be distributing. **She asks for donations of: 80 Martins or Walmart $10 Gift Cards to be delivered no later than Tuesday, November 13.** The more cards received, the more folks who will be blessed. She always appreciates food bag donations. If you have any questions, **contact Glinda Ford at 780-0053.**

**OREGON HILL Needs “Thanksgiving like” Food**

Oregon Hill Baptist Center is in need of Thanksgiving “like” food to be given away on Monday, November 19 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. **Food should be delivered to the Center by Thursday, November 15 (please call ahead to set up delivery time).** Call Jennifer Turner, Community Missionary for Oregon Hill at 648-1353 if interested in helping. Thanks in advance for your contributions — Jennifer

**Food Items Requested are:**
- $10 Kroger, Martins or Walmart gift cards (1 per family)
- Canned Hams
- Turkey or Brown Gravy
- Boxes of Instant Stuffing or Potatoes or Rice
- Flavored Rice (Rice a Roni, etc.)
- Macaroni & Cheese (Family-size boxes)
- Family sized cans Sweet Potatoes/Yams (No large #10 cans)
- Family-sized cans Green Beans or Corn (No large #10 cans)
- Cream of Mushroom or Chicken Soup
- Cans of Fried Onions
- Cranberry Sauce or Apple Sauce
- Muffin Mix, Cornbread Mix, etc.
- Graham Cracker pie shells in pan
- Large boxes of Instant Pudding Mixes for pies
- Apple Juice
- Instant Coffee; Box of Tea Bags

**South Richmond Center Thanksgiving Dinner and Food Bags**

New Canaan Baptist Worship Center is hosting the Thanksgiving Dinner at SRBC on Thursday, November 15. Wesley Garrett, Community Missionary, will distribute Thanksgiving Food Bags following the dinner. He is asking for donations of:
- **90 — $10 Food Lion Gift Cards**
- **90 Regular Food bags with Thanksgiving items added**

Please make your deliveries by Wednesday, November 14! **Contact Wesley at 232-0174 with any questions or to schedule deliveries.**

**THE 2012 CHRISTMAS STORES AT THE THREE BAPTIST CENTERS!**

Gifts are needed for children ages birth through 12 years old (Shortages reported for the 7-to-10 year olds). **Suggestions:** Clothing (jeans, sweaters, sweatshirts, sleepwear, socks, underwear, coats, hats, and gloves) in regular and larger sizes, games, toys, books, bicycles and helmets. **Go easy on stuffed animals, Barbie dolls, Candy Land and Chutes & Ladders Board Games.** In other words, purchase gifts that you would want your own children to receive. Do not wrap them; the parents need to see what they are selecting. (Donations of small amounts of wrapping paper will be appreciated.). Please leave price tags on items so you can tell less expensive from expensive items.

Refer to the lists, below, to see where it is suggested that your church take its gifts. **Questions? Contact WMU Mission Involvement Co-Consultants, Barbara Swann 804-272-5150 or Kathleen Coxon 804-272-1667.**

**South Richmond and Oregon Hill Baptist Centers**

Christmas store in South Richmond Center
Saint Paul’s Belt Campus, 700 East Belt Blvd.
**Thursday & Friday ♦ December 6 & 7**
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Deliver your gifts:** December 3 & 4 (Monday & Tuesday), between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, December 5, 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 7. **If you can volunteer, call Jennifer Turner, OHBC, at 648-1353. or Wesley Garrett, SRBC, at 323-0174.**

**The Church Hill Wellness Center**

Christmas Store @ Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1920 Fairmount Ave. (on the opposite side of Fairmount Ave. from the Wellness Center in Mount Tabor Church)
**Saturday ♦ December 8**
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Deliver your gifts** to Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1920 Fairmount Avenue, across the street from Mount Tabor; December 4, 5 & 6 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday), between 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 3 p.m. **Volunteers are needed** to help with set-up on Friday afternoon, December 7, starting at 10:00 a.m.; in shop assistants on December 8; and to assist with clean-up on Dec. 8 from 4 to 5:00 p.m. **If you can volunteer, call Glinda Ford at 780-0053.**

**South Richmond**

**Oregon Hill:**
- Bellamy Place
- Bon Air
- Chinese
- Community of Grace
- Derbyshire
- First
- First Union
- Friendship Memorial
- Gayton
- Ginter Park
- Grace
- Gravel Hill
- Grove Avenue
- Hatcher Memorial
- Huguenot Road
- Jahneke Road
- Korean of Richmond
- Lakeside
- Lighthouse of Hope
- Morning Star

