2009 “BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS” @ BAPTIST CENTERS

NEEDED: BACKPACKS ◆ SCHOOL SUPPLIES ◆ UNDERWEAR ◆ SOCKS ◆ TOILTIES

Last fall our three Baptist Centers distributed over 900 backpacks with school supplies to the children of their communities! We hope to do as well this year. We have down-sized the list of items for each backpack from last year. Items to be included in each backpack are listed below. Questions? Contact Kathleen Coxon, WMU Mission Involvement Consultant, 804-272-1667 or mkcgbly1@verizon.net.

**BACKPACK (sturdy, large enough for notebooks and textbooks.)**
1 three-ring binder and divider tabs ■ 1 or 2 packs loose-leaf paper (wide or standard rule-200 sheets total) ■ 4 black-and-white composition books ■ 2 three- or five-subject spiral notebooks

(DO NOT INCLUDE 1-SUBJECT SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS, NO ONE USES THEM!)
5 to 8 No. 2 pencils (no mechanical) ■ 5 to 8 black or blue ink pens (erasable/no gel) ■ a Christian bookmark or something similar, appropriate for children

**South Richmond Center prefers pre-filled backpacks.**
Church Hill and Oregon Hill Centers prefer empty backpacks with supplies grouped by type.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS (DO NOT PUT IN BACKPACKS)**
- colored pencils
- highlighters
- erasers, pencil top & block
- Elmer’s glue-4 oz.
- glue sticks
- pencil boxes
- rulers (12 inch/metric)
- tissues, large box & pocket
- red pens
- markers (washable, 8/10 pack, wide/thin)
- protractors, clear
- blank CDs
- calculator, 4-function
- zippered pencil pouches for 3-ring binder
- pocket folders (with or without brads) in solid colors
- pencil boxes
- zippered pencil pouches for 3-ring binder
- dictionary, pocket-size
- glue sticks
- calculator, 4-function
- watercolor paint kits
- Elmer’s glue (4 oz.)
- blank CDs
- scissors (pointed or blunt, metal)
- erasers, pencil top & block
- protractors, clear
- pencil sharpeners (small hand-held)
- highlighters
- markers (washable, 8/10 pack, wide/thin)
- 3 x 5 index cards & file box
- scissors (pointed or blunt, metal)
- protractors, clear
- pencil sharpeners (small hand-held)
- highlighters
- markers (washable, 8/10 pack, wide/thin)
- 3 x 5 index cards & file box

**Socks and Underwear for children kindergarten through high school age.**
(Boys prefer boxers. Girls like whatever the girls that you know like!)

For Church Hill Only—TOILETRY BAGS (approx. 500) to include w/backpacks. In 1 gallon zip-lock bag: travel size shampoo, lotion, hand sanitizer, mouth wash, tooth paste, tooth brush, dental floss, deodorant, regular size bar soap, and wash cloth.

**WHERE AND WHEN TO DELIVER THESE SUPPLIES**
AGAIN, THIS YEAR WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU TAKE YOUR BACKPACKS AND SUPPLIES DIRECTLY TO ONE OF THE CENTERS

(Reference the list below for the suggested recipient center of your church’s supplies.)

**CHECK:** Each Center has scheduled their celebration for a different date with specified delivery dates and times.

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<td>Deliver Supplies to Bethlehem BC, 1920 Fairmount Ave on August 19 &amp; 20 from 10am to 3 pm. Call Glinda Ford; 780-0053 to schedule delivery.</td>
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**SOUTH RICHMOND**
- Bethany Place
- Bon Air
- Chinese
- Community of Grace
- First Union
- Friendship Memorial
- Gravel Hill
- Huguenot Road
- Jahnke Road
- Korean
- Lighthouse of Hope
- Morning Star
- New Canaan

**OREGON HILL**
- First
- Ginter Park
- Grace
- Grove Ave.
- New Covenant
- Northminster
- Patterson Ave.
- Pine St.
- Skipwith
- Stukeley Hall
- Tabernacle

**CHURCH HILL**
- Bethlehem (Fairmount)
- Bethlehem (Penick)
- Broadus Memorial
- Cambridge
- Carlisle Avenue
- Chamberlayne
- Community Mission
- Derbyshire
- Disciples for Christ
- Fairmount Memorial
- Gayton
- Hatcher
- Lakeside

