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**RECOGNIZING
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS**

The Resource Center announces that Dr. Karen Marie Yust, Associate Professor of Christian Education at Union/PSCE Seminary, will be the speaker at its **Fifth Annual Outstanding Christian Educators Banquet** on Friday, November 14th at Bon Air Baptist Church. Congregations are invited to nominate an educator from their midst, based on their own criteria, to be honored at the Banquet. Four hundred persons attended last year's celebration, at which 35 educators were individually recognized and presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for their contributions to their church's educational ministry. Nomination forms for 2008 honorees may be downloaded from the Center's website, www.resourcingchurches.com. The deadline for nominations is JUNE 15, 2008. For additional information, contact the Center: 804-358-8306, toll-free 888-241-5132, or e-mail: resourcecenter@cavtel.net.

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**Want to do
 Something
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**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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news of Richmond area churches...together...changing lives - April 2008



**Announcing the
 RICHMOND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION'S
 Annual Spring Celebration**

**Thursday, April 17, 2008
 7:00 p.m.**

**Host Church
 New Covenant Baptist Church
 7250 Patterson Avenue**

**Theme
 "THE CALL OF SOUTH AFRICA"**

Program Highlights
*Election of Associational Officers
 Acceptance of New Church
 Introduction of New Korean Church Plant
 Commissioning of Sojourners
 Recognition of Staff*

Keynote Speakers
*South Africa Fact Finding Team
 From Second Baptist Church*

Special Music
Skipwith Baptist Church Choir



REMEMBER! ELECT MESSENGERS TO REPRESENT YOUR CHURCH

The voting body of the Association shall be composed of five (5) elected messengers from each member church, and one (1) additional messenger for each \$5,000 or major fraction thereof given to the General Program and Week of Prayer offering of the Association during its previous fiscal year; provided, that no church shall be entitled to more than fifteen (15) such messengers. Further, each mission under the sponsorship of an Associational church shall be entitled to two (2) elected messengers, and all officers, members of all teams and councils, chairs or heads of Association organizations shall be members of the voting body of the Association.

Even though only messengers can vote on business matters, every church will want to enlist as many others as possible to attend this inspirational Spring Meeting.

**For additional information contact Frances Jones at the RBA Office,
 Phone: (804) 329-1701 ext. 201 or E-mail: francesj@rbaonline.org**

FROM YOUR DOM, PETE DU PLESSIS

Greetings!

In the Associational Spring meeting of April 2007, we welcomed the United for Christ Baptist Church into our fellowship. In the Fall meeting of October 2007, the Mount Carmel Baptist Church also joined the RBA family of churches. I am pleased to announce that in the 2008 Spring meeting on April 17 we will vote on the acceptance of another church, *A Different Richmond*, into the Richmond Baptist Association. A Different Richmond (ADR) was founded in December 2005 by Pastor Rock Higgins. The RBA New Work Team has met with their church leadership and is prepared to recommend their acceptance into the association. A Different Richmond is a Christian community of spiritual practice surrounding the teachings and actions of Jesus of Nazareth, commonly called The Christ. The name *A Different Richmond* states their mission, their vision and their prayer. ADR gathers weekly, Saturday nights at 6:00 p.m., at 1801 E. Cary Street (on the first floor) in the Shockoe Bottom district in Downtown Richmond. Please pray for the outreach and ministry of this exciting new work in the heart of our city.

We rejoice in the coming of the Rev. James Nan Kim and his family to begin a new Korean church in the West End. This new church is known as the New Life International Church and will begin meeting on March 30 in the chapel of the Patterson Avenue Baptist Church. This will make the 73rd church/mission associated with the Richmond Baptist Association. Please refer your Korean friends to this exciting new ministry to the Korean community at VCU, UR and the West End. The good folks at Patterson Avenue believe we can do more together than any one of us can do alone. How right they are!

The partnership of the RBA with the Toronto Baptist Association will come to a close at the end of 2008. There is still time for your church to make a trip to Toronto and share your gifts with the churches there needing our help. Don't miss out on this opportunity to make a difference with the love of God in this international community just across our northern border.

