RBA Partnership Missions
Going Local with Three-Year
Richmond Baptist Association—African Christian Community Church
“Liberian Partnership”

The RBA Partnership Mission Team is seeking volunteers to: reach out to African immigrants in Richmond; catch the vision; join hands as we minister together: give assistance with after-school tutoring and mentoring program; and provide after-school snacks, clothing, school supplies, food, office supplies/equipment, transportation, etc.

To find out more about the partnership, check out the Liberian Partnership web-page on the RBA website: http://rbaonline.org/ministries/rba-accc-liberian-partnership. If you have questions or want to volunteer, call Mrs. Ruth Guill, Partnership Coordinator at 804-745-1655.

Covenant of Partnership Between
The Richmond Baptist Association and
The African Community Christian Church

God’s Word tells us that “Two are better than one because they have a good return for their work.” It goes on to say that “A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.” We, the representatives of the Richmond Baptist Association and The African Community Church (ACCC), pledge ourselves to each other in a partnership of equals in which Jesus is the “third strand” who binds us together.

This partnership will begin with an initial three year commitment between the entities involved. Throughout this time we will seek to evaluate and strengthen our ties, to build sustainable and ongoing relationships, and to be open to whatever further endeavors the Holy Spirit may lead us to in the days ahead. We will agree to perform an annual evaluation of the partnership to determine that the agreement has remained on course with its objectives.

A Vision for the Partnership
The partnership will include:

Tutoring:
Tutors are needed from 3:00pm until 6:00pm, Monday-Thursday, for all school courses. Individuals will be encouraged by their respective churches to consider this alternative.

Mentoring:
The mentoring aspect of this partnership will take place as individuals and churches become active through the building of relationships, teaching life skills and related subjects, and assisting with the various programs and ministries offered by the ACCC.

Provision of Other Volunteers, Ministries, and Supplies:
We recognize that there are many kinds of gifts that are exchanged within the partnership. Gifts of presence as volunteers seek to become involved in various ways, gifts of talent as those individuals share skills and interests that God has bestowed upon them and financial gifts from congregations and from individuals motivated by friendship. These include in-kind donations of supplies used by the ministry.

As the previously described ministries are endorsed by the Richmond Baptist Association, The ACCC pledges to provide an open line of communication and information, strong leadership, training and assistance whenever possible and a pledge to provide a quality program that benefits the children involved, as well as, enhancing the volunteer experience of the churches and individuals providing their time, talent, and resources.

We, as willing and equal partners, agree and endorse this covenant on February 18, 2010.

Rev. Peter L. du Plessis,
Director of Missions, RBA

Rev. Calvin A. Birch,
Founding Pastor, ACCC
Greetings,

You are never too old to learn new things. As I am quickly approaching my 66th birthday, I am reminded that one’s perspective on things can change with the circumstances around you. When I was a much younger man, I was concerned with being successful and making my mark in life. The focus was on the here and the now. Long-term consequences really didn’t make an impact on me. I was strong, energetic and in good health and wanted to live for the day. I never even thought about retirement. That was just too far in the future to even think about. Little did I realize that 40 years down the road I would be so concerned about medical insurance, HMO or PPO or whatever.

My circumstances in life have changed and now I anxiously watch the 6:00 o’clock news to see the latest development about national health care reform. What do you mean they are going to cut back on Medicare benefits? I am going to need all those benefits! And what about the prescription medicine costs? Elaine and I take medications that are necessary to our wellbeing. It seems that now we are going to need supplemental insurance. It is too late for us to even think about buying long-term care insurance at our age. The premium cost is way beyond our means.

And what’s this rumor about Social Security running out of money with all the boomers coming of retirement age? Well, I hear that a reverse mortgage is one way to make it a little longer. I realize that to a twenty something this all may sound like the rantings of an old man. But you see, my circumstances have drastically changed, and now my perspective on life is much different than it was 40 years ago.

So, I want to say some things to my children and all young families. Get out of debt. Don’t depend on credit cards to get you through. Start and maintain a savings account. You must plan for your children to get a college education. Eat healthy foods, get plenty of exercise, get a good night’s sleep, and be a good steward of your body. Have a lawyer draw up your will and medical directives. Take out long-term care insurance while you are young and can afford the premiums. Much to my chagrin, I didn’t think about those things 40 years ago and now the long-term consequences have caught up with me.

One thing that I did do right those many years ago was to enroll in the retirement plan of the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Today it is known as Guidestone Financial Resources of the SBC, but it is the same organization. I have been making deposits into that annuity plan for 40 years. Those funds will now enable me to have some income in my retirement years.

Allow me to use my experience as a witness to you about the necessity of enrolling in an annuity plan. To that end, Guidestone is providing a dinner for all RBA ministers and staff personnel on Tuesday, April 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the RBA office building. Jeff Cranford will present the many benefits available to you from the Annuity Board. Please let me urge you to make plans to come and enjoy a good meal and good fellowship and then find out how easily you can enroll in a retirement plan that will offer some income to you and your family 40 years down the road. It doesn’t matter what your circumstances are right now, this is the time to seriously consider your perspective on life and on long-term consequences.

