IT’S TIME TO GATHER NEW TOYS AND CLOTHING FOR THE 2012 CHRISTMAS STORES AT THE THREE BAPTIST CENTERS!

We call them "Christmas Stores" because the items are not simply given away. A small amount - $5.00 is charged for each child, entitle the parent(s) to select toys and several pieces of clothing. The money collected is used in a neighborhood fuel assistance fund for the winter months. Our stores are a ministry to the whole person, in which relationships are central. Parents retain their dignity as they carefully select gifts which they have paid to obtain.

We need gifts for children ages birth through 12 years old (shortages reported for the 7-to-10 year olds). Suggestions: clothing (including jeans, sweaters, sweatshirts, sleepwear, socks, underwear, coats, hats, and gloves), 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 that it is easier to distinguish less expensive from more expensive items.

Last year your gifts made it possible for these centers to assist 243 families and provide a happy Christmas for 548 children! The Center Directors continue to report that they are receiving an increase in requests for applications to participate in the stores. They want to help as many as possible, so consider adding some additional gifts to your donation or becoming a first time "Santa" by providing toys and clothing to bless the increased number of families who are in need this Christmas season.

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.

**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.

**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.

**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.; as shopping 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.
Greetings:

In Africa malaria kills a child every 30 seconds, nearly 3,000 children every day! For children under the age of five, malaria accounts for 25% of all deaths.

In the African country of Ghana, 3.5 million persons contract malaria annually. In Ghana approximately 20,000 children die of the disease every year. Many who survive are stricken with serious brain dysfunction and long-term developmental issues.

“More Than Nets” is a Virginia Baptist initiative to bring preventative aid to this deadly situation! It is a bold initiative being launched November 2012 until November 2013! Virginia Baptists will be challenged to significantly impact the ravages of malaria in the Yendi District of Ghana. In Yendi, 180,600 Ghanaians live scattered among 454 villages with an average population of 400 persons per village.

Through “More Than Nets” Baptists in Virginia will be asked to provide 100,000 specially treated mosquito nets with a tax deductible gift through your church of $10.00 per net. Your $10.00 provides the following:

- $6.00 – cost of net
- $1.00 – transportation
- $2.00 – education
  o effective use of nets
  o measures to reduce mosquito populations
- $1.00 – church planting

Church planting is a key component of the “More Than Nets” effort. 309 of the 454 villages are without a church, so church planters supplied with nets will go to these villages, take up residence and start a new church. The nets will then be distributed to the village by Christ-followers in the new church. This will be a powerful testimony to the love of Christ shared with the other members of the village. The distribution of nets will provide an important platform of service to non-believers! New churches distributing nets build up the church and honor Christ in whose name the nets are given.

Through “More Than Nets,” Richmond Baptists along with other Virginia Baptists will be able to make a difference! $1,000,000 worth of nets, transportation, education and church planting is a big challenge, but with more than 1,400 Virginia Baptist churches working together, it is an achievable goal! If each of our more than 1,400 churches provided 72 nets each at a cost of $10.00 per unit, the 180,600 residents of the Yendi District of Ghana could be protected, their quality of life improved, lives saved, grief and sadness reduced and the Good News of Christ could take root in the 309 yet unreached villages of Yendi!

What a return on investment!!

Hardly any church in Virginia could not meet the minimum average of $720.00 over the course of a year! Many could do far more! Some youth groups could do this much on one or two Saturdays of car washes, bike-a-thons, rock-a-thons or donut sales. Some Sunday School classes could receive $1.00 from each attendee per Sunday for a quarter or for six months and would reach a goal of $720.00. Give nets in honor or in memory of a loved one this Christmas!

Imagine what YOUR church can do! Start right away! Mark your contributions: “More Than Nets.”

I am believing that your church and mine, along with our Virginia Baptist partners, can realistically provide 100,000 nets to the people of Yendi and reduce malaria’s devastation by Easter 2013 when malaria season in Ghana will be cranking up to its fiercest level!

Excitedly!

