**Camp Alkulana is seeking... CamperS and Counselors**

Camp Alkulana is busy planning for the summer, and we invite you to be a part of it! Do you know children ages 9 (who have finished 4th Grade) to 11 that you’d like to see attend Camp Alkulana? Do you know college-aged students who would make good camp counselors? Contact Beth at campalkulana@gmail.com or call the RBA office (804-329-1701 ext 206) to find out more. Camp counselors must be at least 18 years old. Campers should qualify for their school’s free or reduced lunch programs, though some exceptions apply. Get involved in your RBA camp today!

**Want to do Something BIG?**

**Annual Fix-up and Clean-up Days**

*At Camp Alkulana*  
May 17 and 31, 2014

**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 Beth Wright, Camp Director: 329-1701, ext. 206 or campalkulana@gmail.com.

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**Help the RBA save return postage costs**

**Give us your change of address!**

If you are on our newsletter mailing list and will be moving—please let Frances Jones know your Change of Address in advance! You will be helping us to direct $0.49 “postage due” to more important missions efforts. Thanks!

**Making a delivery to the RBA office?**

Please call before you plan to arrive to make sure someone will be at the office. There are times, during the day, when everyone may be away, so it will save time and gas if you call ahead. The RBA Office is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday—Friday.

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**Announcing the**

Richmond Baptist Association’s  
63rd Annual Spring Celebration  
Thursday, April 24, 2014

**7:00 PM**

**Theme:**

“Cooperating to Serve!”

Assuredly, I say to you, INASMUCH as you did it to one of the LEAST of THESE My brethren, you did it to Me. Matthew 25:40

**Keynote Speaker:**

Dr. David Crocker  
Founder and President, Operation InAsMuch

**With**

**Special Music by**

Lightforce  
Webber’s Upbeat Ensemble

**It’s time for churches to elect messengers. Contact your church to be a messenger!**

The number of messengers allowed for your church is determined following the guidelines stated in the highlighted sections of the RBA Constitution and Bylaws below.

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**SECTION 3**

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.

**SECTION 6**

One hundred messengers shall constitute a quorum.
Greetings All:

Psalm 76 is a song of praise for the power of Jacob’s God. The Psalmist credits God with breaking the enemy’s flaming arrows, shield, sword and weapons of war.

The Psalm begins with these words, “God is known in Judah; His name is GREAT in Israel.” The caps are mine! I don’t want you to miss the impact of that word...”GREAT!”

You see, the God of Jacob is the same God we turn to today! He was GREAT then and He is GREAT...now! Why is His GREATness important today?

Maybe it’s because we live in a society which pays such great homage to self-sufficiency and in which we too often hear the GREAT One referred to as “the man up-stairs!” We have lost the sense of Who He is!

Perhaps the GREATNESS of God caught my attention in Psalm 76 because of an experience yesterday. In a meeting in another part of the state, one of those present cautioned against being inordinately influenced by myths that we encounter frequently. The myths that elicited his comment were left unspoken. I can think of at least three myths that seem to govern a lot of liv...

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BON AIR @ THE VILLAGE had 40 participants donate blood for Virginia Blood Services on Sunday, March 9. FIRST will participate in the Monument Avenue Easter on Parade by hosting a kids zone on Easter Sunday, April 20 from 1-5 pm with yard games, carnival style games, a bubble station and puppet shows. The church will host singer/songwriter Ken Medema in concert on Sunday, April 27 at 7:00 pm. Tickets are $10 and the proceeds will benefit the Blairie Circulation Library at 2700 Stuart Avenue in Richmond. GRACE will host a group of CARITAS’ homeless during Holy Week: April 12-19. HATCHER MEMORIAL will have their Children’s Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt on Wednesday, April 9 at 6:15 pm, immediately following dinner. The church will have a Combined Palm/Passion Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am on April 13 with the Chancel Choir singing “The Seven Last Days” by Joel Raney and the youth dramatizing the passion story depicting Jesus’ seven last days beginning with his triumphal entrance into Jerusalem and culminating with his crucifixion. HUGUENOT ROAD will have an Easter Celebration for children on Saturday, April 12, 4:00-6:00 pm including games, prizes, cakes, cupcakes, a meal and more. The church will have a day of celebration and dedication on April 27 for their newly cupcake, a meal and more. The church will have a day of celebration and dedication on April 27 for their newly opened Sunday School Rooms, elevator, offices and other updates. RIVER ROAD had the Greater Richmond Children’s Choir: Noye’s Fiddlers, as part of their E. Carl Freeman Concert Series on Saturday, March 22 and Sunday, March 23 at 4:00 pm. NORTHMINSTER hosted a Richmond Justice Initiative meeting on Tuesday, March 22 to learn more about their work in combating human trafficking, currently the 2nd largest industry in the world. The initiative included a discussion of ways to combat this serious human challenge. PATTERSON AVENUE participates in the Micah Initiative, providing volunteers at John B. Cary Elementary School. The church family is collecting books (1st-6th grade) for children to take home this summer. SWIFT CREEK will be taking its fourth mission trip to Haiti April 24-29 and are collecting twin bed sheets, spiral notebooks, Cross, soccer balls and more to take with them. WESTHAMPTON’s Music Department presented “The Music of Love” on Sunday, March 16 at 5:00 pm with Dinner and Entertainment. WOODLAND HEIGHTS is having “Parents Night Out and Spaghetti Dinner” on Friday, March 28 with Dinner 5:00-7:00 pm and Parents Night Out 6:00-9:00 pm to raise money for their Youth Impact VA Mission Trip.

