1st Annual Meeting of the River City Faith Network of the Richmond Baptist Association
75th Anniversary and Open House for the Oregon Hill Baptist Center

Sunday, October 4, 2015
2:00 - 4:00 PM
Pine Street Baptist Church

400 S. Pine St., Richmond, VA 23220

Theme: “With These Hands” - It’s a Hands-on Experience!
Anniversary Celebration and Worship, Brief Business Session, Recognitions, Open House, Tours of the Oregon Hill Center Soup and Sandwich Meal with the Homeless, Hands-on Ministry Opportunities such as Packing Hospitality Bags and Grocery Bags, Workshop on making Homeless Mats, Providing Hospitality to homeless ministry friends.

New Feature: Nursery will be provided for ages 1 through 5 for those who sign up in advance.
Ages 6 and up can participate in Ministry Opportunities as a Family Affair.
Plenty of Remote Parking with Shuttles to and from VHDA at 601 S. Belvidere St.
ROB FOX ANNOUNCED AS VICE PRESIDENT OF INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT
July 27, 2015

Richmond, Va.- Rob Fox will join Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond (BTSR) as Vice President of Institutional Advancement effective September 1, 2015. Fox presently serves as Field Coordinator with Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Virginia (CBFVA), a network of 350 churches in Virginia focused upon collaborative mission and ministry.

Fox previously served BTSR as Director of Admissions from 2001-2006. He left BTSR to serve as Director of the Ministry Fund at Union Presbyterian Seminary from 2006-2009, and then as Field Coordinator for CBFVA from 2009-2015.

Boomer Church – New Models for Ministry with Older Adults
Wednesday
September 16, 2015
10am – 3pm
St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Richmond

Join us for a one-day seminar designed to impart information on optimal aging and the spirituality of older adults coupled with practical ministry ideas and tools to take home to your congregation.

Presenters: Dr. Ayn E. Welleford, Chair, VCU Dept. of Gerontology; Ms. Dorothy Linthicum, Program Coordinator, Virginia Theological Seminary Center for the Ministry of Teaching, and the Rev. Dr. Melissa Fallen, Baptist Theological Seminary of Richmond.

Cost is $10 (covers lunch)

RSVP to Malinda Collier, dre@stmarksrva.org by September 9.

St. Mark’s Episcopal Church
520 N. Boulevard
Richmond, VA 23220
804/358-4771
www.stmarksrva.org

Stockton Memorial Baptist Church in Chesterfield County is seeking a part-time accompanist for our Sunday morning worship service, Choir accompaniment, and performance at special seasonal events. Please forward your resume to stockton.church@comcast.net attention Personal Team.

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Sunday, October 4, 2015
2:00—4:00 PM
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400 S. Pine Street, 23220

Unlike the past, the Annual Meeting of the RCFN will be a family friendly hands-on experience. An important component will be the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Oregon Hill Baptist Center hosted by the Pine Street Baptist Church. The business session of the Annual Meeting will be very brief to allow OHBC celebration time, an open house with tours of the OHBC, as well as opportunities to participate in ministries that every family member can enjoy:

Ever wonder how those plastic bags become transformed into homeless sleeping mats? There’ll be a workshop to help you do it! Help host a soup and sandwich meal for the homeless! Gain first-hand experience putting together hospitality and food bags for the under-resourced!

And more!

THE FOLLOWING BYLAW CHANGE IS BEING VOTED AT THE BUSINESS SESSION:
The Ministry Placement Committee recommends a change in the Bylaws of RCFN as stated:

Article IV, OFFICERS:

Current wording:
The term of office for each officer shall begin at the close of the Annual Meeting and shall last for one (1) year.

Proposed wording:
The term of office for each officer shall begin at the close of the Annual Meeting and shall last for two (2) years or until his successor is elected.

July 2015 RCFN Budget Report:
July Budget Amount: $45,502
July Budget Receipts: $38,736
July Budget Expenses: $48,630

YTD Budget Amount: $303,963
YTD Budget Receipts: $198,313
YTD Budget Expenses: $293,619

2015 Camp Alkulana Offering—Week of Prayer
As of July 31, 2015

Offering Goal: $148,335
YTD Receipts: $79,002
Executive Director Notes

I frequently hear church leaders and members lament the reality that their church has been aging for some time and that there are few or no preschoolers, children or youth actively involved in their church. I have been in that situation as a pastor and know the anxiety that such a situation often creates. During the time period in the location we shared and with the resources available, we were able to “young-up” the congregation to eventually include these age groups and a new focus upon family ministry. It worked out well, but until it did, there was considerable fear and trepidation. I would hear well-meaning folks predict that a church without these younger age groups was just one generation from extinction. It seemed like a logical conclusion.

