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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

Your church should be represented!
Send your elected messengers
Contact your church office
If you want to be a messenger.

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@rbaoonline.org.
Greetings,

It is my privilege to serve as the Director of Missions for the Richmond Baptist Association. As a part of that responsibility, I am a member of a number of organizations that partner or network with the RBA. One of those groups is the Network of Baptist Associations (NOBA), which is a national organization representing all of the more than 1,200 local associations across the United States. Each association must make the decision to whether they want to participate in NOBA by paying their annual membership fee, attending the meetings, and taking advantage of the various programs offered to the members.

The RBA is a member of NOBA and I attended the annual SUMMIT meeting in January of this year. It was a three-day meeting on the campus of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. It was a wonderful experience to connect with associational staff workers from all across America. In the various conferences offered to us, we were challenged by some the best experts in their respective fields of ministry. At this meeting, we were introduced to David Meacham, who is the new staff liaison between the North American Mission Board and the local associations in the Southern Baptist Convention. It is his purpose to strengthen the ties between NAMB and the associations which have been strained over the last two decades. David announced to us that NAMB was sponsoring a National Convocation on Associational Missions to be held at Ridgecrest Conference Center in North Carolina in September.

My calendar was clear for September 9-10-11 so I was able to attend this NAMB event. There were over 500 associational workers in attendance for this historic meeting. I met DOMs from Alaska, California, Texas, New York, Missouri, Florida and everywhere in between. It was amazing to realize how very similar we all are in the context of our associational mission. It was very encouraging to me to listen to the conversations around the table at meal times. The RBA is facing many of the same challenges that these other associations are facing even though we are miles apart in different states.

In the first session on Wednesday evening, we were blessed to hear a message from J.C. Bradley, a renowned Baptist associational worker. He authored the book, A Baptist Association: Churches on Mission Together, in 1984. He is a rich resource for Baptist associational history. He told us that this meeting in Ridgecrest was the fifth such convocation. The others were held in 1963, 1974, 1981 and 1989. So it had been 20 years since the last national gathering of associational workers by NAMB (formerly known as the Home Mission Board).

The emphasis of this fifth convocation was “The Greatest Impact for the Great Commission.” We were reminded of the urgency to focus on evangelism in our associations and in our country. Bradley said our number one strategy must be prayer. The associations don’t need new or more programs, they don’t need to re-structure the organization, they need to “commit to follow the Holy Spirit who is the cosmic director of God’s mission.” So, I challenge myself and you to give ourselves to prayer and seeking to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

WELCOME

Rev. Joy C. Heaton
Pastor, Westhampton

We are pleased to announce that Rev. Joy Lynn Cooper Heaton has been called to be the Senior Pastor of Westhampton Baptist Church. Her first Sunday in the pulpit was September 1.

Rev. Heaton’s first pastorate was with Antioch Baptist Church, Enfield, North Carolina prior to relocating to Waverly, Virginia where she continued her pastoral ministry while her husband studied and received a Master of Divinity degree from BTSR. Prior to being a pastor, Rev. Heaton was a certified public accountant for eleven years in Texas and North Carolina.

Joy and her husband Tom have been married for twenty-seven years. Tom is the Director of Music Ministries at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Glen Allen.

We join with the congregation of Westhampton in welcoming Joy and her husband to the RBA family.

August 2009 Budget Report

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As of 6/30/09

| Offering Goal | $107,000.00 |
| YTD Receipts  | $ 67,987.64 |
| YTD Expenses  | $ 91,550.31 |
“Look Around You: Ministering to Women Far and Near”
Missions Tea

November 29, 2009
3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Huguenot Road Baptist Church
10525 W. Huguenot Road

Questions that will be addressed during this conference are:

♦ Did you know that the primary religion in Cairo, Egypt (population 5 million) is Islam? (Pray for the Professionals of Cairo, Egypt, Pamphlet.)

♦ Did you know that according to the Virginia Department of Health over 13,000 young females 10 to 19 years of age become pregnant each year in our state? (Kim Warburton, Executive Director of Pregnancy Resource Center.)

♦ Did you know eating disorders are less about food, and more about attempts to confront and respond to stress, anxiety, and life? (Northfield Foundation. 14 September 2009 <www.northfieldfoundation.org>.)

This conference, for women of all ages, will focus on global and local ministries that touch the lives of women. A tea and fashion show will open the program, followed by speakers who will share their ministry experiences and open our eyes to ways that we can provide assistance to women in need, both far and near.

