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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.

OREGON HILL & SOUTH RICHMOND



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:		
	FAMILIES	CHILDREN
OREGON HILL	50	114
SOUTH RICHMOND	230	304
CHURCH HILL	144	395
FIFTH STREET	42	111
TOTAL	466	924



CHURCH HILL



CHECK PAGE 3 INSIDE FOR MORE PICTURES!



JANUARY CALENDAR

DECEMBER 24, 2007 — JANUARY 1, 2008
RBA OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY AND NEW YEAR'S

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- JANUARY 2 @ 12:00 NOON
RBA MINISTERS' LUNCH @ 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

PRAY FOR
RBA CHURCHES SEEKING A PASTOR
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Cambridge  
First  
Second  
Shalom Fellowship  
Southampton  
Westhampton

### \*\*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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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.

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**FROM YOUR DOM, PETE DU PLESSIS**

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 member churches. 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. He will surely use us to "transform" the city if we will but follow His leadership. Let's make a commitment to join hearts and hands 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 bountiful Christmas stores 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 help to make the Christmas stores happen for so many needy families. If you haven't had the joy of working in one of the RBA Christmas stores, you should make a New Year's resolution right now that you will make every effort to be a volunteer in the 2008 Christmas stores. 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 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 activities and the Summer camping season. 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 Broadus Memorial Baptist Church came in November 2006 to clean up the grounds around the RBA office building. The "Broadus Bunch" did 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 needed 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 calls expressing Christmas best wishes 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.

**EVANGELISM THRUST IN SOUTH AFRICA**

It appears that Virginia Baptists have made a commitment to provide support for about twelve church planters in the Free State Baptist Association of the Baptist Union of South Africa. The Richmond Baptist Association is sponsoring four of those twelve indigenous church planters in the Free State Association.

The Baptist Union of South Africa is in the midst of an extensive evangelism campaign known as "Impact 2010." Each year the Baptist Union puts focus on one or two different provinces (states) within the country. In 2008 the focus will be on the Free State province. The leadership of the Free State Association has asked Virginia Baptists to send 30 evangelism teams to blanket the province with various outreach projects. Many of these teams will engage in visitation and outreach projects during the day, inviting people to nightly tent meetings. Ideally, a small outreach team would have three or more volunteers: someone to preach, someone to lead a local team in children's ministry, and someone to lead a local team in youth outreach. There will also be some requests for teams to do outreach projects which do not involve traditional visitation, things such as sports camps and backyard Bible clubs.

Teams will be sent during the first two weeks of August, September, and October of 2008. The cost of the trip for each person will be around \$2,500.00. If you have an interest in being part of such an evangelistic campaign, please contact Craig Waddell, Missions Partnership Coordinator at the Virginia Baptist Mission Board, at 915-5000 or [craig.waddell@vbmb.org](mailto:craig.waddell@vbmb.org) for more information.

**NOTICE!**

**RBA ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING**

**JANUARY 24, 2008**

**(Note: This is a change from the regular date!)**

**7:00 P.M.**

**RBA OFFICE**

**NOVEMBER 2007 BUDGET REPORT**

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| Budget Amount:   | \$ 54,625.00 |
| Budget Receipts: | \$ 38,929.59 |
| Budget Expenses: | \$ 36,058.13 |
| YTD Amount:      | \$600,875.00 |
| YTD Receipts:    | \$666,143.46 |
| YTD Expenses:    | \$589,850.08 |

**HELP/SITUATIONS WANTED**

**CHURCH SECRETARY** needed by **Fairmount Memorial** beginning in mid-February. This is a full-time position (M-F, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Candidates need to have a working knowledge of MSWord, Quick Books and the Automated Church System. Fairmount Memorial is located at 4205 Ravenswood Road. Interested persons can contact the church office for more information at 329-5420 or [Fayefmbc@verizon.net](mailto:Fayefmbc@verizon.net).

**Ginter Park** is seeking a **part-time MINISTER OF MUSIC** to work approximately 15 hours a week. Duties include playing organ or piano for services, leading the Chancel Choir and adult bell choir, supervising children's choirs, coordinating care and maintenance of instruments, and assisting with worship planning. Qualities sought in candidate include: theological understanding of music, ability to relate well to people, competency in playing and directing, appreciation of a diverse musical style, collaborative approach, and experience in working within the liturgical context, discernible Christian character, and commitment to music education. GPBC is affiliated with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and the Alliance of Baptists and is a liturgical church. Salary up to \$18,000 per year. For more information, contact Dr. R. Lee Gallman, Jr., pastor - 804/359-2475, or Elaine Lidholm, chair of search committee - 804/355-0312.

