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Richmond Baptist Association’s
Annual Spring Celebration

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Host Church
Fairmount Memorial Baptist Church
4205 Ravenswood Road

Theme:
“The Missional Church”

Program Highlights
Election of Associational Officers
Commissioning of Sojourners

Keynote Speaker
Dr. Jim Somerville
Pastor, Richmond’s First Baptist Church

Special Music
Male Chorus
Bethlehem Baptist Church
1920 Fairmount Avenue

Remember! Elect Messengers to Represent Your Church

The voting body of the Association shall be composed of five (5) elected messengers from each member church, and one (1) additional messenger for each $5,000 or major fraction thereof given to the General Program and Week of Prayer offering of the Association during its previous fiscal year; provided, that no church shall be entitled to more than fifteen (15) such messengers. Further, each mission under the sponsorship of an Associational church shall be entitled to two (2) elected messengers, and all officers, members of all teams and councils, chairs or heads of Association organizations shall be members of the voting body of the Association.

Even though only messengers can vote on business matters, every church will want to enlist as many others as possible to attend this inspirational Spring Meeting.

For additional information contact: Frances Jones at the RBA Office
Phone: 804-329-1701 or E-mail: frances.jones@rbaonline.org
Greetings,

In 2002, I was in my seventh year as the pastor of the Staples Mill Road Baptist Church in Glen Allen. Things were going really well for me and for the church. We had recently completed the construction of a new building to house a spacious sanctuary, choir suite, fellowship hall and additional educational space. The church had been growing each year; we had a full staff; and the surrounding community was rapidly expanding. The potential for the church to reach that community and continue to grow seemed wide open.

It was in that year that I was contacted by the Rev. Dr. Bob Perry, Missions Team Leader (aka Director of Missions) for the Richmond Baptist Association. Bob said the RBA Nominating Team would like to ask me to consider serving as the Vice Moderator of the Association for a one-year term to be followed with a one-year term as the Moderator of the Association. I have always been active in the work of the local association, but I was quite flattered and honored to be given this opportunity to serve the association as an elected leader.

As the Vice Moderator of the Association, I was to serve as the Chairperson of the Administrative Council. The Council was asked that year to serve as a Blue Ribbon Task Force to study the work of the Association and bring a report back to the Executive Council. After diligent research and interviewing, we presented a two-page report with multiple recommendations of things that could be done to strengthen the work of the Association. The report was wholeheartedly approved and the work began. Some things were very easy to accomplish while others were rather difficult. Some things seemed impossible, but we had a plan to try to move the Association ahead.

In October 2002, I began my term of service as the Moderator of the Association. But in January 2003, Dr. Perry announced his retirement to be effective in August. The RBA Constitution and Bylaws state: “The Missions Team Leader (Director of Missions) shall be elected by the Association upon nomination by the Executive Council. When a vacancy occurs, the Moderator shall appoint from the current or former Executive Council membership, a subcommittee of three ministers, two laymen, and two laywomen which shall recommend a person for nomination as Missions Team Leader.”

Therefore, as Moderator of the Association, I appointed such a committee and I served as an ex-officio member of that group. We began the search process, but then discussion of a possible merger with the Dover and Middle District Baptist Associations was presented to us. Thus, the search process was put on hold until the merger issue was settled. After more than a year of deliberations, the merger proposal failed to gain enough support for approval. So the Search Committee went back to work. However, I was no longer the Moderator and therefore no longer an ex-officio member of the Search Committee.

My résumé was subsequently given to the Search Committee as a possible candidate for the position. They asked me if I would be interested in an interview to which I agreed. After numerous meetings, the Committee asked me if I would accept the position if it was offered to me and approved by the Association. I responded in the affirmative. Now I realize that it may look a little strange for the very committee that I appointed two years earlier to search for a new leader would ultimately ask me to be that leader. But I have come to realize that the Lord often works in mysterious ways, and so I became the Director of Missions for the Richmond Baptist Association on March 21, 2005.