FEATURED SPEAKERS:
Hannah Boswell, missionary to Egypt
Kim Warburton, Pregnancy Resource Center
Gwen Seiler, Northfield Foundation

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Registration:
There is no charge to attend this conference, but reservations are required. Please email Gayle Taylor, CVBM, at gayle.taylor@cvbm.org or call her at (804) 598-6350.
Please make your reservation by November 20.

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

Golfers Take Your Best SWING at making a child’s summer wonderful!

THE ENTRUST A Kululana GOLF TOURNAMENT
The Hollows Golf Club, Montpelier

October 9, 2009
12:00 noon Box Lunch; 1:00 p.m. Shotgun start
$75 per person; $280 per foursome
Fee includes box lunch and green fee.

HOLE SPONSORS NEEDED!
Minimum fee for Hole Sponsorship is $100/hole
SPECIAL: Sign up a foursome AND Sponsor a hole, the fee is just $360!

LUNCH SPONSORS WELCOMED!
Sunday School Classes or other church groups can participate by being a sponsor of the box lunch. $50 is suggested amount.

SIGN UP NOW WHILE SPACES ARE AVAILABLE!
To sign up, go to www.alkulana.org or call Frances Jones at the RBA (329-1701) to receive a registration brochure.
This year marked the 95th year of service to Richmond’s children and youth through the RBA’s Camp Alkulana ministry! I am excited to report to you that by all possible measures, my first summer as camp director was a great success. We saw a total of 197 campers this summer, which is an increase of 32 children from last year. We accomplished this by, for the first time ever, opening up a new cabin for use during the younger girls’ session. I also have to give credit for the large turn-out to Angela Peters who worked tirelessly during the summer as our registrar to make sure that all of our slots were filled. Not only did we have an increase in campers this year, but we also increased the percentage of our campers that fit our target demographic, coming from low-income families. Up from last year’s 39%, this year 52% of our campers qualify for the federal free lunch program, meaning that they are identified as financially needy families. We have intentionally increased this percentage this year (and will continue to do so) by establishing partnerships with area agencies that work with the same population we seek out. This year, we registered campers through the Micah Initiative, Communities in Schools, the Richmond Behavioral Health Authority, Chesterfield Mental Health Services, Henrico Social Services, and Chesterfield Department of Social Services. These partnerships assure that we are investing in children who really need Alkulana, and that they are getting follow-through services throughout the year.

We had approximately sixty staff and volunteers throughout the summer, who did everything from cook, teach crafts, change Band-Aids, plunge toilets, teach swimming lessons, facilitate an interactive Bible study, and share living space with 9-14 year olds! They are a brave staff! I was so impressed with their dedication to this ministry and to the children who came through our camp this summer. They did God’s work this summer, loving children who often feel lost and unaccepted.

As always, we conducted an evaluation with the older campers. It is always both humbling and refreshing to read their remarks about their camp experience, and so I wanted to share a few with you. I’m becoming convinced that these campers are the best PR folks we could hire! As you listen to these remarks, think of our average camper saying these things-- a camper who does not do well in school, a camper who has in someway been stripped of their childhood, a camper whose family struggles to pay rent and eat, a camper who may have been abused or neglected. This is what they said--

When asked if they feel differently about themselves at camp than at home, campers answered:

- No-- Because camp IS my home.
- I feel free like I can just be myself around everyone.
- At my house I don’t make friends and here I’ve made a lot.
- I feel more confident in myself
- I feel closer to God than anywhere else.
- I feel protected.
- Yes, because I read the Bible more often.

When asked how they would describe camp to people back home they said:

- That it is the best camp you will ever go to.
- Camp Alkulana is the best, you learn about God and yourself.
- It’s a good break from the real world.
- I would say it is fun. You go camping, swimming, meet new people and learn more about God.
- You should come to camp with me because it is fun and will help you understand God more.
- It’s a place where you can not worry what others think of you.
- I can’t even explain how awesome it is. You just need to come!

It sounds to me, and it feels to me, like this ministry works. I felt that way for years as a counselor, and I am even more convinced now that I see a new perspective as director. Many of you and your churches are to thank for making this ministry possible. During two different work days in May over one hundred volunteers from fourteen churches came to camp to do maintenance, construction, and general spiffing up! You have contributed financially, with handiwork, and sweat, and with brain power. This is your ministry, and we are proud to say it is convincingly making a difference in the lives of young people and families across Richmond.

