Mark your calendar!

7th Annual
River City Faith Network
WMU Missions Extravaganza!

Saturday
July 23, 2016
9:30 am until 11:30 am
at the
RBA Building
3111 Moss Side Avenue, 23222

Learn about the RCFN Missions Involvement Program!
This vital ministry provides support to:
Church Hill Christian Wellness Center
Oregon Hill Baptist Center
South Richmond Baptist Center
Camp Alkulana
Campus ministries at VCU and U of R
After-school program of the Lighthouse International (formally known as ACCC)
Musings from Mike:

Today I received in my inbox a letter from the Chairman of Deacons, Brother Leon Sykes, and Church Clerk, Neverett McGhee. The letter signed by these fine individuals was from the Disciples for Christ Community Baptist Church.

The Disciples for Christ Community Baptist Church most recently met on the campus of Southampton Baptist Church, a Champion Affiliate of the River City Faith Network. For the last several years the Disciples for Christ Community Baptist Church found a warm and congenial home on the campus of the Southampton Church as the two congregations, one predominantly African-American and the other mostly Caucasian, lovingly shared space and their Christian walk with Christ.

Founded by Dr. Joseph A. Godfrey, the Disciples of Christ Church family had not always met in southside Richmond. Since her founding she had met for most of her years in Shockoe Bottom. The byword that represented the church on its letterhead and in other places was “...a common church for the common people.” As years passed the church lost some members to death, lost its lease in Shockoe Bottom, and its founding pastor suddenly to death. These blows finally resulted in the church having to make tough decisions about its ability to continue to minister effectively.

As Brother Sykes’ letter states, “At a business meeting on February 20, 2016, we the members of Disciples For Christ Community Baptist Church voted to dissolve as a church on March 27, 2016.” He and the church clerk go on to write in their May 2nd letter, “As we finalize the dissolvent acts of our church, please accept this check in the amount of two thousand one hundred fifteen dollars ($2,115.00) for missions. Thank you for all you have done to enrich our ministry at Disciples For Christ Community Baptist Church. We pray God continues to bless and keep you in His Kingdom Work.”

Disciples for Christ represented for a number of years a significant and solitary Baptist presence in the Shockoe Bottom sector of our city. Their presence and their witness will be missed, but their impact will continue as their contribution of several thousands of dollars will strength the ministries of the River City Faith Network. The good work that this church and its members has done and the fine stewardship which it has exercised will live on beyond its ability to physically gather where it once was rooted.

On May 1st, I was present and spoke briefly when the Westhampton Baptist Church, most recently meeting in the chapel of Derbyshire Baptist Church, another Champion Affiliate, celebrated communion for the last time as the Westhampton family. This church launched on April 2, 1911, as an offspring of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in the area of what would later become the University of Richmond even before there was a University of Richmond. This welcoming congregation served well for more than a century until maintenance issues with its facility forced it to move from its sanctuary and property on Three Chopt Road.

Rev. Rod Hale, now at Huguenot Road Baptist and a long-time employee of the Virginia Baptist Mission Board, shared on May 1st how he, as a young student, found a Baptist home in Westhampton and its people under student watchcare until called away to a ministry of his own.

On the way to Westhampton’s final service, I rode by the site of their century of contribution to Richmond Baptist life. The sign pointing to Westhampton Baptist Church was still in place on the right hand side of Three Chopt Road and pointed leftward to where the damaged sanctuary still stands. I was reminded that their building, about to experience major repurposing, is not their legacy as much as are the people who have worshipped and served and gone out from within those walls.

Westhampton Baptist Church, like Disciples For Christ Community Baptist Church, will live on in her people as they disperse with their time, talent and treasure to continue Kingdom work in new places. Through good stewardship and wise investment, both of these churches, Disciples For Christ Community Baptist Church and Westhampton Baptist Church, will impact future believers and Kingdom advance ment!

There is always sadness when a church finds itself in the place where it must discontinue the work and the witness that has motivated wonderfully meaningful relationships and powerful investment from its people. The transition toward such a critical decision process is always difficult and fraught with heart-wrenching emotion. There is a sense of loss and finality that is almost unbearable!

But when the church family has planned well, there is also a very real sense in which it can have vital and significant impact well into the future until that time when Christ comes again to gather His people for their journey into His eternal family. And so, in a very real sense, with a deep sense of gratitude, we bid these formal congregations, “Farewell,” and yet, in another sense, we cheer them forward as individual believers who carry forward the legacy of their former congregational families and we say, “Breathe on, minister on, Brothers and Sisters, until He comes again!”