EASTER EVENTS
For information about individual church Easter events and times, please check out the RBA Facebook page at www.facebook.com/RichmondBaptistAssociation.

South Richmond Baptist Center’s (SRBC) Second Annual VOLUNTEERS’ BANQUET June 28, 2013 @ 6:00 p.m. St Paul’s Belt Campus, Fellowship Hall 700 E. Belt Blvd., 23224 (Hull & Wilton Avenue)

if you have ever volunteered, gave donations, or prayed for the ministry of SRBC, you are cordially invited to our first volunteers banquet… to say Thank You!

WMU workers, Pastors, Ministers, Sunday School workers, Church members are all invited to come as guests of SRBC at no charge!

RSVP by June 1 to Wesley Garrett with the number coming FROM YOUR CHURCH (804) 232-0174 or wesley.garrett@baslive.org

VA Baptist Library Association 2014 Spring Conference “Library on a Mission” & 55th Anniversary of VBA

MEETING NOTICE! DATE CHANGE!!!
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING Thursday, April 10, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m.
RBA OFFICE
PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE TO AVOID HOLY WEEK / MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICES!!

RBA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY May 27, 2013 @ 12:00 noon River Road Church Baptist 8000 River Road
Volunteers are needed to minister beside RIR guest services by providing raceway fans an opportunity to worship, enjoy Christian music and art, discover the message of Christ through media and know His transforming presence.

Volunteers work 3 or 4 hour shifts as they serve in a variety of ways in our Hospitality Ministry Tents at the Richmond International Raceway Complex. CVRM is seeking RVs: if you have a camper or motorhome you would like to park at RIR for the race weekend either for your own occupancy or for someone else from CVRM to occupy, please contact Billy Davis (billy.davis1@verizon.net) or Todd Combee (toddcombee@verizon.net).

Volunteers are also needed to become residents or minister at a CVRM provided camper/motorhome parked at one of the three RV lots with camping race fans during the race weekend. RIR track management believes that having CVRM representatives living and ministering at these sites among camping race fans will strengthen the Christian influence throughout the raceway complex. CVRM is seeking RVs: If you have a camper or motorhome you would like to park at RIR for the race weekend either for your own occupancy or for someone else from CVRM to occupy, please contact Billy Davis (billy.davis1@verizon.net) or Todd Combee (toddcombee@verizon.net)

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Use these suggestions to guide them as they grow:

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- Teach them to save.
- Teach them to spend wisely.
- Teach them the value of work.
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Whatever their age, the Bible tells us, “Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6 (NASB).

If your church would be interested in a free seminar, “Raising Faithful Stewards,” to go deeper into how to help children become wise and faithful money managers, please contact Randy Rowekamp.

Central Virginia Baptist Ministries

2013 Vacation Bible School Director’s Conference

Come and learn from the experts and from each other.

Pizza – Prizes – Surprises

Monday, April 15, 2013
6:45 p.m.

Arrive at 6:30 p.m. for Pizza (RSVP for Pizza to gaylebradley1@comcast.net)

Central Virginia Baptist Ministries

2013 Vacation Bible School Director’s Conference

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Directed especially for VBS Directors, but everyone is welcome!

PLAN FOR THE EVENING:

6:45 p.m.:
GENERAL DIRECTORS’ INFORMATION including tips on preparing your VBS workers.

7:30 p.m.:
LITERATURE NETWORKING – Bring your VBS literature and gather with others using the same one. Share ideas with each other and maybe share decorations and materials.

B. MORE DIRECTORS’ INFORMATION for those not ready for literature networking.

8:00 p.m.:
Questions and Answers

Ideas for “Follow-Up.”

For questions or more details, contact Gayle Bradley at gaylebradley1@comcast.net.

Virginia Baptist Library Association

Spring Conference

Spring!!! Time for New Ideas

April 5 & 6, 2013

Eagle Eyerie Baptist Conference Center

1 Eagle Eyerie Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24503

Information and Registration at either

www.vbla.wordpress.com or www.eagleeyrie.org

call (434) 384-2211

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
Visit current location, Virginia Hall on BSU campus
Or call: 804-358-8306; Toll-free: 888-241-5132

resourcecenter@cavtel.net; www.resourceministries.com

13th Annual Spring into Service and Give Thanks

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April 9, 2013

Virginia Union University

Havenwall Auditorium, Dining Hall

- Registration opens at 9:00 a.m.
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- Conference ends at 3:00 p.m.
- Enthusiastic keynote speakers
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- Free parking

Take advantage of the on/off campus location

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Financial Services

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