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2008 Camp Alkulana Offering and Week of Prayer for Associational Missions (May 19-25, 2008) MATERIALS AVAILABLE

Many RBA churches have already placed their orders for 2008 Camp Offering promotional materials and the prayer guide for the Week of Prayer, but many have not. The RBA office still has an ample supply of all the materials available. Samples of the Bulletin Insert (5½ x 8½) for the Camp Offering and the Prayer Guide for the Week of Prayer are shown below. Other promo items available for the Camp Offering are, offering envelopes, promo flier (8½ x 11) or poster (11x17), and the Camp Alkulana brochure. To view samples of these items and the order form, visit the Camp Offering section of the RBA website at www.rbaonline.org or to place an order contact Frances Jones at 804-329-1701 ext. 201 or frances.jones@rbaonline.org. Hurry and get your order in while supplies last!

2008 CAMP ALKULANA Offering

Formerly known as the RBA Week of Prayer for Associational Missions Offering

2008 OFFERING GOAL: \$95,000

Funds needed to run camp for one year:

CAMP OPERATIONS	\$67,500.00
Food	18,000.00
Transportation	8,000.00
Insurance	8,000.00
Maintenance/Repairs	6,000.00
Utilities	13,000.00
Mileage	1,500.00
Program Expenses	6,500.00
Medical Expenses	500.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance	4,000.00

CAMP STAFF STIPENDS.....\$25,000.00

CAMP STAFF TRAINING.....\$2,500.00

TOTAL FUNDS NEEDED.....\$95,000.00

Funds in excess of \$95,000 will be placed in the Camp Emergency Reserve Fund

A WORD FROM THE CAMP DIRECTOR

Since 1915, Camp Alkulana has provided a safe, nurturing and fun experience for children of Richmond in an environment rich in natural beauty and adventure opportunities.

According to our mission statement, Camp Alkulana exists to make a difference in children's lives by revealing God's existence as reflected in nature and His love as demonstrated by camp leaders and proclaimed in His word and worship.

The full amount of the Camp Alkulana offering goal will fund the entire cost of operating the summer camp program. My salary is provided through the budget of the Richmond Baptist Association, but this special missions offering will be the sole source of income for the expenses of the summer program at Camp Alkulana.

For more information about Camp Alkulana, visit www.alkulana.org

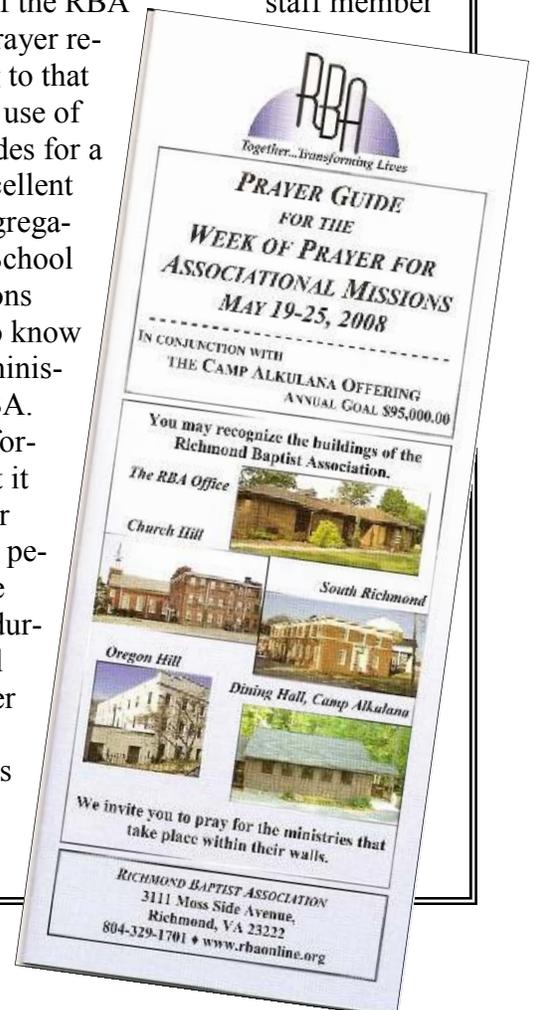
Thank you for helping us make a difference in the lives of nearly 200 children each summer!

