news of Richmond area churches...together...changing lives—September 2014

Central VA BAPTIST MINISTRIES

Monday, September 22, 2014 • 5:45 p.m. • Central Baptist Church
1510 Courthouse Road • Richmond, VA 23236 • 804.794.8055

Speakers and Topics

Melissa Fallen
Beyond BINGO Games and Bus Trips: Building a 55+ Ministry for the 21st Century

Steve Perky
Why Your Online Strategy is Not Working and Why it Matters

Brian Hughes
Grow Your Church: What Brings Them In and Keeps Them Coming

Leon Castle
Children Can Worship!

Spencer Dillard
Thy Kingdom Come!

Welford Orrock
Loving the World We’re Living In

Steve Law
The Future of Church Finances

Rupert Rose
It’s Saturday Night—Help! Teaching From the Learner’s View

Tony Brooks
Enlisting, Creating, and Training Vibrant Sunday School Classes

Yuvonda Riley
Help Wanted: Revolutionizing the Way We Recruit Volunteers

Steve Allsbrook
Effective Teams and Committees

Jonathan Greenhill
Leaving the Lecture Behind #CrowdSourcing

Dominic Sottile
Church Safety and Security

Gayle Bradley
Ingredients for a Good Sunday School Morning Telling the Bible Story Without the Screen

Lucy Dorr
Build the Future of Your Church: Teach Preschoolers

Register and pay upon arrival
Cost: $5

5:45-6:30 p.m.: Open doors, registration and snacks
6:30-6:45 p.m.: Opening remarks
6:45-7:45 p.m.: Session #1
7:45-8:00 p.m.: Break
8:00-9:00 p.m.: Session #2

Online: www.cvbm.org
From your DoM:

"Breaking Up Is Hard to Do!"

This, along with “Can’t Smile Without You,” is a song title on the 1976 album release *A Kind of Hush* by the Carpenters. The Carpenters were an American vocal and instrumental duo consisting of siblings Karen and Richard Carpenter. Together, they produced a distinctively soft musical style that led them to become two of the best-selling music artists of all time. During their 14-year career, the Carpenters recorded 11 albums, thirty-one singles, five television specials, and a short-lived television series.

The Carpenters produced some of the music that was part of my musical listening in the sixties and seventies as I transitioned from teenager to adult. I could not help but think of their music as I watched campers for the Younger Girl’s Session board the Winn Transportation bus that would take them to Camp Alkulana on Friday morning, August 1st.

While some of these campers were not experiencing a “break up” in the romantic sense to which the Carpenters were alluding in their hit song, “Breaking Up Is Hard To Do,” in some cases there were tears and genuine separation anxiety! Sometimes it was clear on the faces of the children. At other times, there were the parents who were anxious. One gentleman, as the bus pulled out of the parking lot, exclaimed through nervous laughter, “I’m somewhere between “freaking” and “out!”

For one nine-year-old, first-time camper the comforting, coaxing and compassion had to flow a bit for freely than for others. It’s not easy to leave behind those you love and who love you for a world that is unfamiliar and where love is only a promised possibility from virtual strangers. Though too young to have had any connection with the music of Karen and Richard Carpenter, she might have been thinking as she confronted leaving the familiar behind, “Can’t Smile Without You,” another Carpenter favorite hit. Her circumference was captured by a line in that song, “Into the new, leaving the old behind me.”

And in many respects, as I watched her red cheeks flushed by anxiousness and her tears flowing abundantly out of fear, that was my prayer for her. I found myself praying that, during these eight days at a camp in which you and I as an Association invest so much, this youngster along with scores of others, will find God in Christ in such a way that they will never be the same again. I prayed that as they experience His love through the leadership at Camp Alkulana and as they discover promises from His word that He honors unfailingly, they will be drawn into a relationship with God through Christ that will truly be an eternal journey “into the new” such as they have never known and can never quite know apart from faith in Him.