Last year, on behalf of the Nominating Team, I asked Mrs. Jeana Murray-Nieporte to serve as the Vice Moderator of the Association followed by a one-year term as the Moderator. She accepted that responsibility and became the Moderator in October 2009. In January 2010, I announced my retirement as DOM to be effective June 30, 2010. Being the Moderator, Jeana followed the direction of the RBA Constitution and By-laws and has appointed the necessary seven-member Search Committee to seek out a new Director of Missions. They are as follows:

- Rev. Mike Robinson, Chairman, 282-9308
- Mrs. Wyatt Heisler, Secretary, 741-9320
- Mrs. Ruth Guill, 745-1655
- Dr. Bob Thompson, 266-8544
- Dr. Bill Welstead, 452-2549
- Rev. Norman Burns, 272-1475
- Rev. Billy Davis, 741-4898

Mrs. Jeana Murray-Nieporte (264-3354) will serve as an ex-officio member of the committee along with Mr. Dick Bidwell (272-1264).

If you have interest in the position or would like to recommend someone for the position, please send the candidate’s résumé to:

The Rev. Mike Robinson, Pastor
New Covenant Baptist Church
7250 Patterson Avenue
Richmond, VA 23229

The deadline for submitting résumés is April 15.

Please pray for the committee members, as they will be meeting every week to begin the search process for a new Director of Missions. And please pray for that person whom the Lord is preparing to lead the Richmond Baptist Association in the days to come.

### January 2010 Budget Report

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### 2010 Camp Alkulana Offering

Formerly known as the RBA Week of Prayer for Associational Missions

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Now thru March 31, when you share with us a story about how Entrust’s website, www.efcu.coop, or contact Greta Kidd at 278-4714 or gkidd@entrustfcu.com.

The M Plan
Life happens. Entrust is here to help you reach your financial goals, whether they be to pay off debt quicker, minimize your monthly loan payments, or develop a budget to fit your needs. Learn more about The M Plan and how to create your M Plan Moment by going to Entrust’s website, www.efcu.coop, or contact Greta Kidd at 278-4714 or gkidd@entrustfcu.com.

Sewing Class a Baptist Center Ministry
By Margaret Allen, Community Missionary
South Richmond Baptist Center

The South Richmond Baptist Center is blessed to be able to build lasting relationships with persons in the communities in which we serve. Each Thursday, Marie, a 95 year old senior, has been attending the Baptist Center’s sewing class for 25 plus years.

Marie was introduced to the sewing class by Rebecca who was taking sewing lessons at the Center. At that time, Marie was ill and her doctor informed her that she needed an outlet to take her mind off her illness; she decided to learn to sew. After learning to sew, she made beautiful outfits for herself and also altered old outfits to make them into new ones. Over the years, Marie blessed numerous persons through her participation in the sewing class mission outreach.

We are blessed by Marie’s great personality, smiling face and joyous spirit. If you would see her, you would not know that she is 95 years old as her physical appearance and attitude reflect that of a much younger person.

Marie says that she remembers how volunteers would come from churches to teach and assist with the sewing class and later she became a volunteer herself. She served for many years at Swansboro Elementary School working with children. She told them that she could not come on Thursdays because that time was set aside for her sewing class. Even though she doesn’t sew much now, she enjoys coming on Thursdays to fellowship with the other ladies.

While Marie continues to bless the Center, the Center also continues to be a beacon light to seniors like Marie by continuing to provide mornings full of laughter, sewing and Bible study on Thursdays.

You’ve probably heard of The Oscars, but we bet you haven’t heard about The Garys.

Now thru March 31, when you share with us a story about how Entrust Federal Credit Union helped you, you will be nominated for The Garys and a chance to win a $50 Visa Gift Card.

COMING FULL CIRCLE
by Faith Baskerville
Camp Alkulana Counselor and Mentor

My first summer at camp I remember feeling overwhelmed by the newness of everything. It was my first time in the mountains of Virginia and my first time working as a camp counselor. During the first session of camp, which was the Little Girls session, I was assigned the task of running an interest group, which at the time seemed an insurmountable task because I could not think of what 9 to 11 year old girls liked to do. I remember getting little sleep, because I was worrying about how I was going to keep a group of campers engaged in any activity for an hour.

My fears were quickly allayed when all of three campers signed up for the interest group (It’s not about numbers, right?). Fortunately, all three of the girls were so laid-back that even though the group was smaller, we still had a great time. One of the girls, who was at camp for the first time, was quiet and never said much, but she was likeable and would frequently flash her shy, easygoing smile. Her smile was all the encouragement I needed to do my best to make our short time together a worthwhile experience for the campers.