The First Baptist Church of Richmond has been in a partnership with the Ruzomberok Baptist Church in Slovakia for the past nine years. More than 100 Richmonders have participated in mission trips to Slovakia during those years doing English camps, handbells, puppets, and a basketball camp. The Ruzomberok Baptist Church has been reaching out to the community through these English learning programs which are a terrific bridge to the community. The RBA has been invited to participate with First Baptist Church in assisting these enthusiastic ministers in Slovakia. For more information about this partnership, contact the Minister of Missions, Steve Blanchard, at First Baptist at 358-5458, ext. 133.

This year, Virginia Baptists are helping our friends in the Free State Baptist Association of South Africa with a huge evangelism project in the Fall. Preaching teams are needed for August and September. Valerie Carter, Associate Pastor for Glocal Missions at Bon Air, will be the Team Leader for September 3 – 17. Contact Craig Waddell at the VBMB (915-5000) if you have interest in making this mission trip to South Africa.

HEAR YE ♦ HEAR YE ♦ HEAR YE



The Richmond Baptist Association

Is pleased to Announce

That as of Tuesday, March 25, 2008

Our Website: www.rbaonline.org

WAS UPDATED & IMPROVED!

Most Importantly – Please Note

As of Tuesday, March 25, 2008

Our Staff Email Addresses changed to:

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STAYS THE SAME

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BUDGET REQUESTS FOR 2009

All requests for budget funds for 2009 must be turned in to the RBA office by Friday, May 16, to be considered for inclusion in next year's budget. The Budget Sub-group must prepare a 2009 budget proposal to be presented to the Administrative Council meeting on July 17, 2008. If you should need assistance in preparing your budget request, please contact the RBA Financial Coordinator, Mrs. Jody Wright (329-1701 ext. 205) right away. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

FEBRUARY 2008 BUDGET REPORT

Budget Amount: \$ 57,375.00
 Budget Receipts: \$ 58,370.61
 Budget Expenses: \$ 40,606.13

YTD Amount: \$114,750.00
 YTD Receipts: \$ 84,689.57
 YTD Expenses: \$104,228.87

2008 Camp Alkulana Offering

Offering Goal: \$95,000.00

YTD Receipts: \$ 1,564.27

TOP MISSIONS GIVING

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 have eleven of our member churches included on that list.

# 2 Bon Air	\$336,789.92
# 3 First	\$228,669.15
#10 River Road	\$144,870.00
#15 Second	\$112,966.54
#16 Derbyshire	\$105,774.99
#21 New Bridge	\$ 85,610.04
#28 Huguenot Road	\$ 65,562.19
#70 Broadus Memorial	\$ 40,726.26
#79 Monument Heights	\$ 38,981.00
#85 Cambridge	\$ 37,309.93
#88 Hatcher Memorial	\$ 36,500.49

The RBA commends these churches for their generous financial support of the Acts 1:8 challenge to do missions.

**2008 Richmond Baptist Association's
PINECAR DERBY!**

APRIL 19TH AT 9:30 A.M.

at Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church's
R.A. House



CALLING ALL CHURCHES!

We are looking for R.A.s, Challengers, and Counselors to compete in this year's Associational Race.

All first and second winners in each division may participate in the State Derby.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL PAUL MATTOX
AT 267-9113

APRIL CALENDAR

APRIL 1 @ 8:30 A.M.

RACEWAY MINISTRIES CORE TEAM, RBA

APRIL 2 @ 12:00 NOON

MINISTERS' LUNCH @ PICCADILLY ON BROAD

APRIL 3 @ 12:00 NOON- 2:00 PM

ASSOCIATIONAL SMALLER MEMBERSHIP CHURCH

GROWTH PLAN MEETING, PATTERSON AVENUE

APRIL 10 @ 7:00 P.M.

RBA ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING, RBA

APRIL 12 @ 9:30 AM -12:00 NOON

ORIENTATION FOR SOUTH AFRICA MISSION TRIPS, VBRC

APRIL 15 @ 6:00 P.M.

RBA WMU ANNUAL CELEBRATION & DINNER, HATCHER

APRIL 17 @ 7:00 P.M.

RBA SPRING CELEBRATION, NEW COVENANT

APRIL 19 @ 9:30 A.M.

RBA PINE CAR DERBY, HATCHER MEMORIAL

APRIL 21 @ 12:00 NOON

CENTERS SUPPORT GROUP, RBA

APRIL 21 @ 12 NOON

DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR MAY TRANSFORMED!

