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

* 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

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED
The Baptist General Association of Virginia recently published the list of the Top 100 BGAV churches in Total Cooperative Missions Giving for 2007. The Richmond Baptist Association is pleased to announce that eleven of our member churches included on that list.

Most importantly, please note that as of Tuesday, March 25, 2008, our Staff Email Addresses changed to:

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The Richmond Baptist Association

Is pleased to Announce

That as of Tuesday, March 25, 2008
Our Website: www.rbaonline.org

Was UPDATED & IMPROVED!

The Richmond Baptist Association, the Baptist General Association of Virginia, and over 100 other Baptist organizations, have partnered with Earthcom to launch a new, improved website for the Richmond area. The new site is designed to provide a more user-friendly experience for visitors and members.

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Budget Requests for 2009

All requests for the 2009 budget must be received by March 1, 2009, at 2 p.m. Please refer to the budgeting guidelines and budget request form in this issue for assistance.

The Richmond Baptist Association

2008 Spring Conference

For Church Librarians

Eagle Eye Baptist Conference Center
May 16-18, 2008

Church librarians and friends are invited to join in the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Virginia Baptist Library Association (VBLA).

Study course topics and additional conference details can be obtained from the newsletter sent to church librarians or by calling Nancy King at 804-781-0151. Registration forms are available at www.eagleeyrie.org.
MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

MISSION CONSTRUCTION TEAMS: The Rev. David Parsons of Meadow Fork Baptist Church in Lee County of the Powell River Association has put out a call for construction help. The church’s original sanctuary was a small block building with no running water or bathrooms, etc. They have to build a new sanctuary and need construction help. They plan to start work on the foundation in April and hope to line up work crews throughout the spring and summer. David is concerned that the building needs to be under roof as soon as possible so the weather does not hurt the building materials. For more information contact Rev. Parsons, 725-346-1546.

SUPPORT RBA COMMUNITY MISSIONS through the Ukrops Golden Gift Program: The RBA is now registered as a participating charitable organization in the Golden Gift Program. All funds received from Golden Gift certificates received will go towards our community mission programs at our Baptist Centers and Camp Alkulana.

CAN YOU DONATE A COMPUTER? The Barnabas Project After School Tutoring Program is in serious need of computers. A technology room for kids was recently opened with just one computer for use by all the kids. Computers with Windows 2000 or better are preferred so they can be integrated with the fiber optic technology currently in use at the facility. The Barnabas Project is a ministry of the African Christian Community Church. The project provides support to immigrant families and needy individuals within the Richmond area. For more information contact Rev. Calvin Birch, Pastor/Executive Director, at africanchurch65@netzero.net or (804) 439-6903 if you have any questions or would like to make a donation.

URGENT REQUEST **CAMP VAN NEEDED**

A van belonging to Camp Alkulana was vandalized while parked at the Richmond Baptist Association office. Apparently, someone wanted to steal the van by hot-wiring it, but couldn’t and left it in pretty bad condition. Almost all the windows were broken out and the steering column was destroyed. After inspecting the damage, our insurance company totaled the van, and it does not seem feasible to purchase it back from salvage and have it repaired.

With the summer camp sessions quickly approaching, Camp has a pretty urgent need of a replacement van. The need is for a 15-passenger van that is in good working order or an even better possibility would be a small bus that carries up to 15 total people (driver plus 14 passengers), since insurance requires that the back seat of the 15-passenger van be taken out to make it safer. We are not looking for anything larger than a 15 passenger van since those vehicles require the driver to have a Commercial Driver’s license. If you have a small bus that is not being used or if you know of someone who has an unused van/bus that they could either donate or sell to Camp, contact Gracie Kirkpatrick, Camp Director, by email at alkulana@juno.com or call her at 329-1701 ext. 206.

RBA HOSTS JAMAICAN SOCCER TEAM JUNE 27 – JULY 4, 2008

The Richmond Baptist Association will be host to 15-20 soccer players from the Jamaica Women’s Soccer Association during the week of June 27 to July 4. These are all Christian young women 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 was seeking to connect with men in the community. Many men also use the soccer field as a means to connect with God. The RBA has been able to utilize this soccer field for the glory of Christ.

A WAY TO SAVE Do you Seek Counsel?

About 60% of active credit card accounts are not paid off monthly. Average credit card debt among all American households is $8,400. Good stewards are instructed to seek counsel. Entrust Federal Credit Union is here to help you get and keep your finances straight. Need help preparing a budget? Need advice about getting rid of debt? Go to our website to find resources that can help you Balance Your Budget or contact us for more information at 535-8012.