After that summer, I was away from Alkulana for a few years. Over the years, I had frequently thought about those three girls, and in particular, the girl with the shy, easygoing smile. I wondered how life was progressing for her and if she had continued coming to camp. This past summer, I was thrilled to reconnect with Alkulana by working as a counselor and to continue that connection throughout the year as a mentor in the mentoring program.

During the kick-off event this past fall for the Alkulana mentoring program, I heard that the girl with the shy, easygoing smile was signed up to take part in the program. I was excited to see her, and at the same time, I was unsure about whether she would remember me after four years. When I first saw her walking towards the building, I almost didn’t recognize her, because she looked more like a young woman instead of the little girl I remembered from four years ago. However, I walked up to her, smiled and asked, “Do you remember me?“ She gave me that same shy, easygoing smile, reached for a hug and asked, “Where have you been?”

The mentoring program has given me the invaluable opportunity to reconnect with this particular camper over the past year. We get together at least twice a month, and we have shared laughs over our fond memories from that first summer at camp. She has taught me that it doesn’t take a lot to make an impression on a child. By simply being present that summer four years ago, and continuing to be present through the mentoring program, I made more of an impact in her life, and she in mine, than I could have imagined.

BGAV Youth EnCounter
Dover Association
APRIL 24, 2010 (SATURDAY)
SPECIAL GUEST: Ben Glenn, “The Chalk Guy”
Walnut Grove Baptist Church, Mechanicsville
More Info, contact: Walnut Grove at 804-746-5081
2010 Pastor-Deacon Conference

“Serving the Church in a Changing World.”
(Colossians 3: 23-24)

MARCH 22, 2010

Mount Vernon Baptist Church
11220 Nuckols Road, Glen Allen
804-270-6600

**SCHEDULE:**
6:00 p.m. Refreshments/Bookstore in Worship Center
6:30 p.m. Welcome & Plenary Session: Dr. Don Runion
7:00 p.m. Session I
7:50 p.m. Refreshment Break
8:00 p.m. Session II

**CONFERENCE CHOICES, select two:**
- Compassion Fatigue – Dr. Dan Bagby, Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond
- Muslim Influences on Your Church – Dr. Charles Beckett, Center for Christian Understanding of Islam
- Reaching Multiple Generations in Worship – Dr. David Benjamin, Winfree Memorial
- Navigating Change in Today’s Church – Dr. Travis Collins, Bon Air
- Reaching Youth and Building Meaningful Relationships – Rev. Spencer Dillard, Parham Road
- How to Deal with Difficult People in a Ministry Context – Rev. Jennifer Dockum, former Director of Missions, Hermon Baptist Association
- Ministering to Those in Grief – Dr. Jim Flaming, Retired Pastor, First Baptist Richmond
- Small to Large Churches: Growing God’s Church – Rev. Larry Frakes, former Senior Pastor, Cool Spring
- Rapid Response: Assisting Deacons/Pastors with Social Ministry—Rev. John Kenney, Campus Pastor, Saint Paul’s South
- After 400 Years, What Do We Know? What Deacons Need to Know About Baptist History and Polity – Dr. Phyllis Rodgerson Pleasants, BTSR
- How to Preach a Story and Tell a Sermon – Dr. Jim Somerville, First Baptist Richmond
- Setting Deacons Free – Dr. Tom Stocks, Empowering Leaders Team, Virginia Baptist Mission Board
- Developing Spiritual Leadership within Your Church—Dr. Dee Whitten, Director of Missions, Hermon Association

2010 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CONFERENCE

MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2010

Gayton Baptist Church
13501 N. Gayton Road, Richmond, VA 23233
(804) 360-2801

**Beyond the Theme:**
(Making VBS More Than the Package It’s In)

Dinner: 5:45 PM (Lasagna, salad, and dessert)
Cost: $7.00 (Reservations MUST be made by April 15)

**CONFERENCES:** 6:30 PM- 9:00 PM

**OPENING SESSION:** 6:30 PM-7:10 PM

“Helping All Children to Have a Good Experience in Vacation Bible School,” Mary Buckner: Special Needs Specialist