The Alkulana Mentoring program, our year-round element of ministry will begin in September. We’ve seen a powerful impact of this program on our Counselor in Training and Junior Counselors programs. Many former campers are stepping up to the plate and taking advantage of the leadership opportunities that these programs give them. We will be pairing 14-16 year old campers with camp staff and other adults connected with camp to build leadership and keep kids connected to camp throughout the year. We’re also expanding our reach, by instituting a community leadership program for our 16 & 17 year olds that have become Junior Counselors. They will work together to plan ways to give back to their communities, including planning two large events for our younger campers to attend throughout the year. We are excited about the ways we are continuing to invest in the lives of these young people who deserve all of the love and attention we can give them!

The Camp Alkulana Support Team, summer staff, and I appreciate the support and prayers of the churches and individuals of the Richmond Baptist Association as we work to bring the Gospel of Jesus to the children of Richmond.
A+
Richmond Baptist Centers
Back-To-School Celebrations
741+ Backpacks & Supplies Distributed!

The reports of the three Baptist Center Directors at the last Centers Support Group meeting were filled with the sincere appreciation of the Directors to RBA churches, WMU groups and individuals who very generously provided backpacks, school supplies, underwear, socks, toiletry bags and volunteer helpers for the three Celebrations. With the current economic situation, each Center saw an increase in applications to receive supplies and the RBA churches came through to meet the increased need! The numbers from each Center follow:

SOUTH RICHMOND: August 21 (4-6 p.m.)
♦ 265 backpacks distributed in 2 hours!
♦ 7 more backpacks were distributed at a later date.

OREGON HILL: August 22 (10am—12 pm)
♦ 107 children received backpacks/supplies
♦ Extra supplies were donated to local schools: Clark Springs Elementary, Maymont Elementary, Binford Middle, and Thomas Jefferson High School

CHURCH HILL: August 29 (10 am—3 pm)
♦ 337 backpacks distributed + 317 toiletry bags given out at the Celebration. The lined formed at 9 a.m.!
♦ 25 backpacks given to a Spanish community at Second
♦ Extra supplies went to Bethlehem Penick to be sent to Frederiksted Baptist church, St. Croix, USVI to share with community children in serious need.

Further Note of Praise: Many RBA churches, in addition to providing school supplies to the Centers, provided backpacks and supplies to children in need in their surrounding communities making it possible for far more than 741 children to be blessed and ready for this school year due to the abundant generosity of our RBA churches.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
Baptist Center's
2009 Christmas Stores

As temperatures finally begin to cool down and the leaves turn, it’s time once again to start thinking about Christmas! Before we know it the Richmond Baptist Center’s Christmas Stores will need to be stocked and ready. The Christmas store at South Richmond Baptist Center, which also serves Oregon Hill Baptist Center, will be held December 3 & 4 (Thursday and Friday) and the store at Church Hill Center will be December 5 (Saturday).

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

THANKSGIVING REQUEST FROM OUR BAPTIST CENTERS

“The Well”
Needs Gift Cards, Gift Cards, Gift Cards

Glinda Ford, Church Hill Christian Wellness Center, says she is NOT giving out turkeys this year for Thanksgiving, but plans to include grocery store gift cards with the regular food bags she will be distributing. She asks for donations of: 80 Ukrops or Walmart $10 Gift Cards to be delivered by Tuesday, November 10. She always appreciates food bag donations. If you have any questions, contact Glinda Ford at 780-0053.

Oregon Hill Baptist Center is in need of Thanksgiving "like" food to be given away on Monday, November 23 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Food should be delivered to the Center by Monday, November 16 (please call ahead to set up delivery time). Call Jennifer Turner, Community Missionary for Oregon Hill at 648-1353 if interested in helping. Thanks in advance for your contributions — Jennifer

Food Items Requested Are:
$10 Kroger gift cards (to be distributed 1 per family)
Canned Hams
Turkey or Brown Gravy
Boxes of Instant Stuffing or Potatoes or Rice
Flavored Rice (Rice a Roni, etc.)
Macaroni & Cheese (Family-size boxes)
Family sized cans Sweet Potatoes/Yams
Family-sized cans Green Bean or Corn
Cream of Mushroom or Chicken Soup
Canned Hams
Cranberry Sauce or Apple Sauce
Muffin Mix, Cornbread Mix, etc.
Graham Cracker pie shells in pan
Large boxes of Instant Pudding Mixes for pies
Apple Juice
Instant Coffee; Box of Tea Bags

