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RBA CHURCHES SEEKING A PASTOR
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Cambridge  
Shalom Fellowship  
Southampton  
Westhampton



**MISSION SERVICE OPPORTUNITY  
AT OREGON HILL CENTER**

The Oregon Hill Baptist Center is starting a support group for Mother's of children 3yrs. & younger (MOMs). The group will meet **the last Saturday of each month (beginning March 29th) from 10:00 - 11:30 AM**

We are in need of individuals or groups to volunteer to assist with child care!! Children will range from infants through elementary age children. Volunteer for several Saturdays or just one!!

Great Project for Sunday School Class, WMU group, Acteens, etc.

Contact Jennifer Turner, Director of OHBC, at 648-1353 for more information or to volunteer

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Want to do  
Something  
BIG?

**ANNUAL FIX-UP & 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**

**HOST CHURCHES NEEDED FOR  
2008 RBA**

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

**AUGUST 21**

**NOVEMBER 20**

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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# TRANSFORMED!

news of Richmond area churches...together...changing lives - March 2008

**ASSOCIATIONAL SMALLER MEMBERSHIP  
CHURCH GROWTH PLAN  
April 3, 2008, 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.  
Patterson Avenue Baptist Church**

The churches of the Richmond Baptist Association have the opportunity to participate in specialized training in growing a Sunday School ministry. Bill Alphin, Sunday School and Discipleship Coordinator for the Virginia Baptist Mission Board, is partnering with the RBA to provide this excellent resource to our Richmond churches. Bill says the purpose of this plan is to assist pastors in developing kingdom-focused leaders in their churches.

This customized growth plan was developed by the Network Partnerships Department at LifeWay Christian Resources. Sharon Smith, a LifeWay Sunday School growth specialist, has recently retired to Virginia and now lives in the Richmond area. Sharon has led this process many times and has agreed to be our resource person to guide us through this process of developing strong leaders.

The Growth Plan is a four-month process (one training session each month) with three quarterly celebration rallies to

follow. The first session is to train pastors and will take place on Thursday, April 3, 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m., at the Patterson Avenue Baptist Church, 4301 Patterson Avenue. A free lunch will be provided. All pastors are invited and urged to attend this first session to find out what the process is all about. At the conclusion of the session, pastors will be asked to make a commitment to lead this growth plan in their church. Please contact Frances Jones at 329-1701 or [francesj@rbaonline.org](mailto:francesj@rbaonline.org) to make your reservations by Friday, March 28.

The cost for this training to each church is only \$1.00 per average Sunday School attendance with no more than \$200.00 per church. If the financial cost is a hindering factor in church participation, our Director of Missions, Pete du Plessis will be glad to work out a plan for every church to participate. No church should miss this wonderful opportunity to grow stronger leaders in Sunday School ministry.

**RBA HOSTS  
JAMAICAN SOCCER TEAM  
JUNE 30 – JULY 6, 2008**

The Richmond Baptist Association will be host to 15-20 soccer players from Jamaica during the week of June 30 to July 6. These are all Christian young men who are coming to provide soccer clinics in the city and to speak in our churches on Sunday. A few years ago, a Brazilian soccer team

The RBA is excited about this wonderful opportunity to do partnership missions right here in our own community. There is much to do in order to be ready for their coming. Please contact our Director of Missions, Pete du Plessis (804-329-1701 ext. 202), if you have interest in helping with this summer mission project.



**METRO RICHMOND  
AT PRAYER**

**March 2008 – February 2009**

Since March 2006, more than 350 churches in metropolitan Richmond have joined in a Covenant to pray together weekly for the people of our metropolitan city. The prayer calendar for the third year begins on Sunday, March 2nd. This calendar has a major topic of prayer for each month, with sub-topics and emphases for each Sunday. All Christian churches are invited to participate. Coordination of this cooperative, covenanted effort is provided by Richmond Hill, 2209 East Grace Street. For information or to join, please call (804) 783-7903 ext. 24 or e-mail [mrmap@richmondhillva.org](mailto:mrmap@richmondhillva.org). The web site is [www.metrorichmondprayer.org](http://www.metrorichmondprayer.org).