Not every church has the resources available to “young-up” a congregation and, frankly, I’m not so sure that should be the goal of some churches. Please allow me to explain!

Retooling a nursery to meet the expectations of parents today may not be affordable for some churches. Other churches simply do not have the time remaining to “young-it-up.” Such process can take years and some congregations are too nearly breathing their last. We need to realistically hope that we can accomplish such a feat. And if the interest in such a process is merely survival, perhaps that is not really a motivation enough to make it happen. When should mere survival be the goal? Too, is such a goal reflective of the needs and demographics of the community in which the church resides? These are only a few of the pertinent considerations for the decision making process.

However, there may be another very viable option! There is a different dynamic at play today that makes me very optimistic for churches caught in the reality that I have just described! If such congregations either are doing or are willing to learn to do excellent senior adult ministry I am very convinced that they can experience many years of vital and meaningful ministry in which they do not merely survive but thrive! These churches can significantly impact the millions of now retiring Baby Boomers born between 1946 and 1964 and eventually the even more millions of Millennials born between 1980 and 2000 who follow!

Several weeks ago I received an important email from Dr. Melissa Fallen, formerly the Associate Pastor for Senior Adults and Administration at Huguenot Road Baptist. She is now the Director of Admissions and Recruitment, Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond. Melissa has a wealth of experience with excellent senior adult ministry. She informed me of an up-coming event: BOOMER CHURCH—NEW MODELS FOR MINISTRY WITH OLDER ADULTS - an event which many of our River City Faith Network churches should seriously consider attending. Why?

Well, because we are an aging nation. Right now, 13% of Americans are 65 or older and in just 15 years this number will double. The numbers of Baby Boomers reaching age 65 daily ranges from 8,000 to 10,000 every day! Malinda Collier in her information letter reminds us that Baby Boomers “will redefine retirement as they have redefined social norms at every stage in their lives. The church needs to be ready to engage and - perhaps, re-engage with this vibrant adult group.” She goes on to say that “aging is changing. Despite the disease and disability focus of many aging programs, only 5% of adults 65 and older reside in nursing homes—the majority live independently in the community. Knowing this, it is all the more critical to re-shape our ministry with older adults. To persist in a passive adult ministry model will drive the Boomers away as it does not meet their needs, abilities and most importantly desire to contribute in tangible ways to the broader social good. The church has a chance, perhaps a second chance, to capture the imagination and energy of this idealistic and socially motivated group of older adults.”

Malinda gets it! The old model of meeting in the fellowship hall to play bingo will not work with the older adults emerging today! That is much too passive.

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Let’s get this important conversation started! For some of our congregations, this seminar may well be a game changer. There are approximately 150,000,000 Boomer and Millennials on the way! Will your church flourish or flounder in the face of this opportunity to minister in the Name of Jesus Christ? For complete sign up information, refer to the flier on page 7 of this edition of the “Transformed!”

Excellent senior adult ministry could be the new or renewed vision for your church that will spark new vitality and purposefulness to expand your ministry’s life and effectiveness horizons for decades to come!

I’ve signed up and hope to see many of you there as well!

Excitedly,

Mike
CENTRAL VIRGINIA RACEWAY MINISTRIES
Sponsored by Dover, Middle District Associations & the River City Faith Network

Ministry Service Opportunities Available
During NASCAR Race Weekend – September 11-12, 2015
Richmond International Raceway (RIR)
800 EAST LABURNUM AVENUE

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.)

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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, September 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the Richmond Baptist 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

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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 made available by 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)

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

CONTACT: CHARLES WARD, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR OR DEBBIE CARTER, CHAPLAIN COORDINATOR
(H) 804-262-3612 or (C) 804-317-0094 (H) 804-377-9914
EMAIL: abcdward@juno.com Email: DebbieCarter88@aol.com
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 RCFN at 804-329-1701.

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The RBA Offices will be CLOSED
Monday, September 1, 2014 for the
Labor Day Holiday
HAPPY LABOR DAY, EVERYONE!!!