How uniquely blessed we are as an Association of Baptists to be entrusted with a camp in Bath County and three Baptist Community Ministry Centers within our city that all seek to bring “the newness of Christ” into the lives of many whom others consider the cast-offs of society! Camp Alkulana, which we sometimes refer to as “our” camp, is really “His” camp and a sacred trust now in its 100th camping season. “Our” Community Ministry Centers are really “His” centers! Remarkably, He has extended to us the privilege of being stewards of and managers over them on His behalf.

Ralph Carmichael, in 1964, wrote a song entitled, “He’s Everything to Me.” It is based on the question of Psalm 8:4, “What is man that You are mindful of him?”

In the stars, His handiwork I see,
On the wind He speaks with majesty;
Though He ruleth over land and sea,
What is that to me?

I will celebrate nativity,
For it has a place in history;
Sure, He came to set His people free,
What is that to me?

What is that to me?
‘Til by faith I met Him face to face
And I felt the wonder of His grace,
Then I knew that He was more
than just a God who didn’t care,
Who lived away out there,

And now He walks beside me day by day,
Ever watching o’er me lest I stray,
Helping me to find that narrow way,
He’s everything to me.
He’s everything to me.

At our ministry locations there is always the danger that those to whom we minister will see the stars, but only the stars. Some will never see beyond the wind or the beauty of the flowers and the creek bed. Other’s thoughts may never range beyond the grocery bags and the food that they contain.

But always my prayer is that we and they will clearly see beyond the stars and wind His handiwork and majesty—His grace— that we may all “leave the old behind, stepping into the new, His newness” that relieves us of our slavery to possessions, pride, security, sexuality, religiousness and power. It is my prayer that all of us may know His newness that sets us free to experience all of these things on His terms and to His glory!

To the end that all may experience His newness and “break up” with our infatuation with the “old,” let’s continue to persevere with amazement at His more than remarkable trust in us to manage these powerful ministries on His behalf!

Rejoicingly,

Mike
There is still time to volunteer!

CENTRAL VIRGINIA RACEWAY MINISTRIES

Sponsored by Dover, Middle District & Richmond Baptist Associations

Ministry Service Opportunities Available

During NASCAR Race Weekend – September 5 – 6, 2014

Richmond International Raceway (RIR)

800 EAST LABURNUM AVENUE

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

Minister beside RIR guest services to provide:

- an opportunity to worship
- Christian music and arts
- “cups of cold water”
- cookies
- Christian driver literature

**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….

....Volunteering as:

- singers
- musical groups
- clowns
- magicians
- mimes
- jugglers
- balloon artists
- chaplains
- crisis counselors
- carnival workers
- 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.)

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**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 sign up for shift times as listed:

**September 3 – Wednesday:** SET-UP Main Hospitality Site

**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

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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 through 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).

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SELECT 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

Email: DebbieCarter88@aol.com
Take your best SWING at making a child’s summer wonderful.

Don’t Miss It! October 3, 2014
THE CAMP ALKULANA GOLF TOURNAMENT
HISTORIC BELMONT GOLF COURSE, 1600 HILLIARD ROAD, HENRICO, VA * 12 PM LUNCH * 1 PM SHOTGUN

Camp Alkulana has been a ministry to inner city children since 1915. Camp Alkulana seeks to provide a camp experience that will allow each camper to realize, through various activities and relationships, that he or she is a person of immeasurable worth and potential who is loved by God.

A MINISTRY OF THE RICHMOND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Sign Up Now while spaces are still available!
Go to www.Alkulana.org or call 329-1701
**A POWERFUL RETREAT FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS!**

**IGNITE**

A HIGH ENERGY WEEKEND designed to ignite a passion for the faith journey of middle school students through Bible study and meaningful worship, starting this year, IGNITE will focus on one person from the Bible each year, allowing a strong connection that develops a passion for Scripture.

THIS YEAR the focus is upon David learning what it means to be “AFTER GOD’S OWN HEART,” learning from David’s leadership, friendships and mistakes.

MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER:
visit www.vbmb.org/ignite or contact Charity Roberson at 800-255-2428 ext. 2244 or charity.roberson@vbmb.org

**LODGING AND REGISTRATION PER PERSON:**

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October 10—12, 2014
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**Pianist:** Lyndale Baptist Church seeking part-time Pianist for Sunday morning services, Wednesday night Choir practices, special events. Experience in church setting preferred. Must be willing to work closely with the Minister of Music planning music for weekly worship services to include traditional hymns and special music pieces. Please send resume to lyndalebaptistchurch@comcast.net.

**Organist/Director of Music**, part-time. Send resume to Lakeside Baptist Church, 7401 Woodman Rd, Henrico, 23228, ATTN: Personnel Committee or email: office@lakesidebaptistchurch.me.

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Golfers take your Best Swing to help Richmond’s kids go to camp!

10th Annual
Alkulana Golf Tournament

**OCTOBER 3, 2014**

**Belmont Golf Course**

Henrico, VA

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

Sign up early while spaces are still available!
Deadline for Registration is September 26

**REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR GOLFERS AND SPONSORS, TWO WAYS:**

1. On-line with payment by credit card at www.alkulana.org
2. Call the RBA at 804-329-1701 to request a registration form and pay by check.

Questions?: Call the RBA office at 804-329-1701 or go online to www.alkulana.org.

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Become a Sponsor of Camp Alkulana’s 10th Annual Golf Tournament

Being a sponsor is a great way for non-golfers to participate in this Tournament and support Camp Alkulana. Check out the sponsorship options below to see how you, your family, Sunday School class or mission’s group can take your best swing to help Richmond’s kids go to camp!

**TYPES OF SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE**

**BRIGHT EYES SPONSOR:** $500
Benefits include:
- Your logo will appear on publication information.
- Your logo will appear on a banner at tournament registration.
- Your company or organization will receive two complimentary hole sponsorships.

**HOLE SPONSOR:** $100 per hole
Benefits include:
- Your company or organization will receive your logo or other artwork placed at a hole on the golf course. You can sponsor more than one Hole!
- Hole sponsors will be listed in the program on the day of the Golf Tournament.
- Hole sponsors are eligible for a $20 discounted fee when also registering a golf foursome.

To become a sponsor contact Beth Reddish Wright at email campalkulana@gmail.com or call 804-329-1701 ext 206.
Friday Schedule:
7:00—9:00 pm - Executive Meeting for past Directors and Officers
6:30—9:00 pm - Fellowship Time

Saturday:
Dr. Harry Kraus, board-certified surgeon, medical missionary to E. Africa, and accomplished writer of non-fiction and fiction, will speak before the lunch break. Dr. Kraus resides in Williamsburg with his wife Kris.

Saturday Schedule:
8:15—11:15 am - Registration, Session 1 Classes
11:30—12:30 pm - Dr. Harry Kraus

Cost: $20 members; $25 non, payable to Nancy Boyd
TO MAKE RESERVATIONS by September 24, 2014 to guarantee lunch:
Go to www.vbla.wordpress.com or jhite@libertylive.com and complete registration form

STAFF NEWS

MOUNT TABOR celebrated Herbert Ponder’s 20th Anniversary as Pastor September 1-3. RIVER ROAD will celebrate Mike Clingenpeel’s 10th Anniversary as Pastor on Sunday, September 14.

Fall VBLA Conference at Liberty Baptist Church
1021 Big Bethel Rd.
Hampton, VA 23666
757-851-0328
jhite@libertylive.com

Stay Alive 55!
Join our Road Trip!
October 3 & 4, 2014

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CHURCH NEWS

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STILL A WORK IN PROGRESS!!
The Writing Team of the Visioning and Priorities Task Force is still at work on draft versions of the RBA/River City Faith Network Bylaws and Policies and Procedures Manual. Members of the Administrative Council have received early drafts and offered suggestions that are currently being evaluated and incorporated into the new documents as appropriate. Prior to the Executive Council Meeting on Tuesday, August 26, at Carlisle Avenue, EC members will receive draft copies for review to offer suggestion at the EC Meeting. Please continue to pray for those engaged in this very arduous task that the documents will provide structure to the new network that will provide fair accountability while honoring genuine investment and participation.
These are exciting times for

Entrust Financial Credit Union!!