**BREAKOUT SESSION I:**
Preview of VBS Literature (Choose 1) 7:15 PM-7:45 PM

- Lifeway
- Gospel Light
- Group
- Cokesbury
- Standard

**BREAKOUT SESSION II:** (Choose 1) 7:55 PM-9:00 PM

- Directors
- Reaching the Hispanic Community
- Teaching Preschoolers in VBS
- Art Activities
- Snacks (Providing healthy snacks without breaking the bank)

The bookstore will be available in the front foyer from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. VBS materials from each of the publishers will be available for purchase.

To MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS, email Gayle Taylor at gayle.taylor@cvbm.org or call the CVBM office at (804) 598-6350.

Checks should be made out to Central Virginia Baptist Ministries, Inc.

Payment may be made at the door or sent to: Central Virginia Baptist Ministries, Inc., c/o Joan Hudson 1975 Urbine Road, Powhatan, VA 23139

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**Central Virginia Baptist Ministries, Inc.**
Rev. Nita May, Regional Ministries Coordinator
P. O. Box 34241, Richmond, VA 23234
(email) 598-6350 • (cell) 332-4670
website: www.cvbm.org
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!!
START YOUR ENGINES!
AND VOLUNTEER FOR:.
CENTRAL VIRGINIA RACEWAY MINISTRIES

VOLUNTEERS ARE WANTED to minister beside RIR guest services by providing raceway fans an opportunity to worship, enjoy Christian music and art, discover the message of Christ through media and know His transforming presence.

Volunteers are asked to work only a 3 or 4 hour shift from April 28 through May 1 as they serve in a variety of ways in our Hospitality Ministry Tents at the RICHMOND INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY COMPLEX. As ambassadors of goodwill, opportunities of service include: distributing “cups of cold water,” cookies, Christian driver cards; performing as singers, musical groups or with performing arts (clowns, magicians, mime, jugglers, balloon artist, etc.); and serving as chaplains, crisis counselors, logistics and support persons.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION
ALL VOLUNTEERS NEED TO ATTEND THE TRAINING SESSION TUESDAY, APRIL 20, AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE RICHMOND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 3111 MOSS SIDE AVENUE, RICHMOND, VA. At this session Volunteers can sign up for a shift time, which are:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28: SET-UP Main Tent and Thursday, April 29: SET-UP Main Tent
9 am-1pm, 1-4pm, 4-7pm, or 7-10 pm
FRIDAY, APRIL 30: NASCAR NATIONWIDE RACE
9 am-1pm, 1-4pm, 4-7pm, or 7-10 pm
SATURDAY, MAY 1: NASCAR SPRINT CUP RACE
9 am-1 pm, 1-4 pm, 4-7 pm, or 7-10 pm
SATURDAY, MAY 1: TAKE-DOWN Main Tent
8 pm until done

WANTED!! THOUSANDS OF COOKIES!!!
We are asking that church mission groups, Sunday School classes, youth groups, etc. volunteer to make “homemade” cookies and bag these in small clear plastic bags with 2-3 medium sized cookies each. A label saying compliments of ______ Baptist Church may be put on the outside of the bag. No tracts please! These will be available from Motor Racing Outreach and the Central Virginia Fellowship of Raceway Ministries. Cookies may be brought to the RBA Office, 3111 Moss Side Ave, April 26-29, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (329-1701).

For more information CONTACT:
BILLY DAVIS, Volunteer Coordinator
(H) 804-741-4898 or (C) 804-306-1604 or
EMAIL: billy.davis1@verizon.net
DEBBIE CARTER, Chaplain Coordinator
(H) 804-377-9914; Email: DebbieCarter88@aol.com

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The Office of Stewardship Development, Virginia Baptist Mission Board, Presents:

DEVELOPING AN ENDURING MINISTRY
Virginia Baptist Resource Center, Richmond
March 20, 2010
9:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m. (lunch provided)

This conference is designed around the theme of “Paying it Forward”. The various presenters will offer insights into tools and resources available to pastors and church financial leaders interested in developing enduring and effective ministries.

