**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**RBA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING**

February 21, 2008
12:00 noon

Location:
To Be Announced

Would YOUR CHURCH like to Host this Meeting?
Call Pete du Plessis at 329-1701.

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January Calendar

December 24, 2007 — January 1, 2008
RBA Office Closed for Christmas Holiday and New Year’s

January 2 @ 12:00 noon
RBA Ministers’ Luncheon Picadilly on Broad

January 7 @ 10:00 a.m.
RBA WMU Listening Session, RBA

January 7 @ 6:30 p.m.
Camp Support Team, RBA

January 8 @ 8:30 a.m.
CVRM CORE Team Meeting, RBA

January 15 @ 10:30 a.m.
RBA WMU Winter Celebration & Lunch, Westhampton

January 18
RBA Financial Books Close for 2007

January 21
RBA Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

January 22
6:15 PM Women on Mission, NE @ New Bridge
6:30 PM Women on Mission, SW @ First

January 24 @ 12:00 noon
Smaller Church Sunday School Growth Conference, Tabernacle

January 24 @ 7:00 p.m.
Administrative Council Meeting, RBA Office

January 28 @ 12:00 noon
Centers Support Group, RBA

2007 RBA CENTERS’ CHRISTMAS STORES
December 6 & 7—Oregon Hill & South Richmond Centers Combined
December 8—Church Hill Wellness Centers
December 12 & 13—Fifth Street

The RBA Baptist Center Community Missionaries, Margaret Allen, Jennifer Turner and Glinda Ford, express their sincere appreciation to all the churches and individuals that participated in the Christmas Stores this year either by volunteering their time or donating money or items.

The surrounding photos as well as those on page 3 are great illustrations of the blessings experienced by both the volunteers and shoppers.

The block below, gives the count as to how many families were served and how many children were blessed by everyone’s generosity.

If your church was not involved this year, be on the look-out for details about the 2008 Christmas Stores beginning in September!

Those blessed by this year’s Christmas Stores:

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**Check page 3 inside for more pictures!**
Greetings!

The Richmond Baptist Association ended 2007 on such a good note and anticipates beginning 2008 on a similar good note. As we count our blessings for this past year, we must give God all the glory and honor for His marvelous work in and through our missionary church. I thank God for so graciously blessing me in allowing me to serve as the Associational Missionary for this wonderful association of churches in the heart of Richmond, Virginia. I can hardly wait to see what God is going to do in our midst in the days to come. I pray that He will continue to work in our city if we will follow His leadership. Let’s make a commitment to join in hands and hearts as we together seek to build the kingdom of God in our “Jerusalem” (Acts 1:8). I pray it will be so.

In this newsletter, you will see lots of pictures about the beautiful Christmas trees that were provided for our three Baptist mission centers. Thank you for all you did to make this happen in such a beautiful way. Your generosity in providing clothing, toys, and monetary gifts was absolutely overwhelming! I cannot adequately describe the joy I saw in the faces of the vast host of volunteers who helped to make the Christmas trees happen for so many needy families. If you haven’t had the joy of working in one of the RBA Christmas trees, you should make a New Year’s resolution right now that you will be a volunteer in the 2008 Christmas trees. The Christmas season will mean so much more to you if you do. Be intentional about it. Do it. Why not call one of our Community Missionaries at the Baptist Centers right now and find out how you can get in on some of the joy of serving in the name of Christ?

It is with great pleasure that I tell you about the good things happening at Camp Alkulana. Two 1700 gallon water storage tanks have been installed near the well. A new pump house has been built to protect the water equipment and make the equipment more easily accessible to our Camp staff. And now the necessary plumbing is being installed or reworked to service the kitchen and the restrooms. This will make such a big difference as we plan for Spring and two different summer camping sessions. Again, let me say thank you for so freely giving to the dining hall expansion project and now to the water supply solution. I believe that this year’s Summer Camp will be one of our very best. I get all excited just thinking about how wonderful it is going to be for all of our inner-city children coming to the mountains for a wilderness camping experience with God.

A hard-working crew from Broadmas Memorial Baptist Church were in November to November to clean up the grounds around the RBA office building. “Beautification” is a fantastic job in making a real difference in the “curb-side appeal” of our grounds. But alas, another such work day is necessary to finish the necessary work around the building and on the grounds. If your church would like to do some further clean up around the RBA grounds, please contact me and we will set up a date for you to come.

Elaine and I and all the RBA staff pray that you and yours will have a Happy New Year all year long! Thank you for the many cards and expressions of love that came to me and the RBA staff. We did so enjoy the Christmas season of 2007. Needless to say, we are very grateful for your every expression of care and concern for us.

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**EVANGELISM THROST IN SOUTH AFRICA**

It appears that Virginia Baptists have made a commitment to provide support for about twelve church plants in the Free Baptist Association of the Baptist Union of South Africa. The Richmond Baptist Association is sponsoring four of those twelve indigenous church plants in the Free State Association. The Free Baptist Church of South Africa, in the midst of an extensive evangelism campaign known as “Impact 2010.” Each year the Baptist Union puts focus on different areas of the country. South Africa has an im-

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**Help/Situations Wanted Continued**

Berea Baptist Church, in Stafford County, has an immediate opportunity for a FULL OR PART-TIME MUSIC DIRECT- OR TO direct and lead the planning, organization,conduct- ing, and evaluation of a comprehensive music program for adults, youth, and children, including choirs, vocal, and/or instrumental ensembles. Send resume to Berea Baptist Church, Attn: Personnel Committee, 28 Fleet Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22406.

