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
- zipperpered 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!)

Questions? Contact WMU Mission Involvement Consultant,

Wyatt Heisler 804-741-9320.

For Center Back-to-School Celebration dates, times, and assigned churches refer to the INSERTS on pages 3 and 4 of the “Transformed!”
This month I will break my section of the “Musings” into several sections. There are a couple of very important items that I want to place before you!

First,

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!

In these times when employee and company loyalty are at an all time low, it is on rare occasions that congratulations are in order for those who have engaged in long-term employment! So it is with great pleasure that I call your attention to the 20th anniversary of employment being marked on July 1, 2016 by the River City Faith Network in its remarkable relationship with the Reverend Jennifer Turner, Community Missionary at the Oregon Hill Baptist Center. Jennifer is an extraordinarily wonderful part of the River City Faith Network team. She began her work on July 1, 1996 and has served the Oregon Hill community, Pine Street Baptist Church, and the River City Faith Network of the Richmond Baptist Association with distinction!

Jennifer, thank you for all of the ways that you have touched the lives of so many with the love of Christ. You have made God’s love and care real to many who have not found in other places and from other sources such love and respect as you shower upon them. It is a genuine blessing to serve with you and an honor to have you on our staff! Thank you for being such an exemplar of all that is the best of Christendom!

Congratulations!

July 1, 1996 — July 1, 2016!

Second!

GREAT OPPORTUNITIES OUGHT TO BE SEIZED!

From September 11 through October 23 hundreds of churches in the Greater Richmond Metropolitan area will be involved in the “Explore God” Community Outreach Initiative. The goal is to implement a city-wide outreach effort which resonates with Millennials and invites 1.2 million (1,200,000) total Richmond residents to “come explore God,” resulting in exposure to the Gospel of Christ and increased attendance in local churches.

Jamie Radtke, wife, mother of four, home schooler, dedicated Christian, and a young woman with a passion for the lost, three years ago founded the 501 (c)3 non-profit “WE Believe” as a platform to stand up for her faith and to partner with others in doing the same and sharing the Gospel.

Today, “WE Believe” will make it possible for churches all across the central Virginia area to join together to (1.) lead Millennials and others to an authentic relationship with Christ, (2.) demonstrate how their faith can be relevant and transformational, and (3.) equip them to become leaders who have a cultural impact. “WE Believe” will do this by providing extensive local advertising through traditional media sources - billboards, TV, radio, etc. - and also online advertising such as Facebook and Google ads over an eight (8) week period leading up to September 11 to invite the entire city to “Explore God” at no cost to churches.

“WE Believe’s” goal is to partner with 300 churches who will participate in a preaching series and/or host community and church discussion groups. A web address will be available so that those wanting to “Explore God” will be able to find out exactly where your church is located and when to get there to participate with you in “Exploring God!”

During the 7-week period beginning September 11 churches agree to deal in a way that is unique to them with seven (7) key topics:

1. - Does life have a purpose?
2. - Is there a God?
3. - Why does God allow pain and suffering?
4. - Is Christianity too narrow?
5. - Is Jesus really God?
6. - Is the Bible reliable?
7. - Can I know God personally?

To learn more, log onto www.webelieve.me or call (804) 491-9898. Materials will be provided and there is no cost to local churches to participate!

Excitedly!

Mike
CHURCH HILL CHRISTIAN WELLNESS CENTER
BACK-TO-SCHOOL CELEBRATION
GLINDA FORD (780-0053)
PLEASE PRE-FILL THE BACKPACKS FOR CHCWC
SATURDAY, AUGUST 20 (10 AM-3 PM)
Deliver Supplies to Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1920 Fairmount Ave
on August 17 & 18 from 9 am to 12 pm and 1 to 3 pm.
Set-up will be August 19 from 10 am until finished.

Bethlehem (Fairmount) Fairmount Memorial Mount Carmel
Bethlehem (Penick) Gayton Mount Sinai
Broadus Memorial Hatcher Memorial Mount Tabor
Carlisle Avenue Lakeside River Road
Chamberlayne Leigh Street Sandston
Community Mission Life-Line for Jesus Second
Derbyshire Lighthouse International (ACCC)

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.

CAMP ALKULANA

BETH WRIGHT IS AT CAMP ALKULANA

PLEASE CONTACT ANNA TUCKWILLER (329-1701 ext 112)

ManyThanks to all who came to Camp Alkulana Clean Up Days!
**SOUTH RICHMOND CENTER BACK-TO-SCHOOL CELEBRATION** - **WESLEY GARRET (232-0174)**

**PLEASE PRE-FILL THE BACKPACKS FOR SRBC; VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 26 (1-3 PM)**

Deliver supplies on Aug. 22, 23 and 24 from 10 am to 1 pm.

Bethany Place  Jahnke Road  St. Paul's
Bon Air  Korean  Stockton Memorial
Community of Grace  Lighthouse of Hope  Swift Creek
First Union  Morning Star  Trinity
Friendship Memorial  New Canaan  Weatherford Mission Group
Gravel Hill  Shalom Fellowship  Westover
Huguenot Road  Southampton  Woodland Heights

**OREGON HILL BAPTIST CENTER BACK-TO-SCHOOL CELEBRATION**

**JENNIFER TURNER (648-1353)**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 9 (6 PM-7:45 PM)**

Deliver supplies on MONDAY Aug. 8 (10 AM—2 PM) and TUESDAY, AUGUST 9 (10 AM—2 PM).

Please call Jennifer to set up an alternative delivery time if either of these delivery dates does not work for your church! Thanks!

