Richmond Baptist Association’s

60th Annual Fall Meeting

Sunday, October 16, 2011

Theme
“In This Very Room…”

Hosted by:
Ginter Park Baptist Church

Where the RBA was Organized on February 16, 1951.

1200 Wilmington Avenue, Richmond, VA 23227
804-359-2475

All RBA Churches should elect messengers and be represented at the meeting!

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

3:00 P.M.
MEETING SESSION

FEATURING

A GLANCE AT COURAGE IN THE PAST
“In This Very Room...a Glance at our Beginnings”
By Fred Anderson

A GLANCE AT EFFECTIVENESS IN THE PRESENT
Dr. Travis M. Collins
Senior Pastor, Bon Air
“Multiplying the Kingdom through Multi-Site Churches.”

Testimony of the 2011 Sojourner Summer Missionaries
Adoption of 2012 Budget
Installation of Officers
Reports from RBA Staff:

A GLANCE AT HOPE FOR THE FUTURE
RBA Director of Missions
“Born to Multiply”

5:00 P.M.
DINNER

By reservation only
Cost: $8.00

Deadline for Reservations: Tuesday, October 11
For dinner reservations: contact your church office and they will make reservations for all who want to attend. Individual reservations will not be taken.

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NOTE: Reservations and Payment must be made in advance!

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

For most Baptist churches, October 1 marks the beginning of another new Sunday School year, the season for initiating a new semester of small groups or both! I hope your church is currently engaged in evaluating the closing Sunday School year or previous small group semesters to determine what went well, where improvements can be instituted, what goals were met and what values were fulfilled. Such evaluation can set the stage for fresh accomplishment founded on enhanced practices and new goals!

How important are goals? Perhaps the old adage, “Aim at nothing, hit nothing!” sums it up!

Small groups, sometimes called Life Groups, Growth Groups or Tender Loving Care (TLC) Groups, and Sunday School or a combination of both are still:

- tremendous outreach and evangelistic arms of the church
- vital places for the local church to express her core values
- places where Christians can easily become involved in ministry
- the most successful venues for equipping others for ministry
- where others are developed for leadership

The common thread throughout each of these benefits of Sunday School and small group ministry is the focus upon relationships. Four resources which aid us in maximizing the effectiveness of relational ministry through the proven tools of small group ministry and Sunday School come to mind:

4. *Building a Church of Small Groups, a place where nobody stands alone*, Bill Donahue, Russ Robinson.

For those of you who will be serving in the reaching-teaching ministries of your church during the coming year, I commend you! Your ministry is not accomplished in isolation; you are accompanied in your efforts by the larger team within your church, the teams at work in your sister churches and the very God who called you into service. As Christ issued His final marching orders to His disciples He not only gave them (and us) their assignment but He assured them of His continued presence – “…and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20).

As you prayerfully serve, prepare early and reach out in love you will be in my prayers! Being used by God to connect the souls of people with God, the minds of people with His Word, and the hearts of people with the heart of God is a wonderful, matchless privilege!

Rejoicing with you,

Mike
RBA Senior Adult Luncheon

Friday, October 21, 2011

Monument Heights Baptist Church
5716 Monument Avenue

10:30 a.m.—Program
Dr. P. James Flamming,
Retired Pastor, First Richmond;
Visiting Professor of Preaching, BTSR

12:00 Noon Luncheon @ $6.50 per person
Menu: Boneless chicken breast, Italian green beans, Mashed potatoes & gravy, Rolls,
Apple Cobbler, Tea, Coffee & Water

Sponsored by:
RBA Senior Adult Ministry Team

RESERVATIONS – Contact Frances Jones, RBA Office:
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 14, 2011

June Burton, Anne Carnefix, Dot Dunston, Mary Giddens, Linda Johnston, Ann Jones, Elsie Lee, Richard Perkins, and Mike Robinson

PARTNERSHIP MISSIONS REPORT

ACCC Summer Happenings!

The RBA’s three Summer Sojourner Missionaries, Molly Gardner, Valerie Westerman and Lindsey Turner, planned and hosted a three-day Bible Camp for the children of the African Christian Community Church this summer. Kim Rose, music director at Jahnke Road provided music. The photos below show the fun that was had by all!

SUMMER BIBLE DRILL PROGRAM

Billy Davis, First Baptist and RBA, is pictured below with the ACCC summer Bible Drill participants and Ms. Emma Brown who helps coordinate the program. Billy also leads the Bible Drill program during the school year.
Golfers Take your best Swing to help Richmond’s kids go to camp!

October 7, 2011
Seventh 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.

FEES (same as last year!):
Individuals—$80 • Foursomes—$300
Foursome + Hole Sponsor—$380

Golfers can still register!:
Spaces are still available!
Deadline for Registration is October 5.