APRIL 21

CVBM 2008 VBS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

@ MECHANICSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

6:00 PM DINNER; 7:00 PM CONFERENCES

APRIL 24 @ 7:00 P.M.

RACEWAY MINISTRIES VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION, RBA

**2008 Spring Conference
For Church Librarians**

**Eagle Eyrie 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 either 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.

HELP/SITUATIONS WANTED

ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES needed by **Northminster Baptist Church**, a Purpose Drive Church with a diverse congregation located in Richmond's northside. We are seeking a full-time leader to help us expand our ministry with children, birth through fifth grade, and their families as we equip them to grow in faith together. Experience in a similar position required, seminary degree strongly preferred. Resumes may be sent to Northminster Baptist Church, Attn: Personnel, 3121 Moss Side Ave., Richmond, VA 23222. Questions, please call our church office at 321-2511.

Northminster is also seeking a **YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR** (part-time: 20 hours per week). Candidate will work closely with the youth team to plan and implement discipleship, fellowship, outreach, and mission opportunities for youth in grades 6-12. College degree and experience working with youth required. Resumes may be sent to Northminster Baptist Church, Attn: Personnel, 3121 Moss Side Ave., Richmond, VA 23222. Questions, please call our church office at 321-2511.

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 sandibasset@rrcb.org. Job description available on website: www.rrcb.org.

 "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."

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 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, 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 NewCoveaBC@aol.com or you can mail a resume to: New Covenant Baptist Church, Attn: Personnel Committee, 7250 Patterson Ave, Richmond VA 23229

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 the Powell River Director of Missions, Richard Minton, at 276-346-1546.

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 missions 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, including an after school tutoring program. You can 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.

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, www.efcu.coop, to find resources that can help you *Balance Your Budget* or contact us for more information at 353-8012.

Entrust Federal Credit Union is available to be a resource as well as serve the financial needs of Dover, Middle District and Richmond Baptist Associations' churches, staff and elected leaders.



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 them 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 your church has a van or 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 Jamaica during the week of June 27 to July 4. 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 came to Richmond and blessed our city immensely. 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.



PRAY FOR THE RBA CHURCH OF THE WEEK

APRIL 6	AFRICAN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY
APRIL 13	BETHANY PLACE
APRIL 20	BETHLEHEM (FAIRMOUNT)
APRIL 27	BETHLEHEM (PENICK)
MAY 4	BON AIR

2008 SOJOURNERS PROGRAM



WHAT IS A SOJOURNER?

- ◆ A young person between the ages of 16 (must have completed the 11th grade) and 21.
- ◆ Someone who would like to experience working with children, youth, and seniors in an inner-city environment in a variety of social ministries at our three Baptist Centers.
- ◆ Must be available for 10 weeks during the summer—the schedule is flexible—averaging 20 hours of service per week with some weeks being more intense than others.
- ◆ Earns a total of \$600 per individual for the summer.
- ◆ **Deadline for submission of the written Application is April 10, 2008**

For more information, please contact
Pete du Plessis at the RBA Office:
 329-1701, ext. 202 or pete.duplessis@rbaonline.org.

MEN'S FRATERNITY

Men's Fraternity is a series of three one-year-long studies. More than just a rally or a Bible study, *Men's Fraternity* provides men with an encouraging process that teaches them how to live lives of authentic manhood as modeled by Jesus Christ and directed by the Word of God. The program was designed to help men come together and strengthen each other through weekly sessions that combine biblical teaching and small group interaction. These time-tested resources have been used all over the world to equip men to make their pursuit of noble manhood a life-long priority. Church leaders and lay members are using the series to energize the men of their church and to connect with men in the community.. Many men also use the series in their own personal pursuit of authentic manhood. For more information, contact Cliff Mallory (Staples Mill Road Baptist Church) at 264-1525.

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 Global 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 at the corner of Hull Street and Belt Boulevard; Glinda 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 Swann how I could be of help to 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 amount 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, sorting donated items, and distributing 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.

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 persons referred to RCAP 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 RCAP receive an income tax deduction for their donated vehicles which can be used on the federal and state income tax forms. RCAP staff either picks up the car or has it towed. Car owners must provide a title and in return receive their donor form. Call Bob Cook at RCAP at 788-0050, extension 18 to make your donation.

CHINA-USA CULTURAL HISTORY EXCHANGES



Learn about Christianity in China, the history of Baptist Missions in China, and Asian-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 friendship and 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.



