58th Annual Fall Meeting
of the Richmond Baptist Association

Sunday, October 18, 2009

Second Baptist Church
9614 River Road, Richmond, VA 23229

Theme:
“The Necessity of the Local Association”

3:00 P.M. — Meeting Session

Keynote Speaker
Dr. Cecil Sherman
Pastor Emeritus,
Westover Baptist Church

Session Highlights
Adoption of 2010 Budget
Sojourner Testimonies

RBA Staff Reports:

Jennifer Turner
Community Missionary, Oregon Hill Center
“My South African Mission Trip”

RBA Director of Missions’ Annual Report

5:30 P.M. — Dinner
By Reservation Only
Cost: $8.00

Deadline for Reservations & Payment
Friday, October 9

To make reservations contact your church office and they will make reservations for all who want to attend. Individual reservations will not be taken. NOTE: Reservations and payment WILL NOT be accepted at the door.

Any questions, contact:
Frances Jones at 804-329-1701 ext. 201
Or frances.jones@rbaonline.org.

Your Church Should Be Represented!
Send Your Elected Messengers
Contact Your Church Office
If You Want to Be a Messenger.
Greetings,

The Richmond Baptist Association provides many wonderful ministries through the cooperative efforts of our 70 member churches. One of our major and most successful ministries is the operation of Camp Alkulana. Our churches and many individuals are committed to the vision of providing a “mountain top” wilderness experience for Richmond’s inner-city children. There is no telling how many lives of these precious girls and boys have been changed by attending Camp Alkulana. And there is no telling how many adults have been changed because they volunteered to do some kind of work at Camp Alkulana.

Angela Peters, Camp Registrar, has written a wonderful article about Camp on the next page. Please be sure to read it. Beth Wright has just finished her first summer season of Camp Alkulana as our new Camp Director. We celebrate with her and the entire Camp staff in the four excellent sessions that were provided in June, July and August. Gracie Kirkpatrick can be proud of how very well things went this year because she had built such a strong foundation for us to build on since her retirement in February.

It was my privilege and joy to take some members of the RBA office staff on a field trip to see Camp Alkulana in action on July 28. We left early in the morning and returned by supper time and had a wonderful day in between. Amy Sowder, Tenny Farnen, Glinda Ford and I enjoyed the beautiful drive on the way to Alkulana nestled in the Alleghany Mountains of Bath County. We couldn’t have asked for a more perfect day. It wasn’t too hot, there was a gentle breeze and the creek was crystal clear. If you have never been to see Camp Alkulana, it would be a wonderful day trip for your family. It is a gorgeous setting for the RBA’s Camp ministry.

When we arrived, Camp was in its fourth and final session hosting the “big boys.” How pleased the four of us were to see all the various things being provided for the boys that day and throughout the week. The program ran like clockwork. Beth and her staff had made excellent preparations and everything was going exactly as planned. We were amazed to see the boys adhere to all the rules and regulations without any complaint or hesitation. There was such a sweet spirit in the Camp that day. All four of us were blessed to be a part of the Alkulana experience if only for a few hours.

Beth Wright took time out of her busy schedule to give us a guided tour of the entire Camp facility. Again and again, we saw how the work of volunteers over the years has made for such an outstanding Camp program. And I found some degree of personal pride in seeing the results of things I had done personally at the two work days held before the camping season began. We were greatly impressed by what we saw, but the ladies were really taken by the idea of the repelling tower. And so, Glinda, Amy and Tenny were all outfitted with the necessary equipment and given thorough instruction by Beth’s brother in law, Rob Wright. Finally, the moment came when they were standing on the very edge of the tower and then repelled down the tower like pros. They were so proud of themselves. What a great day we had in just a few short hours. Think about those kids who get to stay at Camp Alkulana for a whole week or more. God is good!
**Ministry is Not About Numbers, But...**

*By Angela Peters, Camp Alkulana Registrar*

As summer winds down, and I just sent off the older boys for Camp Alkulana’s last session of 2009, I was struck, overwhelmed even, by the success of the summer. Among younger, “progressive” Christians one often hears that ministry is not about numbers. It is near impossible to quantify something so personal and intimate. It can even seem arrogant, or at the very least naive, to reduce God’s work to such a human standard. Numbers are the bottom line for business or government, but ministry should not stoop to such worldly goals. For the first time in my life, I would argue against that view. I continue to be in awe, to thank God, for numbers this summer.

34: the number of children who were served at Alkulana’s evening of free physicals.
1: one doctor and one nurse who saw all 34 of those children.
2.5: the number of hours beyond the posted time the doctor and nurse stayed to make sure every child had a quality physical.