**South Richmond**

**Oregon Hill:**
- New Canaan
- New Covenant
- New Life
- Northminster
- Oak Forest
- Oak Grove
- Patterson Avenue
- Pine Street
- Saint Paul’s
- Shalom Fellowship
- Skipwith
- Southampton
- Stockton Memorial
- Stukeley Hall
- Swift Creek
- Trinity
- United For Christ
- Weatherford Mission Gp
- Webber Memorial
- Westminster
- Westover
- Woodland Heights

**Church Hill**

- Bethlehem (Fairmount)
- Bethlehem (Penick)
- Cambridge
- Carlisle Avenue
- Chamberlayne
- Community Mission
- Disciples for Christ
- Fairfax Memorial
- Leigh Street
- Life-Line for Jesus
- Monument Heights
- Mt. Carmel
- Mt. Sinai
- Mt. Tabor
- New Bridge
- New Canaan Int’l
- Oakwood Memorial
- River Road
- Sandston
- Second
- Staples Mill Road
**CHURCH NEWS**

**BON AIR** has begun registration for Upward Basketball & Cheerleading on their website www.bonairbaptist.org. This is a Christian sports league for kids to build athletic skills, values, self-confidence and a love of the game while strengthening a relationship with God. **CARLISLE AVENUE** is sending a mission team to Southwest Virginia October 7-12 to work and minister to this economically depressed area. **CHAMBERLAYNE** will have a five-day Women’s Mission Trip to Southwest Virginia to be involved in the local ministries of the Bland Ministry Center in late October. **FIRST** will have another “Physician Within” Workshop on Tuesday, October 2, from 6:00 – 9:00 pm with the Topic: “Cancer – causes, prevention, symptoms, care options, prognosis” with break-out sessions led by expert medical doctors on specific types of cancers (Colon, Breast, Lung, Prostate, Lymphomas & Leukemia, and others). The church will host Upward Basketball for boys and girls grades 1-6, and Upward Cheerleading for boys and girls kindergarten through grade 6. Registration is now open. Evaluations are Saturday, November 3, 2012. Games begin in January. For more information and registration, visit www.FBCRichmond.org/upward. **FIRST UNION’s “Seasoned Praise Dance Ministry”** worshiped through dance at First Union Baptist Church on Dill Road on Saturday, September 15 in honor of their 80-plus members. **GAYTON** will graciously host the RBA’s 61st Annual Fall Meeting on Sunday, October 21 at 3:00 pm. **GRACE** provided emergency shelter to 35 female CARITAS guests August 18-25 when the air conditioning stopped working in the church where this group was scheduled to stay. Church members were able to do what was necessary to provide a safe place to stay! **GROVE AVENUE** will have their three-phase International Day of Prayer on Sunday, October 7, starting with a Special Victory Hour at 11:00 am, a showing of the compelling film “Follow Me – The Yoni Netanyahu Story” at 3:00 pm and a concert featuring Marty Goetz, whose songs are scriptures beautifully set to music. Grove is looking for 200 wonderful church volunteers to join forces with the Three Chopt PTA and the VA Department of Social Services to offer a very special Free Community Carnival at Three Chopt Elementary School on October 13, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Foster Care families from across the area will be invited to join this fun-packed afternoon. **HATCHER MEMORIAL** will host a concert by the Virginia Baptist Male Chorale on Tuesday, October 16 at 7:00 pm. **HUGUENOT ROAD** has started “New Kids on the Pew,” a 6-week transition period where kindergarten students learn about worship and their part in this active pursuit of knowing God. The church’s “Ends of the Earth” mission team will host a Missions Fair on Sunday, October 28 to better inform the congregation about what to expect from each trip and to better match the projects with the strengths of the team. **MONUMENT HEIGHTS** will have their Fall Festival on Saturday, October 27, 3:00 – 5:00 pm, with Pumpkin Painting, a Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Trunk or Treat, food and games provided for the whole community. **MOUNT TABOR** will have Fall Revival Services at 7:00 pm on Monday, October 22, with Rev. Anthony Ray, Sr., Tuesday, October 23 and Wednesday, October 24 with Rev. John Burney, Jr. **OAK FOREST’s WMU** will host an afternoon tea with the WMU ladies of Stockton Memorial on Saturday, October 6. **PATTERSON AVENUE** will have a Fall Festival on Sunday, October 21, 2:00 – 5:00 pm with a Moon bounce, Games, Prizes, Face Painting, Pumpkin Decorating, a Costume Contest, a Pumpkin Patch, a Cake Walk, BBQ & Hot Dogs, Photos and much, much more. **RIVER ROAD** will graciously host the 1st Annual “Evening for Alkulana” on October 6 at 5:45 pm. The church will host CARITAS October 13-20. **SECOND** graciously hosted the RBA WMU Fall Celebration and Lunch on September 18. The church has begun registration for Upward Basketball on their website www.secondbaptistrichmond.org. **SKIPWITH** will celebrate their 55th anniversary on Sunday, October 14 with Rev. Dean Frauzer bringing the morning message, recognizing charter members, a special dinner and other activities. **STOCKTON MEMORIAL** will have a Tent Revival on Wednesday, October 3, with Special Music by “4 The Lord Quartet” and Speaker: Rev. Chris Andrews; Thursday, October 4, with Special Music by “Nicki Headley” and Speaker: Rev. Kirby Smith; Friday, October 5 with Special Music by “The Finney’s” and Speaker: Rev. Doug Watson, Sr.; and ending Saturday, October 6 with Special Music by “Just Us Gospel Band” and Speaker: Rev. David Engleman. **SWIFT CREEK** will have “Writer’s Night” on Sunday, October 7 at 6:30 pm, with Tony Wood and Chad Cates, Nashville Christian music writers who will perform and share the inspiration behind several of their songs. **TABERNACLE** will have a multi-generational Church-Wide Retreat, October 19-20 deep in the Allegheny Mountains at Camp Alkulana for a weekend of worship, fellowship and fun. **WOODLAND HEIGHTS** will have their Annual Fall Festival & Picnic on Sunday, October 14, 3:00 – 6:00 pm with music, hayrides, crafts, face painting, mini pumpkin painting, much more and the picnic at 5:00 pm.