Gracie Kirkpatrick, Community Missionary

The girls and boys of inner-city Richmond need your help in 2008 to keep camp running!

Contributions to this offering will be accepted throughout 2008. Camp Alkulana is a ministry of the Richmond Baptist Association.

THE PRAYER GUIDE highlights a different associational mission for each day of the week with a photo of the RBA staff member and specific prayer requests relating to that ministry. The use of the prayer guides for a week is an excellent way for a congregation, Sunday School class or missions group to get to know the staff and ministries of the RBA. The Guide is formatted so that it can be used for any seven-day period during the year, not just during the official Week of Prayer for Associational Missions which is May 19-25, 2008.



FROM YOUR DOM, PETE DU PLESSIS

Greetings!

The Richmond Baptist Association meets as a body for a Spring Celebration in April and an Annual Fall Meeting in October each year. I always look forward to these two gatherings because the fellowship among our folks is so wonderful. Truly the Spirit of God moves among us as we gather to share our passion for the work of the Kingdom. There is a supernatural dynamic at work in corporate worship that defies explanation. As the phrase of the chorus says, "the more we get together, the happier we will be!" I, for one, am convinced of that truth. I thoroughly enjoy being in the presence of the Lord along with my RBA family of faith.

The New Covenant Baptist Church hosted our Spring Celebration on April 17. There were 101 messengers and 33 visitors present representing 26 churches. It was good to see the improvements made by New Covenant in their recent sanctuary renovations. Pastor Mike Robinson serves as the RBA Vice Moderator this year in addition to other places of service in the Association.

Those in attendance were blessed by the special music provided by the Skipwith Baptist Church Choir and led by their Music Director, Rick Tinsley. And Rick led us in some heart-warming congregational singing. We truly had "church" on Thursday evening.

Ruth Guill, the RBA Partnership Missions Coordinator, presented nine beautiful flags and stands to the Richmond Baptist Association. The flags and poles were an anonymous gift from a friend of missions. The flags represent the places where the RBA has had a unique missions partnership in the past. With each new partnership, a new flag will be added to our collection to remind us of our passion for missions according to Acts 1:8 – "You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

The messengers present voted unanimously to approve the recommendation from the New Work Team to receive *A Different Richmond* into our RBA family of churches. The name of the church states their mission, their vision, and their prayer. The Rev. Rock Higgins is the founding pastor of this young congregation meeting in the heart of Shockoe Bottom. The congregation gathers on Saturday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at 1801 E. Cary Street for worship and communal growth. The RBA is proud to call A Different Richmond as one of our own.

It was my delight to lead in a prayer of commissioning for Michelle A. Nieporte to serve as a 2008 Sojourner Summer Missionary with our RBA Baptist Centers in the city. Michelle is a member of the Patterson Avenue Baptist Church where her father, the Rev. Dr. William M. Nieporte, Sr. is the pastor. At the same time, it was my joy to introduce the Rev. James Nam Kim as the pastor of the New Life International Church, a new Korean church plant meeting in the facilities of the Patterson Avenue Baptist Church.

The highlight of the evening was the report from the Fact-Finding Team from Second Baptist Church who had made a missions trip to South Africa in February. They shared with us what they experienced as they met with some of our church planters in the Free State Association. God has richly blessed Second Baptist as the members have experienced missions work first-hand. They are planning another trip to South Africa in August. May their tribe increase.

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

Our Staff Email Addresses have changed to:

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STAYS THE SAME

GRACIE KIRKPATRICK: alkulana@juno.com

ANOTHER WAY TO SAVE

Did you know Entrust FCU has more free ATMs than Bank of America?

Entrust is part of the CU HERE Premium network, the nation's largest surcharge-free ATM network. You now have access to 45,000 free ATMs, compared to B of A's 16,000. So next time you need to make a deposit or withdrawal, check them out. Go to our website, www.efuc.coop, scroll down to the "Convenient Locations" section, click on "Find an ATM," type in your address, and all the FREE ATMs near you will pop up. Wallah!