Entrust Federal Credit Union is available to be a resource as well to serve the financial needs of Dover, Middle District and Rich- mond Baptist Associations’ churches, staff and elected leaders.
**Ever Heard of the ATF?**

By Steve DeGaetani

(Re-printed by permission from Bon Air Baptist Church. Steve DeGaetani is an elementary school principal and Glocal ministries volunteer at Bon Air.)

No, not the government agency that polices alcohol, tobacco and firearms in our country! In fact, the ATF I am referring to is more powerful than even the most effective security agency out there.

Allen, Turner and Ford are the ladies who direct our three Baptist Centers in the Richmond area. This past summer, I met for the first time: Margaret Allen, at the South Richmond Baptist Center; Alinda Ford, at the Church Hill Christian Wellness Center; and Jennifer Turner, at the Oregon Hill Baptist Center. Indeed, these are powerful warriors for Christ!

Instead of participating in a week-long church reconstruction project, as I had done in the summer of 2006, I asked Barbara Swain how I could be of help in our Centers. She connected me to our “Baptist ATF,” who allowed me to serve in a variety of ways that were flexible with my work schedule. Among the three centers I used a church van to transport residents to the DMV, distributed food to the needy, painted a food pantry, and delivered brand new school supplies from a West End church to the South Richmond Baptist Center.

- The number of hours spent on my part? Approximately 20.
- The number of inconvenience to my routine? Minimal.
- The degree of appreciation from the three directors and the residents they served? Tremendous!

Are there other jobs that require extra volunteer assistance at the Centers? Definitely! Like helping with Vacation Bible School, setting up and decorating new book bags to neighborhood children. As you pray about matching your spiritual gifts to volunteer opportunities, please consider getting involved with our inner-city mission centers while on your summer vacation.

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**CHINA-USA CULTURAL HISTORY EXCHANGES**

Learn about Christianity in China, the history of Baptist Missions in China, and Asians-American Christians in the Greater Richmond Area! Pray for Christians and scholars at universities in Mainland China. Also offered are contextualized Bible messages based on the Gospel of John. For more information contact Thomas G. Oey, Ph.D. by phone at 804-730-7052 or email at oeytg@yahoo.com.

The mission of the China-USA Cultural History Exchange is to promote understanding between Chinese and Americans, and among multicultural Americans, by conducting and promoting research on Chinese and Asian American cultural history and Christian history, and mobilizing cultural and historical resources for future-oriented development.

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**THE CALL OF SOUTH AFRICA**

The Virginia Baptist Mission Board has signed a partnership agreement with the Baptist Union of South Africa to start new churches in the Free State Association. Presently there are only 35 small churches in that association. The VMBM accepted a goal to double that number by the year 2010. Several churches have agreed to sponsor a new church start in the association.

The Baptist Union is in the midst of an extensive evangelistic campaign, known as “IMPACT 2010”. In 2008, the focus will be in the Free State Province. Virginia Baptists have been asked to send 30 evangelical 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 3 or 4 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 would also be some requests for teams to do outreach projects which do not involve traditional visitation, 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. If you have an interest in becoming a part of this campaign, please contact Craig Waddell, Missions Partnership Coordinator, Virginia Baptist Mission Board, at 915-5000, or craig.waddell@vmbmb.org for more information.

An Orientation meeting for South Africa Mission Trips will be held on April 12 at the Virginia Baptist Resource Center from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

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**For Where 2 or 3 Are Gathered in My Name, I Am There Among Them.**

A Word From Nita…….

**YOU HAVE A PLACE TO CALL HOME. HERE’S YOUR CHANCE TO HELP SOMEONE WHO DOESN’T**

Affordable Housing Awareness Week (April 20-26, 2008) will be a week-long series of volunteer opportunities and events intended not only to increase awareness for the need of affordable housing, but also to engage folks creatively in becoming part of the solution. CVBM has the unique opportunity to support Affordable Housing Awareness Week.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2008 CVMB DAY!**

**70 VOLUNTEERS FROM OUR BAPTIST CHURCHES WILL BE WORKING TOGETHER ON FOUR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOUSES IN THE SOUTHEAST AREA.**

To initiate Affordable Housing Awareness Week on Sunday, April 20, the Hands On Network Partnership is asking leaders of area faith communities to address the issue of housing affordability and how people of faith can respond to the need in their message to the congregation. To learn more about the issues and other volunteer opportunities, everyone is invited to visit the Hands On Greater Richmond website at www.AffordableHousingRichmond.com.

CVBM has the 70 volunteers they need for April 22, but if you are interested in being involved during AHAW week, you can check out the events planned by nine non-profit partnership organizations listed on the website and volunteer to swing a hammer for HHF, pick up a paint brush for the Better Home Coalition, undertake some landscaping chores, or assist with building houses in South Richmond.

Contact Gayle Taylor (gayle.taylor@cvbm.org) or Nita (nita.may@cvbm.org) or call the CVBM office at 804 598-6350 (1 888 598-6350) for additional information.