**FROM YOUR DOM, PETE DU PLESSIS**

Greetings!  
 The Richmond Baptist Association closed its financial books for the year 2007 on January 18, 2008. The Administrative Council had its regular meeting on January 24 and reviewed the financial reports for 2007 finding that the RBA was truly blessed last year. The expenses were less than the budget requirements and the receipts were more than the budget requirements. Those numbers were reported in the February issue of the *TRANSFORMED*. Based on the outstanding receipts for 2007 and the expenditures for the year, the Administrative Council adjusted the proposed RBA budget of \$673,500 to a new total of \$688,500 (that is a \$15,000 increase). That new revision was approved by the Executive Council on February 21 in its regular meeting.

The Administrative Council added some of the excess budget contributions (\$43,000) from 2007 to the Emergency Reserve Fund (contingency fund) that was established in 2006 (\$71,750) making the new total \$114,750. That amount is equal to two months of income for the 2008 budget (or 16.7% of the annual budget). Should there ever be a crisis in this year, we would have two months of income to carry us through that difficult time. The 2008 RBA budget has a new contingency fund line item in the amount of \$13,500 which will be added quarterly to the existing contingency fund. It is my goal in the years to come to see that emergency reserve fund increased until it is 25 % of the annual budget. Those monies are invested in flex CDs and are earning dividends as well.

Beyond that, the Administrative Council placed the balance of the excess budget contributions in the RBA Endowment Fund. The Association voted last year to close our Extension Fund since we will pay off our land indebtedness in September of 2008. The remaining balance in the Extension Fund was then placed into the Endowment Fund bringing that total to \$349,000. The Endowment Fund is invested with the Virginia Baptist Foundation. The stated purpose of the Endowment Fund is to provide dividend income to care for the administrative costs of operating the Association and thus focus the contributions of the churches on missions.

After that Administrative Council meeting, one of our RBA churches contacted us to let us know that they did not mark their 2007 contributions form correctly and would like to make those corrections for our records. We carefully researched our records to be sure our records matched theirs and they did match. Because of that correction, the financial report in last month's newsletter has been corrected. It is as follows:

YTD Budget Amount: \$655,500.00  
 YTD Budget Receipts: \$771,801.49  
 YTD Budget Expenses: \$626,305.63  
 Camp Alkulana Goal: \$ 90,000.00  
 Camp Alkulana Receipts: \$139,885.54

Please note that the Camp Alkulana receipts are a part of the budget receipts reported above. The excess contributions for Camp Alkulana have been placed in a Camp Emergency Reserve Fund which is also in CDs. We give praise to Almighty God for His gracious provisions for the work and ministry of the RBA!



**Virginia Baptist Mission Board**

**2008  
 DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2008  
 COOL SPRING BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 9283 Atlee Station Road  
 Mechanicsville, Virginia 23116

**SCHEDULE FOR TRAINING**  
 9 – 10 a.m. Registration  
 10 – 12 noon Disaster Relief Overview  
 12 – 1 p.m. Lunch Break  
 1 – 3 p.m. Breakout Sessions (choose one):  
 Feeding, Recovery, Temporary Child Care

**COST OF TRAINING:**  
 \$15 per person  
 Includes a disaster relief hat, t-shirt, ID badge,  
 handouts and lunch

**REGISTRATION CONTACT:**  
 Cool Spring Baptist Church Office  
 804-746-0800

**FOR GENERAL DISASTER RELIEF QUESTIONS, please contact:**  
 Terry Raines at 800-255-2428, ext 7322;  
 terry.raines@vbmb.org  
 or  
 Nichole Bulls at 800-255-2428 ext. 7274 or  
 nichole.bulls@vbmb.org

**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. The Sojourner will average 20 hours of service per weeks 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. Sojourner youth are exposed to a variety of social ministries at all three Baptist Centers. *The deadline for application is April 10, 2008.* For more information, please contact Pete du Plessis at 329-1701 ext. 202 or peted@rbaonline.org.