**DAYTIME CUSTODIAN** needed at **Gayton Baptist Church**. For more information call the church office at 360-2801. The church is located at 13501 N. Gayton Road, Richmond 23233.

**Southside Baptist Church** at 6000 Ironbridge Road is looking for a **VERY GOOD CHURCH PIANIST**. Play for Sunday morning and Wednesday evening worship and Wednesday choir practice. Compensation in line with experience. Contact [denisT100@hotmail.com](mailto:denisT100@hotmail.com) or call church office at 271-9257 (M-F, 9-2).

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

**TEAM MEMBERS** needed for the RBA's Strategy Work Team for LAMP (Latin American Missions Project) that is forming. If you have an interest in reaching out to Latinos in our community, please contact Pete du Plessis (329-1701 or [peted@rbaonline.org](mailto:peted@rbaonline.org)) and he will be glad to give you more details about this ministry.

**RBA DISASTER RELIEF TEAM MEMBERS** needed. The Virginia Baptist Mission Board is endeavoring to establish a Disaster Relief Communications Network for the State. The Board would like each local association to form a team to better assist with communication and coordination of the Baptist relief efforts in Richmond. If you have an interest in serving on the RBA Team, please contact Pete du Plessis at 329-1701 or [peted@rbaonline.org](mailto:peted@rbaonline.org).

**HELP/SITUATIONS WANTED**

**CONTINUED**

**Berea Baptist Church, in Stafford County**, has an immediate opportunity for a **FULL OR PART-TIME MUSIC DIRECTOR** to direct and lead the planning, organization, conducting, 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.

**AUTO MECHANIC NEEDED**

Good backyard (or professional!) mechanic needed on volunteer basis to find a short in the rear lighting wiring for a Camp Alkulana van. Camp Alkulana will deliver the van to you and will pay for parts. Call Gracie at 329-1701x206 for details.

**PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER OF METRO RICHMOND VOLUNTEER TRAINING CLASS February 2 through 28, 2008**

The Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC) of Metro Richmond needs volunteers! Be a part of changing lives. The PRC is offering a volunteer training class to equip women and men to minister to those experience an unplanned pregnancy.

If you are interested in this 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. Attendees can choose between two class times: mornings 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.

**THE RICHMOND AREA DIPLOMA COURSE OFFERINGS FOR**

**JOHN LELAND CENTER FOR THEOLOGICAL STUDIES**

**2008 SPRING SEMESTER**

**MONDAY**

STUDIES IN THE PROPHETS, TAUGHT BY JEFF CRANFORD

**TUESDAY**

BAPTIST BELIEF AND HISTORY (TBA)

**THURSDAY**

FORMATION FOR MINISTRY, TAUGHT BY KEITH SMITH

**CLASSES BEGIN ON JANUARY 28, 2008**

**ALL CLASSES HELD AT DERBYSHIRE BAPTIST CHURCH, 8800 Derbyshire Road., Richmond, VA 23229**

**QUESTIONS & REGISTRATION INFORMATION:**

Contact: Dr. Keith Smith @ Derbyshire [nksmith@derbyshirebaptist.org](mailto:nksmith@derbyshirebaptist.org) or 804-740-7238 x22

## ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENT



February 15-16, 2008

First Baptist Church  
Woodbridge, Virginia

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.*

### 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 Sojourner Program offers experiences in working with children, youth, and senior adults in an inner-city environment. Sojourner youth 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](mailto:peted@rbaonline.org).

### 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.

## 2007 RBA CENTERS' CHRISTMAS STORES, Continued....



CHURCH HILL



### POSITIVE COMMENTS FROM SHOPPERS AT SOUTH RICHMOND/OREGON HILL CHRISTMAS STORE

The 2007 Christmas Store at St. Paul's South (the combined Store for South Richmond and Oregon Hill) was indeed a great success! For over 21 years, the churches of the Association have been committed to providing new clothing and toys for boys and girls of inner city Richmond for Christmas. This year was no exception, the churches succeeded in providing an excellent store for parents who came seeking assistance to provide a great Christmas for their children. Parents who shopped at the store described it as the best place to receive a plethora of new items for the small donation of five dollars per child.

Numerous positive remarks by shoppers were passed to others in the community resulting in a larger registration this year. The store continues to build on its strengths which are the support of churches of the RBA and the volunteers who make the store pleasing to the eye and an enjoyable event for parents who shop. The missionaries of the Baptist centers thank each of you for your help in making this year's store a success and for your continuous support of missions.