Forty-five years ago, the field of membership for Entrust was very small and only represented one organization. Since its beginning, more churches and Christian organizations approached Entrust Financial Credit Union desiring to join Entrust. Today, more than 200 different churches and Christian organizations connected.

To serve more Christians, Entrust Financial CU has pursued becoming a community chartered credit union, rather than only serving the churches and organizations that have already chosen to partner with Entrust. The community charter designation will allow Entrust Financial CU to serve the entire Christian community within our geographical area. In March, Cheri Spence, Chairman of the Board, presented the community charter opportunity at Entrust’s Annual Meeting hoping to see this approved later this year. The state approved this change a few weeks ago.

Entrust is now able to serve those who live, work, worship, volunteer, and attend school or businesses or other legal entities in the Richmond Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). A full list of eligible counties and cities is located at www.entrustfcu.org/aboutus.

Now that we are a community credit union, we would like to think of ourselves as the Christian alternative to banking in the Richmond metro area. This charter change will allow us to help fund more Kingdom causes both locally and around the world as more people utilize our products and services.

Your are invited to share this exciting news as membership is no longer determined by an individual’s involvement in your church but merely because they are a follower of Jesus and meet the MSA requirements. This is yet another way to bring the Christian community together in the Richmond area.

Thanks again for your partnership. If you have any questions about this please ask.

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Josh Karrer

Director of Communications and Outreach

Entrust Financial Credit Union

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(804) 353-8012 | (800) 944-3622, ext. 714
Fax: (804) 359-4991 | jkarrer@entrustfcu.org, www.entrustfcu.org

Pray for the RBA
Church of the Week

September 7 Trinity
September 14 United for Christ
September 21 Westhampton
September 28 Westover
October 5 Woodland Heights
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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.

CALENDAR

September 1
Labor Day - OFFICES CLOSED

September 2 - 4
“Homemade” Cookie Delivery for Race Weekend
RBA Office: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

September 2 @ 9 AM
CVRM Raceway Team Meeting, RBA

September 3 @ 10:00 AM
CVBM LC 14 Planning Team, Central Baptist

September 4 - 6
Raceway Ministries @ NASCAR Weekend, RIR

September 8 @ 12:00 noon
Deadline to Submit Material for “Transformed!”

September 8 @ 10:00 AM
RBA Staff Meeting, RBA

September 9 @ 6:30 PM
Camp Alkulana Support Team (CAST) Mtg, RBA

September 11 @ 2:00 PM
CVBM Coordinating Team Meeting
Virginia Baptist Resource Center (VBRC)

September 14 - 21
Week of Prayer for State Missions
“Alma Hunt’ Offering

September 15 @ 12 noon
Centers Support Group Meeting, RBA

September 16 @ 9:00 AM
Orientation of Ministers New to Virginia, VBRC

September 16 @ 10:30 AM
RBA WMU Fall Celebration and Lunch, Westover

September 22 @ 5:45 PM
CVBM LC 14 Leadership Conference, Central

September 26
Registration deadline for the 10th Annual Camp Alkulana Golf Tournament

RBA Centers Support Group
Final Meeting of the Year
Monday, September 15, 2014
12:00 noon
at the
RBA Office Building, 3111 Moss Side Avenue
Bring a bag lunch; beverage will be provided.

Each RBA church is entitled to a representative on the Centers Support Group to work with our Community Missionaries.

Questions: contact Amy Sowder at 804-329-1701 or office@rbaonline.org