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**CARS TO WORK**

Richmond Community Action Program has a donated car program called Cars to Work which is unique in that the donated cars are made available to persons who have been in the welfare system but who are now employed. The recipients of the cars are referred to RCCP by the local Social Service Departments and are persons who are now employed and need a car to maintain their employment. Often the local Social Service Department will pay for the cost of repairs or the first six months of auto insurance for the recipients. Car donors to RCCP receive an income tax deduction for their donated vehicles which can be used for their federal and state income tax forms. RCCP staff either picks up the car or it is towed. Car owners must provide a title and in return receive their donor receipt. Car Donors and RCCP staff will provide a donation receipt at RCCP at 788-0050, extension 18 to make your donation.

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**2008 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

Monday, April 21, 2008
Mechanicsville Baptist Church
8016 Atliee 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**

6:7 P.M.

Cost: $5.00

Make reservations & send payment by April 17, Contact Gayle Taylor, CVBM by Email: gayle.taylor@cvbm.org or Call 804-598-6350

Makes 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."

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**CONFERENCES 7-9 P.M. (Reservations not required)**

Preschool through Grades 6  Missions “Seasoned” Directors Music “Rookie” Directors Recreation Art Activities (Crafts)

**BEING YOUR LITERATURE WITH YOU.**

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

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**"Special Conference * Youth Ministers* Club VBS Cactus Canyon Leadership Conference for Mission VBS Leaders, Backyard VBS Youth Ministers and Youth that are planning summer mission experiences.**

Led by Amanda Lott, Minister of Children, Henugen Road Baptist Church

For more information contact Gayle Taylor E-mail gayle.taylor@cvbm.org or call 598-6360
Central Virginia Raceway Ministries
Invites you to

BRING A KID TO THE RACE-NIGHT

at the
Richmond International Raceway
Classic Amphitheatre

Friday, May 2, 2008
5:30pm
Program & Dinner

7:15pm
Entry into the Nationwide Race

Featuring
Giveaways
Juggling storyteller Tim Elder
Caleb Brauer Band
Testimonial from a member of the
racing community
And more!

REGISTER
AS A CHURCH (IF POSSIBLE) OR INDIVIDUAL
ADULTS $35 – KIDS 12 & UNDER ARE FREE
DINNER IS $7 PER PERSON FOR ALL AGES

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS
APRIL 17

For more information
or a Registration Form, contact:
Derek Gordon at 804-550-9601
d.gordon@newhighlandbaptist.org

Central Virginia Raceway Ministries

Ladies and Gentlemen!!

START YOUR ENGINES
AND VOLUNTEER FOR....

Central Virginia Raceway Ministries

VOLUNTEERS ARE WANTED to minister be-
side RIR guest services by providing raceway fans an op-
portunity 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 INTER-
ATIONAL RACEWAY COMPLEX. As ambassadors of good-
will, opportunities of service include: distributing “cups of
cold water,” cookies, Christian driver cards; performing as
singers, musical groups or with performing arts (clowns,
magicians, mime, jugglers, balloon artist, etc.); and serv-
ing as chaplains, crisis counselors, logistics support and
personnel.

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-1pm, 1-4 pm, 4-7pm, or 7-10 pm

WANTED!! THOUSANDS OF COOKIES!!!

We are asking that church mission groups, Sunday School
classes, youth groups, etc. volunteer to make “homemade”
cookies and bag these in small clear zip
lock plastic bags with 2-3 medium sized cookies each. A
label saying compliments of ________________ Baptist Church may be
put on the outside of the bag. No tracks please! These
will be available from Motor Racing Outreach and the Cen-
tral Virginia Fellowship of Raceway Ministries. Cookies
may be brought to the RBA Office, 3111 Moss Side Avenue, April 28 & 29, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (329-1701).

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

LAMP REPORT

“Latin American Mission Project”

Greetings,

More Baptisms: We are rejoicing because we have
seen eleven more baptized. We are thankful for
the harvest and are praying for more workers.
Thank you for your prayers and for the gifts that
make this work possible.

Summer Youth/Children’s Camp: Last
year 50 youth attended our summer youth retreat
camp. We have plans this year to expand the camp
to include children as well as youth. We are asking God
to double the attendance to 100 Latino children and
youth.

We ask you to join us in prayer as we plan for
100. We also invite you to consider helping us with the
camp. In addition to the facility, the cost of pro-
viding this camp includes providing items such as
disposable dinner ware and transportation for the chil-
dren and youth. If you can offer support, sponsor a
camper ($100 for child $12, $150 for youth) or help
in any other way, contact Louis Orsatti at 804-833-
9908 or lortsatti@yahoo.com.