**for Church Hill only—**

- Leigh Street
- Life-Line for Jesus
- Monument Heights
- Mount Carmel
- Mount Sinai
- Mount Tabor
- New Bridge
- New Canaan Int’l
- Oakwood Memorial
- River Road
- Sandston
- Second
- Staples Mill Road
- Westhampton
Greetings,

The name of this monthly associational newsletter is TRANSFORMED! The motto for our RBA logo has the words Together…Transforming Lives. Although there is a great deal of diversity within the membership of the Richmond Baptist Association, we are all working toward the same goal – the transforming of lives so all may know and say and believe that “Jesus is Lord!”

Each individual person is a unique creation of God. Each individual congregation is a unique part of the Body of Christ. Even though we are all different, we all follow and serve the same Lord Jesus Christ as the Head of the Church. Because we are adopted into the family of God through our faith in His Son, Jesus, we then are all brothers and sisters in Christ. We are family and we belong to each other. We are working together for the same purposes. We are not in competition with each other. The churches that make up the RBA share the associational ethos of being on mission together.

Since we all believe in the basic functions of a New Testament church, we all have some of the same ministries that every other church has. Because of our diversity, we may not all conduct those common ministries in the same way everyone else does. But we all agree that we want every single church to succeed in the performance of those ministries. When one of our churches struggles or fails, all of us feel that pain. Why? Because we are the Body of Christ and we are all working together to advance the Kingdom of God. It is our heart’s desire to see every church growing and developing into all that God wants it to be.

For example, we all believe the Bible to be the authoritative Word of God. Therefore, we put a great deal of emphasis on the living out of the truths from the Scriptures. The preaching of the Word is the central focus of all our worship services no matter what different worship style we may be using. We all want that preaching to be done with clarity, conviction and with Holy Spirit power. Every church wants its members to be students of the Bible, and so, we provide regular Bible study for everyone in the fellowship every week. Indeed, our methods of doing that may be different, but our common goal is to teach the biblical revelation in order to transform lives. We make no apology for that. We all share the Great Commission of our Lord to go and make disciples!

On the other hand, many of our churches have ministries that are particularly unique to that congregation. It is not that they are trying to outdo their neighboring sister church, but rather, they are trying to do the will of God as they understand it for them. Again, we all want that special ministry to succeed. It may even be that some churches will band together to support that special ministry in their sister church. It is not a matter of asking who is the biggest and the best. No, not at all, it is a matter of asking how we all can work together to more effectively be the people of God in our community, in our corner of the vineyard where God has commanded us to plant the seed. Yes, the 70 churches of the RBA are all different, but they are also all the same – Together…Transforming Lives.

RBA STAFF EMAIL ADDRESSES
During the past year the RBA Staff has been through some changes, below is the current staff list with email addresses:

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CHECK-OUT THE RBA WEBSITE
(www.rbaonline.org)

Everyone is invited to visit the RBA website where you can find a Directory of RBA Churches; the “Church of the Week” prayer flyers; Staff Directory; E-Giving options; on-line issues of the TRANSFORMED!: Planned Giving information; Association Documents; Calendar of Events; Baptist Centers News/Events, and much, much more...

Telling others about the site, especially those new to Richmond, is a great way to introduce them to the wonderful ministry service opportunities provided by the RBA in Richmond and beyond!

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MAY 2009 BUDGET REPORT

Budget Amount: $ 51,083.33
Budget Receipts: $ 37,352.33
Budget Expenses: $ 35,879.37
YTD Amount: $255,416.65
YTD Receipts: $200,319.59
YTD Expenses: $225,448.06

2009 CAMP ALKULUNA OFFERING

As of 5/31/09
Offering Goal: $107,000.00
YTD Receipts: $ 11,077.69
YTD Expenses: $ 28,577.59
WHAT ABOUT EVANGELISM?

Summertime is approaching and with it come some traditional events in the churches: Revivals, Vacation Bible School, Homecomings, Mission Trips, and various kinds of fellowship times. All of these events are great opportunities for evangelism. Here are some thought provoking insights:

- The numbers show that in 2008 there were 3,743 fewer baptisms than in 2007.