Mike
Gayton Baptist hosted this year’s meeting. Their hospitality and accommodations were just right! Thanks so much, Gayton Church and staff.

Dr. Tom Stocks, Field Strategist, Valley Region, Empowering Leaders Team of the VBMB, pointed us to Genesis 4:1-16 to explore the question, “Where Is Your Brother?” His message was both humorously presented and heart touching!

Testimonies were given by the two Sojourner Summer Missionaries, Lindsey Turner and Anthony Muhammed. Reports were given by the Administrative Council, the VBMB, Central Virginia Baptist Ministries, WMU, Camp Alkulana, our Community Missionaries, Moderator, DoM, Registrar and the Partnership Missions Team. New Sub-group and Team members, representatives and officers were elected. The 2013 Budget of $626,231 was adopted.

The Report from the Administrative Council reads as follows: On Thursday October 18th, 2012, the Administrative Council of the Association invested considerable time in discussing the recent ordination by Ginter Park Baptist Church on Sunday, September 16, of a practicing homosexual. In light of the serious nature of this event and its potential impact on the church, the Association and its ministry partners, the Administrative Council has, without opposition, authorized the elected officers of the Association to create an ad hoc team of not less than seven individuals to formulate a recommendation for the full Association to respond to the recent ordaining action by Ginter Park. The ad hoc team will bring such recommendation to the full Association in business session on or before the Annual Spring Celebration currently scheduled for Thursday evening, April 25, 2013.

Ms. Elizabeth Sydnor of Monument Heights offered a beautiful solo, “We Are.”

A special presentation was made by Mr. Michael Sanford, President of Sanford Insurance Company on behalf of Brotherhood Mutual Insurers. Thankfully, the RBA received the largest dividend to date from Brotherhood Mutual – $43,614.00. We can be thankful to God for the Christian stewardship commitment of Brotherhood Mutual and the Sanford Insurance Company who represents them. Together they insure many of our churches. This dividend provides great help to our various ministries by narrowing somewhat the gap between actual missions giving and our on-going budget requirements to fund the mission work of our three centers and camp!

Brief videos from First Richmond’s effort – KOH2RVA (Kingdom of Heaven 2 to Richmond, VA) – and Gayton’s “Jazz Nativity” as well as testimonies about what God is doing in our city through our churches and our Association were exciting and inspiring. An additional video about Monument Heights’ mission trip to Panama earlier this year can be found at the VBMB website www.vbmb.org.

God is at work in a powerful way in Richmond, Va. and the Richmond Baptist Association is right in the midst of all of it. RBA churches have been modeling the love of Christ in our city for more than six decades.

Let’s remain steadfastly focused on our ministries and our calling to bring Christ and His Good News to our city!

Our city needs Him and He is using us along with many others to meet those needs!!
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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 Martin’s $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.
CHURCH NEWS

