Silent Auction and Dinner to benefit Camp Alkulana

Saturday, September 12, 5:30 pm
Huguenot Road Baptist Church
10525 W Huguenot Road
North Chesterfield, VA 23235

$10 per person or buy a table of 8 for $70

Reserve and pay online at www.alkulana.org,
call 804-399-7563 or e-mail juliew071@gmail.com

Alkulana merchandise will be sold at this event.

GOLFERS SAVE THE DATE!

OCTOBER 2, 2015
to help Richmond’s kids go to camp!

11th 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.
Executive Director Notes

Having been birthed by Woman’s Missionary Union in 1915, Camp Alkulana is in its 101st season of continuous operation! What a marvelous accomplishment! We have been so blessed by the Spirit of God!

Do you sometimes wonder if your contributions and, for many of you, your labor as volunteers, is bearing fruit and yielding dividends for the Kingdom of God? It’s natural to ask such questions and they are questions that should be asked so that we remain the very best possible stewards of resources as well as to insure that we do our most excellent work to honor God and to save lives and souls.

In the most recent July edition of “Alkulana News” our Camp Director, Mrs. Beth Wright, wrote an article entitled “The Story of Struggle.” In case you did not see the article or have not read it, I want to draw your attention to its content. I have included the article below with Beth’s permission because it is worthy of your attention and makes clear the answer to the questions I posed in the earlier paragraph! (If you would like to subscribe to the Alkulana News e-newsletter, please email alkulananews@gmail.com.)

THE STORY OF STRUGGLE

“Ms. Beth, can I show you my favorite Bible verse?” a camper asked me after our Sunday service at camp last week. He read to me: “For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” It is a powerful verse reminding us of an ever-present loving God.

“Is this a new favorite verse, or one you have liked for a long time?”

I learned from his response that his week at camp was the first time he had picked up a Bible and read it. It was the first time he had really heard these words that promise a God that would always be with him.

The verses he shared came straight out of our camp Bible study curriculum. Sometimes when we read the Biblical stories written about other people in another time they can seem far away. Yet that message seemed to hit so close to home last week. Many campers in our older boys session have been coming to Camp Alkulana for years. Now fourteen years old, we’ve been seeing them every summer since they were nine.

And yet, even as we’ve built relationships with them we can’t quite seem to get things to run as smoothly as we would hope. There’s this loop many of them are caught in: They know how they are expected to behave at camp, and can even recite the camp rules. They have a desire to behave, and yet they fail themselves and their community over and over by making negative choices. Even when offered correction and second chances, they just don’t seem to quite get it. That perceived failure frustrates them and leads to more negative choices. Sound familiar? It’s the story of God’s people. It’s our story.

While I see it in the struggle of our campers to live in our camp community, God sees it in each of our journeys as we struggle together in our world. It’s there, too, in the stories our campers bring with them to camp. One camper shared a piece of his story in a poem:

“I am from a place where people really don’t want to say they’re from that place…

I am from hiding pain with smiles to act like it’s nothing…

I am from the struggle where I try every day to smile through the rough times…

I am from not sleeping good at night because I got to hear gun shots…

I am from where people my age don’t make it past 16…

But, I can tell you one thing I can still be successful in life.”

And this is why we continue to offer this Alkulana experience every summer. Because we are all in need of grace. We are all in need of correction and a reminder of the way we are called to live. We all need to be reminded of the loving God from whom we cannot be separated even in the midst of the hardest of struggles or the ugliest of situations. We are all in need of the hope that is offered here and to people everywhere.

I continue to be convinced that the work that we do and the work that we are called to by God is essential! In this issue of the “Transformed!” you will find several opportunities to invest in the work that God is doing at Camp Alkulana.

On Saturday, September 12th, a dinner and silent action will be held to help fund the 2015 camping season currently under way! On Friday, October 2nd the 11th Annual Camp Alkulana Golf Tournament will take place! Details of both of these significant events are found among the pages of this “Transformed!”

I hope and pray that you will seize these opportunities to support the work of the camp and its life-changing impact upon the lives of Richmond area young people. We are making a very important difference in the lives of so many!

Rejoicingly,

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 IN BACKPACKS)**

- 2” three-ring binders
- colored pencils
- highlighters
- blank CDs
- 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
- zippered pencil 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 lined index cards & file box
- protractors, clear
- erasers, pencil top & block
- 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!)