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 VBMB 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 evangelistic 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, things such as sport 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@vbmb.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.

CENTRAL VIRGINIA BAPTIST MINISTRIES

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



"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 SOUTHSIDE 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 HFH, 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.



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: 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

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 7-9 P.M.

(Reservations not required)



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 * 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, Huguenot Road

For more information contact: Gayle Taylor
E-mail gayle.taylor@cvbm.org or call 598-6360



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

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 or
d.gordon@newhighlandbaptist.org



Ladies and Gentlemen!!

START YOUR ENGINES AND VOLUNTEER FOR....

Central Virginia Raceway Ministries

VOLUNTEERS ARE WANTED to minister beside 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

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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 tracts please! These will be available from Motor Racing Outreach and the Central Virginia Fellowship of Raceway Ministries. **Cookies may be brought to the RBA Office, 3111 Moss Side Ave, April 28 & 29, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (329-1701).**

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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 providing this camp includes providing items such as disposable dinner ware and transportation for the children and youth. If you can offer support, sponsor a camper (\$100 for child 6-12; \$150 for youth) or help in any other way, contact Louis Orsatti at 804-833-9908 or lorsatti@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 program and the message we send over the air.

Bible Study in West End - Bill and Libby Stennett, retired missionaries who served in Central American, 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 connect 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, Rebeca 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: 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.

WALL PLATE MARKS HISTORY

Deacon Benjamin Spencer presented a Mount Tabor Baptist Church memorial plate to Pete du Plessis, RBA Director of Missions, to be placed on "the wall of fame" in the RBA office building. Deacon Spencer joined Mount Tabor in 1958 when Dr. C.S. McCall was the pastor and the church building was dedicated on June 1, 1958 (the occasion for the plate). Mount Tabor was founded in 1872 on Ragland Street and moved to its present Fairmount Avenue location on January 1, 1958.



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 Executive 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 vital ministries in this inner-city community and complements the work of the Mount Tabor Baptist Church. The Richmond Baptist Association 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.

WELCOME

Rev. James N. Kim
Pastor, New Life
International Church



The RBA family welcomes Pastor James Kim and the new mission congregation of New Life International Church which began worshipping at Paterson Avenue Baptist Church on Easter Sunday, March 23, 2006.

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 in Richmond for Koreans. He moved here in December 2007 and decided that 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 International, God lead 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 since there are no Korean Churches in the area and to reach and disciple VCU students for His Kingdom.

Pastor Kim wants to share the following prayer requests for New Life International with the RBA family:

- For God to bring together a strong core group.
- 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 Witness

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.

WELCOME

Rev. Eric Durden
Pastor,
Fairmount Memorial



We are pleased to announce that Rev. Eric Durden was called to be the Pastor of Fairmount Memorial Baptist Church. His first Sunday in the pulpit was January 27.

Rev. Durden has been in the ministry for 15 years serving the last eight years as a senior pastor for eight years in Maryland. Eric and his wife Tammy have three children Matthew (17), Samantha (15) and Jonathan (11).

We rejoice with the congregation of Fairmount as they celebrate God's answer to their prayers for a Pastor; looking forward with great expectations as God unfolds His plans for the future of Fairmount. We welcome Rev. Durden and his family to the RBA family.

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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**

AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

CHURCH NEWS

BETHANY PLACE is collecting money to help forty-nine Missionary Kid's (MK's) that were displaced due to the awful storms in Jackson, Tennessee and one of their Sunday School classes collected 250 coats for children in Southwest, VA. **BETHLEHEM (Penick)** 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. **BON AIR** hosted The Johnson C. Smith University Concert Choir in March, will host CARITAS April 17-24, and will offer Parents' Night Out on Friday, April 11. **BROADUS MEMORIAL** has over thirty people signed up to walk, jog and/or run the Monument Avenue 10K Marathon on April 5. **CAMBRIDGE** is having their Annual Bring a Friend Night for Team Kids on Wednesday, April 9 and is collecting supplies and money for their "Cambridge Missionaries" going to San Jose de Quero, Peru. **CARLISLE AVENUE** graciously hosted the RBA Executive Council meeting in February. **CHAMBERLAYNE** is offering "Money Mechanics" seminars on April 27 at 4:00 p.m. Seminars include budget making, home buying & selling, investing, elder care and funeral planning. Advance registration with church required (804-266-8735). Dinner and childcare provided at no charge. **DERBYSHIRE** raised \$3,319.37 to improve water access and sanitation for Malawian people in Africa. **FIRST**'s Community Missions was able to give every homeless guest a coat this year with the help of ABC's *Good Morning America's*, "One Warm Coat" campaign, Burlington Coat Factory and church members' donations. Also, the Women's Ministry (FLO) invites women to step into a writer's life in the pages with Christy-Award winning author Angela Hunt on Saturday, May 3 at 11:00 a.m. for brunch and a program. Tickets are \$15/person—contact Bev Carroll for information at bev.carroll@cavtel.net or call 539-1390. **GAYTON** collected furniture and other household items to Pack the Pod!, took them to "Embrace Richmond", met the families in their program, helped them shop and helped them move into their homes. **GINTER PARK** hosted Morehead State University's 43 Student Choir and will collect supplies for CARITAS April 5-12 hosted by Ginter Park Presbyterian Church. **GRACE** is looking for volunteers to help the new "Community Kitchen" feed thousands of Richmond children and over a thousand elderly and homebound citizens ever day. **GROVE AVENUE** is preparing for a fabulous "Global Impact Celebration" with this year's theme "Living and Proclaiming Jesus... Across the Street and Around the World" April 27-May 4. **HATCHER MEMORIAL** will have a special Sunday morning service at 10:00 a.m. on April 27 which will feature the living dramatization of Leonardo Da Vinci's "The Lord's Supper" by Ernest K. Emurian. A second

presentation will be that same evening at 5:00 p.m. The public is invited. For more information call 266-9696 or visit the Church's website www.hatcherchurch.org. **HUGUENOT ROAD** will send a mission team to Port Sulphur, Louisiana April 5-13 to continue reconstruction for Hurricane Katrina victims. **LAKESIDE** will host a recital by Tenor, Matt Brady accompanied by Pianist, Melinda Adelstien and Organist Phyllis Coffman on Sunday, April 13 at 4:00 p.m. They are collecting laundry detergent and fabric softener for Ronald McDonald House Charities. **LEIGH STREET** has found friends at another church that want to help Leigh Street increase the number of residents they take food to at the Bowler Retirement Center. **MONUMENT HEIGHTS'** youth are collecting new and gently used books for the ESL children in grades Kindergarten through 5th at Summer Hill Elementary School. **NEW BRIDGE** is having a "NBBC Family Survivor Weekend" for adults, teens and kids to participate in church projects from the kitchen to the nursery. **OAKWOOD MEMORIAL** will have an ACTS Bazaar on Saturday, April 26, from 8 am to 2 pm. ACTS--African Children's Tuition for School—will take place on the front lawn (sun shine) or in the Fellowship Hall (rain). **PATTERSON AVENUE** has a new website to check out: www.pattersonavenuebaptist.com. **RIVER ROAD** had eleven members participate in the CrossOver West Clinic which helped treat nineteen ailing patients. **SAINT PAUL'S** recently offered a "Kidney Early Evaluation Program", (K.E.E.P.), which is a free health screening program for individuals at increased risk of developing kidney disease. **SANDSTON** is hosting "Operation Inasmuch" on Saturday, April 19 to involve as many members as possible in mission projects. There will be projects for adults, teenagers and children. **SECOND** is helping the Brazilian Church collect clothes and shoes for a mission project for the poor of Brazil. **STOCKTON MEMORIAL** is collecting items for new moms for the Appalachian Regional Ministry project, Tiny Tots and they are also collecting vegetable seed packets for "Seeds of Renewed Hope in Liberia".

STAFF NEWS

COMMUNITY OF GRACE has been blessed with the ministry of Intern Donna Rhaney for the last year; and Rev. Bob Wynne has been called as Interim Pastor beginning in May. **FIRST** has called Dr. Jim Somerville as Senior Pastor beginning in May. **HUGUENOT ROAD** has called Amanda Lott as their new Associate Pastor for Children's Ministries. **JAHNKE ROAD** called Rev. Robert Wayne Marker to serve as their part-time Outreach/Associate Pastor and Mrs. Nami Hurteau as Pianist/Organist. **NORTHMINSTER** welcomed Logan Jones as their new Director of Music. **TABERNACLE** has hired Evanne Benson as their new Financial Secretary.