CARLISLE AVENUE has started a new tradition of their youth group and youth ministry advocates having the responsibility of putting the 3rd Wednesday of the month’s meal together. All proceeds from this meal help youth ministry expenses as they prepare for youth camp 2013. CHAMBERLAYNE is sponsoring a special fundraising event with lunch and a silent auction to support Missions on Sunday, November 18 following worship. GAYTON’s Tool Box Ministry constructed a much needed fence for the Northside Outreach Center, located in Richmond’s Highland Park neighborhood. GRACE’s One Voice Chorus will present a special concert, “Exodus . . . Out of Bondage”, a Musical Commemoration of the Civil War and Emancipation with chorus, orchestra and professional soloists on Saturday, November 17 at 7:00 pm. HUGUENOT ROAD will send a mission team to Charlotte, NC for 3 days of ministry starting Wednesday, November 7. The church will ordain Kristin Francisco on Sunday, November 18 at 6:00 pm. LIFE-LINE FOR JESUS will be celebrating our 14th Church anniversary on Sunday, November 4th @ 3 pm. Dinner will be served at 2 pm. Our guest will be Rev. Wilbert D. Talley, Pastor of Third Union Baptist Church in King William, VA. He is affiliated with Pamunkey Baptist Association, Virginia Union University and more. Everyone is invited. MONUMENT HEIGHTS’ WMU joined the worship service of the International Community Church on Sunday, October 7 at 2:00 pm and stayed for fellowship and provided desserts for the covered-dish meal. Monument Heights will host a Community Thanksgiving Service at 7:00 pm & Dinner at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, November 21, with their choir and the choirs of Patterson Avenue and Westhampton, featuring Dennis and Annette Allan singing “Thanks Be to God.” The Sermon will be presented by Rev. Dr. Bill Nieporte, Pastor of Patterson Avenue. Reservations for dinner should be made by November 19. NORTHMINSTER will host an intimate acoustic performance by Derek Webb of his entire new album, ‘Ctrl’, featuring Page CXVI as his opening and backing band on Friday, November 16 at 8:00 pm. OAK FOREST will host a concert by Soul’d Out on Sunday, November 4 at 6:00 pm. In 2010 this group won the award for Best New Group in Gospel Music. OAKWOOD MEMORIAL dedicated their newly renovated playground in honor of Virginia Nicholas Sanders, the youngest daughter of the church’s first pastor, Henry Nicholas. PINE STREET is sponsoring a CHURCH YARD SALE on Saturday, November 3 from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm with the proceeds going to the general fund. During the yard sale, children of all ages can experience how Jesus lived at Market Place 29 A.D. The church is offering a commemorative 22” X 17” print, suitable for framing, of commissioned illustrations of Oregon Hill icons. Visit www.pinetestbaptist.com for more information. RIVER ROAD will have a Fine Art Exhibit, November 13-27, focusing on pastels, oil, acrylic, collage, and watercolor paintings done by members of the congregation willing to share their talents for others to enjoy. The church will host the “Youth Jam Concert” with singers from all over the state on Saturday, November 17, at 3:00 pm. SAINT PAUL’S will be offering the 10th Anniversary of Fire on Fridays worship gatherings: Nov. 2 with Pastor Sheryl Brady, Nov. 9 with Bishop Noel Jones, Nov. 16 with Bishop T. D. Jakes, Nov. 23 with Pastor E. Dewey Smith, Nov. 30 with Rev. Dr. Millicent Hunter, Dec. 7 with Dr. Frederick K. Haynes, Dec. 14 with Dr. Jamal and Harrison-Bryant. SANDSTON is offering a Flu Shot Clinic for their members in November. SECOND’s 2020 VISION Committee is sponsoring a presentation by Dr. Glenn Akins, VBMB, entitled “Six Cultural Trends That Will Impact Our Future” at 5:00 p.m. on November 4. It will be a time for the congregation to learn about realities that are affecting our culture now and what this may mean for the church. SKIPWITH will host the RBA WMU’s Baptist Women’s World Day of Prayer on Monday, November 5, beginning at 10:30 a.m. with a time of fellowship leading into the prayer time at 11:00 a.m. STAPLES MILL ROAD’S Homeless Ministry will be participating in the “Project Homeless Connect” event on Tuesday, November 13 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center to assist chronically homeless adults in connecting to as many on-site services as possible in one day. For more information, visit HandsOn Greater Richmond at www.handsonrva.org/project_homeless_connect. SWIFT CREEK Cares will host a Thanksgiving Day lunch on Thursday, November 22, for those in the community who can’t afford a meal or don’t have a place to go. WESTHAMPTON will host a Community Yard Sale on Saturday, November 3, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. WESTOVER will participate in the Forest View Neighborhood CLEAN-UP DAY on Saturday, November 3, from 8 – 11 am. Volunteers will be picking up brush, tree limbs, bagged leaves and household items in the alleys as well as cleaning up litter.

STAFF NEWS

BON AIR welcomes Dr. William Whitaker as their new Executive Pastor. CHAMBERLAYNE called Mrs. Jerusha Moses to be their Associate Pastor of Family Ministries. DERBYSHIRE called Dr. Jeff Raymond to be their new Pastor. HATCHER MEMORIAL welcomes Rev. Dr. John Tadlock as their new Interim Pastor.