Total membership of Southern Baptist churches was 16,228,438 in 2008 which is almost 38,400 less than in 2007. LifeWay President Thom Rainer: “The numbers simply tell us that Southern Baptists are not reaching as many people for Christ as they once did.”

In 2008, the SBC lost nearly 40,000 members, the first decline since 1998 and only second since 1926. Baptisms peaked in 1972 at 445,725. Observers report that baptisms have essentially been plateaued since 1950. In 1950, it took 19 SBC church members to baptize one person while in 2008 the ratio was 47-1.

Have Southern Baptists lost their zeal to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with those persons who are lost and dying in sin? What about evangelism? Whose job is it anyway? All of us as followers of Jesus Christ are responsible to be “salt and light” to those around us (Matt. 5:13-16). Scripture tells us that we have been given the privilege to serve as “ministers of reconciliation,” and that in reality we are all “ambassadors for Christ” (2 Cor. 5:17-21). You see, all of us are missionaries as we move though the various activities of our daily lives. So, how about you? Are you telling the story?
2009 CVBM LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

"Mindful Ministry for Today and Tomorrow"

September 28, 2009
Bon Air Baptist Church, 2531 Buford Road • 272-1475

DISSERT: 5:45-6:30 p.m.
Cost per meal $7.00/person RSVP To CVBM by September 18

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE
6:40-6:55 p.m.: Plenary session with Travis Collins
7:00-7:55 p.m.: Session I
8:00-8:55 p.m.: Session II

CONFERENCE CHOICES: PLEASE SELECT 2 SESSIONS
- Preschool Conference- Lucy Dorr
- Children’s Conference - Deborah Upton
- Youth- John Mark Skammer
- Young Adult/College Conference- Susan Blanchard
- Adult Conference- Jimmie Miles
- Beyond BINGO Games and Bus Trips- Ministering to Those 55+- Melissa Fallen
- General Officers Conference- Wayne Smith
- From Pit to Palace: Living Extravagantly- Don Campbell
- Reaching Unreached Youth: Matt Senger
- You Don't Know What You Need Until You Get It: Administrative Assistants Conference- Brenda Green, Sue Hall, & Sandy Weakley
- Churches That Are Long-Growing- Bob Dale
- The Blessing of Serving the Homeless- Steve Blanchard
- Envisioning God’s Future For Your Church: Strategic Planning & Visioning- Craig Sherouse
- Leadership During Anxious Times—Victor Davis
- Ministering to International People Groups Among Us- Sterling Severns
- Muddle Your Way Through: How to Use Creative Technology in Ministry- Beth Brawley
- Opening the Door of Membership to Christians from Other Denominations-Jim Somerville
- Singing Our Faith: How Music Enables Us to Worship God- Tom Ingram
- The Art of Enjoying God- Guy Holloway
- The Role of Prayer in Spiritual Formation- Kevin James
- Turn-Around in Declining Churches-Bill Nieporte
- Reaching Children in the 21st Century (Panel Discussion led by Diane Smith and will include Tom Boor, Amanda Lott)

REGISTRATION BEGINS JULY 15, 2009. Register online at www.cvbm.org or register by email with Gayle Taylor at gayle.taylor@cvbm.org or by telephone at (804) 598-6350.

Please mail your check for the dinner to:
Central Virginia Baptist Ministries, Inc.
c/o Joan Hudson, 1975 Urbine Road, Powhatan, VA 23139
RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS!

Personal responsibility isn’t talked about much these days. But Entrust Federal Credit Union will talk about it. It is more important than ever to seek counsel for any decisions that you make, especially financial ones. Entrust’s primary goal is to make sure you are being a good steward with money. If we can provide you products and services at a lower cost, why not seek our counsel? We may have solutions to help you get out of debt fast and earning more money on your money. For more information, please go to www.efcu.coop.

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man is he who listens to counsel. Proverbs 12:15

WE CAN HELP

Need to revise your current budget or need help creating a budget to meet your current needs? We can help. Contact Greta Kidd at gkidd@entrustfcu.com or 278-4714.

Not sure about what deposit accounts are best for the money you earn? We can help. Contact Russell Sumner at rsunner@entrustfcu.com or 278-4702.

Have a question about a current or future loan(s) as well as credit card, whether with Entrust or another financial institution? We can help. Contact Sean O’Hara at sohara@entrustfcu.com or 804-278-4710.

