## October Calendar

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Event Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>October 1</td>
<td>6:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Camp Auxiliana Support Team, RBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>October 3</td>
<td>12:00 noon</td>
<td>Ministers Lunch, Piccadilly on Broad</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>October 5</td>
<td>12:00 noon</td>
<td>Senior Adult Luncheon, Skipwith</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>7:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Annual Partnership Missions Gathering, First Baptist Richmond</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>October 12</td>
<td></td>
<td>3rd Annual Camp Auxiliana Golf Tournament</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>The Hollows Golf Course</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>12:00 noon Lunch &amp; 1:00 p.m. Shot Gun Start</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>October 14</td>
<td></td>
<td>World Hunger Sunday</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Clergy Appreciation Sunday</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>October 18</td>
<td>7:00 p.m.</td>
<td>RBA Administrative Council Meeting, RBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>October 21</td>
<td>3:00 p.m.</td>
<td>RBA Annual Fall Meeting &amp; Dinner, Broadus Memorial</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OCTOBER 23</td>
<td>6:15 p.m.</td>
<td>NW WOM @ St. Paul's</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>6:30 p.m. SW WOM @ Woodland Heights</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

## THE RBA WANTS YOU!
The Leadership Development Team will be working through the summer months to enlist volunteers from our RBA churches to serve in various capacities during the 2007-2008 associational year. We are so grateful to the many people who have given and served sacrificially through the years. But it is important that we involve new team members in the work of the association. It is hoped that more of our young adults will take an active part in doing missions in "Jerusalem." If you are interested in learning more about service opportunities, please call Pete du Plessis at 329-1701. It would certainly be appropriate to recommend a friend to us. Thanks for your help.

## TRANSFORMED!
* Published monthly by the Richmond Baptist Association, 3111 Moss Side Avenue, Richmond, VA 23222, 804-329-1701.

If you would like to submit an article by the 20th of each month, or be added or deleted from the mailing list, please contact Frances Jones via email or snail mail at the addresses listed below.

RICHMOND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
3111 Moss Side Avenue
Richmond, VA 23222
Phone: 804-329-1701
Fax: 804-321-7121
E-mail: office@rbaonline.org
Website: www.rbaonline.org

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED
GREETINGS

Welcome to the October 2007 issue of the RBA Newsletter. We are excited to announce several upcoming events and programs that we believe will be of interest to our churches and members. Here are some highlights from this month's issue:

1. **Upward Basketball**
   - **Event Details**: Camp Alkulana Offering. The goal of $90,000.00 provides the necessary funds called for in the RBA budget to operate Camp Alkulana for a year. At the end of August, the Camp has received $98,168.06 for the ministries it provides. Hallelujah! The money given in excess of the goal amount will be placed in a Camp Emergency Reserve Fund. This summer, the Camp had some difficulties with the water system. A team is working now to quickly resolve that well water problem so the Camp will be ready for use at any time. God is good to give us the resources needed to carry on this vital ministry of changing lives for the glory of God. We thank all of our churches for your faithful and generous giving to Associa-
   - **Registration**: The Camp building fund. **To sign up**, go to [www.alkulana.org](http://www.alkulana.org) or call the RBA office at 329-1701. Send fees to: Camp Alkulana, Richmond Baptist Association, 3111 Moss Side Avenue, Richmond, VA 23222. Please make checks payable to “Camp Alkulana.”
   - **Hole Sponsorships**: are still available. Minimal fee for a hole sponsorship is $100. Call the RBA office to be a sponsor!

2. **Auction Event**
   - **Budget Amount**: $54,625.00
   - **Budget Receipts**: $89,058.64
   - **Budget Expenses**: $44,790.04
   - **YTD Amount**: $437,000.00
   - **YTD Receipts**: $433,007.41
   - **YTD Expenses**: $428,386.61

3. **Morning Star Baptist Church**
   - **Pastor**: Morning Star Baptist Church’s pastor, choir and many church members came to Bethany Place and shared in a wonderful time of worship. Bethany Place was blessed when Morning Star Baptist Church’s pastor, choir and many church members went to Morning Star to lead them in music as part of their revival services. One Year Anniversary of their James River Campus Minis-try.

4. **Hatch Center**
   - **Events**: Hatcher Center is hosting a “Trick or Truck” Halloween special event for the families in the church and the neighborhood on Wednesday, October 31 from 5 to 7 p.m. BROADUS MEMORIAL will host the RBA’s Annual Meeting on October 21 at 3:00pm. DERBYSHIRE is sponsoring a Marriage Retreat conducted by Roberta Damon on October 5-6. GAYTON is having a Middle School Retreat at Camp Piankatank October 12-14.

5. **Upcoming Events**
   - **3rd Annual Alkulana Golf Tournament**
   - **Date**: October 12, 2007
   - **Location**: the Hollows Golf Club.
   - **Lunch at 12 Noon, with a Shotgun start at 1:00 PM.**
   - **Fee**: includes lunch & green fees.

**Around the Association**

**Church News**

**Bethany Place** was blessed when Morning Star Baptist Church’s pastor, choir and many church members came and shared in a wonderful time of worship. Bethany Place’s choir and members went to Morning Star to lead them in music as part of their revival services.