Oregon Hill Center prefers empty backpacks with supplies grouped by type.
River City Faith Network of the Richmond Baptist Association’s

2016 Missions Involvement Extravaganza!

All churches are invited to send representatives from their missions organizations to the 6th Annual Extravaganza on:

Saturday, July 23, 2016
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 Lighthouse International 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 RCFN WMU. The Missions Involvement Assignments for 2016-2017 will be distributed to churches during the event.

Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Golfers Save the Date!
October 7, 2016
To help Richmond’s kids go to camp!

12th 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
If your church has conducted Crown Financial Ministries studies in the past, it is eligible to receive complimentary Coordinator Training. Crown has developed a 2-hour MoneyLife® Coordinator Training to equip individuals and teams involved with stewardship ministry. During the training, we discuss Crown’s unique mission, the importance and the role of the coordinator, as well as the Biblically-based resources we offer for this area of discipleship. Every church is different, so the need for a team, the size of the team, and responsibilities of team members is addressed. We also share proven methods to engage others and successfully implement stewardship solutions for your congregation.

Please contact me if your church would like to benefit from this training.

Randy Rowekamp
E: rrowekamp@crown.org

Camp Alkulana Receives Grant

Camp Alkulana was recently named a recipient of a grant by The Mary Morton Parsons Foundation. The grant, a $25,000 matched award, will go towards restoring an historic dam on the camp’s property. This dam, stretching across the camp’s creek, is perhaps the most iconic structure at Camp Alkulana. Indeed, if you ask most any camper or staffer from the last one hundred years to imagine Camp Alkulana, the foot dam would likely be front and center in their image. This structure is original to the camp. The dining hall, which the Mary Morton Parsons Foundation also generously helped Camp Alkulana expand in 2006, was the mill house. A notch still visible in this dam was the take-off point for the sluice, or mill race, to the water wheel. The historic nature of these landmarks helped Camp Alkulana to secure a listing on the Virginia Landmarks Registry and the National Register of Historic Places in 2015. Today, the dam is one of two main paths campers use to cross the stream countless times a day to access camp activities.

The dam “is showing serious signs of deterioration,” as described in an engineering report completed in August 2015. The structure, a combination of masonry work and concrete work, has eroded through weathering, freeze thaw cycles, and some seepage through the structure. Eager to ensure the safety of campers and the survival of this landmark, Camp Alkulana began seeking funding opportunities to repair the dam.

Restoring the dam would benefit the children who attend Camp Alkulana both now and for generations to come. Campers who attend Camp Alkulana experience the joy of being a child, something that is robbed from many camp children because of hard life experiences. Camper feedback, given in end-of-session surveys, demonstrates the results of that goal: “I feel free here,” “It’s been the only stress free environment for me,” and “I have more confidence and I love myself more.” The landscape and facilities at Camp Alkulana, including this dam, help to facilitate this mission. When campers have the ability to explore in the creek below the foot dam, to fish in the still pool created just above it, or to sit right down on it and soak their feet in the creek while enjoying a conversation with their counselors, it becomes clear how much that structure adds to the outcomes and experiences at Camp Alkulana.

We hope to begin repair work at the end of the 2016 summer camp season.
**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)

**PT Children & Student Director search**  Skipwith Baptist Church
(skipwithbaptistchurch.org, or 282-2234)

**Pat Rogers,** 4th year student at BTSR interested in part-time internship beginning Fall of 2016 concluding Spring 2017. Currently serving as an assoc. min. at Mt. Tabor with Dr. Herbert Ponder, go www.richmondbaptist.org for more details.

*JUNE 20-23, 6pm-8pm VBS Bon Air*  
*JUNE 20-24 VBS Gravel Hill*  
*JUNE 21-JULY 6 Travel team to Burma Tabernacle*  
*JUNE 27-JULY 1 VBS “CAVE QUEST” Gayton*  
*JUNE 27-JULY 1 VBS Stockton Memorial*  
*JULY 11-15, 9am-noon VBS “SUBMERGED” Huguenot Road*  
*JULY 25-29 VBS “SUBMERGED” Woodland Heights*  
*AUGUST 1-5, 8:30am-noon VBS Derbyshire*  
*AUGUST 8-12 VBS River Road*  

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE “CHURCH NEWS”**  
River City Faith Network website (www.richmondbaptist.org)
Pick the church from our Church Directories or go to the church’s website in parenthesis.

2016 Church Weekday Conference  
**Aug.6: Bon Air Baptist Church**  
**Oct. 1:First Baptist Church, Alexandria**

Registration ENDS: JULY 22

Pages 3 & 6 are designed to be used as bulletin inserts, bulletin board notices or Prayer Guides for Sunday School classes, Small groups, Mission groups, etc.

**NOTE:**  The email finance@rbaonline.org is no longer active. Please use office@rbaonline.org.

Links for most every ad can be found on the RCFN website: www.richmondbaptist.org/news-events/

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**OCTOBER 23, 2016**  
in the afternoon  
River City Faith Network  
ANNUAL FALL MEETING  
Details TBA
**TRANSFORMED! is published monthly by the River City Faith Network of the Richmond Baptist Association**

Contact: Danette Moen via email or snail mail at the addresses listed above:
- To submit an article: it must be received by the 7th of each month.
- To be added to or deleted from the mailing list, or
- 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 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Thursday.

**THANK YOU for your continued support**

**2016 RCFN Budget Report**

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**Camp Alkulana Offering**

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Visit [www.richmondbaptist.org](http://www.richmondbaptist.org) for Employment Opportunities, 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 its Affiliates.

Pray for the RCFN of the RBA Churches seeking a PASTOR

Chamberlayne Gayton River Road

Pray for the RCFN Church of the Week

July 3............Lakeside Baptist
July 10..........Life-Line For Jesus
July 17.........Lighthouse International
July 24.........Lighthouse of Hope
July 31.........The Light Community Church

The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous person avails much! (James 5:16)