6-2-09: Camp Alkulana was not even in session, and God was already working miracles in big numbers. Free camp physicals were offered at the RBA from 5 to 7pm, but the response was so large that the very last child was seen until 9:15 pm. Most people get frustrated waiting for 30 minutes at the doctor’s office, but the last mom and child left with great big smiles, graciously thanking us for our willingness to do God’s work. This is just one example of the patient, loving, thankful families who came through our office that night. The experience was humbling.

52: the number of little girls registered for little girls’ session of camp.
46: the number of beds available at camp in our normal 6 cabins.
7: the number of cabins opened for little girls’ session in 2009.

6-18-09: Beth Wright, about to start her first camp session as director, suggested opening a 7th cabin for little girls. She said she wants to be able to serve as many kids as possible and sees it as a good experiment for long-term growth. When presenting what could have been overwhelming news to the staff, the response was unanimous. What a blessing to be able to show God’s love to even more girls!

3: the number of sessions this summer that were “over” full capacity.

55 boys between the ages of 9 and 11 registered for the little boy’s session. This many little boys is a daunting task, but we didn’t want to deny any of them this chance to know God and God’s love; especially knowing the hardships these boys face on a daily basis. This opportunity may be one of the few a young boy will get to experience God in a safe, loving environment.

50 to 73%: the range of percentages of campers who receive free school lunches. Camp Alkulana holds true to its mission to serve inner-city, at-risk youth. Unfortunately, eligibility for free lunches, signifying lower income households, is often a determinant for future success for children. Camp Alkulana strives to make a difference in the lives of children in Richmond who have very limited opportunities. We are thrilled that this percentage has increased from 30% to 50%.

45: the number of staff and volunteers that will serve at Camp Alkulana this summer. This is also the number of people whose life will be forever changed from his/her experience this summer. The selfless nature of this ministry, God’s love and presence at Alkulana, and each and every child’s story, leave all the counselors with a new perspective. 45 is also the number of God’s servants, with a renewed commitment to life-changing work, who will go back out into the world after this summer.

Alkulana boasts high numbers, and great success. Numbers are not important in and of themselves. However, numbers matter a lot to me. I see it more than I ever have, but each number is a person, a life that may be touched by God. Each additional number is one more child who desperately needs our love, and even more so God’s love. We need to take each and every opportunity to change the world, 1 person at a time.

So I close with perhaps the most inspiring part of this summer success: a huge thank you to the countless individuals and church groups who made it possible. The sheer numbers of people and hours that got camp ready, the dollars donated, books offered, prayers lifted up, thank you for your commitment to God’s glorious work in creating what one camper referred to as heaven on earth.
Central Virginia Baptist Ministries Presents the

2009 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE
“Mindful Ministry for Today and Tomorrow”
1 Chronicles 12:32

September 28, 2009
Bon Air Baptist Church
2531 Buford Road, Richmond, VA 23235-3419 • 272-1475

DINNER: 5:45-6:30 p.m.
Cost per meal $7.00 - RSVP To CVBM by September 18
Send check to: CVBM, c/o Joan Hudson,
1975 Urbine Road, Powhatan, VA 23139

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE
6:40-6:50 p.m.: Plenary session with Travis Collins
6:55-7:55 p.m.: Session I
8:00-8:55 p.m.: Session II

FOR MORE DETAILS INFORMATION ON CONFERENCES
AND TO REGISTER go to: www.cvbm.org

Mission Opportunity

2009

STATE FAIR
OF VIRGINIA

The Meadow Event Park
I-95 exit 98 next to Kings Dominion
Doswell, Virginia in Caroline County

September 24 - October 4, 2009

WHAT IS NEEDED: Central Virginia Baptist Ministries, Inc. invites churches to participate in preparing HOSPITALITY BAGS for the State Fair employees. Hospitality bags should include toiletry items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, shampoo, conditioner, band aids, lip balm, soap, and tissues. Please put the items in gallon-sized Ziploc bags.

WHERE TO DROP OFF: Drop off Hospitality Bags at the Richmond Baptist Association (3111 Moss Side Avenue, 23222) Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please place a note with the bags that indicates the name of your church or organization.

WHEN TO DROP OFF: Hospitality bags need to be dropped off by September 15

DISTRIBUTION: Central Virginia Baptist Ministries will distribute the hospitality bags to the employees prior to the opening of the State Fair.

CONTACT: Please contact Gayle Taylor, Associate for Missions, at gayle.taylor@cvbm.org or 598-6350 with questions.

Ministry Service Opportunities Available
During NASCAR Race Weekend
September 11-12, 2009
Richmond International Raceway (RIR)

Central Virginia Raceway Ministries (CVRM) has been granted the unique opportunity once again to minister through RIR guest services to over 100,000 race fans during the upcoming September race weekend. Many Volunteers are needed to serve as ambassadors of goodwill at one of the three Hospitality sites at the track. Volunteers are asked to work just one 3-4 hour shift during the weekend. Check out the ministry opportunities listed below and pick out the ministry “shift” that best works for you. Come join us as we share God’s love at the races and in the race of life!