South Richmond Center Thanksgiving Dinner and Food Bags

Margaret Allen reports that New Canaan Baptist Church is hosting the Thanksgiving Dinner at South Richmond Center on Thursday, November 19. Following the dinner she will distribute her Thanksgiving Food Bags. She is asking for donations of:
90 — $10 Food Lion Gift Cards
90 Regular Food bags with Thanksgiving items added
Please make your deliveries by Wednesday, November 18! Contact Margaret at 232-0174 with any questions or to schedule deliveries.

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**CHURCH NEWS**

**BETHANY PLACE** started two Women's Bible Studies: “Esther: It’s Tough Being a Woman” (a Beth Moore study) and “Me, Myself, & Lies: a thought-closet makeover” (based on a book by Jennifer Rothschild). They will be adding a new Worship Service at 11:00 am on October 4. **BON AIR** hosted the CVBM Leadership Conference, and will host a concert by Ashley Cleveland, a Dove Award and Grammy winner on Friday, October 2, 7:00 pm. They will offer “Time to Fortify” Fall Seminars for self improvement or financial help, building faith or building relationships, “Basic Car Care for Women” and many more. **BROADUS MEMORIAL** offered the “AARP Driver Safety Class” for motorists over 50 years old in September.

**CAMBRIDGE** will kick off “Celebration 6:33”. A contemporary service geared for those who work and/or who have obligations during the 10:30 am worship starting October 4 at 6:33 pm. **CARLISLE AVENUE** will have Dr. Ron Crawford, President of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond, as guest preacher Sunday, October 18. **DERBYSHIRE**’s Senior Adult Ministry is offering a Community Forum: “The 2010 Medicare Changes and What They Mean to You” on Tuesday, October 6 at 10:30 am and they will begin again their “Reading Buddies” program which provides an opportunity for senior adults to read stories aloud to children in their Nursery School. **FIRST** will offer “GOD SPEAK...A prayer Adventure”, which is an exploration of the work of the Holy Spirit in and through our prayer lives with Rev. Ben Campbell, Pastoral Director of Richmond Hill, Saturday, Oct 10, 8:30 am to noon. They have started a class for children, grades 1-5, with special needs during the 11:00 am worship service time and started registration for Upward Basketball and Upward Cheerleading. **GAYTON** will begin a new worship schedule October 4 with Traditional Worship at 8:30 am, Contemporary Worship at 9:45 am, Blended Worship at 11:00 am and with Bible Study at 9:45 am and 11:00 am.

**GINTER PARK** has formed Triads to spend 100 minutes ten times during the 100 days between September 6th and December 20th to share their Christian experience, their hopes and dreams for the church and then pray, asking God to give them vision for their church. **GRACE** is starting up their “8ate Fall Quarter” which are groups of eight people who meet in homes and/or restaurants for monthly meals to enjoy fellowship with old and new church friends from October through December. **HUGUENOT ROAD** held their annual “Clinic” on September 12 which served over 570 people and offered dentists, doctors (including children’s shots), food, clothing, haircuts, home goods (sheets, towels, dishes, etc) and much, much more.