To sign-up on-line and pay by credit card go to: www.alkulana.org
Or call Frances Jones at the RBA (804-329-1701)
to receive a registration brochure

Become a Sponsor of the Seventh Annual Alkulana Golf Tournament October 7, 2011

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....

**TYPES OF SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE**

**BRIGHT EYES SPONSOR: $500**
Benefits include:
- Your logo will appear on publication information
- 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 16.
- 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.
Richmond Baptist Centers

Back-To-School Celebrations
692+ 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 18 (6-8 p.m.)
♦ 106 children received backpacks and school supplies
♦ 17 to the Immigrant Ministry at Tabernacle
♦ Extra supplies were donated to St. Andrew’s School in Oregon Hill

CHURCH HILL: August 20 (10 am—3 pm)
♦ 367 backpacks, toiletry bags and underwear given out.
♦ An Enormous amount of extra school supplies were also distributed.

SOUTH RICHMOND: August 30 (4-6 p.m.)
♦ 71 backpacks were distributed during the Celebration with no lights or AC due to hurricane Irene.
♦ 50 backpacks were given to the African Christian Community church.
♦ 81 additional backpacks have been distributed through mid-September.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

BAPTIST CENTER’S
2011 CHRISTMAS STORES

As temperatures finally begin to cool down and the leaves turn, it’s time once again to start thinking about Christmas! Before we know it the Richmond Baptist Center’s Christmas Stores will need to be stocked and ready. The Christmas Store at South Richmond Baptist Center, which also serves Oregon Hill Baptist Center, will be held December 1 & 2 (Thursday and Friday) and the Store at Church Hill Center will be December 3 (Saturday).

Needed: NEW toys and clothes for children birth to 12 years old. games, books, tricycles, bicycles (and helmets), sports equipment. jeans, tops, sweaters, pajamas, coats, hats, gloves, socks, underwear - all kinds and sizes. Also, volunteers are needed to help with intake, set-up, and “minding the store.”

MORE INFORMATION TO COME NEXT MONTH.

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 15. 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 21 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Food should be delivered to the Center by Thursday, November 17 (please call ahead to set up delivery time). Call Jennifer Turner, Community Missionary for Oregon Hill at 648-5036.

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

Wesley Garrett reports that the Thanksgiving Dinner at South Richmond Center, hosted by an RBA church, will be held on Thursday, November 17. Following the dinner he will distribute Thanksgiving Food Bags. He is asking for donations of:

75 — $10 Food Lion Gift Cards
75 Regular Food bags with Thanksgiving items added

Please make your deliveries by Wednesday, November 16! Contact Wesley at 232-0174 with any questions or to schedule deliveries.
CHURCH NEWS

BON AIR has begun two levels of Spanish classes on Wednesday evenings. CARLISLE AVENUE will have “The Coachmen Quartet” from Staunton in concert on Sunday, October 23, 3:00 – 4:30 pm in the sanctuary; followed by dinner in the Fellowship Hall (tickets are available for the concert only or for concert and dinner). DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST COMMUNITY had “Shockoe Bottom Old Time Revival” on Saturday, September 17 with Old Time Singing, Testifying & Preaching of the Word. FAIRMOUNT MEMORIAL will have the “Announcers Quartet” on Sunday, November 6 at 6:00 pm for a wonderful evening of worship and praise. FIRST will host Upward Basketball for boys and girls in grades 1-6, and Upward Cheerleading for boys and girls in kindergarten through grade 6. Registration is now open and evaluations will be Saturday, November 5, with games beginning in January. Upward is designed to give children and their families a positive sports experience and to build character, self-esteem and salvation. GAYTON is planning a Mission Trip to Panama, October 13-18, to lead a retreat for the ministers of the Panama Baptist Convention and their families. GINTER PARK will host the RBA 60th Annual Fall Meeting on Sunday, October 23, and will celebrate the Ginter Park 95th Anniversary with events Saturday, October 22 with a Historical Tour of the church, a Banquet Dinner and a Concert by Michael Simpson and Sunday, October 23 with an Anniversary Service with Chris Chapman Preaching followed by a Pot Luck Dinner on the grounds. GRACE had an ordination service for Darrell Lee Baker on Sunday, September 18, and will participate in the “Empty Bowl” fundraiser for Freedom House on Thursday, October 20 (tickets are $20 which includes a ceramic bowl, soup, bread, drink, dessert and helping someone in need). HATCHER MEMORIAL is beginning a youth drum circle which will include world drumming, singing and movement which will regularly participate in worship services. HUGUENOT ROAD will begin registration for their Upward Basketball on October 3 with evaluations November 12, 14 & 15 and games beginning in January. The church is sending a mission team to Owsley County, Kentucky October 8-15 to work on remodeling some homes, helping with food and clothes closet duties and various other projects. JAHNKE ROAD had the “Living Praise Trio” perform during their worship service on Sunday, September 25. LEIGH STREET hosted the RBA WMU Annual Fall Celebration and Lunch on Tuesday, September 20. They will be celebrating their Harvest Home on November 13. They will celebrate their pipe organ’s 100th anniversary with a theme of “Pathways to Praise”. Please call church office at 648-0415 for lunch reservations and/or more information. MONUMENT HEIGHTS celebrated the dedication of their new Education and Welcome Center Building on Sunday, September 11. NORTHMINSTER has begun their new year of tutoring community children with their new Reading Room and a Computer Lab. OAK FOREST had a Potluck Dinner followed by a Singspiration/Talent Show on Saturday, September 10 and their Threads of Promise ministry will hold a Brunswick Stew Sale on Saturday, October 15. OAKWOOD MEMORIAL had Family Games Night on Friday, September 30. RIVER ROAD will host CARITAS October 15-22. SAINT PAUL’S celebrated the One-Year Anniversary of the opening of their Elm Campus in Petersburg. STAPLES MILL ROAD is now offering “GriefShare” on Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:30 pm to provide comfort and encouragement to people as they grieve. STOCKTON MEMORIAL, under the leadership of Pastor Doug Watson, made a one day mission trip to the African Christian Community Church on August 16. The children, ages 3-13, were provided lunch and then they were introduced to the theme and songs from the VBS video titled “Beach Blast!”. It truly was a “blast” for all! TABERNACLE is offering a homework assistance time prior to their Wednesday night supper to help empower students to become confident and competent in their studies as well as building strong, lasting relationships with their children and youth.