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**PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER OF METRO RICHMOND VOLUNTEER TRAINING CLASS**

February 2 through 28, 2008

The Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC) of Metro Richmond needs volunteers! Both part and full-time staff are available.

The PRC is offering a volunteer training class to equip women and men to minister to those experiencing an unplanned pregnancy.

If you are interested in training, you will need to attend the all-day session on Saturday, February 2, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. as well as the next four sessions that will be held on Thursday from February 7 through 28. Attendance at the training is between two class times: morning sessions from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon or evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

For more information or to register call 673-2020.

Deadline for registration is January 25, 2008.
Welcome to 21-C 2008! Our theme this year is “Causing Heaven to Celebrate,” based on Luke 15:7. We believe that Jesus establishes an important priority when He says, “I’ve come to seek and save lost people.” Shouldn’t lost people be a priority for His followers as well?

It has been estimated that 4.5 million people in Virginia have no connection with any religious organization. How are Virginia Baptists going to respond? 21-C has become synonymous with kingdom vision, innovation, and courage. This year will be no exception:

- Kingdom Vision – participate in a movement that will reach 600,000 lost people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ over a five year period.
- Kingdom Innovation – incorporate the APEPT model of Ephesians 4:11 to discover spiritual gift-base.
- Kingdom Courage – commission, orient, and mobilize the 670. (go to [www.vbmb.org/670](http://www.vbmb.org/670) for more information)

As part of the registration process, we are asking every 21-C attendee to complete an APEPT Survey. This process will take only a few minutes to complete, but will provide each attendee with some critical information concerning his or her spiritual gift-base. For your participation in this survey, you will receive a “free-gift” coupon that can be redeemed when you arrive at 21-C in February.

The registration process will begin soon. You can check the website [www.21-c.org](http://www.21-c.org) for more details about the conference, registration and lodging information.

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**2008 SOJOURNERS PROGRAM**

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 first-hand. The 2008 summer session is for up to ten weeks. The work schedule is flexible. Stipends for 2008 will be $600 per individual. The Sojourners Program offers experiences in working with children, youth, and senior adults in an inner-city environment. Sojourners are exposed to a variety of social ministries. 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 peted@rbaonline.org.

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**2008 RBA Resource Directory Updates NEEDED!**

The RBA office staff hopes to be able to pull together all the information for the 2008 RBA Resource Directory in early January. This directory is a helpful tool to our member churches looking for information about our local association and other Baptist ministries.

One vital piece is the listing of all our member churches and missions with contact information for the church and staff members. If your church has any additions or corrections to make, please contact Frances Jones by January 18 so we can put the directory together by the end of January. Thank you for your assistance.
VBS 2008 Curriculum Fair
January 22-24, 2008
1 - 8 p.m. in Lingle Hall
On the campus of Union-PSCE & BTSR
3406 Brook Road

Come browse at your leisure - light refreshments consultants on site
Sample Kits from All Major Publishers
(Denominational, Cooperative & Independent)
10% discount if ordered from Cokesbury during this event
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www.resourcingchurches.com

PRAY FOR THE RBA
CHURCH OF THE WEEK

JANUARY 6

TABERNACLE

JANUARY 13

TRINITY

JANUARY 20

UNITED FOR CHRIST

JANUARY 27

WEBBER MEMORIAL

FEBRUARY 3

WESTHAMPTON

2007 CAMP ALKULANA Offering

Forward moving to the All-Race Place of Divided Ancestors Offering

Offering Goal: $ 90,000.00
Received 11/30/07: $115,849.13

HOST CHURCHES NEEDED FOR 2008 RBA:

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS
(includes quickly served lunch & meeting
12:00 noon—1:30 p.m)

FEBRUARY 21

MAY 15

AUGUST 21

NOVEMBER 20

RBA SPRING CELEBRATION
APRIL 17 @ 7:00 P.M.

If your church is interested in hosting one of these meetings or if you have questions, contact
Frances Jones or Pete du Plessis at the RBA at
804-329-1701 as soon as possible.

2007 FINANCIAL BOOKS

We will be closing the 2007 Financial Books on
January 18, 2008. Any contributions that you de-
sire to be included in 2007 need to be sent in and
postmarked by December 31. Thanks!

NEEDED: COMPLETED 2007 ACPs!
ACP Contacts of RBA churches should have received
the 2007 Annual Church Profile (ACP) survey
forms in the mail at the end of August. The survey pro-
vides much needed information that is vital to the minis-
try of the RBA.

Please take time to complete the survey forms
and return them to the RBA ASAP! The deadline was
October 15, 2007. If you have any questions, call
Amy Sowder at the RBA office, 329-1701 ext. 208.
We thank you for your attention to this matter!

2-1-1: GETTING THE WORD OUT

Did you know that 2-1-1 Virginia was launched on
February 10, 2006? The Information and Referral Center
at United Way of Greater Richmond and Petersburg,
where the Richmond Region 2-1-1 calls are answered,
is working to get the word out that by simply dialing 2-
1-1, you can talk to a live, trained specialist to get
community, and health and human service information
and referrals. At any time, anyone can find them-
selves needing answers to problems they never before
encountered, whether for themselves or for others. All
calls are confidential. Centers are open from 8:15
a.m. to 12:00 midnight, seven days a week, and it is as
simple as dialing 2-1-1. This new phone number, 2-1-
1, is a good resource for churches that receive people
by phone call or on their doorstep, needing money,
food, and other kinds of help. By calling 2-1-1 you can
get connected and get answers.

BONUS: A website for you to learn more about
2-1-1 and what it can do for your church, visit
www.211virginiacenter.org