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES
DISTRIBUTING cups of cold water, homemade cookies, and Christian driver literature;
PERFORMING as singers, musical groups or as clowns, magicians, mimes, jugglers, balloon artist, etc. or
SERVING as chaplains, crisis counselors, logistics coordinators/assistants, or support persons.

SCHEDULE OF MINISTRY SERVICE
9/10—SET-UP: 9 am-1pm, 1-4pm, 4-7pm
9/11—NATIONWIDE RACE: 9 am-1pm, 1-4pm, 4-7pm, 7-10pm
9/12—SPRINT CUP RACE: 9 am-1pm, 1-4pm, 4-7pm, 7-10pm
9/13—TAKE-DOWN: 12:00 – 2:30pm

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, Sept. 8-10, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (329-1701).

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REPORT WHEN YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER: CONTACT: BILLY DAVIS
(H) 804-741-4898 OR (C) 804-306-1604 OR EMAIL: billy.davis1@verizon.net

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RBA Senior Adult Fall Luncheon

“KEEPING THE FAITH IN HARD TIMES”

Friday, October 16, 2009

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

Baptist Ministry Assistants of Virginia
One-Day Fall Conference

Friday, September 25, 2009
9:30 a.m.—Registration
10:00 a.m.—Devotions & Business
11:00 a.m.—Guest Speaker
12:00 p.m.—Luncheon in Dining Room
1:00 p.m. Tour of Facility (optional)

Lakewood Manor
1900 Lauderdale Drive, Richmond, VA 23238

Guest Speaker: Vivian Clingenpeel

Cost: $8.00 BMAV Members or $10 for Guests
Registration due by: August 31 to
Marty Garber, BMAV Conference Coordinator,
Religious Herald, P. O. Box 8377, Richmond, VA 23226
Make checks payable to BMAV.

Questions: contact Marty at mgarber@religiousherald.org or check out website at: http://vbmb.org/ministryassistants/index.htm
CHURCH NEWS

BON AIR’s Vacation Bible School missions’ offering totaled $2,118 which will enable the purchase of two water buffalo, two flocks of chicks (100), two heifers and four goats to provide food for starving Africans. BROADUS MEMORIAL will offer an AARP approved “DRIVER SAFETY CLASS” on Thursday, Sept 3, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm and had a “Seniors and Youth Game Night” on Sunday, August 23 at 5:30 pm to “get to know one another”. CAMBRIDGE will have their 4th Annual Dinner on the Grounds on Sunday, Sept 4 immediately following the morning service with a Pot Luck Lunch followed by an outdoor concert by Into Hymn, a Christian Acapella group from JMU. CARLISLE AVENUE will begin serving a “Community Lunch” at 12:00 noon on the 4th Thursday of each month. DERBYSHIRE will have a FAITH FESTIVAL September 25-27, a weekend for all ages including a Date Night for parents of young children, Social Ministry projects, seminars, a Brunswick stew supper and concert by Drexel Rayford. FIRST will offer a series designed to help people understand common health issues and adjust their lifestyles for a longer, safer, healthier existence called “The Physician Within: 10 Physicians, 10 Nights, 10 Topics” on Tuesday nights, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, Sept 8 – Nov 10. Specialists in each medical field will do a brief presentation with a time for questions and answers. They will also offer Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University facilitated by Rick Whittington on Wednesdays, Sept 9 – Dec 9, 5:45-7:15 pm. GAYTON will offer the Grief Share Ministry on Tuesday evenings beginning Sept 15. GINTER PARK graciously hosted the RBA WMU Leadership Workshop on Tuesday, Aug 18. GRACE has begun to help support Tabernacle’s food ministry. HATCHER MEMORIAL will begin Faith In Action, Sept 6-27, by focusing on Biblical compassion, service and Christ’s heart for those in need, through special Worship Services, Bible Fellowships and daily devotionals culminating on Sept 27 by going out to serve with the community on service projects instead of having their early morning worship. HUGUENOT ROAD’s VBS missions’ offering was over $2,300 which will go to the “Watering Malawi” program. LEIGH STREET has allowed CHAT Day Camp to meet in their facilities to avoid the heat for the summer so the young people from the community can spend time learning more about God, the church and each other. MONUMENT HEIGHTS generously hosted the RBA’s Executive Council meeting on Aug 20. SANDSTON will offer the “Arthritis Foundation Self-Help Program” on Wednesdays, Sept 9 – October 14 to help learn the skills needed to build a self-management program and handle the day-to-day challenges of having arthritis. SKIPWITH offered a VBS session for youth in August. STOCKTON MEMORIAL is hosting an old fashioned tent revival featuring Dr. Vander Warner on October 4-7. TABERNACLE is encouraging church members to embrace a new “Family-2-Family” ministry which will involve pairing one American family with one International family. WESTOVER is reaching out to the neighborhood organizations, Refugee and Immigration Services and Dominion Day Services, by allowing them the use of their building for summer children’s programs. WOODLAND HEIGHTS had a special recognition service on Aug 23 for couples that were married at Woodland Heights as part of their 100th Anniversary.

