The Visioning and Priorities Task Force Writing Team headed by Dr. Bob Thompson, former Interim Director of Missions and member of Lakeside Baptist, is completing the preparation of new Bylaws and a new Policies and Procedures Manual for the River City Faith Network of the Richmond Baptist Association. Both documents are in draft version and will be available within days. These drafts will initially be mailed to all pastors throughout the Network and posted to the Richmond Baptist Association website. You and other Network friends will soon be able to access the new documents-in-progress at www.richmondbaptist.org.

Please look the documents over carefully and prayerfully, noting any questions or comments that may come to mind. We will hold Town Hall Meetings to allow input from anyone who would like to comment or receive clarification about either document. Following the opportunity to respond to the work that is underway, appropriate revisions will be made to both documents to strengthen their usefulness to the River City Faith Network as we endeavor to effectively carry out the mission and ministries to which we have been called. They will then be re-released!

Know that your thoughts and responses will be a valuable part of the success of the work that we do going forward! The Visioning and Priorities Task Force Writing Team is laying the ground work, but the contributions of the larger Network family will make the documents all that they can be and maximize their value.

These documents are focused on the forward-going structure of the Network and seek to deal with systemic weaknesses of our former documents that did not adequately address accountability. The new documents, which will be a work-in-progress for some time to come, are aimed at more adequately placing the governance of the new Network with those churches and organizations which are engaged, participating and investing in the work we do. In addition, it is hoped that the structure of the Network will become increasingly streamlined through the implementation of a rotating Board of Directors that will provide governance between Annual Meetings of the Network. The Board will work in conjunction with the Executive Director who will lead the Network in casting vision and overseeing day-to-day Network operations. The Board of Directors is designed to function in lieu of the current Administrative and Executive Councils.

The new structure will include four specialized Support Teams, each of which will focus upon one of the three Community Centers or Camp Alkulana to provide specific support, encouragement, counsel, and communication to and from the center or camp to which it relates. A general Missions Support Team will relate to all of the Network ministry efforts so that no one center nor the camp become isolated only to a small Support Team.

Six committees will deal with endowment, facilities, membership/credentials, ministry placement, personnel and stewardship matters throughout the year. Each Committee Chair will be seated on the Board of Directors along with the WMU Director, Support Group Chairs, four Network officers and eligible members-at-large from CORE and CHAMPION churches.

We look forward to honoring, in this new structure, the passion and strong commitment of churches and like-minded organizations who desire to be fully invested in the calling that God has placed upon us to minister to the underserved of the metropolitan Richmond area delivering the living water of Christ to a thirsty people!
Christmas Came Early!

Finance your vehicle with us through August 31 to be entered to win NO interest for an entire year! Plus, everyone who gets an auto loan will be a winner with a $20 MasterCard gift card. It will be like your wallet is drinking eggnog and your budget is singing Christmas carols. Find out more about how you can feel like a kid on Christmas morning by visiting entrustfcu.org/earlychristmas.

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From your DoM:

On Wednesday, April 28th, my phone rang. On the other end of the line was the pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Covington, Va., about 30 miles from our Camp Alkulana! I had never met Pastor Bill Hartsfield, but he was calling with a request.

Bill wanted to bring his mission team of 7-12 men and 3-4 ladies to Richmond during the week of July 6th through the 11th to engage in meaningful service wherever needed in this area! He described the abilities of the anticipated team (He was still in the process of enlistment!) and the types of things best suited to their talents. And thus, that conversation and many more began!

I began to scout for projects and found a number of them—one of our churches needed door facings of some troublesome exterior doors repaired. A layperson had deck and fence repairs that were beyond her capabilities and might have created some financial strain. The Korean Baptist Church of Richmond, located at 6925 Hopkins Road needed a wheelchair ramp built to provide greater access to their sanctuary. Less than unlimited funding and manpower were both issues. And there were some repairs needed at our own Church Hill Christian Wellness Center—the floor that had become spongy in a stairwell landing, a ceiling that showed signs of buckling, and a drain that allowed water to seep into the building during heavy rains.