**STAFF NEWS**

**DERBYSHIRE** welcomes Ben Brown and Justin Leep as their new Youth Coordinators. **HUGUENOT ROAD** recognized Norman Boswell on his 25 year anniversary as their Sunday custodian. **NORTHMINSTER** has expanded Tont “Tick” William’s position from part-time Youth Coordinator to full-time Youth and Young Adult Ministry. **LAKESIDE** ordained Shelby Jones on Sunday, September 30. **OAK FOREST** will ordain their minister of Music, Laura Smith, on Sunday, October 7 at 4:00 pm. **WEBBER MEMORIAL** ordained their Director of Children’s Ministry, Sharon Colgin, on Wednesday, September 5.
New Bethesda Baptist Church, 9010 New Bethesda Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116, seeks a full-time ASSOCIATE PASTOR: MINISTER OF STUDENTS AND EDUCATION. The initial scope of this position will be families with children and youth. This minister will focus on student ministry to children, youth and college-aged young adults. Email resume to rae@newbethesdab.org as soon as possible.

MINISTER OF YOUTH: Monument Heights Baptist Church located in Richmond, VA (SBC, CBF, BGAV) is seeking a part-time candidate to lead all youth ministries for grades 6-12. Send resumes to mhbcpc@gmail.com. To learn more about the church go to www.monumentheights.org

LEADING CHILDREN TO FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE*
Want to teach your children to become wise and faithful money managers? Use these suggestions to guide them as they grow.

• Ages 0-3: Teach them to respect others and share their belongings.
• Ages 3-5: Teach preschoolers the importance of saving and giving. This can start a life of good habits.
• Ages 5-8: Teach lessons of personal responsibility. Chores can give your children a sense of purpose and help them understand their responsibility to the family. Aside from chores, give your children opportunities to earn money of their own.
• Ages 8-12: Encourage your children to give at church, and help them find opportunities to share with other people in your community or around the world. Also, begin teaching them how to make the most of their money as a consumer.
• Ages 12-16: Help your children stay focused on preparing for life through traditional and non-traditional education opportunities. Find mentors who can help your children explore their interests and find a career path that uses their God-given strengths.

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If your church would be interested in a one to one-and-a-half hour session to go deeper into how to help your children to become wise and faithful money managers, please contact Randy Rowekamp.

Randy Rowekamp, Area Manager, VA & WV
804-683-1595; RRRowekamp@crown.org • www.rrrowekamp.crown.org

NEEDED: COMPLETED 2012 ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILES!
ACP Contact Persons for all RBA churches should have received the 2012 Annual Church Profile (ACP) survey forms in the mail in mid-September. The survey provides much needed information that is vital to the ministry of the Richmond Baptist Association. The survey questions are a lot easier to complete than in the past, so you should be able to return them to the RBA - ASAP!

The deadline is October 12, 2012. If you have any questions, contact Amy Sowder at the RBA office, 329-1701 ext. 208 or amy.sowder@rbaoine.org.

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

RBA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, November 15, 2011
12:00 Noon
Pine Street Baptist Church
400 South Pine Street

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