**JAHNKE ROAD** will have a Yard Sale on October 3, 7:00 am – 1:00 pm. **LEIGH STREET** invites all to their Harvest Home Celebration on November 8, beginning with worship at 11:00 am and followed by a luncheon. Call the church for more information at 648-0415. **MONUMENT HEIGHTS** is having a church-wide event in cultural awareness, “Reaching Internationals”, featuring missionaries, Butch and Nell Green, on October 17, 6:00-8:00 pm with a Homemade Spaghetti Dinner with Homemade International Desserts. **NEW COVENANT** is having a Fall Festival (11:00 am-2:00 pm) and Yard Sale (7:00 am-12:00 pm) on Saturday, October 10. **OAKWOOD MEMORIAL** celebrated their Homecoming Day September 20 by featuring Dr. Joe Holland, Pastor Emeritus from Broadus Memorial Baptist Church, as guest speaker for their morning worship service followed by a Fellowship Dinner on the grounds. **PATTERSON AVENUE** will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Founding of their church, when Park View and Calvary Baptist Churches united. On October 4 they will have Dr. John Upton, Executive Director of the VBMB as guest preacher followed by a fellowship luncheon. **RIVER ROAD** will host CARITAS October 10-20 and will host “Empty Bowls”, an annual fundraising dinner to benefit Freedom House, sponsored this year by the church’s Board of Missions and WMU, on Thursday, October 22 at 6:00 pm and again at 7:00 pm. The church received a gift of twelve English hand bells, cast by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, as a gift from a member to the glory of God and in honor of Carl Freeman’s 41st year anniversary as their Minister of Music. **SAINT PAUL’S** will celebrate Pastor Lance Watson’s 24 years of service with special guests, Dr. James Jackson, Senior Pastor of the New Beginnings Church of Indianapolis, IN, Dr. Charles Goodman, Senior Pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Augusta, GA and Dr. Walter Malone, Senior Pastor of the Canaan Christian Church of Louisville, KY. Celebrations are Thursday, (October 8) and Friday, (Oct 9) evenings at 7:00 pm (Creighton Rd Campus), and regular worship service times Saturday at 5:00 pm (Belt Blvd Campus) and Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 pm (Creighton Road Campus). The Belt Boulevard Campus will host “The United Way Drop-Out Prevention Summit” on Thursday, October 22 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. **SECOND** hosted a piano recital by Pianist Russell Wilson for the sixth year and on Saturday, October 24 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm will hold their “Local Effort to Serve” (LETS) to make a difference in their community by performing service projects. **STAPLES MILL ROAD** will offer the “Whole Body Workout” for women on Saturday, November 7, from 8:30 am-4:30 pm with a Special Guest Speaker and Worship Leader, Breakout Sessions (Exercise & Nutrition, Saving Money & Couponing, and more), and lunch. **STOCKTON MEMORIAL** hosted a very successful (almost $3,200) Walk-a-Thon Fundraiser for “HOPETREE”, the Baptist supported homes in Salem and Richmond. **SWIFT CREEK** is offering a conference on October 9-10 for women featuring guest speaker, Cindi Wood, the author of “The Frazzled Female”. **WEBBER MEMORIAL’s** Men’s Fraternity groups began meeting on Tuesdays at 6:00-7:30 am or 6:00-7:30 pm.

*NOTE: BON AIR, FIRST, HUGUENOT ROAD, NEW BRIDGE and SECOND will host UPWARD BASKETBALL for boys and girls grades 1-6, and Upward Cheerleading (except Second) for boys and girls kindergarten through grade 6. Registration is now open. For more information and registration, contact the church. The program is designed to give children and their families a positive sports experience and to build character, self esteem and salvation. The season will incorporate practice, games, devotions, and a celebration event at the end of the season. The emphasis is on skill development and spiritual growth.*

**STAFF NEWS**

**SKIPWITH** will have an ordination Service for April Sledge on Sunday afternoon October 4. **SANDSTON** has called Kristen Michelle Taylor as their new Minister of Youth and Bonnie Sohn as their new Minister of Children. **WESTHAMPTON** has called Rev. Joy Heaton as their new Senior Pastor and will have her Installation Service on Sunday, October 4 at 4:00 pm.
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. 23832. 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/CHORI 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.

MINISTERS FOR YOUTH AND CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES. Seeking two individuals to head respective ministries. Approximately 20 hours a week in Powhatan, Virginia. Mail resume to Search Committee, May Memorial Baptist Church, P. O. Box 56, Powhatan, VA 23139 or email to admin@maymemorial.org.

THE RESOURCE CENTER
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www.resourcingchurches.com

Nominations are still 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 as soon as possible; then, information will be available on how to make reservations for church members attending the banquet with their nominee. 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 check the website at www.resourcingchurches.com.

VIRGINIA BAPTIST LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
FALL BANQUET AND WORKSHOP
Roots are for Branching Out: 51 years and Growing! Church library workers are invited to attend October 9 - 10, 2009 at First Baptist Church of Martinsville (23 Starling Ave, Martinsville, VA 24112). Additional information on the website www.vachurchlibrary.org or call Nancy King at 804.781.0151.
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RBA CHURCHES SEEKING A PASTOR

New Bridge
Shalom Fellowship

Entrust Federal Credit Union now offers The M Plan, a free way for you to become more faithful with your finances. Do you want to pay off debt faster? Want to know how to save more money? Look for The M Plan logo on our website, www.efcu.coop, for details as to how we can help you move forward.

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"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'" – Matthew 25:21

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