On Friday, May 30th, Bill and his chief project manager came to Richmond and we spent the day going from project to project prioritizing, securing measurements and estimating materials needs. Last week, the team came to Richmond and spent six nights at First Baptist while working during the day.

The stairs on a person’s deck were replaced and fence repairs were completed. The door facing of an exterior door at Southampton was fixed and the door removed, cut and replaced so that it opens and closes easily. Removing walls of several rooms in a house in Bowling Green that is being renovated to provide subsistence housing for low-income persons was accomplished. And a new floor was installed at an interior landing at the Church Hill Christian Wellness Center. In addition, a new, lighted overhang was built over the main entrance to the Center so that when it rains water will not flood into the stairwell. Now there is protection from the elements for anyone entering or leaving the building.

The team did excellent work and it was a pleasure getting to know them during the week. They returned to Covington on Friday morning.

One of the projects that the Temple team was not able to tackle was the wheelchair ramp at the Korean Baptist Church of Richmond, one of our RBA churches. The work was too involved and required several commercial building inspections during the process. The Temple team was fearful that they would not be able to complete the work during the short period time they were in Richmond before having to leave for home.

So the ramp project remains available. The Building Permit has been secured. The site area has been cleared of shrubbery and plants. The lumber will be ordered as needed, but capable hands are essential to do the work. The ramp is 54 feet long with two landings because it is S-shaped to fit the space available for its construction.

If you have carpentry skills or can dig a hole and mix concrete for footings, would you contact me at the RBA Office or on my cell (804-356-9663) and volunteer to be part of a team to complete this local project that would mean so much to the Korean Church? They are so excited to think that a team will gather to help them increase access to their church. They already have a gentleman who wants to attend church there, but cannot get to the sanctuary because of the lack of access.

I am so excited that we may be able to help our Korean brothers and sisters with this need. Will you join me?

Excitedly,

Mike
NEEDED: Backpacks ♦ School Supplies ♦ Underwear ♦ Socks ♦ Toiletries

Items to be included in each backpack are listed below.

**BACKPACK (sturdy, large enough for notebooks and textbooks)**

- 1 three-ring binder and divider tabs
- 1 or 2 packs loose-leaf paper (wide or standard rule)
- 4 black-and-white composition books
- 2 one-subject notebooks
- 1 three- or five-subject spiral notebook
- 5 to 8 No. 2 pencils (no mechanical)
- 5 to 8 black or blue ink pens (erasable/no gel)
- a Christian bookmark or something similar, appropriate for children

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS (DO NOT PUT INTO BACKPACKS)**

- 2” three-ring binders
- colored pencils
- highlighters
- erasers, pencil top & block
- Elmer’s glue-4 oz.
- glue sticks
- pencil boxes
- red pens
- pocket folders (with or w/out brads) in solid colors
- tissues, large box & pocket
- markers (washable, 8/10 pack, wide/thin)
- pencil sharpeners (small hand-held)
- scissors (pointed or blunt, metal)
- calculator, 4-function
- zipper pen pouches for 3-ring binder
- zip-lock bags (quart and gallon size)
- rulers (12 inch/metric)
- crayons (pack of 16 or 24)
- 3 x 5 index cards & file box
- protractors, clear
- blank CDs
- water-color paint kits
- dictionary, pocket-size
- hand sanitizer, regular size

*Socks and Underwear for children, kindergarten through high school age.*

(Boys prefer boxers and Girls prefer bikini underwear!)

Questions? Contact WMU Mission Involvement Co-Consultants, Barbara Swann 804-272-5150 or Kathleen Coxon 804-272-1667.

Finance/Business Manager being sought!

Richmond’s First Baptist Church (Richmond, Virginia) is looking for candidates for the position responsible for directing, managing, supervising, planning, and coordinating all activities and operations of the Finance Office.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor Degree in Accounting with a minimum of 5-8 years’ experience, CPA preferred.
- High personal integrity and credibility with a strong set of values consistent with church culture.