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.

BUDGET REQUESTS FOR 2009

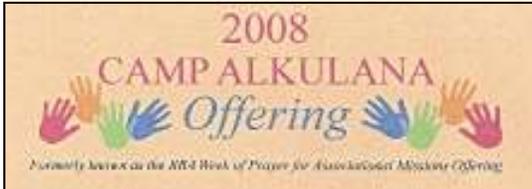
All requests for budget funds for 2009 must be turned in to the RBA office by Friday, May 16, to be considered for inclusion in next year's budget. The Budget Sub-group must prepare a 2009 budget proposal to be presented to the Administrative Council meeting on July 17, 2008. If you should need assistance 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.

MARCH 2008 BUDGET REPORT

Budget Amount:	\$ 57,375.00
Budget Receipts:	\$ 55,088.98
Budget Expenses:	\$ 38,057.44
YTD Amount:	\$172,125.00
YTD Receipts:	\$139,772.95
YTD Expenses:	\$141,530.71

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

MAY 4	BON AIR
MAY 11	BOULEVARD
MAY 18	BRAZILIAN
MAY 25	BROADUS MEMORIAL
JUNE 1	CAMBRIDGE



**2008 CAMP ALKULANA OFFERING
AS OF MARCH 31, 2008**

Offering Goal: \$95,000.00
YTD Receipts: \$ 8,625.57

PRAYER REQUEST

The Rev. Louis Orsatti asks for prayers for his friend, Pastor Juan Carlos Gascon of the Iglesia Hispana Bautista En Kenbridge (Southside Baptist Association), who was in a terrible auto accident recently. Juan Carlos suffered a broken neck. The long-term prognosis is rehabilitation and some paralysis. Southside Baptist Association has set aside Sunday, May 4, in their association as a time for prayer for Juan Carlos and his family and also to receive a special offering to help the family with medical expenses. If you would like to contribute, please send checks payable to:

Kenbridge Baptist Church
400 Fifth Avenue – P.O. Box 445
Kenbridge, VA 23944

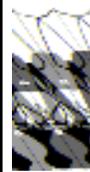
Please mark your check on the memo line for Juan Carlos Gascon Fund.

**MISSION SERVICE OPPORTUNITY
AT OREGON HILL CENTER**

OHMOMS (Oregon Hill Mothers Offering Mothers Support): A new support group for mothers of you children (birth to 3 years) has begun meeting the last Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Mothers share in refreshments, devotion time and topic discussion. Merit Carrington, member of Pine Street is group founder and leader.

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. Groups could also provide the refreshments or suggest possible topic discussion leaders.

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



****CAMP NEWS FLASH****

**"MISS GRACIE"
CAMP DIRECTOR TO RETIRE**

At the RBA Spring Celebration on April 17, Gracie Kirkpatrick announced her plans to retire on March 1, 2009 as the Director of Camp Alkulana after more than 30 years of service in that capacity. The Richmond Baptist Association has been richly blessed by the dedicated service Gracie has devotedly given to her Lord. Gracie first joined the RBA staff in September 1969 working full-time as the Director of the South Richmond Center. She left that position in August 1974 to attend the Presbyterian School of Christian Education to receive a Master of Arts degree in Christian Education. She returned to the RBA on a part-time basis (because there was no full-time position open) in February 1978 to serve as Director of Camp Alkulana. In August 1986, Gracie began work full-time with dual responsibilities as Director of Camp Alkulana and as Associate Director of the Hillside Baptist Center and then later at the Oregon Hill Baptist Center. As the Lord blessed the ministry of Camp Alkulana with growth and expansion, Gracie became the Camp Director on a full-time basis in 1999. Gracie was appointed as a home missionary under the auspices of the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1988.

After Gracie retires, she plans to relocate to her home state of Florida where she hopes to do lots of sailing in the beautiful waters of the Gulf of Mexico. It goes without saying that we will all miss Gracie Kirkpatrick in the work of the Richmond Baptist Association. She has so wonderfully touched the lives of so many people through all these years of ministry. It just seems almost impossible to think of the RBA without Gracie Kirkpatrick being there. Gracie has shared more than half of her life with us. What an example of the missionary spirit Gracie has been to us. We thank God for Gracie's committed life of Christian service to others. We hate to see Gracie go, but we wish her well as she leaves to enjoy her years of retirement. Godspeed!