God's Blessings,  
Margaret Allen, Community Missionary



OREGON HILL & SOUTH RICHMOND



FIFTH STREET





## Want to do Something BIG?

### Annual Fix-up and Clean-up Days at Camp Alkulana

May 17\* and May 31\*, 2008

\*Please note that these dates are in May and  
not June as usual.\*

#### HELP US GET READY FOR THE SUMMER SEASON!

##### PLENTY TO DO:

Yard work ♦ Spring cleaning  
Light carpentry ♦ General repair

#### GREAT BONDING OPPORTUNITY FOR CHURCH GROUPS\*

Leave Richmond early, eat breakfast on the way.  
Arrive at camp by 10:00 and work until 4:00  
with a lunch break.

Stop in Staunton on the way home for dinner.

\*Okay for youth to come with your adult group;  
however, youth should understand that "normal"  
camp activities will not be available, as the goal is to  
fix up camp.

For more information and to let us know that we  
can count on you, call or email Gracie Kirkpatrick,  
Camp Director: 329-1701, ext. 206  
or [alkulana@juno.com](mailto:alkulana@juno.com)



## 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)  
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[www.resourcingchurches.com](http://www.resourcingchurches.com)*

### Make your reservations

For the  
2008

### SPECIAL EDUCATION VALENTINE SOCIAL

February 8  
7:00-9:00 p.m.

MONUMENT HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH  
(5716 Monument Ave, Richmond)  
featuring  
Puppets, Clowns, Singing and  
Square Dancing!

RSVP by February 1

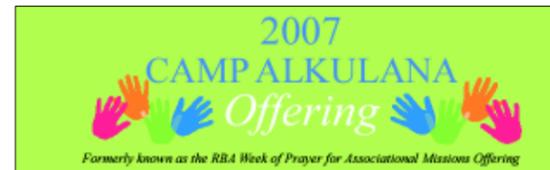
to Amy Sowder

Richmond Baptist Association,  
329-1701 ext. 208; [amys@rbaonline.org](mailto:amys@rbaonline.org)



## PRAY FOR THE RBA CHURCH OF THE WEEK

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|------------|-------------------|
| JANUARY 6  | TABERNACLE        |
| JANUARY 13 | TRINITY           |
| JANUARY 20 | UNITED FOR CHRIST |
| JANUARY 27 | WEBBER MEMORIAL   |
| FEBRUARY 3 | WESTHAMPTON       |



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 minist-  
ry 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!

## AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

### CHURCH NEWS

**BON AIR** is setting up a computer lab for children at the  
Church Hill Center. They recently hosted seven missionaries  
from Toronto and has plans for mission trips to Costa Rica,  
Honduras, Toronto, South Africa and Peru in 2008.  
**BROADUS MEMORIAL** is planning to send a mission team  
to Jamaica to repair damage from Hurricane Dean and a  
team to South Africa in 2008. **CAMBRIDGE** is planning a  
mission trip to Peru for February 2008. **DERBYSHIRE** will  
have monthly discussion meetings for members reading *The  
Daily Bible*, which is presented in a chronological format.  
**FIRST** sent a mission team to Germany in December and will  
send a team to Slovakia in 2008. **GAYTON** was a pick-up  
and drop-off site the *Fox Holiday Socks* program sponsored  
by the FOX network. **GRACE** hosted the Ninth Annual  
"Harp! The Herald Angels Play!" in their sanctuary and are  
collecting pocket change in prayer baskets for their mission  
projects in Poland and Liberia. **HATCHER MEMORIAL**  
hosted a Thanksgiving Feast for *Recovery Families and  
Friends* and hosted a Virginia Blood Services Blood drive.  
**NORTHMINSTER** families baked cookies and packaged  
them for the families that come to their monthly food pantry.  
**OAK GROVE** will send a mission team to Long Island, Baha-  
mas in February. **RIVER ROAD's** Mission Kids collected  
money for blankets for those who have a need because of a  
disaster such as a flood or tornado. **SANDSTON** will host  
CARITAS January 26 through February 2. **SECOND** is host-  
ing a Women's Retreat, "Harbor of Rest" in Williamsburg on  
January 25-27. **STAPLES MILL ROAD** will send their youth  
on a mission trip to Thessaloniki, Greece in July 2008.

### STAFF NEWS

**BON AIR** welcomes Donna Campbell Allen as the new Chil-  
dren's Coordinator at their James River Campus and the  
Children's Ministry Assistant at the Buford Road Campus.  
**BOULEVARD** has called Rev. Bob Fleming to be Pastor.

## 2-1-1: GETTING THE WORD OUT

Did you know that 2-1-1 Virginia was launched on Feb-  
ruary 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 doorsteps, needing money,  
food, and other kinds of help. By calling 2-1-1 you can  
get connected and get answers.