**JANUARY 2008 BUDGET REPORT**

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|------------------|-------------|
| Budget Amount:   | \$57,375.00 |
| Budget Receipts: | \$26,436.37 |
| Budget Expenses: | \$60,163.99 |
| YTD Amount:      | \$57,375.00 |
| YTD Receipts:    | \$26,436.37 |
| YTD Expenses:    | \$60,163.99 |

**PRAY FOR THE RBA  
 CHURCH OF THE WEEK**

**MARCH 2 CHURCH HILL WELLNESS CTR**  
**MARCH 9 OREGON HILL CENTER**  
**MARCH 16 SOUTH RICHMOND CENTER**  
**MARCH 23 CAMP ALKULANA**  
**MARCH 30 A DIFFERENT RICHMOND**



**LAMP REPORT**  
**"Latin American Mission Project"**

Greetings,

Last year we had our second retreat/camp for children and youth at the Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center. Thirty children attended, meeting for three days with the theme, "How to Follow Jesus". We also had youth for one week and they learned how to present the Gospel to their friends and family.

This year for our third annual retreat/camp, I would like to double our numbers so we need your help in sponsoring the children for camp this year. The cost for children ages 6—12 will be \$100. The cost for youth for one week is \$150. I am asking for churches, Sunday schools, WMU, youth groups, etc. to help with sponsoring. Without your help, the children will not be able to attend. Please send all money to Middle District Baptist Association, 9413-D Hull Street Road, Richmond, 23236 and be sure and put on the memo "LAMP/children's camp". Tentative dates for the Camp will be the last full week of June and the first week of July. All money should be in by June 2. Applications for Camp will be screened by me.

I am very grateful to the Lord to have former missionaries to help and support the ministry in the West End area. Please pray for Bill and Libby Stennett. Other prayer requests include the work/Bible study we are beginning at South Wood apartments; the Easter sunrise service and baptisms; Etelia who is suffering from deep depression in the hospital; and our pastors' prayer gathering that meets monthly. Thank you for your prayers

In His name,  
**Rev. Louis Orsatti, Latino Church Planter**  
**Phone: 804-833-9909; Email: lorsatti@yahoo.com**

**Rev. Louis Orsatti's family is in need of a donated or very low cost automobile.** Looks aren't important as long as it is mechanically in good shape. If you can help, please contact Louis at 833-9909.

**2008 RBA RESOURCE DIRECTORIES** are available and have been sent to the churches! If you would like a copy, contact Frances Jones at the RBA Office: 329-1701 or francesj@rbaonline.org.

**HELP/SITUATIONS WANTED**

**FULL CHARGE BOOKKEEPER - River Road Church, Baptist,** is seeking energetic person with a strong background in Payroll, A/R, A/P and G/L. Must have good organizational skills and experience in the development and maintenance of financial records. Knowledge of ACS a plus. Salary commensurate with experience. Phone: 288-1131, FAX: 282-9172, e-mail [kenlantz@rrcb.org](mailto:kenlantz@rrcb.org). Job description available on website: [www.rrcb.org](http://www.rrcb.org).

**BOOKKEEPER/ACCOUNTANT - PART TIME.** Strong organizational skills required. Primary functions include accounting and payroll for church and day care center. Must be proficient in QuickBooks & Excel. Send resume to **Tabernacle Baptist Church**, 1925 Grove Ave., Richmond, VA 23220 or [vpenny-jenks@hotmail.com](mailto:vpenny-jenks@hotmail.com)

**NURSERY WORKER** needed for three hours each Sunday from 9:15 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. Good pay! **Jahnke Road Baptist Church**, 6023 Jahnke Road, Richmond, 23225. Call church office at 804-323-3551 if interested.

"The **CHAMBERLAYNE BAPTIST CHURCH** Preschool is seeking a **PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR** to direct a half day NAEYC accredited preschool program. A degree in early childhood education or graduate work in early childhood education is required with supervisory experience. To apply, submit resumes to: Chamberlayne Baptist Church, ATTN: CBC Preschool Committee, 215 Wilkinson Road, Richmond, VA 23227."

**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).

**MINISTER OF CHILDREN AND Education** needed by Broadus Memorial, a newly relocated and growing congregation in eastern Hanover County, is seeking a dedicated and gifted Christian to join our staff and give full-time leadership in the areas of Children's Ministry and Education Ministry. Candidate must be a team player with good people skills willing to support our vision of outreach and growth. A 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, 5351 Pole Green Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116. Call 804-779-2700 or email [phil@broadusmbc.org](mailto:phil@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](mailto:dennisT100@hotmail.com) or call the church at 804-271-9257 (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



Virginia Baptist Historical Society

### TWO NEW BOOKS "TELLING ABOUT GOD'S STORIES"

The history of Baptists of Virginia is full of examples of how God has moved among us. The Virginia Baptist Historical Society has just published *GOD'S STORIES: AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF BAPTISTS IN VIRGINIA* and a companion booklet, *GOD'S STORIES FOR CHILDREN*. For the first time, the 36 panels of the Virginia Baptist History Mural which is housed at the Virginia Baptist Historical Society have been reproduced in full color. The story behind each panel is told by Fred Anderson, author of both books.