For complete job desc. and application instructions see: http://fbcrichmond.org/support/financebusinessmanager.htm

**August Churches of the Week**

| August 3 | Skipwith |
| August 10 | Southampton |
| August 17 | Stockton |
| August 24 | Tabernacle |
| August 31 | The Light Community |

**DEVELOPMENTAL ASSETS WORKSHOP**

What if you could know the top 40 developmental assets needed for children and youth to become successful and contributing adults?

**August 9, 2014**

10 a.m. – 2 p.m
Cost per person: $10.00
Mechanicsville Baptist Church
8016 Atlee Road, Mechanicsville, Virginia 23111
(Lunch Provided)

What are the 40 Developmental Assets?

From data collected for over two decades, The Search Institute has identified 40 skills, experiences, relationships, and behaviors that enable young people to develop into successful and contributing adults. (To learn more about the Developmental Assets visit the Search Institute’s website at [http://www.search-institute.org/what-we-study/developmental-assets.](http://www.search-institute.org/what-we-study/developmental-assets.)

To register or for questions contact call 800-255-2428 or email charity.roberson@vbmb.org.
WHERE AND WHEN TO DELIVER THESE SUPPLIES

Again, this year we are asking that you take your backpacks and supplies directly to one of the Centers (check the list below for the suggested recipient center of your church’s supplies.)

NOTE: Each Center has scheduled their celebration for a different date.

**OREGON HILL CENTER - JENNIFER TURNER**
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 12 (6-8PM)**
Deliver supplies on Aug. 11 from 9 am to 3 pm and Aug. 12 from 9 am to 1 pm.

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Oregon Hill Center prefers empty backpacks with supplies grouped by type.
Church Hill and South Richmond Centers prefer prefilled backpacks.

**SOUTH RICHMOND CENTER - WESLEY GARRETT**
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 30 (1-3PM)**
Deliver supplies on Aug. 25 & 27 from 10 am to 2 pm and Aug. 28 from 10 am to Noon.

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**CHURCH HILL CHRISTIAN WELLNESS CENTER - GLINDA FORD**
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 16 (10AM-3PM)**
Deliver Supplies to Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1920 Fairmount Ave on August 12 & 13 from 10 am to 12 pm and 1 to 3 pm.

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For Church Hill Only—
TOILETRY BAGS (approx. 500) to include with backpacks.
In 1 gallon zip-lock bag: travel size shampoo, lotion, hand sanitizer, mouth wash, tooth paste, tooth brush, dental floss, deodorant, regular size bar soap, and wash cloth.

**CHURCH NEWS**

**CARLISLE AVENUE** will have their annual “National Night Out Block Party” on August 5 and Vacation Bible School August 10-14. **CHAMBERALYNE** will participate in the National Night Out and will have their Annual Yard Sale on Friday, August 15, 5-7 pm and Saturday, August 16, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm. **DERBYSHIRE** will have their VBS, Agency D3, August 4-8, 8:30 am—12:00 pm. **FIRST** will have their Annual James River Baptism on Sunday, August 10 at 5:00 pm. The church will offer “Classics in the Courtyard”, featuring a free movie every Thursday night in August. **GRACE** will present Harpist, Grace Cloutier, in Concert on Thursday, July 31 at 7:00 pm. For information about tickets, call 837-9355 or visit www.harpensemble.org. **HATCHER MEMORIAL** has a new Facebook page to post church activity updates. **PATTERSON AVENUE** has postponed their first “VBS WEEKEND” until September 19-21. **WOODLAND HEIGHTS** will have their VBS, “Son Treasure Island”, July 28-August 1, 9:30 am—12:30 pm.