Ben Stroup, author of Church Giving Matters will share his insights into the status of giving patterns in churches. Ben will be discussing stewardship as a catalyst that can bring about an enduring and sustainable ministry. Those in attendance will receive a complimentary copy of Church Giving Matters. Bob Posey of LifeWay will be explaining the concept of digital and E-giving that is becoming popular among churches.

Presenters speaking to the idea of “Paying it Forward” will represent: GuideStone. Virginia Baptist Foundation, Inc., Virginia Baptist Development Office, and Christian Financial Management. Each presenter will share information and resources available to those seeking to develop an enduring ministry.

Materials related to stewardship development, emphases, education, and promotion will be demonstrated and made available. The biblical basis for an ongoing stewardship emphasis will be presented.

For questions or to register for the conference please call Don Campbell at 1-800-255-2428, Ext. 1223. There is no cost for the conference or for the luncheon, but registration would be most helpful.

MONEY AND MARRIAGE SEMINAR
Become ONE in your marriage and your finances!

Find hope, peace and confidence as you discover God’s way of having a successful marriage and handling money wisely. Reduce stress and enjoy your marriage the way God intended!

Come hear Howard Dayton, co-founder of Crown Financial Ministries and author of his newly released book, “Money and Marriage God’s Way” talk about how couples can improve their communication about finances. You’ll have an opportunity to begin your Money Map journey to True Financial Freedom.

Whether you are engaged, married or an empty nester, whether you earn a lot or a little, this 1/2 day seminar will inspire you and your spouse with practical steps you can implement right away!

The cost is $25 per person or $40 per couple. To register online go to www.crownva.org or call (804) 561-0716 for more information.

Seating is limited. Register online today!

Saturday, May 1, 2010
West End Assembly of God
8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
401 North Parham Road
BON AIR will offer “Spring Break Camp”, presented by Overtime Athletics, featuring a variety of sports and games beginning April 5-8 for students in grades K-5. The church will host CARITAS April 24 – May 1. BROADUS MEMORIAL collected new and “gently used” coats, sweaters, shoes and boots as part of their Appalachian Mission Project in southwest Virginia. CAMBRIDGE’s Men’s Ministry partnered with Ragland Memorial Baptist Church to cut timber and stack it to deliver to families in need. The church is preparing for a mission trip to Peru April 3-12. FIRST continued “The Physician Within” series with doctors speaking about specific health issues in February. The “2010 Ministry Fair” was rescheduled to Sunday, February 28 from 8:00am – 1:00pm. GINTER PARK will have a “Churchwide Service Day” to provide services for various organizations in the community to witness God’s presence in the world. GROVE AVENUE sent a Medical Mission Team to Guatemala in February and will send another Medical Mission Team to Honduras in March. JAHNKE ROAD’s brotherhood and deacons hosted a special churchwide Valentines Day luncheon on February 13. Charter members, Robert and Virginia Weaver received a special tribute for 60 years of dedicated leadership and service to the church. MOUNT CARMEL has started a Food Pantry for their church Disciples, especially those that are 55 years and older. NORTHMINSTER is starting a monthly evening gathering for everyone who serves on a ministry team and everyone who leads a small group called SALT (Servant and Leader Training) to worship, have fellowship with others who serve and to sharpen their skills as a leader. The church is also starting a monthly mid-week gathering called 3W (Third Wednesday) to have an excellent meal, an exciting time of worship and amazing breakout sessions for all ages. PATTERSON AVENUE is having a Lenox Food Drive to gather food items for the Food Bank of Greater Richmond. RIVER ROAD will have a Lenox Lunch on Sunday, March 14 following worship for families of Preschoolers and Elementary children through grade 5 to eat together and so each family can create a Lenten/Easter remembrance to celebrate this season in their home. SANDSTON is planning their “Operation Inasmuch” for April 10 to serve their community with a wide variety of projects such as having a Yard Give, a Health Fair, community clean up, writing letters to shut-ins and soldiers, home projects for the elderly, providing quarters at a nearby laundry mat, visiting shut-ins, and many more. SECOND will present “Broadway on Parade!” on Saturday, March 20 at 6:00pm as a Dinner Theatre and Sunday, March 21 at 3:00pm as a Dessert Matinee. STAPLES MILL ROAD has started a new Sunday night Real Depth Class (Discipleship), “Guidance: Finding and Knowing the Will of God”, to gain assurance in recognizing and responding to God’s guidance in our lives, and to trust in His Sovereignty. STUKELEY HALL is planning to have a combined Baptist Men’s Day and Child Dedication Service on March 7. WESTHAMPTON began a partnership with the VBMB collegiate minister at the University of Richmond in hosting a once-a-month film discussion called Spiritual Cinema Circle. The kick-off for this new outreach ministry to college students began on February 26. WESTOVER has started a new program, “Wednesday Blast for Children” so children can gather to enjoy a mid-week time with their church friends, while learning more about Jesus, the world, and what they can do, as kids, to better serve God. WOODLAND HEIGHTS will celebrate the grand occasion of their church’s 100th Anniversary on Sunday, April 18 at 10:30 am.