Radio Ministry Marks First Anniversary

We thank God that our radio program has been on the
air for a whole year! We’ve had several sponsors air
time for this Spanish language program that offers biblical
ways to tackle many of life’s problems.

Please join us in prayer that more will hear this pro-
gram and the message we send over the air.

Bible Study in West End – Bill and Libby
Stennett, retired missionaries who served in Central
America, are leading a Bible study at the South
Woods apartments. We are grateful for them. Please
pray for the people who attend and for others to con-
nect with this new work.

Prayer Request – Please pray that God will
guide our immigration process to completion so that we
can continue this ministry. Pray for me, Rebecca
and our children as we each pursue seminary, college
and high school degrees – that God will provide all
we need to finish.

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

Dr. McCall earned recognition as “a bridge builder” by leading
Mount Tabor to join the RBA in 1970. It was the first African-
American Baptist church to join the association. There are now
18 African-American churches in the Richmond Baptist Association. Dr. McCall served as pastor of Mount Tabor for 54 years and was a
highly respected leader in Baptist circles during those years. He
became the first minister to remain at one church for that length of
time in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Dr. Charles E. Jones served as pastor of Mount Tabor from
1989 to 1993 and was instrumental in bringing what was then the
Church Hill Baptist Center to Mount Tabor. This move established
a partnership to support this work of community ministry between
Mount Tabor, the Richmond Baptist Association and neighboring
Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Dr. Herbert L. Ponder has served as pastor of this great
church since May 14, 1994 and follows the tradition of Dr. McCall by
being actively involved in the life of the RBA and other Baptist
groups. Deacon Spencer has effectively served on the RBA Execu-
tive Council since 1993 and is a real asset to our associational work
in the inner-city.

The RBA is grateful to the Mount Tabor Baptist Church for
providing space for one of the three RBA mission centers – the
Church Hill Christian Wellness Center – on the second and third
floor of the educational building. The Rev. Glinda Ford serves as the
Community Missionary for the Church Hill Center. The Center provides
valuable ministries in this inner-city community and complements the
work of the Mount Tabor Baptist Church. The Richmond Baptist As-
ciation counts Mount Tabor as one of our key partners in making a
difference in Richmond for the glory of God!

The RBA would be delighted to display your church’s wall
plate in our office if you have a plate you could share with us.

Rev. James Kim graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in May 2007. He went on a mission trip to China that summer and was greatly saddened by all the unsaved people he saw and felt God calling him to plant a new church for Koreans. He moved here in December 2007 and decided his church should not be limited to one nationality so he chose the name New Life International Church.

New Life International started meeting on January 6, 2008, at Pastor Kim’s house in Glen Allen with four adults and seven children. They met every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. for worship for an hour followed by a time of fellowship and lunch until 2:00 p.m.

After two months of prayerful searching for a church that might be open to partnering with New Life Internationals, God led them to Patterson Avenue. Dr. Bill Nieporte, Pastor of Patterson Avenue offered the congregation of New Life International the use of the Chapel at Patterson Avenue for the Korean Worship service at 11:00 on Sunday. Pastor Kim accepted the offer. He leads a Korean Adult Bible Study before the service while the children, who speak English, attend Patterson Avenue’s Sunday School and Children’s Church.

New Life International’s mission is to be a congregation of believers who worship the one true God and through the study of God’s Word learn to live the faithful Christian life. They have a two-fold focus for their ministry; reaching Koreans in the West End of Richmond with the saving Gospel, and disciple VCU students for His Kingdom. Pastor Kim wants to share the following prayer requests for New Life International Church with the RBA family:

- For God to bring together a strong core group.
- For Wisdom as they reach out to VCU students.
- For Holy Spirit filled worship services, and
- For the Pastor to continue to grow spiritually and live life as a faithful Christian.

The RBA family can partner with this new mission by referring Korean friends or acquaintances to this exciting new ministry to Koreans in the West End, VCU and UR.

You can contact Pastor Kim at 477-5908 or by email at jamesnamkim@yahoo.com.

BETHPHASE PLACE is collecting money to help forty-nine Missionary Kid’s (MKs) that were displaced due to the awful storms in Jackson, Tennessee and one of their Sunday School classes collected 250 coats for children. BETHLEHEM (Panick:) is having a Missions Fund Raiser to offset the costs of the various summer missions trips. The “Community Spring Fling” will be held on April 26 from 8am to 1pm with crafts, baked goods and yard sale items. B.O. BOYD Smith Union Concert Choir in March, will host CARITAS April 17-24, and will offer Parents’ Night Out on Friday, April 11.

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• The Mount Carmel Baptist Church 3200 East Broad Street

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**Mark Your Calendars**

**RBA Executive Council Meeting**

May 15, 2008 12:00 noon

The Mount Carmel Baptist Church

3200 East Broad Street