**SUPPORT CAMP THIS SUMMER
WITH YOUR PRAYERS**

We cannot all be volunteers helping out at Camp Alkulana this summer, but we can pray for Miss Gracie, the camp staff, counselors and campers during the four summer sessions:

- June 19-26 — Young Girls (ages 10-11 and CITs)
- June 30-July 11 — Older Girls (ages 12-14)
- July 17-24 — Young Boys (ages 10-11 and CITs)
- July 28-August 8 — Older Boys (ages 12-14)

Welcome

Dr. Jim Somerville
Senior Pastor, First



We are pleased to announce that Dr. James "Jim" Green Somerville has been called to be the Senior Pastor at First Baptist Richmond. His first Sunday will be May 11.

Dr. Somerville has been serving as the Pastor of First Baptist Washington, DC for the past seven years. Prior to moving to Washington, DC, he served as Pastor of Wingate Baptist Church, Wingate, NC. Jim has preached on the Chicago-based television program, 30 Good Minutes, the internationally broadcast Day 1 radio program, and was one of the featured preachers at the Festival of Homiletics at the Washington National Cathedral in 2004. He has had articles and sermons published in national publications.

Jim and his wife Christy have been married for 25 years and have two daughters, Ellie a third year student at the College of Charleston and Catherine a junior in high school.

We join the congregation of First in welcoming Jim and his family to the RBA family.

JAMAICAN MISSION OPPORTUNITY June 27—July 4



The RBA has been blessed with the privilege of hosting 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, June 29. We will be providing clinics in the morning and afternoon, Monday through Thursday, at various locations around the inner-city.

This is a real opportunity for your church to have a cross-cultural relationship with friends from Jamaica. Please contact Pete du Plessis at 329-1701 if you would like to have any of these soccer players to speak to your Sunday School or worship services on Sunday, June 29. If your church is having a July 4th picnic or social gathering, it would be wonderful to have these young men experience American hospitality in our national celebration of Independence. If you have high school age and college age youth who would like to help with these clinics each day, we would greatly appreciate their involvement in this missions opportunity. The RBA will need your help in conducting this week-long missions exchange with Christian soccer players from Jamaica coming to help us evangelize our communities. Please contact Pete du Plessis for more information.

TORONTO-VIRGINIA PARTNERSHIP CONTINUES



Eleanor & Stu Dodson will be traveling in their RV to Toronto in late May and have agreed to transport supplies needed by the Toronto Ministry listed below:

VBS MATERIALS

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

SEWING ACCESSORIES, such as:
Thread, Needles, Pins & Pin cushions
Buttons, Zippers, Velcro, Elastic, Trim
*Patterns, **No Fabric***

COLLECTION DEADLINE IS MAY 20.

Supplies will be collected at:
RBA Office, 3111 Moss Side Avenue

Questions, contact Ruth Guill at 745-1655

Welcome Rev. Rock Higgins Pastor, *A Different Richmond*



Rev. Jeffrey D. "Rock" Higgins is the founding Bivocational Pastor of *A Different Richmond* (ADR). Prior to starting ADR in December 2005, Rock served in a variety of capacities during his 20 years of ministry in many local churches, including Bon Air as Associate Pastor for Young Adults and X-Changes as Organization Coordinator and Guide.

During the week, Rock is involved with another passion, teaching boys, as the Assistant Head and Teacher at Seven Hills School a cutting edge middle school for boys located in the North side of Richmond.

Rock and his wife Stephanie have two daughters Selah Bliss and Sojourner Abbey.

On behalf of the RBA, we welcome Rock and his family into the RBA family and we invite everyone to visit and join in worship with the ADR community on Saturday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at 1801 East Cary Street.