*GOD'S STORIES* is 260 pages and soft bound. It not only tells stories from the distant past but also updates the history of Virginia Baptist to the present day. The cost of a single copy is \$39.75.



*GOD'S STORIES FOR CHILDREN* is a 32-page full-color booklet with the same beautiful illustrations – and even a few more – and all written for children. It emphasizes religious liberty, missions, cooperation and caring for others. Adults will also enjoy reading this book. Single copies are \$7.25. You can order 2-24 copies for \$3 each and 25+ copies for \$2 each. Shipping and handling will be added to orders of 2 or more.

For more information and to order copies visit [www.baptistheritage.org](http://www.baptistheritage.org) or call 804-289-8434.

### PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER WALK FOR LIFE PACKS AVAILABLE

The Pregnancy Resource Center of Metro Richmond will be having its annual Walk for Life on Saturday, May 10, 2008. To request a Walk for Life Pack with information on how your church can participate in the event and make an impact in the lives of women who are unprepared for pregnancy, please contact Talona Rogers, Development Director, Pregnancy Resource Center at 804-673-4150 or [CPCRichmond1@aol.com](mailto:CPCRichmond1@aol.com). The deadline to request a pack is March 10, 2008.

Join Other Richmond Baptists and see....



### "Thoroughly Modern Millie"

Wednesday, April 16, 2008  
Riverside Dinner Theater, Fredericksburg, VA

The bus will depart the **Robinson Street Parking Lot, First Baptist Church** at 9:30 a.m. and stop by the Russell Stover Candies Store enroute to Fredericksburg. After satisfying our "sweet tooth" or buying chocolates for a friend, we will continue to the Riverside Dinner Theater for a delicious meal and the production of "Thoroughly Modern Millie".

The meal served at your table will consist of your choice from four delicious entrees, assorted fresh vegetables, salads, desserts, and beverage. After lunch we will enjoy a Broadway classic presentation. After the show we return to Richmond and arrive at the Robinson Street Parking Lot between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m.

Tour includes: Roundtrip deluxe motor coach transportation, lunch, performance, all gratuities for meal and driver, refreshments.

We need 35 people to be able to make the trip. Sign up now if you are interested.

- Reservations: call June Burton at 730-1224
- **Reservation deadline: March 16, 2008**
- Make check payable to: June Burton, FBC
- Complete Trip cost per person: \$66.00
- Send check to June Burton, 6454 Thrush Way, Mechanicsville, VA 23111



### LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!! START YOUR ENGINES! AND VOLUNTEER FOR.... CENTRAL VIRGINIA RACEWAY MINISTRIES

**VOLUNTEERS ARE WANTED** to minister besides RIR guest services by providing raceway fans an opportunity to worship, enjoy Christian music and arts, discover the message of Christ through media and know His transforming presence.

Volunteers are asked to work only a 3 or 4 hour shift on **May 2 & 3** as they serve in a variety of ways in our Hospitality Ministry Tents at the **RICHMOND INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY COMPLEX**. As ambassadors of goodwill, opportunities of service include: distributing "cups of cold water," cookies, Christian driver cards; performing as singers, musical groups or with performing arts (clowns, magicians, mimes, jugglers, balloon artist, etc.); and serving as chaplains, crisis counselors, logistics and support persons.