HATCHER MEMORIAL recognized Rev. Michael Poole for his 10 year anniversary as Senior Pastor. SAINT PAUL’s is excited to announce that their Pastor, Rev. Dr. Lance Watson, has been selected as the keynote speaker for the 20th Annual Baptist World Congress in Hawaii, July 28 – August 1, 2010. SECOND welcomed Cherice Jackson as their new Financial Secretary/Administrator. STOCKTON MEMORIAL’s new Music Director is Ms. BETTY Schneider not Becky Schneider as was reported last month.

The Center for Baptist Heritage & Studies announces its Roots & Wings: Young Scholars Essay Contest for 2010. The theme is Peace-bearers for the World in Which We Live. The contest is open to all 11th and 12th grade high school students (public, private and homeschool) who attend a Baptist church in Virginia. The purpose is to promote a better understanding of Baptist and Christian heritage and to encourage our young people to express their ideas. Our tag line is “remembering the past ... imagining the future” and the essay incorporates both concepts.

The Essay Contest is a wonderful opportunity for individual high school students in your church to discover roots and to use their wings. It is a creative opportunity for an entire Sunday school class or Youth Group.

Three winners may be chosen. Three awards may be presented. A donor has supplied to the Heritage Center the funds to grant awards in the amount of $500 for first place, $300 for second place and $200 for third place.

Go to the Heritage Center’s website www.baptistheritage.org and click on Essay Contest to learn the rules, criteria and eligibility. The deadline for submissions is April 15.

Please share this opportunity with young people in your church.
### Help/Situations Wanted

**Church Cook Position: Broadus Memorial** (5351 Pole Green Road, Mechanicsville) is seeking a reliable person to coordinate our Wednesday Night Dinners. This is a contract position paid per meal, and also an important ministry to the church family. The candidate must be able to handle the planning, purchasing and preparation involved in serving approximately 200 people per week. They must also be able to help coordinate the volunteer teams scheduled to help cook and serve, and have a knowledge of Health Department guidelines for food preparation. Anyone interested should contact Pastor Phil Peacock at 779-2700 or phil@broadusmbc.org.

**Part-time Financial Secretary** for Bethany Place Baptist Church, Chesterfield County. Applicant must be proficient in A/R, A/P, updating contribution records, use of office equipment, MS Excel and MS Word. Knowledge of ACS is a plus. Person will provide back-up support to other office staff and supply financial reports to staff and church. Must be a team player, have good people skills, detail oriented, and able to hold to confidentiality policies. Send resumes to office@bethanyplace.com.

**Part-time Organist or Pianist** needed immediately by Oakwood Memorial Baptist Church, 3100 Gay Avenue, Richmond, VA 23231 (Eastern Henrico County, near Airport) to play for Sunday morning worship service and Thursday evenings choir rehearsal. For more information contact Norma Carlton at 804-737-8870.

**Busy Hands Needed!** The RBA is seeking new members of “The Newsletter Crew.” Crew members come together once a month, usually on Tuesday or Thursday morning during the last week of the month, to fold, address label and seal the very newsletter you are holding in your hand. If you are interested in learning more or want to sign on to the Crew, contact Frances Jones at the RBA at 329-1701 or frances.jones@rbaonline.org.