Interested in attending our FREE financial seminars planned now through June? Contact Greta Kidd at gkidd@entrustfcu.com or go to our website at http://www.efcu.coop/community/.

Do you work with youth in the Richmond area?
Need to know current youth related information? Want to know more about youth culture? Looking for effective strategies for addressing adolescent risk behaviors? SEEKING TIMELY INFORMATION ABOUT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES? And more? THEN…

Join the
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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

RBA SENIOR ADULT FALL LUNCHEON
“KEEPING THE FAITH IN HARD TIMES”
Friday, October 16, 2009
(this is a change from previous advertised!)

Skipwith Baptist Church
1900 Skipwith Road
10:30 A.M.—PROGRAM
Message by Dr. Cecil Sherman
Group Singing of Favorite Hymns

12:00 noon—Luncheon @ $6.50/person
Menu: Brunswick Stew, Ham Biscuits, Fruit Salad Desserts, Tea & Coffee

RESERVATIONS & ADVANCE PAYMENT FOR LUNCH REQUIRED
Contact: Frances Jones @ RBA Office:
329-1701 ✔ Fax 321-7121 ✔ frances.jones@rbaonline.org
Send check (payable to RBA) with list of attendees names to:
Senior Adult Lunch, RBA, 3111 Moss Side Ave.,
Richmond, VA 23222.
DEADLINE: OCTOBER 8, 2009

Sponsored by RBA Senior Adult Ministry Team:
June Burton, Anne Carnefix, Dot Dunston,
Pete du Plessis, Ann Jones and Richard Perkins

RBA SENIOR ADULT Ministry invites you to:
Join Other RBA Senior Adults for
“Evita”
Andrew Lloyd Webber Musical
Wednesday, September 2, 2009
Riverside Dinner Theater, Fredericksburg, VA

The bus will depart the Robinson Street Parking Lot, First Baptist at 9:30 a.m. and stop by the Russell Stover Candies Store en route to Fredericksburg. After satisfying our “sweet tooth” or buying chocolates for a friend, we will continue to the Riverside Dinner Theater for a delicious lunch and the production of “Evita”. After the show we return to Richmond and arrive at the Robinson Street Parking Lot between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m.
Trip includes: Roundtrip deluxe motor coach transportation, lunch, performance, all gratuities for meal and driver.
We need 35 people to be able to make the trip. Sign up now if you are interested. Much interest has been expressed, so if interested, a check will reserve your seat.
• Contact: June Burton for reservations @ 730-1224
• Reservation deadline: August 2, 2009
• Make check payable to: June Burton, FBC
• Complete cost per person: $77.00
• Send Check to: June Burton,
6454 Thrush Way, Mechanicsville, VA 23111

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**RBA Executive Council Meeting**

Thursday, August 20, 2009
12:00 noon

Location: To Be Announced!
MINISTER OF MUSIC: Part-time position. Send résumé and salary requirements to the attention of the Personnel Committee, Stockton Memorial Baptist Church, 5100 Claypoint Rd. Chesterfield, Va. 23822. Phone 804-744-8761. Fax 804-744-8277. Email stocktonchurch@aol.com. Will consider director and accompanist position as separate positions if qualified. Organist abilities a plus.

Grace Baptist Church, in Windsor Farms, Richmond, VA is looking for a PART-TIME ORGANIST to play one service a week, one rehearsal. For more information on the position, please check the American Guild of Organists (AGO) website (www.richmondago.org) or call the church office at 804 353-0134. Please send a letter of interest and resume to Wanda Sauley Fennell, Grace Baptist Church, 4200 Dover Road, Richmond, VA. 23221.

ORGANIST/PIANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR needed immediately by Oakwood Memorial Baptist Church to lead the choir and accompany on organ for choir practice on Thursday evenings and during Sunday morning worship service. Salary negotiable. Oakwood Memorial is located in East Henrico County near Airport. For more information contact Norma Carlton 804-301-4509.

