**ANNOUNCING THE**

**Central Virginia Baptist Ministries’**

**2008**

**PASTOR-DEACON CONFERENCE**

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

**Monday, March 10, 2008**

at

**Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond**

3400 Brook Road • 355-8135

**CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:**

- 6:45 p.m. Refreshments
- 7:15 p.m. Music & Welcome
- 7:45-9:00 p.m. Conference

**CONFERENCE CHOICES:**

- The Rookie Deacon
- The Three Areas of Prayer: Personal, Public, & Ministry of Prayer
- How to Slow Down So You Can Catch Up
- Women as Servant Leaders in the Church
- What Do I Say When…?
- The Public Image of Your Church Deacons
- The Role of the Deacon in Church Conflict
- Encouraging the Pastor
- Pastors and Deacons: Caring for Each Other
- Where Do Deacons Come From?

There is No Fee for the Conference.

Registration is ENCOURAGED, but NOT REQUIRED.

**REGISTER to attend Specific Sessions by March 3:**

**EMAIL:** Gayle Taylor CVBM Admin Assistant at: gayle.taylor@cvbm.org

**CALL:** Rev. Nita May, Regional Ministries Coordinator at 804-332-4670

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**EAGLE EYRIE RENOVATIONS**

During the months of February and March, Eagle Eyrie will be renovating two of its lodges, Sycamore and Locust. We would welcome individual and church group volunteers to come and work. Eagle Eyrie will furnish lodging and meals for those working. We will have jobs and materials planned out. There are many skills we are in need of but we can also use willing bodies. We would be happy to accommodate workers whenever it is convenient for you, as long as we are not using the lodges or booked up. The weekends of February 1-3 and March 14-16 are available for weekend crews. We also can accommodate workers during most weekdays.

If you or a group from your church have an interest in helping, please call Rod Miller (434) 384-2211 or email us at www.eagleseyre1@aol.com. We will be happy to discuss the work that needs to be done.

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**HOST CHURCHES NEEDED FOR 2008 RBA:**

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Includes quickly served lunch & meeting 12:00 noon—1:30 p.m.

- **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.

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**DATED MATERIAL — DO NOT DELAY**

**PRAY FOR**

**RBA CHURCHES SEEKING A PASTOR**

Cambridge
First
Shalom Fellowship
Southampton
Westhampton

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT RBA BAPTIST CENTERS**

The three Baptist Centers supported by RBA (Church Hill, Oregon Hill and South Richmond,) have on-going needs for volunteers to assist with a variety of ministries to children and adults that find themselves in challenging day to day situations. In 2008 if you would like to experience new ways to “love your neighbor,” contact one of the Community Missionaries listed below and find out how you can make a difference!

**CHURCH HILL WELLNESS CENTER**

2011 Fairmount Avenue (in Mt. Tabor Baptist Church)
Rev. Glinda Ford, 780-0053, glindaf@rbaonline.org

**OREGON HILL**

400 South Pine Street (in Pine Street Baptist Church)
Rev. Jennifer Turner, 648-1353, jennifert@rbaonline.org

**SOUTH RICHMOND**

700 East Belt Boulevard (in St. Paul’s South)
Mrs. Margaret Allen, 232-0174, margareta@rbaonline.org
Welcome

Dr. Craig A. Sherouse, Pastor, Second

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Craig A. Sherouse has been called to be the Pastor of Second Baptist Church. His first Sunday in the pulpit will be March 2.

Dr. Sherouse has been serving as the Pastor of First Baptist Griffin, Georgia, for the last five years. He has also served as Pastor of churches in Florida and Kentucky.

Mark and his wife, Beverly, have two children, Alan a Minister of Youth in Nashville, Tennessee, who is married to Jenny; and Susan a professional violinist with the rock band “DASHBOARD Confessional.”

We will join the congregation of Second in welcoming Craig and his family to the RBA family.

2008 JOUYNERS PROGRAM

The Sojourner 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. The Sojourner will average 20 hours of service per week, with some weeks being more intense than others. 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. They serve in various capacities and roles supervised by Baptist Center staff. The program is flexible and can be tailored to meet the needs of the Sojourner. For more information, please contact Pete du Plessis at 329-1701 or peted@rbaonline.org.

2008 RBA RESOURCE DIRECTORIES

The RBA Summer Missionary Program is a great opportunity for youth to serve the Lord and fulfill their call to missions.

Help/Situations needed

We need to provide a church home for these youth. We also need to provide them with the necessary resources to help them fulfill their call to missions. The RBA is committed to providing these resources to our churches.

PCOMMON

New Covenant Baptist Church is seeking a QUARTER-TIME Music Director. This candidate will direct an adult choir and lead in music worship. Applicants should be proficient in piano and/or organ and be able to lead in music worship. Those interested in serving on the RBA Team, please contact Pete du Plessis at 329-1701 ext. 202 or peted@rbaonline.org.

Choir 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 Raveneaux Road. Interested persons can contact the church office for more information at 329-5420 or Fayefmbc@verizon.net.

Minister of Children and Education needed by Broadus Memorial, a newly relocated and growing congregation in eastern Hanover County. This position would be a dedicated space for children to grow in Christ. To join our staff and our full-time leadership in the areas of Children’s Ministry and Education Ministry. Candidates must be a team player with good people skills willing to support our vision. College degree is required. Further education and experience is a plus. Candidates for a part-time position in either area of ministry will be considered. Send resumes to Personnel Committee, 538 Pole Green Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116. Call 804-779-2700 or email chilbl@broadusmbc.org for more information.