**Upward Basketball** promotes character, self esteem, and salvation to each participant, while teaching basketball skills.

**First Baptist Church Richmond is Going Upward!**

Upward Basketball is one of the most exciting evangelistic and sports ministries in the country. Designed for 1st – 6th grade boys and girls, Upward Basketball promotes character, self esteem, and salvation to each participant, while teaching basketball skills.

To have your 1st-6th grade boy or girl participate in Upward Basketball this winter at First Baptist Church, simply fill out the registration form located on line at [http://www.fbcrichmond.org](http://www.fbcrichmond.org) or call Robin Hendricks at 804-358-5458 ext. 12 for a registration form to be mailed to you. The deadline is November 8, 2007. Early registration will be $75 per child, and after October 26th it will be an additional $10.

For more information, including the schedule for the manda- tory skill evaluation for each child, contact Buddy Burgess at 804-358-2977, Robin Hendricks at 804-358-5458 ext. 12, or Chris Harris at 804-717-2098. Or go on line at [http://www.fbcrichmond.org/upward](http://www.fbcrichmond.org/upward).
LEAD LIKE JESUS NOW:
The Leadership Revolution! Simulcast
Friday, October 19, 2007
10:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m.
Hosted by Cool Spring Baptist Church
9283 Atlee Station Rd., Mechanicsville
In partnership with Dover Baptist Association
Tickets—$20 (includes refreshments & lunch)
On Sale at Cool Spring Office
Call 804-746-0800 or visit www.coolspring.org

A+ RECEIVED AT ALL THREE CENTER’S
“BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS”
AUGUST 25, 2007

Once again, the reports of the three Baptist Center’s Directors regarding the donations by the WMU and others for the “Back To School” events were glowing! Jennifer Turner, Glinda Ford and Margaret Allen send heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed backpacks and school supplies!

CHURCH HILL: 330+ BACKPACKS + SUPPLIES TO SCHOOLS
The Well’s Back to School Celebration was exciting and the organization was exceptional reported Glinda Ford.
Kurt Tabor came aboard to show the community the love of God in action. 193 BACKPACKS were given out on August 25. 25 BACKPACKS were DONATED TO EACH OF THE FIVE SCHOOLS (elementary, middle and high school) in the East End community. In addition, a generous amount of supplies were given to Chandler Elementary, Martin Luther King Middle and Armstrong High School.

OREGON HILL: 144 BACKPACKS + SUPPLIES TO SCHOOLS
Jennifer Turner reported that approximately 100 BACKPACKS were distributed on Saturday, August 25. Another 25 BACKPACKS were donated to the Fan Free Clinic to assist children who are patients there. Still another 20 BACKPACKS were given out to parents attending the food pantry. In addition to the backpacks several BOXES OF SUPPLIES were distributed to community schools plus Jennifer is keeping some supplies on hand to be used throughout the year.

SOUTH RICHMOND: 425 BACKPACKS + SUPPLIES TO SCHOOLS
Margaret Allen was very pleased with the Back To School Celebration on August 25 at the South Richmond Center. Saint Paul’s South stepped up and helped make the day a very special event for the children with games and entertainment. The Center gave out 370 BACKPACKS and St Paul’s provided an additional 55 BACKPACKS plus numerous others supplies that they are donating to Middle and High Schools students in the community.

LAMP REPORT
“Latin American Mission Project”
Greetings,
I am very happy to report that the attendance at La Primera is growing. When we arrived in 2003 the church had about 45 attendees. In the four years of this ministry to Latinos we opened three other missions, Los Pesca-dores in Mechanicsville, Amelia in Amelia County, and Koinonia in the Chester area. As a result of God working through our radio program, the concert in June, and youth and children’s retreats/activities, our numbers have grown significantly. On the first Sunday of September there were 122 in attendance with an average of 80 to 85 every Sunday for the rest of the month.

In our effort to spread the Gospel to all the Latino Communities in the Metro Richmond, we are starting seven small groups.

My wife Rebecca and I are taking classes in Arlington at the John Leland Theological Seminary. We are taking two classes on Thursdays, Christian Theology and Life and The Letters of the Apostle Paul. One of our goals is to be able to share with the leaders in the Latino community the opportunity and the benefits of taking seminary classes.

The ESL classes in the Mexico Restaurant will be celebrating their first anniversary soon. Time goes fast, and the students are growing in their language skills. Thanks to everyone who support this ministry by prayers or teaching the classes.

Please continue praying for my family, especially for the financial resources for my oldest two daughters, and for Rebecca and me to have the Lord’s wisdom and strength to continue and increase our impact in the Latino Community in the Metro Richmond area.

Blessings,
Rev. Louis Orsatti, Latino Church Planter
Phone: 804-833-9990; Email: lorsatti@yahoo.com

FOOD ITEMS REQUESTED AT THE WELL

The Church Hill Christian Wellness Center is putting out a call for TURKEYS, TURKEYS, and MORE TURKEYS. Glinda Ford says she will need turkeys with stuffing to fill at least 55 bags! The turkeys need to be delivered to The Well by Tuesday, November 20. Food distribution will be on Wednesday, November 21. You can call Glinda Ford, Community Missionary for The Well at 780-0093 if you are interested in helping.