**ALL VOLUNTEERS NEED TO ATTEND THE TRAINING SESSION THURSDAY, APRIL 24, AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE RICHMOND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 3111 MOSS SIDE AVENUE, RICHMOND, VA. At this session Volunteers can sign up for a shift time, which are:**

- Before the NASCAR NATIONWIDE RACE
- FRIDAY, MAY 2:** 9 am-1pm, 1-4pm, 4-7pm, or 7-10 pm
- Before the NASCAR SPRINT CUP RACE
- SATURDAY, MAY 3:** 9 am-1 pm, 1-4 pm, 4-7pm, or 7-10 pm

For more information CONTACT: **BILLY DAVIS**  
(H) 804-741-4898 OR (C) 804-306-1604 OR  
EMAIL: [billy.b.davis@comcast.net](mailto:billy.b.davis@comcast.net)

### MARCH CALENDAR

MARCH 2-9

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS  
"ANNIE ARMSTRONG" EASTER OFFERING  
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MARCH 3 @ 8:30 AM-4:45 PM

MINISTERING IN THE FACE OF AIDS, ST. PAUL'S  
FOR INFO: BETTY STEPHENS 804-644-2256  
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MARCH 4 @ 9:00 A.M.

RACEWAY MINISTRIES CORE TEAM, RBA  
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MARCH 5 @ 12:00 NOON

MINISTERS' LUNCH @ PICCADILLY ON BROAD  
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MARCH 7-8

AFRICAN AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP  
PASTORS & FRIENDS CONFERENCE  
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MARCH 9

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS  
(SET CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR)  
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MARCH 10 @ 6:45 PM TO 9:00 PM

CVBM PASTOR-DEACON CONFERENCE, BTRS  
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MARCH 16

PALM SUNDAY

SPECIAL EDUCATION SUNDAY  
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MARCH 20 @ 12:00 NOON

DEADLINE FOR TRANSFORMED NEWSLETTER  
AND

"FIRST DAY OF SPRING"  
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MARCH 23

EASTER SUNDAY  
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MARCH 24

RBA OFFICE CLOSED FOR EASTER MONDAY  
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MARCH 29 @ 10:00 AM

"INTERESTING WOMEN" EVENT, RESOURCE CENTER

### THE RESOURCE CENTER

#### "INTERESTING WOMEN" EVENT

The Resource Center will hold its second annual "Interesting Women" Event, a brunch celebrating Women's History Month, on **Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

This event provides an opportunity to meet women who are making positive contributions to the quality of life in their community. Honored guest will be Chief Anne Richardson, chief of the Rappahannock Indian Tribe. Attendees will also learn about two special collections at The Resource Center: The Joseph V. Nash Multicultural Collection and The Isabel R. Rogers Women's Resource Collection.

Reservations would be helpful, but are not required. Call 804-358-8306 or toll-free 888-241-5132. The Resource Center is located at 1202 Wilmington Avenue, Richmond (Suite 209 at Ginter Park Baptist Church).

### AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

#### CHURCH NEWS

**BETHANY PLACE** is collecting new socks to send to Page Street Baptist Center in San Francisco, and clothing, shoes and accessories for their ESL Fourth Sunday Store. **BON AIR** is looking for volunteers to go and teach English and help with homework at Dixon Ministries in Toronto March 29-April 4. **BROADUS MEMORIAL** is planning a Youth Spring Retreat at Camp Willow Run April 11-13. **GRACE** is hosting CARITAS March 15-21 and will be serving dinner at Freedom House Monday, March 31. **HUGUENOT ROAD** is helping provide items on the Hyaets Hospitality House's 2008 Dream List. **MONUMENT HEIGHTS** is also collecting socks for the Page Street Baptist Center in San Francisco. **NEW COVENANT** celebrated their newly renovated Sanctuary on Sunday, February 3 and is offering "Financial Peace University", as a 13 week small group study. **NORTHMINSTER** is also offering its congregation participation in "Financial Peace University" program. **RIVER ROAD's** youth hosted "Heat Wave", which was a summer themed indoor event including miniature golf, mechanical surf board and inflatable Velcro wall, to raise money for the people of Malawi to have wells, clean water and irrigation. Students from thirteen area churches participated and \$2,500 was raised. **SAINT PAUL** hosted CARITAS February 2-9. **STAPLES MILL ROAD** youth will be attending the Planet Wisdom Student Conference March 7-8 in Woodbridge. **TABERNACLE** is collecting socks for their Clothes Closet.