Announcing the Annual Meeting Virginia Baptist Historical Society

Featuring
"Developing a Giving Life"
A Look at Christian Stewardship

with an address by
Stephen B. McSwain
Vice President of Cargill Associates and
author of *The Giving Myths*

7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Bon Air Baptist Church
2531 Buford Road
Richmond, VA

The evening program is free and open to the public. A pre-meeting dinner at 6 p.m. is available by pre-registration only and the cost is \$15. Make reservations by May 1 by calling 289-8434.

Richmond Baptist Association's

CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL

Fellowship Hall

Bon Air Baptist Church

May 13, 2008

7:30 p.m.



Mrs. Deborah Upton, Bon Air, is serving as the Children's Bible Drill Coordinator for the RBA in 2008. Bible Drill instructs grade-school (4-6 grades) children to learn how to use the Bible by learning its structure and some key verses. The study materials to help prepare your children for this year's Associational and State Bible Drills (Green Cycle) can be found at the Lifeway Bookstore.

If you think you know Bible Drill from your own childhood days — oh no, think again! Your children will love it! Contact Deborah at 272-1475 if you have questions about the Drill or to register your participation.



CENTRAL VIRGINIA BAPTIST MINISTRIES

P. O. Box 34241, Richmond, VA 23234

(ofc) 598-1907, (cell) 332-4670;

(e) nita.may@cvbm.org

"Lord, deal with me in lovingkindness, and teach me, your servant, to obey; For I am your servant, therefore give me common sense to apply your rules to everything I do." (Psalm 120: 124-125)

Greetings:

The evaluations from the CVBM Pastor/Deacon Conference tell us that there were over 350 people at the March 10th conference held at Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond. Appropriately, attendees commented on how much they learned - the knowledge they gained in their sessions and the desire to keep on learning!

Much of the success of the conference was due to the excellent presenters and the knowledge and experience they brought to the conference. Comments from those that attended conveyed that the topics offered were in touch with relevant needs and would be useful in their churches. Several of the sessions were co-led by leaders from our black churches and our white churches presenting together. Facilitators for the conference sessions represented Dover, MDBA, RBA, BTRSR, & BGAV leaders.

Numerous comments pointed to the enthusiasm of those that participated and how it contributed to the success of the conference. Participants indicated that they enjoyed the opportunity to dialogue with others and to learn from one another. Deacons and pastors came from far and wide! Nine different associations were represented, including Dover, Middle District, Richmond, Hermon, Concord, Norfolk, Goshen, Rappahannock and Natural Bridge Baptist Associations.

Participants shared that they would like to have attended more than one session and asked that two sessions be offered for next year's conference. Numerous topics were suggested, including many of the same topics that were addressed this year. Ensuring that all leaders distribute handouts for their session was also a key request. Comments also indicated that March was the best time of year to hold the conference. Next years conference has already been posted: Monday, February 2, 2009, however, future Pastor/Deacon conferences will be held in March.

Thank you to all who participated in any way in this year's conference - by sharing a part of your life that encouraged others. As a result, many expressed a new appreciation for challenges faced by pastors and expressed a desire to become more involved in their role as servant leaders in the church.

Blessings,

Nita May, Regional Ministries Coordinator, CVMB

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE ANNOUNCES U.S. Postal Rate Increase as of May 12, 2008

FIRST CLASS MAIL

One Ounce Letter	\$0.42
One Ounce Large Envelope	0.83
One Ounce Parcel	1.17
Additional Ounce	0.17
Postcard	0.27

For more information on all rate increases, check out
www.usps.com.

MAY CALENDAR

MAY 1

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

MAY 2

BRING A KID TO THE RACE NIGHT @ 5:50 P.M. &
RACEWAY MINISTRY, NATIONWIDE SERIES RACE, RIR

MAY 3

RACEWAY MINISTRY @ SPRINT CUP RACE, RIR

MAY 6 @ 8:30 A.M.

RACEWAY MINISTRY CORE TEAM, RBA

MAY 7 @ 12:00 NOON

MINISTERS' LUNCH @ PICCADILLY ON BROAD

MAY 11

Mother's Day

MAY 13 @ 7:30 P.M.

RBA CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL, BON AIR

MAY 14 @ 1:00 P.M.