STAFF NEWS

BON AIR has called Kevin Glenn as their Associate Pastor for Students and Cathy McLaren has begun serving as the Director of Discipleship Programming. WESTHAMPTON has called Rev. Joy C. Heaton as their new Senior Pastor.
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. 3832. 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 804 353-8277. Email Chesterfield, Va. 3832. Phone 804-744-8761. Fax 804-744-868-9215. Email stocktonchurch@aol.com. Will consider director and accompanist position as separate positions if qualified. Organist abilities a plus.

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 NewCovenaBC@aol.com or you can mail a resume to: New Covenant Baptist Church, Attn: Personnel Committee, 7250 Patterson Ave, Richmond VA 23229

Part-time Organist needed at Emmaus Baptist Church, 814 Yorktown Road, Poquoson, VA 23662. For details and to apply call Betty Warren, Minister of Music and Administration at 757-857-688-9215.

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First Day is a time when women come together on the first day of school to pray for children. Whether we have little ones in school or BIG ones in college, military or the workplace, they all need prayer. Come join us at one of the three locations on:

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2009**
9:30 a.m.; Inspirational PowerPoint Show
10-11:00 A.M. MOTHERS PRAYING
11-11:30 a.m. Reception

**COLONIAL HEIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH**
1701 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Colonial Heights

**KINGSWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH**
14111 Sovereign Grace Drive, Midlothian

**ST. PAUL’S BAPTIST CHURCH**
4247 Creighton Road, Richmond

One Hour • One Day • One Focus • Multiple Locations
Questions: Betsy Akins; www.first-day.org
804-379-3520; email: thevahaven@verizon.net

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**SEPTEMBER CALENDAR**

**SEPTEMBER 1 @ 9:00 A.M.**
RACEWAY MINISTRIES CORE TEAM, RBA

**SEPTEMBER 1 @ 6:30 P.M.**
CAMP ALKULANA CAST, RBA

**SEPTEMBER 2 @ 12 NOON**
MINISTERS’ LUNCH, PICCADILLY ON BROAD

**SEPTEMBER 3 @ 11:30 A.M.**
RBA PARTNERSHIP MISSIONS TEAM, RBA

**SEPTEMBER 7**
Labor Day

**SEPTEMBER 8-10**
RECEIVE “HOMEMADE” COOKIES FOR RACEWAY MINISTRY
RBA Office 8:30-4:30

**SEPTEMBER 11-12**
RACEWAY MINISTRY—NASCAR RACES, RIR

**SEPTEMBER 13-20**
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR STATE MISSIONS
“ALMA HUNT” OFFERING

**SEPTEMBER 15 @ 10:30 A.M.**
RBA WMU FALL CELEBRATION & LUNCH, FIRST

**SEPTEMBER 15 @ 9 A.M.—12:30 P.M.**
ORIENTATION OF MINISTERS NEW TO VIRGINIA, VBRC

**SEPTEMBER 17 @ 2:00 P.M.**
CVBM COORDINATING TEAM, VBRC

**SEPTEMBER 21 @ 12 NOON**
CENTERS SUPPORT GROUP, RBA

**SEPTEMBER 21 @ 12 NOON**
DEADLINE FOR TRANSFORMED MATERIAL TO RBA

**SEPTEMBER 24—OCTOBER 4**
CVBM STATE FAIR MINISTRY, “THE MEADOW”

**SEPTEMBER 28**
CVBM LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE, Bon Air
5:45 PM DINNER; 6:40 P.M CONFERENCE
For More Info: www.cvbm.org
The Richmond Baptist Association has partnered with Crown Financial Ministries to be able to assist our member churches in securing some of the best resources available to churches and individuals in the matter of stewardship. Crown has many different programs and options available to be used in the short-term or long-term. We want to encourage you to explore these resources and use those that best suit your needs.

Stephen Smalley is the Area Director for central Virginia for Crown Financial Ministries. He is more than anxious to help our churches find those tools that would help them to train their membership in how to be good stewards of God’s provisions. Steve is excited about a new resource coming out next month. It is a short film series entitled God Provides Film Learning Experience. In this film series, timeless illustrations will be shown in epic detail, leaping off the pages of Scripture and into our modern lives to teach us how to faithfully live with trust in God, our ultimate Provider. For more information about this and other resources, please contact Steve Smalley at ssmalley@crown.org or 804-561-0716. You can also see more of the resources at www.crownva.org.