**STAFF NEWS**

**ACCC**’s Calvin Birch has received his Doctorate of Ministry from Drew University. **FIRST** welcomes Alex Hamp as their new Administrator for the First Baptist Preschool. **HUGUENOT ROAD** welcomes Mrs. Tanja Cottrell as their new Director of their Child Development Center. **SOUTHAMPTON** is pleased to announce that their Pastor, Rev. Tom Ficklin, has been accepted into CBF’s Fellows Program.
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to minister beside RIR guest services by providing race 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 a 3 or 4 hour shift as they serve in a variety of ways in our Hospitality Ministry Sites at the Richmond International Raceway (RIR) Complex. As ambassadors of goodwill, opportunities for service include: distributing “cups of cold water,” cookies, and Christian driver literature; performing as singers, musical groups or with performing arts (clowns, magicians, mimes, jugglers, balloon artists, etc.); and serving as chaplains, crisis counselors, carnival workers, or logistics and support persons.

VOLUNTEERS are also needed to become residents or minister at a CVRM provided camper/motorhome parked at one of the 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.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION & SHIFT SIGN UP

All volunteers or anyone interested in learning more about this ministry ARE REQUIRED to attend the Orientation/Training Session on Tuesday evening, August 26, at 7:00 p.m. at the Richmond Baptist Association building, 3111 Moss Side Avenue, Richmond. Agenda items for this meeting include briefing by race track guest services official, volunteer responsibilities, finalization of the plans for the weekend activities, and a chance to ask questions. Volunteers can also sign up for a shift time, which are:

- September 3 – Wednesday: SET-UP Main Hospitality Site
  - Shifts: 9 am-1 pm, 1-4 pm, 4-7 pm, or 7-10 pm

- September 4 - Thursday: SET-UP Main Hospitality Site & Hospitality Sites in RV lots
  - Shifts: 9 am-1 pm, 1-4 pm, 4-7 pm, or 7-10 pm

- September 5 - Friday: Hospitality Ministry for the NASCAR Nationwide Race:
  - Shifts: 8:30 am-12:30 pm, 12:00-4:00 pm, 3:30-7:30 pm, or 7-10 pm

- September 6 - Saturday: FAMILY FUN CARNIVAL and Hospitality for the NASCAR Sprint Cup Race:
  - Shifts: 8:30 am-12:30 pm, 12:00-4:00 pm, 3:30-7:30 pm, or 7-10 pm

- September 6 - Saturday: TAKE-DOWN Main Ministry Site
  - Shift: 8 pm until done

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 Central Virginia Raceway Ministries. Cookies may be brought to the RBA Office, 3111 Moss Side Ave. September 2-4, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (329-1701).

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REPORT WHEN YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER:

CONTACT: BILLY DAVIS, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR  OR  DEBBIE CARTER, CHAPLAIN COORDINATOR
(H) 804-741-4898 OR (C) 804-306-1604
Email: billy.davis1@verizon.net
(H) 804-377-9914
Email: DebbieCarter88@aol.com
Need for Estate Planning Spans All Income Levels

“Think beyond merely having a will,” experts say. “Unless you’re rich, you may think the term ‘estate planning’ doesn’t apply to you. Well, think again,” says an article by Pamela Yip of The Dallas Morning News. “The need for an estate plan has nothing to do with whether you’re worth millions or just a few hundred dollars. Everyone has something to pass on.”

“Your estate includes your home and other real estate; tangible personal property, such as cars and furniture; and intangible property, such as bank accounts, investments, and pension and Social Security benefits. At the very least, you need to decide what you’d like to have happen with your estate when you die. But estate planning involves more than just having a will.”

Many people realize that their financial affairs are not completely in order. Crown’s Set Your House in Order workbook is designed to help you organize your finances and plan your estate. Those who do not leave their loved ones a well-organized estate do them a tremendous disservice. Settling a disorganized estate is usually more expensive, and it compounds the emotional stress survivors experience. Visit http://store.crown.org/default.asp and enter ‘Set Your House in Order’ in the search field to order a copy, and use my promo code “rrowekamp” for a 5% discount.

May God Bless!!!

Randy Rowekamp
Area Manager; c 804.683.1595
For a 5% discount on most Crown orders, please use my promo code: rrowekamp

Invite friends, neighbors and co-workers for great fun! This is a great opportunity to reach out to persons who like baseball and may not attend church or may have become irregular in attendance. The game options are given below with the reservation deadlines for each game.