With both great sadness and fond rejoicing,

Mike
IMPACT Chesterfield—June 19—25, 2016
IMPACT Averett—June 27—July 2, 2016

Deaf Mission of First Baptist Church hosts VBCD conference in Richmond, VA. 
Rev. Kris Courson is our conference guest speaker. 
June 24-26, 2016

http://www.vbcddeaf.org/ or 
http://bgav.org/church/deaf/

Let’s remember to pray for our GRADUATES as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

SAVE THE DATE
Sept. 30—Oct. 1, 2016 Roanoke, VA
you for helping to make this year’s participation at the Spring races at Richmond International Raceway a rewarding and fruitful ministry opportunity. The races were held during the daytime on Saturday and Sunday, April 23rd and 24th, so there were unique challenges, but interaction with fans was helpful and Christ was very present.

For the first time in a number of years, CVRM was afforded the opportunity to hold a Sunday morning worship service at which Christian racecar driver Michael McDowell was the featured speaker, offering a timely and inspiring message of hope and challenge. All who missed hearing him missed a genuine treat.

The BGAV Disaster Relief Response Team brought their mass feeding trailer and provided delicious meals for CVRM volunteers.

Can you recognize any of the 83 workers and volunteers pictured below? Consider helping with this ministry effort during the Fall races to be held on Friday and Saturday, September 9th and 10th! You can volunteer by calling Charles Ward, Debbie Carter, or Sam Duenckel by emailing info@varacewayministries.org or calling (804) 601-4463.

The email address finance@rbaonline.org is no longer active. Please use office@rbaonline.org.
Please complete this form and mail it with your gift to River City Faith Network of the RBA. Please specify how your funds should be credited; undesignated funds will go toward the RCFN/ RBA General Program. This form can be downloaded from the website at www.richmondbaptist.org. You may also conveniently make a secure one-time or recurring gift online using e-giving by clicking the “e-giving” tab also on the website. If you have any questions, please contact the Office at office@rbaonline.org or 804-329-1701, ext. 101 (Danette).

Your Church Name

Contact Name ___________________ Phone Number ________________

Date of Remittance ______________ Amount of Check $______________

• RBA General Program Monthly Gifts..................................................$___________________

Designated Gifts

• Camp Alkulana Offerings .................................................................$___________________

• Church Hill Wellness Center..............................................................$___________________

• Oregon Hill Baptist Center .................................................................$___________________

• South Richmond Baptist Center .........................................................$___________________

Special Gifts  (Please be specific)

1. ______________________________________________________________ $____________

2. ______________________________________________________________ $____________

Thank you for your generosity to River City Faith Network, the many ministries such as Camp Alkulana, Church Hill Christian Wellness Center, Oregon Hill Baptist Center, South Richmond Baptist Center, and programs for our churches. Every gift is greatly appreciated.  Thank you!
Successful Camp Alkulana Online Fundraiser

The Camp Alkulana Support Team has been working hard to come up with new ways to raise funds towards Camp Alkulana’s annual budget. A few months ago we decided to undertake a new effort: our first online fundraiser. The campaign was aimed at raising the funds for our annual summer food budget—about $10,000 after the funding we received annually from the USDA. Our CAST team felt we had set a lofty goal: to raise $10,000 ($5,000 through online donations with a $5,000 matching donation from a generous camp alum). The campaign took place online from April 11-29 and was more successful than we could have imagined! I’m pleased to report that the grand total of our fundraising efforts was more than double our initial goal: $21,232.00. We expect this, coupled with the funding we receive through the USDA will fund Camp Alkulana’s food budget for 2 years! The donations came through a diversity of people, but for the most part they were first-time donors—friends and family members who donated after being solicited to give by recent camp counselors who shared their stories about how much Camp Alkulana means to them. We are grateful to all of the individuals and groups that came together to make this a successful fundraiser!
CALENDAR