RBA BUDGET SUB-GROUP, RBA

MAY 15 @ 12:00 NOON

RBA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, MOUNT CARMEL

MAY 17

GENERAL WORK DAY #1, CAMP ALKULANA

MAY 19-25

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

MAY 19 @ 10:00 A.M.

RBA ENDOWMENT/PLANNED GIVING TEAM, RBA

MAY 20 @ 10:00 A.M.

RBA WMU LEADERSHIP TEAM, RBA

MAY 20 @ 12:00 NOON

DEADLINE FOR TRANSFORMED NEWSLETTER MATERIAL

MAY 21 @ 2:00 P.M.

RBA PERSONNEL SUB-GROUP, RBA

MAY 26

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

RBA OFFICE CLOSED

MAY 31

GENERAL WORKDAY #2, CAMP ALKULANA



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.

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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.

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"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."

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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.

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

HOST CHURCH NEEDED FOR AUGUST 21, 2008

RBA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

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

If your church is interested in hosting this meeting, contact Frances Jones or Pete du Plessis at the RBA at 804-329-1701 as soon as possible.

CHURCH NEWS

BETHANY PLACE is offering "Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent", a Beth Moore study of Psalms 120-134 on Wednesday nights. **BETHLEHEM (Penick)** has a new website: <http://bberichmond.wordpress.com>. **BON AIR**'s Rebecca Reznak was selected as the 2008 RBA Outstanding GA. Bon Air will host **CARITAS** May 17-24 and will have a "Missions Celebration" May 2 to celebrate and promote missions involvement and May 3 to participate in mission projects. **CAMBRIDGE** youth go to the inner city every Sunday afternoon where they lead worship, Bible lessons, crafts and have fun with the neighborhood children as well as joining church members on every fourth Sunday going to Lexington Court to celebrate residents birthdays with a gift and refreshments and music for everyone. **CARLISLE AVENUE** had Family Game Night on April 18. **DERBYSHIRE** will have Bobby Ukrop speak during their morning worship May 4 as they prepare for the next phase of rejuvenating their church's role in God's plan and that evening the children will present "Imagine God!, A Children's Music Ministry Presentation Exploring and Expressing Images of God". **FIRST** will have Dr. Neville Callam, General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance as guest preacher Sunday, May 4. First had "Making Good Marriages Great", a Marriage Enrichment event April 25-26 and the For Ladies Only, will present "Grow Luncheon" featuring Christy-Award winning author, Angela Hunt on May 3. **GAYTON** is sending a mission team to Lisbon, Portugal May 4-10 to discern God's leading them towards future mission trips to Lisbon. **GINTER PARK** joined BTRSR and Ginter Park Presbyterian in hosting 45 men for **CARITAS**. **GRACE** will host and join in presenting the "Amani Peace Concert" with the American Youth Harp Ensemble, the BTRSR Choir, the Richmond Montessori School's Children's Honor Choir and members of the Richmond Symphony Orchestra Chorus in a program of African and Africa-inspired music on Sunday, May 4 to benefit the Grace Baptist Church School in Liberia. **HATCHER MEMORIAL** participated in "Re-building Together", a volunteer based program that repairs homes for low income, elderly, and disabled people who own their homes on April 26 and will sponsor a blood drive Wednesday, May 14 from 3-7 pm. **HUGUENOT ROAD** sent a mission team to Enderly Park with the Hyaets ministry in Charlotte, North Carolina, April 30-May 3. **JAHNKE ROAD** hosted the "Gospel Harmony Boys" at their Sunday morning "Gospel Music Worship Service" on April 20.