From Your Dom, Pete du Plessis

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Richmond Baptist Association’s
Annual Spring Celebration
Thursday, April 22, 2010
7:00 p.m.

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

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

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February 2010 Budget Report

| Budget Amount: | $48,800.00 |
| Budget Receipts: | $31,051.46 |
| Budget Expenses: | $51,772.42 |
| YTD Amount: | $97,600.00 |
| YTD Receipts: | $47,066.00 |
| YTD Expenses: | $86,469.01 |

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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.
Woodland Heights Baptist Church will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Sunday, April 18. Pete du Plessis will bring congratulatory greetings from the RBA as a part of that centennial service. Special guests will be the Rev. Dr. Charles B. Nunn, Jr. and his wife, Helen. Chuck served as the Executive Director of the Richmond Baptist Association from 1977 until 1997. Chuck grew up in Woodland Heights and surrendered to church-related service on March 9, 1952. He served there as Youth Director from 1956 to 1957 when he dropped out of Southwestern Seminary for a year. When the RBA called Chuck as Director of Missions, the installation service was held at Woodland Heights. Many special events are planned to make this a memorable year for the church’s celebration of its grand history. The RBA will have its annual meeting at Woodland Heights on Sunday, October 17, at 3:00 p.m.

April Dates to Remember!
TUESDAY, APRIL 6 @ 12 NOON
RBA Monthly Ministers’ Program & Lunch, RBA Office
“WHAT NOT to do during a hospital visit.”
RSVP to Frances Jones by April 2

THURSDAY, APRIL 15 @ 7:00 P.M.
RBA Administrative Council Meeting, RBA Office

MONDAY, APRIL 19 @ 12 NOON
Centers Support Group Meeting, RBA Office

Waldow Heights
100 Years Old
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2010 Camp Alkulana Offering
Formerly known as the RBA Week of Prayer for Associational Missions

As of 2/28/10
Offering Goal: $109,000.00
YTD Receipts: $1,084.92
YTD Expenses: $6,412.98

Camp Alkulana
Bicycle Drive was a success!
Beth Wright, Director Camp Alkulana, wants to say “Thank You” to everyone who participated in the Alkulana’s Bicycle drive! We have surpassed our goal of earning enough money to purchase twenty bicycles to begin our new mountain biking program this summer. In addition we will have enough funds to purchase extra parts and helmets as they are required. We are again amazed and blessed by your continual support of this important ministry!
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 - 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 - 7:45 PM
Lifeway Gospel Light Group
Cokesbury Standard

BREAKOUT SESSION II: (Choose 1) 7:55 - 9:00 PM
* Directors * Leading a Child to Christ
* Reaching the Hispanic Community * Missions in VBS
* Teaching Preschoolers in VBS * Teaching Children in VBS
* Art Activities * Recreation
* 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

MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Central Virginia Baptist Ministries’ Day
In conjunction with the Affordable Housing Awareness Week Project

CVBM, Inc. has the unique opportunity to join Affordable Housing Awareness Week and Habitat for Humanity in a building project.

We need 70 volunteers to work on an attached residential housing development in Richmond’s historic Church Hill from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Additionally, we need churches to provide bag lunches for the volunteers. Drinks will be supplied by CVBM.

LOCATION:
The Pillars at Oakmont- Church Hill

Please plan to get involved in this meaningful project.

To sign up as a volunteer, contact Gayle Taylor, CVBM 804-598-6350 (toll-free 1-888-598-6350) or email address: gayle.taylor@cvbm.org.

***MORE DETAILS TO COME!***

BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT RICHMOND ANNOUNCES SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRY ONLINE COURSES

Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond (BTSR) School of Christian Ministry announces upcoming continuing education opportunities for clergy and lay leaders. CEUs are available. For more information: scm.btsr.edu, 888-339-2877 (toll free), or scminfo@btsr.edu. Register online at scm.btsr.edu/SCM_Registration. Course dates are April 12 to May 9, 2010. Each online course is $125.

MINISTRY TO THE SCHOOL AGED CHILD SCM 3130
Led by Ann Tonks, freelance writer and conference leader, Lexington, KY. Learn more at scm.btsr.edu/SCM3130.

TEACHING THE SMALL GROUP STUDY SCM 5130
Dr. Mike Harton, Adjunct Professor, BTSR Learn more at scm.btsr.edu/SCM5120.