New Covenant Baptist Church is seeking a QUARTER-TIME MUSIC DIRECTOR. The candidate will direct an adult choir and lead in music worship. Applicants should be proficient in piano and/or organ, and music direction. For consideration please call the church for more info at 804-282-9308, fax resume to 804-282-9356 or email NewCovenantBC@aol.com or you can mail a resume to: New Covenant Baptist Church, Attn: Personnel Committee, 7250 Patterson Ave, Richmond VA 23229

6TH ANNUAL OUTSTANDING CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS APPRECIATION BANQUET

Nominations are now being accepted for the 6th Annual Outstanding Christian Educators Appreciation Banquet to be held at the beautiful new Trinity Family Life Center (3601 Dill Road, Richmond) on Friday, November 13, 2009 at 6pm. Congregations should nominate an individual who has contributed significantly to the ministry of their church by the September 15th deadline. Reservations for church members attending the banquet with their nominee are due by October 3rd. Rev. Dr. Nathaniel West, Professor of Christian Education at School of Theology at VUU will be the guest speaker.

For more information, call The Resource Center or see the website at www.resourcingchurches.com.

THE RESOURCE CENTER
1209 Palmyra Avenue, Richmond, VA 23227
804-358-8306 ● Toll-free: 888-241-5132
resourcecenter@cavtel.net

JULY CALENDAR

JUNE 28–JULY 4
VIRGINIA BAPTIST HERITAGE WEEK

JULY 3
RBA OFFICE CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY

JULY 4
INDEPENDENCE DAY

JULY 5
RELIGIOUS LIBERTY SUNDAY

JUNE 29–JULY 10
OLDER GIRLS SESSION,
CAMP ALKULANA

JULY 14–15
CAMP STAFF IN-SERVICE TRAINING,
CAMP ALKULANA

JULY 16–23
YOUNGER BOYS SESSION,
CAMP ALKULANA

JULY 16 @ 7:00 P.M.
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL, RBA

JULY 20 @ 12:00 NOON
DEADLINE FOR TRANSFORMED! MATERIALS

JULY 21 @ 10:00 A.M.
RBA WMU LEADERSHIP TEAM
(ANNUAL PLANNING), RBA

JULY 27–AUGUST 7
OLDER BOYS SESSION,
CAMP ALKULANA

JULY 28
6:15 PM: WOMEN ON MISSION, NORTH-EAST @ FAIRMOUNT MEMORIAL
6:30 PM: WOMEN ON MISSION, SOUTH-WEST @ WOODLAND HEIGHTS
PRAY FOR
RBA CHURCHES SEEKING a Pastor
New Bridge
Shalom Fellowship
Westhampton

SUPPORT CAMP ALKULANAl
THIS SUMMER
WITH YOUR PRAYERS

We cannot all be volunteers helping out at Camp Alkulana this summer, but we can pray for Director Beth, the camp staff, counselors and campers during the four summer sessions and training events:

- **June 29-July 10** — Older Girls (ages 12-14)
- **July 14-15** — Staff In-Service Training
- **July 16-23** — Young Boys (ages 10-11 and CITs)
- **July 27-August 7** — Older Boys (ages 12-14)
- **August 8-9** — Summer Staff Wrap-Up

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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 20th 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 newsletter that cannot be forwarded.

TORONTO PARTNERSHIP UPDATES
By Ruth Guili, Team Leader
(804-745-1655)

Ask and Ye Shall Receive" - and receive we did! Fabric, sewing accessories, portable sewing machines, VBS materials. Thank you all very much for the abundance of "stuff" you gave for the Toronto folks which will be delivered by Stu and Eleanor Dodson, members of First Baptist Church, in early June. The Dodsons will be working at the Matthew House (Home for refugees).

In late July a team of four ladies representing four different churches (Central, Hatcher Memorial, Huguenot Road and Westover) will be working with Dixon Ministries with Muslim ladies and their families teaching sewing, making craft items and visiting in homes (conversational English with Muslim families).

In August, Bon Air and Chinese Baptist Churches will send teams to work with Front Line and Oasis Ministries and the Mimico Baptist Church.

Remember to pray for our partners and our teams. If you know of any other teams going to Toronto, please let us know.

Thank you again for your support!

MAKING A DELIVERY TO THE RBA OFFICE?
Please call before you plan to arrive to make sure someone will be at the office. During the holiday season 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 MONEY
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! The RBA has to pay $0.44 “postage due” for each returned newsletter because they are mailed bulk rate and the post office will not forward them to your new address! Postage due costs can add up if we have several newsletters returned each month! We appreciate your assistance with this matter.

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