FOOD ITEMS REQUESTED ARE:

- $10 Ulrops gift cards (to be distributed 1 per family)
- Canned Hams
- Canned Vegetables (corn, green beans, peas)
- Canned Sweet Potatoes/Yams
- Stuffing Mix (instant boxed is best)
- Cranberry Sauce
- Muffin Mix, Cornbread Mix, etc.
- Powdered Milk
- Turkey & brown gravy
- Boxes of instant rice & instant potatoes
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Graham Cracker pie shells in pan
- Large boxes of Pudding Mixes for pies

**THANKSGIVING FOOD NEEDED AT OREGON HILL**
Oregon Hill Baptist Center is in need of Thanksgiving “like” food to be given away on Thursday, November 15th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Food should be delivered to the Center by Thursday, November 15th (please call ahead to set up delivery time). VOLUNTEERS are needed to put bags together on Monday, November 13th – from 1:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. and to distribute food on November 15th from 9:00 AM until 12:00 noon. 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:**

- Canned Hams
- Canned Vegetables (corn, green beans, peas)
- Canned Sweet Potatoes/Yams
- Stuffing Mix (instant boxed is best)
- Cranberry Sauce
- Muffin Mix, Cornbread Mix, etc.
- Powdered Milk
- Turkey & brown gravy
- Boxes of instant rice & instant potatoes
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Graham Cracker pie shells in pan
- Large boxes of Pudding Mixes for pies

**THANKSGIVING AT THE "WELL"**

Psychological Testing is needed in the Richmond Public Schools district. The Testing would be held on January 25th and February 22nd. If you are interested in helping with the testing, please call Jennifer Turner, Community Missionary for The Well at 780-0093.
TORONTO-VIRGINIA PARTNERSHIP

REPORT AND PICTURES OF SUMMER MISSION EXPERIENCES OF RICHMOND AND DOVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION CHURCHES

Walter McIntyre, Coordinator of the Toronto-Virginia Partnership send us a report and pictures of all the wonderful Partnership missions projects that happened in Toronto this summer. Three churches from the Richmond Metro Area were involved as the pictures and stories illustrate!

In mid-June, First Baptist Richmond helped at Camp Kwasind preparing the foundations for two cabins. Members of First Richmond joined with members of a group from First Charlotte, North Carolina, to sing the national anthems at a Toronto Blue Jays baseball game. This joint group numbered nearly 100 members. Then the group from First Richmond helped clean up Cruikshank Park in Toronto.

Then Bon Air Baptist Church came in August from Richmond. A group of about 15 came to help run a Vacation Bible School at Martin Grove Baptist Church, tutored Somali families in the Maybell community, and put on an evening praise and worship program at Kipling Avenue Baptist Church. Also, videographer Randy Lynn came and made promotional videos for Matthew House and Dufferin Street Oasis. Youth Pastor Steve Burkholder came along in order to plan a trip for the youth from that church for next year.

Also, in August Mount Olivet Baptist Church, Ashland (Dover) came to help the Kipling Avenue Baptist Church run a Vacation Bible School and complete the renovations to some Sunday School rooms.

BIBLICALLY-BASED FINANCIAL SEMINARS

Entrust Federal Credit Union is happy to provide the Richmond Baptist Association Churches financial education seminars about various topics such as Identity Theft, Church Giving, Financial Management, Budgeting and more. The best part about these seminars is that we use God’s Word to emphasize all of the points of what we should be doing with God’s money. We hope that you will take advantage of your opportunity to learn more about how we can all be better stewards. For more information, please contact Greta Kidd at gkidd@entrustfcu.com or 278-4714.

We are looking forward to seeing you at your Annual Meeting on October 21.

CHRISTMAS DRIVE FOR FLUVANNA CORRECTIONAL CENTER FOR WOMEN

Lynn Litchfield, chaplain at the Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women, has gotten permission to conduct a Christmas Drive for 2007. Toilettry kits, stamps, and cards (especially Christmas cards) are being collected. Stamps are particularly appreciated since it takes an inmate almost two full hours of employment (at 23 cents an hour) to buy a stamp.

Toilettry kits should contain the following items and be packed in a one-gallon zip-loc plastic bag with a hole punched in it:

◊ One shampoo, No larger than 16 ounces
◊ One lotion, No larger than 16 ounces
◊ Two full-size bars of soap
◊ One individually wrapped toothbrush
◊ One full-size toothpaste
◊ One full-size solid deodorant
◊ One non-mechanical pencil

Through the “Chaplain’s Indigent Kit” program, any “extra” toilettry kits will be used to help women who have the financial support to purchase their own items.

You may bring your donations to the RBA building by November 13, and they will be delivered for you. Call Wyatt Heisler (804-741-9320) for more information.

**Mark Your Calendars**

BAPTIST CENTER’S 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 6 and 7 (Thursday and Friday) and the store at Church Hill Center will be December 8 (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.