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**ORGANIST** – First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., is seeking a part-time (20-25 hours/week) organist to accompany choirs and soloists and participate in leading two worship services each Sunday. The organist would prepare for and accompany the regular weekly and any extra rehearsals for the Church Choir and the Youth Choir, as well as additional services such as Christmas Eve, a Lenten series, Holy Week and Worship Ministry concerts. Bachelor’s degree in music required, Master’s preferred plus five years of serving on a church staff as organist. Salary approximately $35,000/yr based on education and experience. Fill out the application form at this link ([http://www.fbcrichmond.org/worship/organist.htm](http://www.fbcrichmond.org/worship/organist.htm)) or send resume to Susan Marshall, First Baptist Church, 2709 Monument Ave., Richmond, VA 23220, marshall@fbcrichmond.org

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**June 2015 RCFN Budget Report**

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**2015 Camp Alkulana Offering**

RCFN Week of Prayer Network Missions Offering
As of 6/30/2015

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**WHERE AND WHEN TO DELIVER SCHOOL 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.

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- **First**
- **Ginter Park**
- **Grace**
- **Patterson Avenue**
- **Pine Street**
- **Skipwith**

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**Church Hill Christian Wellness Center - Glinda Ford (780-0053)**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 22 (10 AM-3 PM)**

Deliver Supplies to Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1920 Fairmount Ave on August 19 & 20 from 9 am to 12 pm and 1 to 3 pm.

Set-up will be August 21 from 10 am until finished.

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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.

**River City Faith Network of the Richmond Baptist Association’s**

**2015 MISSIONS INVOLVEMENT EXTRAVAGANZA!**

All churches are invited to send representatives from their missions organizations to the 5th Annual Extravaganza on:

**Saturday, July 25, 2015 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.**

at the RBA Building, 3111 Moss Side Avenue, 23222

This is a great opportunity to learn about missions involvement in the River City Faith Network of the Richmond Baptist Association. The WMU Missions Involvement Program provides support to the three inner-city Baptist Centers (Oregon Hill, Church Hill and South Richmond), Camp Alkulana, the campus ministries at VCU and UR, and the after-school and summer children’s programs of the African Christian Community Church. You will be able to meet staff, learn about programs, and discover ways you and your church can be involved with these inner-city social ministries.

The WMU Missions Involvement Extravaganza is sponsored by the RCFN and the RBA WMU. The Missions Involvement Assignments for 2015-2016 will be distributed to churches during the event.

**Questions? Contact**

Missions Involvement Co-Coordinators: Barbara Swann at 804-272-5150 or Wyatt Heisler at 804-741-9320
CHURCH NEWS

BETHLEHEM (PENICK) will have Vickie Bruce and the Gospel Chicken House Friends singing in concert on July 19th at 4:00 pm. Everyone is welcome and a Love Offering will be taken.

BON AIR will have their annual Family Movie Night at their Buford Road Campus on Wednesday, July 22, 6:00—8:00 pm featuring “The Lorax,” popcorn and special treats. CARLISLE AVENUE will have their Vacation Bible School, August 9-13, 6:00—8:30 pm. DERBYSHIRE will have “Journey Off the Map” VBS, August 3—7, 8:30 am—12:00 pm. The church will also host the 19th Annual “Good Ol’ Gospel Sing” and Watermelon Cutting, Sunday, August 9, 6:00 pm.

FIRST has named their Dining Hall, now Flaming Hall, in honor of Dr. James Flaming’s 60 years of ministry. GAYTON will give Pastor Phil Faig a Loving Send-Off following their 10:30 am worship service on Sunday, July 26.

GRACE will have their annual Moravian LoveFeast on Sunday, August 16 at 11:00 am.

LIGHT COMMUNITY will have the “Ultimate Adventure Camp: Everest” VBS on August 3-6, 6:00—9 pm. The church will also have their first “Field of Dreams Community Event!” on Saturday, August 1, 12:00—3:00 pm featuring vendors and lots of field games, prizes and fun for the whole family.

MOUNT TABOR will have an Open Air Revival on Sunday, August 30 at 6:15 pm.

WESTOVER will host a National Night Out cookout for their community on Tuesday, August 4 with fun for the whole family.

STAFF NEWS

BON AIR @ THE VILLAGE announced Sara Hubble will serve as their Student Pastor. CARLISLE AVENUE celebrated the 10 year anniversary of their pastor, Rev. Howard Germany, with a surprise reception.

FIRST has hired Chris Beach as their new Executive Director.

GRACE welcomes Ann Wooldridge as their new Ministries Assistant.

Camp Alkulana

The Camp recently created a Wish List on amazon.com. Here’s the link: http://amzn.com/w/1L96ZFZBEOSZ

Thank you to those who have already ordered items!!

There is also still time to order merchandise from the 100th Anniversary of Camp Alkulana! Everything below is still available but in limited quantities. Make sure to buy your copy of the book before inventory runs out. It costs $30 and can be purchased by calling the River City Faith Network of the Richmond Baptist Association or online at this link: https://squareup.com/market/Alkulana100.