STAFF NEWS

BON AIR welcomes Jake Maxwell as their new Young Adult Minister. CHAMBERLAYNE has added Michele Wright to their staff as a part-time Community Outreach Coordinator. DERBYSHIRE congratulates Betty Robertson for 10 years of faithful service as their Church Pianist. NORTHMINSTER will celebrate the 25 years of service of their senior pastor, Sammy Williams, during their 11:00 am, Sunday Worship Service on October 2. RIVER ROAD welcomes Ann Ashcraft as their part-time Interim Minister to Children and Cassandra Ducca as their new Communications Specialist. SANDSTON has added Justin Blunt to their staff as Minister of Youth/Families.

Mark Your Calendars
RBA Executive Council Meeting
Thursday, November 17, 2011
12:00 Noon
Bethlehem Baptist Church
4210 Penick Road

The RBA family extends our deepest sympathy to the family of Ola Mae Martin who passed away on Thursday, September 1 in San Angelo, Texas. Mrs. Martin was the Office Secretary for the RBA in 1975 through 1977. She is survived by her husband Rev. Thomas T. Martin who was the Pastor of Weatherford Memorial. She was buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Waco, Texas on October 6. Friends may sign an online guestbook at http://www.legacy.com/guestbook/DignityMemorial/guestbook.aspx?n=ola-martin&pid=153396541.
**October Calendar**

**October 3 @ 10:00 am**
RBA STAFF MEETING

**October 4 @ 9:00 am**
RACEWAY MINISTRY CORE TEAM, RBA

**October 4 @ 12:00 NOON**
RBA MINISTERS’ FELLOWSHIP & PROGRAM SPEAKER:
Cost $6—RSVP by Sept. 28 to 329-1701

**October 7 @ 12 noon**
7TH ANNUAL ALKULANA GOLF TOURNAMENT
SYCAMORE CREEK GOLF COURSE
Details & Registration: www.alkulana.org

**October 9**
WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY

**October 10**
COLUMBUS DAY—RBA OFFICE OPEN

**October 10 @ 10 AM**
ENDOWMENT/PLANNED GIVING MEETING, VBF

**October 11 @ 6:30 PM**
CAMP ALKULANA SUPPORT TEAM, RBA

**October 16 @ 3:00 PM**
RBA 60TH ANNUAL FALL MEETING
GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH
5:00 PM—DINNER (RESERVATION ONLY)

**October 17 @ 12 noon**
DEADLINE TO SUBMIT MATERIAL FOR OCTOBER TRANSFORMED

**October 20 @ 7:00 PM**
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

**October 21 @ 10:30 AM**
SENIOR ADULT FALL LUNCHEON MONUMENT HEIGHTS
RESERVATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 12

**October 25**
“WOMEN ON MISSION” MEETINGS
10:30 AM (LUNCH): SOUTH–WEST @ WESTHAMPTON
6:15 PM (DINNER): NORTH–EAST @ STAPLES MILL ROAD

**October 30**
“CONSIDER YOUR CALL” SUNDAY
VA BAPTIST LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

2011 FALL MEETING

Saturday October 8, 2011
9am-3pm on

DOVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
CONFERENCE CENTER
11006 Lakeridge Parkway,
Ashland, VA 23005

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Call Nancy King 804.781.0151

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