Southside Baptist Church at 6000 Ironbridge Road in Chesterfield is seeking a PART-TIME YOUTH PASTOR. For inquiries, email dennisT100@hotmail.com or call the church at 804-271-9257 (M-F).

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) and he will be glad to give you more details about this ministry.

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 during disasters. If you have an interest in serving on the RBA Team, please contact Pete du Plessis at 329-1701 or peted@rbaonline.org.

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ENTREPRENEUR-THEN-MODERATE

Pews Needed

Local church plant in the RBA neighborhood is looking for pews to put in their new building’s worship space. If you have any pews you are thinking of donating, please contact Kristin Fogg at Kristin@comcast.net or by phone at 398-0577, or you can contact Rev. Praveen Bunchyan at Eternal Church at 643-6200.

Balance Your Budget!

Entreat Federal Credit Union, www.ecfu.coop, has free resources available to help get your budget on track in 2008. Their website also has information about FREE seminars that Entreat FCU is holding that will give you the tools you need to have a money maker. Contact them at 333-8012 or ecfu@entreatcu.com for more infor-
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 for more information)

REGISTRATION INFORMATION
- $69.00 per person for those affiliated with the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV); BGAV churches must use the discount code BGAV in order to receive this rate.
- $99.00 per person for those not associated with the BGAV.

Fees include two lunches (Friday & Saturday), all breaks, and conference materials.

READ BEFORE REGISTERING ONLINE AT WWW.21-C.ORG
"REQUIRED: As part of the registration process, we are asking every 21-C attendee to complete an APEPT Survey. The APEPT survey is designed to provide a personalized ministry profile based upon five ministry roles. The survey will take about ten minutes and will be distributed at check-in at 21-C, like-minded, ministry-focused individuals will move through the various tracks together. 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.

Deadline for Online Registration is February 8. Registration will be available at the door on February 15. For Registration Information, please call Debbie Cobb at 804-915-5000/800-255-2428, ext. 6235 or email at debbie.cobb@vbmb.org.

CONTACT INFORMATION
This conference is coordinated by the Courageous Churches Team of the Virginia Baptist Mission Board of the Baptist General Association of Virginia. For more information, please call Gwen Payne at 804-915-5000 / 800-255-2428, ext. 6265 or email at gwen.payne@vbmb.org.
A VALENTINE STORY
by Beth Reddish Wright (Mrs. Art Wright)

I’m not a mushy or cheesy sort of person. I don’t often broadcast my emotions. So, when Gracie asked me to share this story with you all, I paused and thought, “How can I possibly write out becoming the token Valentine’s Day love story for the newsletter?” This will be my best effort.

Those of us who have spent a number of years involved with Camp Alkulana have come to know it as a sacred place. Whether you’ve come to volunteer on a weeknight, a weekend, to stay with us for the week or two, or if you’ve come for a retreat, or grown up attending as a camper—so many of us have found that Alkulana is a place of transformation, of genuine interactions, and of real beauty. And so, three and a half years ago, in that very setting, I met the man who is now my husband.

Art and I were counselors together the summer of 2003. We led high adventure groups together to rappel and rock climb, we learned cave routes together, life guarded together, worked together to entertain campers at lunch tables, and generally encouraged each other through what can at times seem to be a rather strenuous job. We enjoyed watching through binoculars and sneaking glances at each other through crazed dining hall meals we shared with sixty other counselors and campers, and conversations we stole during free time in the evenings, we began what was a patient course towards understanding one another in this place that brought us together. Through the encouragement of friends (and Gracie!) we dated between sessions that summer, and continued throughout the coming years.

When we were engaged, our camp family was among the first to know, and they celebrated with us in each step we took. Indeed, some of our coworkers saw my engagement ring even before I did. We were shown a very special Alkulana-style shower last spring (thank gag gifts and enthusiastic skits). And even on our wedding day, we were joined by a large representation from our Alkulana staff family.

In our own way we have been so blessed by this place, this ministry, and this family we call Alkulana. It is, in that way, the place where our love came to life.

Volunteer Opportunities in China
To be a volunteer in China requires a willing heart, a sense of adventure, an openness to learn as well as to teach. Well, okay, there are a few restrictions and requirements, and it isn’t free, but first consider if God may be leading you to volunteer in China.

Be in Yarbrough is Virginia’s missions’ coordinator living in China. She will be in Virginia in mid-February and will be present at a meeting on February 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the Virginia Baptist Resource Center. At this meeting you will have the opportunity to meet Lynn and talk with her personally about coming to China.

At the meeting she will discuss some of the ministry opportunities available through the Virginia Baptist Mission Board’s Partnership for World Missions (www.amity.org.au). These include the three-week Amity Summer English Program, an intense language program working with Chinese English teachers; opportunities for college students to minister this summer at the X’an YMCA; and as well as a variety of short-term projects working with children for 10-14 days.

If you have questions you can contact Lynn Yarbrough at lynn.yarbrough@gmail.com or the Virginia Baptist Resource Center at www.vbmb.org for more information on a wide variety of opportunities.