ALKULANA 100 MERCHANDISE

Come Along, Join Our Song: Camp Alkulana’s First One Hundred Years A book on our camp’s history: $30

Alkulana 100 Shirts
Short-sleeve t-shirt: $10
Long-sleeve t-shirt: $15
Hooded sweatshirt: $20

Bumper Stickers: $1 each
Photo notecards with envelopes
Assorted 6 pack: $5 each

Proceeds from merchandise sales will benefit Camp Alkulana. Purchases can be made with check, cash, or credit card. Quantities are limited.
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 Charles Ward (abcdward@juno.com) 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, September 1 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 10 - Thursday: SET-UP Main Hospitality Site & Hospitality Sites in RV lots
Shifts: 1-4 pm, 4-7 pm,

September 11 - 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 12- 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 12 - 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 8-10, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (329-1701) or the Dover Baptist Assoc. Office, 11006 Lakeridge Pkwy, Ashland, VA (550-1980)

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REPORT WHEN YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER:
CONTACT: CHARLES WARD, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
(H) 804-262-3612 or (C) 804-317-0094
EMAIL: ABCDWARD@JUNO.COM

OR DEBBIE CARTER, CHAPLAIN COORDINATOR
(H) 804-377-9914
Email: DebbieCarter88@aol.com
Teachers and educational leadership in local congregations are encouraged to reserve the date for the annual Teachers’ Toolbox on Saturday morning September 26th. Guest presenter will be Dr. Adam L. Bond, Assistant Professor of Historical Studies at School of Theology at VUU.

Nominations are now being accepted for the 11th Annual Excellence in Ministry Banquet on Friday, October 23, 2015 at 7pm in the new Perkins Living and Learning Center on the campus of Virginia Union University. (NOTE: the earlier date and exciting new venue near The Resource Center)

Honor one of your congregation’s dedicated servants. See detailed information online at www.resourcingchurches.com or request by phone. Early bird discount until Sept.23, nominations with biography due Sept. 28.

Visit: Tuesday-Friday, noon – 6pm; on 4th Floor of Kingsley Hall, The Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology, on the campus of Virginia Union University (just beyond Wilder Library)

For current resource needs, contact staff:
Phone: 804-358-306
Email: info@resourcingchurches.com
Mailing address: 1500 North Lombardy St
Richmond, VA 23220


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Fearful Stewardship
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August 4 @ 9:00 AM
Raceway Ministries Core Team Meeting, RCFN

August 6
Deadline to Submit Material for Transformed!

August 6 @ 7:05 PM
Faith Night at the Diamond

August 7
Younger Girls Return from Camp Alkulana

August 10 @ 9 AM -4 PM
Deliver School Supplies to Oregon Hill

August 11 @ 9 AM-2 PM
Deliver School Supplies to Oregon Hill Center

August 11 @ 1:00 PM
Planting RVA Meeting

Remnant Church, 12 N. 19th St.

August 11 @ 6-7:45 PM
Oregon Hill Baptist Center
“School Supply Store”

August 18 @ 1:00 PM
Ministry Placement Committee Meeting, RCFN

August 18 @ 7:00 PM
RCFN Board of Directors Meeting, RCFN

August 19-20 @ 9 AM-12 PM & 1-3 PM
Deliver School Supplies to Church Hill Center

August 22 @ 10 AM—3 PM
Church Hill Christian Wellness Center
“Back to School Celebration”

August 24-26 @ 10 AM -1 PM
Deliver School Supplies to South Richmond Cntr

August 25 @ 6:00 PM
South Richmond Baptist Center Support Team Meeting, South Richmond Center

August 28 @ 1–3 PM
South Richmond Baptist Center
“Back to School Celebration”
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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 to or deleted from the mailing list.
- To submit a change of address in a timely manner so that the Network will not incur postage due costs for undeliverable newsletters.

Making a Delivery to the RCFN/RBA Office?
Please call before you plan to arrive to make sure that someone will be at the office. There are times during the day when everyone may be away, so it will save time and gas to call ahead. The RCFN Office is open from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Thursday.

Pray for the Church of the Week
August 2 .... Pine Street
August 9 .... Rising Liberty
August 16 .... River Road
August 23 ..... Saint Paul’s
August 30 ..... Shalom Fellowship

Pray for Churches Seeking a Pastor
Bethlehem (Penick)  Bon Air
Chamberlayne       Disciples of Christ
Gayton            Stockton Memorial

Faith Night at the Diamond
August 6, 2015
Gates Open @ 5:30 PM
Game Time @ 7:05 PM
Pregame music by:

Ticket Prices:
(GROUPS OF 20 OR MORE)
General Admission: $5.50
Terrace Level: $8
Field Level: $11

For more information or to sign up contact:
Garrett Erwin 804-359-3866 X327
garrett.erwin@squirrelsbaseball.com
Post Game Fireworks!!!!!
Courtesy of Richmond Ford