LEIGH STREET's Sunday School is sponsoring a Yard Sale to be held on June 7 at the VFW in Mechanicsville, Brooking Way & Cold Harbor Road at 7:00 a.m. Proceeds will benefit their Vacation Bible School. **MONUMENT HEIGHTS** hosted "2008 Love In Action Day" which allowed their members to participate in a wide variety of mission projects which included putting together donated items for "Iraq Soldier Care Kits". On April 20, the Romania Mission Team hosted a spaghetti lunch after church to support their mission trip to Bucharest. **NEW COVENANT** graciously hosted the RBA Spring Celebration in their newly renovated Sanctuary. **NORTHMINSTER** has a new website: www.wow-life.com. **OAK FOREST** donated disposable gloves, Kleenex and paper towels to the Church Hill Wellness Center and provided lunch to the BSU students at VCU. **OAKWOOD MEMORIAL** hosted "Bazaar Day at Oakwood", a yard sale of member donated items, with the money collected going to African Children's Tuition for School (ACTS). **PINE STREET** will serve as an intake site for **CARITAS** May 17-June 27. **RIVER ROAD**'s InterACTS presented "Another Light Glows", a Wednesday Night Dinner-Play about the power of expectations, hope, trust and faith moving through the lives of two next-door-in-law families. **SANDSTON** is asking their members to help provide dinner once each month for the residents at Hilliard House, a transitional home for homeless women and their children. **SKIPWITH** will have "Patriotic Day at Skipwith" on May 18 with food, music and games on the church lawn for fun and inspiration. **STAPLES MILL ROAD**'s Men's Fraternity is beginning "Winning at Work and Home", an excellent source of information on improving marriage and child rearing, on Thursday evenings. **SWIFT CREEK** had their Special Needs Ministry's 3rd Annual Talent Show and Dinner for a time of inspiration, praise, fun, fellowship and food. **WESTHAMPTON** will have a Special Worship Service, Sunday, May 18, featuring Tennessee Gospel Music's "Brothers Forever" with "Dinner on the Grounds" at Noon.

STAFF NEWS

FAIRMOUNT MEMORIAL welcomed Kimberly Jeter as their new Secretary and Matt Williams as their new Youth Minister. **HUGUENOT ROAD** called Amanda Lott to serve as their new Associate Pastor for Children's Ministries. **SOUTHAMPTON** has called Rev. Don Retzer to be their Pastor. He has been serving the church as the Interim Pastor.

Mark Your Calendars

**RBA
Executive Council Meeting**

**May 15, 2008
12:00 noon**

**The Mount Carmel Baptist Church
3200 East Broad Street**



The RBA family extends our deepest sympathy to the family of Bobbie Johnson who passed away on Friday, April 18, 2008, after a lengthy illness at Westminster Canterbury. Bobbie was the Financial Secretary for the RBA for 28 years. She became the Financial Secretary for Lakewood Manor until she retired and was an active member of First Baptist Richmond. She is survived by her sister, Doris Crump Apperson Ratcliffe.

PRAY FOR
RBA CHURCHES SEEKING A PASTOR



Cambridge
Friendship Memorial
Shalom Fellowship
Westhampton

THE RESOURCE CENTER

1202 Wilmington Avenue, Richmond, VA 23227
804-358-8306 ♦ Toll-free: 888-241-5132
resourcecenter@cavtel.net
www.resourcingchurches.com

Summer Music Fest 2008

*An Evening of Christian Music and Fellowship
To benefit The Resource Center
Friday, May 30 at 7 pm
Ginter Park Baptist Church
Laburnum Avenue and Brook Road*

*Contact The Resource Center for your resourcing needs
and information. Admission \$10, tickets available from
Board of Directors or at the door.*

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NOT TOO LATE TO PARTICIPATE

Your church still has time to be involved in the Associational Smaller Membership Church Growth Plan. Session two is on Monday, May 12, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the RBA office building. Call Pete du Plessis (329-1701) to find out what is necessary to take advantage of this vital training in growing a Sunday School ministry. The Growth Plan is a four-month process (one training session each month) with three quarterly celebration rallies to follow. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow stronger leaders in Sunday School ministry. Call today.

USED LITERATURE NEEDED

The Rev. Gihwang Shin, Korean Mobilization Consultant for the International Mission Board, SBC, has requested that the RBA help him to locate used Sunday School materials. He is looking for LifeWay curriculum for Preschool and Children for teachers and pupils for Fall 2007, Winter 2007-8, and Spring 2008. If your church should have any of these materials left over and available to give to Rev. Shin, please contact Pete du Plessis at 329-1701. Thank you for your assistance in finding these materials.

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