May 21 and June 4, 2016
Annual Fix-Up Clean-up Days at Camp Alkulana

June 4 @ 10:00AM
RCFN Staff Meeting, 3111 Moss Side Ave., SCR

June 7 @ 6:30 PM
C.A.S.T. Meeting, 3111 Moss Side Ave., SCR

June 8–18
Camp Alkulana / Staff Training

June 12–13
WMU Annual Celebration, St Louis, Missouri

June 19
FATHER’S DAY

June 27–July 1
Camp Alkulana / Older Boys

June 27–29
World Changers (13 to 16 yr olds)
The Light Community Church

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River City Faith Network website (www.richmondbaptist.org)
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CHASE NEWS

*JUNE 7–9 Mission Trip to Roanoke Rapids Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church (www.cabcva.org)
*PT Youth Minister search First Union Baptist Church (www.thefubc.org or 804-745-9772)
*PT Admin Assist & PT Organist search Lakeside Baptist Church (office@lakesidebaptistchurch.me or 804-266-1613)
*SR Pastor Minister search Gayton Baptist Church (www.gaytonchurch.org or 804-360-2801)
*JUNE 27–JULY 1 VBS Cave Quest Gayton Baptist Church
*The VA Baptist Women in Ministry Feast was hosted by Ginter Park Baptist Church on May 6, 2-016 (www.ginterparkbc.org)
*JUNE 5 Youth Sunday, *JUNE 15 GBC Variety show Grace Baptist Church (www.gbconline.org)
*JUNE 12: 143 CHURCH ANNIVERSARY, *JUNE 20-24 VBS Gravel Hill Baptist Church (www.gravelhillbaptistchurch.org)
*The Mount Carmel Church participated in packing 280,000 care packages for natives of Indonesia and Thailand. (www.themountcarmel.org)
*JUNE 5 144 CHURCH ANNIVERSARY & 22nd PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY, *JUNE 27—JULY 1 VBS Mount Tabor Baptist (www.mytmbc.org)
*JUNE 23-24 Southside Youth Revival New Canaan Worship Center (www.newcanaanbaptistchurch.com)
*JUNE 20–25 Hands & Hearts: a Family Mission Experience River Road Church (www.rrcb.org)
*May 5—JUNE 9 SPBC ImagiNation - 6 week Coding Workshop for youth grades K-12, *JUNE 11 8:00am-12:00 noon Prostate Health Educational Symposiums FREE and open to the public. FREE onsite PSA Screenings The Saint Paul's Baptist Church (myspbc.org)
*PT Children & Student Director search Skipwith Baptist Church (skipwithbaptistchurch.org)
*JUNE 4 8:00am—noon Churchwide Yard Sale Non-members only $15.00 to researve an 18’x16’ space with table and 2 chairs. Stockton Memorial Baptist Church (www.stocktonmemorialbaptist.com)
*JUNE 27-29 VBS Submerged,*JUNE 17-19 DNOW 6th—12th graders Camp Piankatank Swift Creek Baptist Church (www.swiftcreekbaptist.org)
*JUNE 21-JULY 6 Travel team to Burma Tabernacle Baptist Church (tbcrichmond.org)
*JUNE 27-29 World Changers (13 to 16 yr olds) The Light Community Church (mylightcc.org)

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Happy Father’s Day
June 19, 2016
Frohen Vatertag! / Alles Gute zum Vatertag

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- To submit a change of address: in a timely manner so that the Network will not incur postage due costs for undeliverable newsletters.

Pray for the RCFN of the RBA Churches seeking a PASTOR

Chamberlayne Gayton River Road

Pray for the RCFN Church of the Week

June 5............Hatcher Memorial
June 12............Huguenot Road
June 19............International Community
June 26............Korean

The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous

There will not be a RCFN Board of Directors’ Meeting in JUNE.

NEXT MEETING
JULY 26, 2016 - 7:00 PM
Please mark your calendar!!

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 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Thursday.

THANK YOU for your continued support

2016 RCFN Budget Report

APRIL Budget Amount: $43,169.00
APRIL Budget Receipts: $23,584.00
APRIL Budget Expenses: $44,771.00

YTD Budget Amount: $172,676.00
YTD Budget Receipts: $163,072.00

Camp Alkulana Offering

Offering Goal: $150,696.00
YTD Receipts: $19,565.00
YTD Expenses: $35,768.00

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* RCFN Remittance forms, *Information on our Associational Churches (church websites are linked to the individual churches), etc.

We are working hard to update the website. Let us know if you would like anything updated or added. It is our goal to make the website user friendly as your “go to” place for information about the RCFN and it’s Affiliates.