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**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@newbethesda.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

HUGUENOT ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH has a full-sized gym floor covering that it would like to donate to an RBA church. If you would like more details, please contact Melissa Fallen (272-2072).

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**Welcome**

**Dr. Jeff Raymond**

**Pastor, Derbyshire**

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Jeff Raymond has been called to be the Pastor of Derbyshire. His first Sunday will be December 2.

Dr. Raymond comes to Derbyshire from First Church, Hopewell where he served as pastor for six years. He was at Lamberth Memorial Baptist in Roxboro, NC prior to Hopewell.

Dr. Raymond is married to LeJeanna Maddox Raymond, an English Professor at an area college and also an ordained minister. They have two daughters, Pender and Paxton. They are looking forward to all the exciting things in their and Derbyshire’s future.

We join with the congregation of Derbyshire in welcoming Jeff and his family into the RBA family.

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**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 deadline was October 15, 2012, but completed ACPs are still being accepted.** If you have any questions, contact Amy Sowder at the RBA office, 329-1701 ext. 208 or amy.sowder@rbaonline.org.

If your church does not want to furnish the statistical information, the RBA Office would appreciate receiving any recent changes to your staff or church contact information to keep our database current.

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

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**Calendar**

**November 4**

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS**

**SET CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR**

**November 5 @ 9:00 am**

**RBA STAFF MEETING**

**November 5 @ 11:00 a.m.**

**RBA WMU WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, SKIPWITH**

**November 6**

**ELECTION DAY**

**GET OUT TO VOTE!**

**November 9 @ 3:00 pm**

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT MATERIAL FOR DECEMBER 2012 TRANSFORMED**

**November 11**

**Veterans Day**

**November 13**

**Delivery deadline for Martin’s Gift Cards and Food Bags to “The Well” for Thanksgiving**

**November 13 @ 6:30 pm**

**CAMP ALKULANA SUPPORT TEAM, RBA**

**November 13-14**

**BGAV CONNECT 2012, ROANOKE CIVIC CENTER**

**REGISTER AT www.bgavconnect.net**

**November 14**

**Delivery deadline for Food Lion Gift Cards and Thanksgiving Food Bags to South Richmond**

**November 15**

**Delivery Deadline for Thanksgiving Food Bags and Gift Cards to Oregon Hill**

**November 15 @ 12:00 noon**

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING, PINE STREET**

**November 20 @ 10:00 a.m.**

**RBA WMU LEADERSHIP TEAM, RBA**

**November 22-23**

**THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**

**RBA OFFICE CLOSED**

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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 there!

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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.

PRAY FOR
RBA CHURCHES SEEKING A PASTOR
- Ginter Park
- Swift Creek
- Hatcher Memorial
- Westhampton

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Do you have a “Clint” at your church? In financial bondage, needs encouragement and does not know where to turn? Entrust Financial Credit Union would be happy to provide any of your “Clints” opportunities that will enable them to be a better steward with their finances.

Learn more about how we are giving Banking a Higher Purpose in the RVA by going to www.entrustfcu.org/higherpurpose or contact Greta Kidd at 278-4714.

Happy Thanksgiving Richmond Baptist Association!

2012 BGAV Connect

November 13-14, 2011
Roanoke Civic Center

This year will feature.....

GUEST SPEAKERS:  
Mark A. Croston, Sr.  
Aaron Graham  
Tommy McDearis

WORSHIP LEADERS (back by popular demand!):  
Annie Moses Band

SPECIAL TUESDAY NIGHT MESSAGE:  
John Upton, Executive Director BGAV and President, BWA

For Information and Registration, please visit:  
www.bgavconnect.net

MAKING A DELIVERY TO THE RBA OFFICE?
- Please call before you plan to arrive to make sure someone will be at the office. There are times, during the day, when everyone may be away, so it will save time and gas if you call ahead. The RBA Office is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday—Friday.

HELP THE RBA SAVE RETURN 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! You will be helping us to direct $0.45 “postage due” to more important missions efforts. Thanks!!

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