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**September Calendar**

- **September 1 @ 9:00 AM**
  CVRM Raceway Core Team Meeting, RCFN

- **September 1 @ 6:30 PM**
  Camp Alkulana Support Team (CAST) Mtg, RCFB

- **September 1 @ 7:00 PM**
  CVRM Raceway Volunteer Training

- **September 7**
  Labor Day - OFFICES CLOSED

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

- **September 8-10**
  “Homemade” Cookie Delivery for Race Weekend
  RCFN Office: 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

- **September 11-12**
  Raceway Ministries @ NASCAR Weekend, RIR

- **September 13 - 20**
  Week of Prayer for State Missions
  “Alma Hunt’ Offering

- **September 14 @ 10:00 AM**
  RCFN/RBA Staff Meeting, RCFN

- **September 15 @ 10:30 AM**
  RCFN WMU Fall Celebration and Lunch,
  St. Paul’s (Creighton Campus)

- **September 21 @ 12 noon**
  RCFN Ministries Support Group Meeting, RCFN

- **September 21 @ 5:45 PM**
  CVBM LC 15 Leadership Conference, Central

- **September 22, @ 7:00 PM**
  RCFN Board of Directors Meeting, RCFN

- **September 25**
  Registration deadline for the 11th Annual Camp
  Alkulana Golf Tournament

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Thank you to all the groups that provided and
served lunches at the African Christian Com-
munity Church this summer. They had a very
successful children’s summer program.
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.

VCLA Conference
"Branching in New Directions"

North Run Baptist Church
2100 Lydell Drive
Henrico, VA 23228

Executive Committee Dinner & Meeting
Friday, October 9, 2015 ~ 6:30 pm

Conference
Saturday, October 10, 2015 ~ 8:00 am

Speaker
Bill Pike, Guest Children’s Author of "The Last Pumpkin" & "Murray and the MudMumblers

Cost ~ $20 for VCLA members
Prices will increase by $5 for both after that date.

Contact Darlene Herod (804) 289-8435 ~ kingherod@earthlink.net or
Lee Smith (804) 306-3862 ~ Lsmith5471@aol.com

Conference information and registration will be available in the coming months in either our fall newsletter or on our website www.vacla.org.

In Memory of

Emily Blankenship Daniel, 96, of Richmond, went to be with the Lord Thursday, July 23, 2015. She was a former member of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Stockton Baptist Church and was a current member of Monument Heights Baptist Church. She was very involved in her churches and the Richmond Baptist Associations and served as Sunday school teacher for 43 years, deacon, WMU director for Richmond, secretary for the WMU of Virginia and first woman moderator for the Richmond Baptist Association.

Pray for Churches Seeking a Pastor
Chamberlayne Disciples
Gayton of Christ
Stockton Memorial River Road
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2015
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015 | COOL SPRING BAPTIST CHURCH
9283 ATLEE STATION ROAD, MECHANICSVILLE, VA 23116

All Inclusive
Judy Fiske, Minister of Music and Worship, Tabernacle Baptist Church

Caring for Those Who Care for You
Steve Allsbrook, Director of Missions, Dover Baptist Association

Storytelling and Humor in Ministry
Jeff Scott, Senior Pastor, Northside Baptist Church

We’ve Never Done It That Way Before
Herbert L. Ponder, Pastor, Mount Tabor Baptist Church

Shaping First Impressions
Glenn Akins, Assistant Executive Director, Baptist General Association of Virginia

My Church’s Finances Stink
Steve Law, Financial Leadership for Churches

$10 PER PERSON

SCHEDULE
5:15 - 6:00 p.m.: Open doors, registration and snacks
6:00 - 6:10 p.m.: Opening remarks
6:20 - 7:20 p.m.: Session 1
7:20 - 7:30 p.m.: Break
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.: Session 2

NEW!
Child care available from 5:45-8:45, reserve by September 7 at www.doverbaptist.org, $10 per child, light snack served

Children’s Ministry Without a Children’s Minister
Amanda Lott, Associate Pastor for Children’s Ministries, Huguenot Road Baptist Church

No Youth Minister? No Worries!
Dane Jackson, Minister of Students, Second Baptist Church, Richmond

Seeing Sunday School With Fresh Eyes
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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.

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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 Amy Sowder know your Change of Address in advance! You will be helping us to direct $0.49 “postage due” to more important missions efforts. Thanks!!

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**pray for the church of the week**

September 6 .... Skipwith
September 13 .... Southampton
September 20 .... Stockton Memorial
September 27 .... Tabernacle
October 4 ......... Trinity

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**divorce recovery workshop**

Sundays
October 4
Through
November 15
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Programs for Adults, Teens, Children and Child Care for Younger Children

FBCRichmond.org/recovery

To register call 358-5458, ext. 71
or email McIntosh@FBCRichmond.org