#### STAFF NEWS

**FIRST** welcomes Megan Sterrett as their full-time Children's Ministry Assistant.

#### \*MARK YOUR CALENDARS\*

RBA  
**SPRING CELEBRATION**

**APRIL 17**  
7:00 P.M.

**NEW COVENANT**  
7250 PATTERSON AVENUE

2008

#### PASTOR-DEACON CONFERENCE

**Monday, March 10, 2008**

**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. Conferences

**There is No Fee for the Conference.**

REGISTER to attend Specific Sessions by March 3:  
EMAIL: Gayle Taylor CVBM at: [gavle.taylor@cvbm.org](mailto:gavle.taylor@cvbm.org)  
Or Call 598-6350; [www.cvbm.org](http://www.cvbm.org)



**PHOTOS OF THE  
2008  
SPECIAL EDUCATION  
VALENTINE SOCIAL**

**FEBRUARY 8  
7:00 P.M.**

**MONUMENT HEIGHTS  
BAPTIST CHURCH**

**ATTENDANCE WAS THE  
BEST, OVER 120 FOLKS  
ENJOYED FOOD, DANCING,  
JUGGLING  
AND FELLOWSHIP.**



*"For where 2 or 3 are gathered in my name,  
I am there among them."*

**CENTRAL VIRGINIA BAPTIST MINISTRIES**  
7200 Cogbill Road, Chesterfield, VA 23832  
(ofc) 598-6350, (cell) 332-4670; (e) nita.may@cvbm.org

**NEWS FROM NITA**

This week I heard about a child that was afraid to go to sleep at night because the house was in such disrepair that opossum's got into the house during the night. The mission project listed below allows us an opportunity to help provide safe, decent, affordable housing for families in our area.

Jeremiah 29:7 reminds us: "**seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.**" I hope you can take part in the "CVBM DAY" Mission Project.

Blessings....  
**Rev. Nita May**, Regional Ministries Coordinator,  
Central Virginia Baptist Ministries

**CVBM DAY, TUESDAY, APRIL 22**

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING AWARENESS WEEK**

CVBM has the unique opportunity to support Habitat for Humanity's 17-house Angus neighborhood building project in the Richmond area during Affordable Housing Awareness Week, April 20-26, 2008.

**CVBM DAY IS APRIL 22 – ONLY CVBM VOLUNTEERS WILL WORK AT THE SITE. We need 70 volunteers to work in teams to build four homes and churches to prepare lunches for the volunteers. Habitat for Humanity provides tools on the site.**

Statistics show that on any given day in the Richmond region, there are at least 1,150 sheltered and unsheltered men, women, and children experiencing homelessness. Over the course of one year 4,600 – 6,900 people experience a crisis that results in homelessness. We estimate that 500-800 of homeless individuals in a given year are children, and children who experience homelessness have an increased risk of experiencing homelessness as adults. (Stats provided by Homeward, Dec 2007 "Ten Year Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in the Richmond Region.")

To help with this project, please contact Gayle Taylor at the CVBM office at 598-6350; toll-free 1-888-598-6350 or email at [gayle.taylor@cvbm.org](mailto:gayle.taylor@cvbm.org).



**2008 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

**Monday, April 21, 2008**

**Mechanicsville Baptist Church**  
8016 Atlee Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23111

*This conference offers a great training opportunity for VBS Directors, Department Directors and workers plus other leaders of crafts, recreation, music, and missions.*



**SPAGHETTI DINNER: 5-6 P.M.**



Cost: \$5.00. Make reservations & send payment by April 17. Contact Gayle Taylor, CVBM by Email: [gayle.taylor@cvbm.org](mailto:gayle.taylor@cvbm.org) or Call 804-598-6350 Make checks payable to CVBM, (put VBS on the memo line). Mail to: Richmond Baptist Association, 3111 Moss Side Ave., Richmond, VA 23222. \*Reservations/payment must be received at the RBA by the deadline, Dinner Reservations not accepted at the door.\*



**CONFERENCES 6-9 P.M.**

*(Reservations not required)*



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|----------------------------|------------|
| Preschool through Grades 6 | Missions   |
| "Seasoned" Directors       | Music      |
| "Rookie" Directors         | Recreation |
| Art Activities (Crafts)    |            |

**BRING YOUR LITERATURE WITH YOU.**

**\*Lifeway Bookstore will be on site with VBS material available for purchase.**



**\*\*\*Special Conference\*\*\***

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