HANDLING THE SERMON TEXT SCM 8210
Led by Dr. Mark Dunn, Dallas, TX. Learn more at scm.btsr.edu/SCM8210.
VOLUNTEERS ARE WANTED to minister beside RIR guest services by providing raceway fans an opportunity to worship, enjoy Christian music and arts, 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, mimes, 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-1 pm, 1-4 pm, 4-7 pm, or 7-10 pm
FRIDAY, APRIL 30: NASCAR NATIONWIDE RACE
9 am-1 pm, 1-4 pm, 4-7 pm, 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 zip lock 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) 804-360-1604 or
email: billy.davis1@verizon.net
Debbie Carter, Chaplain Coordinator
(H) 804-377-9914; Email: DebbieCarter88@aol.com

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 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. West End Assembly of God 401 North Parham Road
WELCOME
REV. DR. RODNEY A. BRACEY
Senior Pastor,
Shalom Baptist Fellowship Church

We are pleased to announce that Rev. Dr. Rodney A. Bracey will be installed as the Senior Pastor of Shalom Baptist Fellowship Church on Sunday, April 18.

Dr. Bracey is a native of Brodnax, Virginia. He retired from the U.S. Air Force after 20 years of service. He holds a Doctorate of Ministry with emphasis in Internet Ministry from Richmond's Virginia Triumphant College and Seminary. He recently served as Associate Pastor of his native church, Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Brodnax and as the Senior Pastor of Rocky Mount Baptist Church in Skipwith, Virginia. Dr. Bracey is married to the former Fanita Sawyer and they have no children.

We join with the congregation of Shalom Baptist Fellowship Church in welcoming Dr. and Mrs. Bracey to the RBA Family.

MAPLES GOING TO TENNESSEE

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and Tennessee Cooperative Baptist Fellowship have partnered to employ Terry Maples as the field coordinator for the state of Tennessee to begin on June 1. He will be based out of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Terry currently serves as associate pastor for education and discipleship at Huguenot Road Baptist Church. He has also been an adjunct professor at the Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond since 2001. Terry will be missed by the Huguenot Road congregation as well as by the RBA. His leadership skills have been a real blessing to the work of the RBA. We are deeply grateful for Terry's ministry among us and pray God's richest blessings on him and his family in his new place of service in Tennessee.
**Help/Situations Wanted**

**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.

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**The Search Continues 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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**Riverside PACE**

What if, instead of giving up the things you hold most dear, you had the opportunity to add things that would enrich your life? That’s the whole idea behind PACE – the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly. And it can make a profound difference in the lives of seniors and those who love and care for them. Riverside PACE is a not-for-profit program, funded through a unique arrangement with Medicaid and Medicare. PACE is a program of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Its mission is to enhance life for frail older adults by providing compassionate quality care and services.

PACE enables people to remain independent in their homes and communities. The PACE Center becomes a supportive outlet for participants in the program as they spend daytime enjoying activities and meals, and receiving necessary medical services. While at the Center, participants also enjoy the company of others and, together with the care team, a warm sense of family develops among them. Participants then return home and enjoy restful nights in the comfort of their own beds, knowing that PACE is supporting them 24/7.

For more information: Riverside PACE – Richmond
701 Gordon Avenue, Richmond, VA 23224
Phone (804) 549-5500; Email: pace@rivhs.com
www.riversideonline.com/PACE

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**Lakewood Manor Golf Tournament**

**Thursday, April 15, 2010**

**Rain or Shine**

Independence Golf Club
Midlothian, Virginia

Registration Deadline: Friday, April 9, 2010

To Register, contact: Lindsey Torres, Director of Development, at (804) 521-9229

Proceeds from the tournament benefit the Endowed Fund for Seniorships of Lakewood Manor—a fund that will provide assistance to residents in cases of hardship caused by financial need.

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**April Calendar**

**April 4**

**Easter Sunday**

**April 5**

**RBA Office Closed for Easter Monday**

**April 6 @ 9 AM**

CVRM Core Team Meeting, RBA

**April 6 @ 12 Noon**

Ministers’ Lunch, RBA Office

“What NOT To Do During A Hospital Visit”
RSVP to RBA by 4/2

**April 13 @ 6:30 P.M.**

Camp Alkulana Cast, RBA

**April 15 @ 7 P.M.**

RBA Administrative Council Meeting, RBA

**April 19 @ 12 Noon**

Centers Support Group Meeting, RBA

**April 19 @ 6 P.M.**

CVBM Vacation Bible School Conference, Gayton
RSVP & Details: www.cvbm.org

**April 20 @ 12 Noon**

Deadline for Transformed Material

**April 20 @ 6 P.M.**

RBA WMU Annual Celebration & Dinner, Westover

**April 20 @ 7 P.M.**

Raceway Ministries Volunteer Orientation, RBA

**April 22 @ 7 P.M.**

RBA “Spring Celebration,” Fairmount Memorial

**April 24 @ 3 P.M**

BGAV 633@3 Youth Encounter, Mechanicsville
Info: www.yec.org/mechanicsville

**April 26-29**

Cookie Delivery for Raceway Ministries
RBA Office: M-Thur. 8:30AM – 4:30PM

**April 27 @ 6:30 P.M.**

Guidestone Dinner for Ministers, RBA

**May 30 – April 1**

Raceway Ministries, NASCAR Races @ RIR
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 firsthand. 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.