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### March Calendar

**March 2 @ 9:00 a.m.**
CVRM Core Team, RBA

**March 2 @ 12 noon**
Ministers’ Lunch, RBA Office
Speaker TBA
RSVP to RBA by 2/26 w/Box Lunch Selection

**March 5-7**
Senior High Weekend (BGAV), Eagle Eyrie

**March 6 @ 4:00 p.m.**
BWA’s Window on the World Concert, Falls Church, VA

**March 7-14**
Week of Prayer for North American Missions “Annie Armstrong” Easter Offering

**March 9 @ 6:30 p.m.**
Camp Alkulana CAST, RBA

**March 10 @ 10 a.m.**
CVBM Leadership Development Conference Planning Team, RBA

**March 11 @ 2 p.m.**
CVBM Coordinating Team, VBRC

**March 11-12**
CBF of Virginia General Assembly, First Baptist, Virginia Beach

**March 14**
Daylight Savings Time Begins
Set Clocks Ahead One Hour!

**March 19**
Deadline for Transformed Material

**March 20 @ 9:00 a.m.**
Developing an Enduring Ministry, VBRC

**March 21**
Special Education Sunday

**March 22 @ 6 p.m.**
CVBM Pastor-Deacon Conference, Mount Vernon
For more info & to register: www.cvbm.org

**March 28**
Palm Sunday

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**The Search has Begun for a New Director of Missions**

Richmond Baptist Association is seeking resumes or recommendations for a full-time Director of Missions, postmarked by April 15 to: Rev. Mike Robinson, DOM Search Committee Chairman, New Covenant Baptist Church, 7250 Patterson Avenue, Richmond, VA 23229 or email: newcovenabc@aol.com subject: DOM COMMITTEE.

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**Needed: An Electric Oven**

**Camp Alkulana** needs an additional electric oven in their kitchen. If an individual, church or organization has one they would like to donate, please contact Beth Reddish Wright, Camp Director at 804-329-1701 ext. 206 or campalkulana@gmail.com.
2010 SOJOURNERS SUMMER MISSIONARY PROGRAM

The Sojourners Summer Missionary Program of the Richmond Baptist Association places youth, ages 16 (must have completed the 11th grade) to 21, in our three Baptist Centers to experience missions first-hand. The 2010 summer session is for up to ten weeks. The work schedule is flexible. The Sojourner will average 20 hours of service per week with some weeks being more intense than others. Stipends for 2010 will be $600 per individual. The Sojourner Program offers experiences in working with children, youth, and senior adults in an inner-city environment. Sojourner youth are exposed to a variety of social ministries at all three Baptist Centers. The program is often formative in a young person’s choice of career or life of service. For more information, please contact Pete du Plessis at 329-1701 ext. 202 or pete.duplessis@rbaonline.org.

Deadline for applications is April 9, 2010.

Annual Fix-up and Clean-up Days At Camp Alkulana

May 22 and June 5, 2010

HELP US GET READY FOR THE SUMMER SEASON!
PLENTY TO DO:
• Yard Work • Spring Cleaning
• Light Carpentry • General Repair

GREAT BONDING OPPORTUNITY FOR CHURCH GROUPS*

Leave Richmond early, eat breakfast on the way. Arrive at camp by 10:00 and work until 4:00 with a lunch break. Stop in Staunton on the way home for dinner.

*Okay for youth to come with your adult group; however, youth should understand that “normal” camp activities will not be available, as the goal is to fix up camp.

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Sojourners Summer Missionary Program

The Sojourners Summer Missionary Program of the Richmond Baptist Association places youth, ages 16 (must have completed the 11th grade) to 21, in our three Baptist Centers to experience missions first-hand. The 2010 summer session is for up to ten weeks. The work schedule is flexible. The Sojourner will average 20 hours of service per week with some weeks being more intense than others. Stipends for 2010 will be $600 per individual. The Sojourner Program offers experiences in working with children, youth, and senior adults in an inner-city environment. Sojourner youth are exposed to a variety of social ministries at all three Baptist Centers. The program is often formative in a young person’s choice of career or life of service. For more information, please contact Pete du Plessis at 329-1701 ext. 202 or pete.duplessis@rbaonline.org.

Deadline for applications is April 9, 2010.

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May 22 and June 5, 2010

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PLENTY TO DO:
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