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT:
Simple process:
1. **Pick** the preferred game(s) and note payment deadline.
2. **Promote** in church and among friends.
3. **Collect** payment.
4. **Fax** ticket orders to 804-321-7121 or email office@rbaonline.org or amy.sowder@rbaonline.org.
5. **Send** payment to the RBA by payment deadline for game(s) you are attending: Check (payable to RBA) mailed to RBA Office, Attn.: Baseball, 3111 Moss Side Ave., 23222

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OUTREACH CAN BE FUN!

LET’S REACH OUT THIS SUMMER AND MAKE A KINGDOM DIFFERENCE!

SPECIAL TICKET PRICES: General Admission: $5.00/person
GOLFERS SAVE THE DATE!

**OCTOBER 3, 2014**
to help Richmond’s kids go to camp!

10th Annual
Alkulana Golf Tournament
Belmont Golf Course
1600 Hilliard Road, Henrico, VA 23228

Lunch @ 12 noon • Shot Gun start
@ 1 pm.

All proceeds go to fund
Camp Alkulana.

**FEES (same as last year!):**
Individuals—$80
Foursomes—$300
Foursome + Hole Sponsor—$380

**TYPES OF SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE:**
Bright Eyes Sponsor: $500.00
Hole Sponsor: $100 per hole

For more details about Sponsorships and to Register On-Line
visit the Alkulana website: www.alkulana.org or call the RBA at 804-329-1701.

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Mission Footprint 5K and Kids Fun Run

River Road Church, Baptist & Trinity United Methodist Church
Present the Fourth Annual

Mission Footprint 5K and Kids Fun Run

Saturday, September 6
Kids Fun Run - 7:30 AM
5K Run/Walk - 8:00 AM

Race begins at Trinity United Methodist Church
903 Forest Ave., Henrico, VA 23229

The race benefits Camp Alkulana and Westview on the James.

Sign up for the 5K by visiting either church’s website:
• www.trinityumc.net
• www.rrcb.org/mission5k
TRANSFORMED! is published monthly by the Richmond Baptist Association, 3111 Moss Side Avenue, Richmond, VA 23222 804-329-1701.

Contact Amy Sowder via email or snail mail at the addresses listed above:

- To submit an article—must be received by the 7th of each month.
- To be added or deleted from the mailing list.
- To submit a change of address in a timely manner.

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 Amy Sowder know your Change of Address in advance! You will be helping us to direct $0.46 “postage due” to more important missions efforts. Thanks!!

CALENDAR

August 1—8
Older Girls’ Session, Camp Alkulana

August 5 @ 9 AM
CVRM Raceway Team Meeting, RBA

August 7 @ 7:05 PM
Flying Squirrels vs. Binghamton $ the Diamond

August 7–8
Camp Alkulana Staff Wrap Up

August 12 @ 6—8 PM
Oregon Hill Baptist Center Back-to-School Celebration

August 16 @ 10 AM—3 PM
Church Hill Christian Wellness Cntr Back-to-School Celebration

August 18—Deadline to RSVP for August 29 Game

August 26 @ 12:00 NOON
RBA Executive Council Meeting—Carlisle Avenue

August 26 @ 7 PM
Mandatory Raceway Volunteer Orientation, RBA

August 29 @ 4—6 PM
South Richmond Baptist Center Back-to-School Celebration

August 29 @ 7:05 PM
Flying Squirrels vs. Binghamton @ the Diamond

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday
August 26, 2014
12:00 PM
2010 Carlisle Avenue

Pray for
RBA CHURCHES SEEKING A PASTOR

Bethlehem (Penick)  Bon Air
Disciples of Christ  First Union
Grace  Huguenot Road
Westover  Woodland Heights

Celebrate God’s Children

August 2, 2014
Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Glen Allen
11226 Neckols Road, Glen Allen, VA 23053

Go to www.VBMB.org or questions or to register.