Mark your calendars now for ...

LDC16: Developing Leaders For Today’s Church

Join us September 26 from 5:15—8:15 p.m.
Derbyshire Baptist Church
8800 Derbyshire Rd., Richmond

Dinner, Breakout Sessions, and Keynote Speaker BGAV President Nancy McDaniel

Equip yourself to use your God-given gifts to serve others!
Session topics led by knowledgeable instructors include:
• Effective Outreach
• Church Safety
• Special Sunday School Sessions for Teachers
• Modeling Christ
• Conflict Management
• How To Lead a Ministry Team
• Missions Outside the Box
• And more designed to meet the needs of all ministry areas!

The Leadership Development Conference 2016 is funded and supported by a partnership of:
Baptist General Association of Virginia
Central Virginia Baptist Ministries
River City Faith Network

Dover Baptist Association
Middle District Baptist Association

Registration will open soon!
Musings from Mike:

In the last edition of the “Transformed!” I brought you news of and expressed gratitude for the wonderful generosity of our friends from the Disciples for Christ Community Church who, as they determined the need to dissolve their fellowship, blessed the River City Faith Network of the Richmond Baptist Association with a very generous gift from the funds that remained at their disposal. I also alluded to the closure of the Westhampton Baptist Church after 105 years of ministry in the Three Chopt district of the city near the University of Richmond. An offspring of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in 1911, Westhampton held its final service on May 1st of this year. I was grateful for the opportunity to express to that church family the Network’s thanksgiving for the many years of strong and active partnership in missions that has characterized our relationship.

In a letter dated May 25th Tiffany Robertson, Chair of the Westhampton Dissolution Committee, informed the Network that, as part of their dissolution process, the members of the church voted to liquidate their assets by “donating to a variety of organizations. Enclosed in this envelope you will find a check in the amount of $135,000 for the following projects of Camp Alkulana: kitchen upgrade, dam repair, and Lakeside Lodge upgrade.” Tiffany further wrote on behalf of the Westhampton Baptist family: “It is our hope and prayer that this money will be of great assistance to Camp Alkulana and its mission to the children of the Richmond area.” Earlier I had received a note from Tiffany thanking us for our participation in their final service on May 1. She included a brass Christmas ornament that includes an image of the Westhampton sanctuary. It will remain a treasured artifact from our relationship for years to come! Tiffany invited us to “enjoy the ornament as a token of their appreciation and a way to remember WBC.”

Tiffany and Westhampton Family, we WILL remember! And we will continue to give thanks for years to come for your faithfulness in missions and ministry with the River City Faith Network! The repairs and improvements enabled by this contribution will speak well to the current generation as well as those that follow of the commitment of the Westhampton Baptist family to reaching men and women, girls and boys for Christ.

It is always disturbing to bid farewell to endearing and enduring institutions that have been significant for the ministries they have achieved, the people they represent, and the embodiment of Christ they have characterized! Their friendship, participation and partnership are sorely missed and not easily replaced. Their departure is never to be taken lightly, and so, the departure of these two congregations, Disciples for Christ Community Church and Westhampton Baptist Church, cause us grief and a genuine sense of loss. Continue to pray for those who have made up these congregations, for their grief is real too. Their sense of loss is tremendous! Welcome them warmly when they visit your congregation in search of a new home. Embrace them and know that they will come with tried and true gifts that are still highly significant and mightily powerful in the doing of Kingdom work! Help them to find a new home and a new place of service.

Too, be encouraged that Kingdom work is not coming to a close! God’s impact upon the world is not winding down. There are millions yet to know Christ and millions more to be reclaimed for fruitful work in the body of Christ. Even as churches close their doors or merge with other stronger churches, the work of God continues in a powerful way. Folks are still sharing their faith with those who need to hear. According to Pew’s study of American religious beliefs and activities, 56% of all evangelicals and evangelical Millennials share their faith at least monthly; 57% of evangelical Gen-Xers and Boomers do the same and 51% of evangelicals over age 65 share their faith in a similar way. “About a quarter of U.S. religiously affiliated adults share their faith at least once a week.”

While it is tragic when churches close their doors it is helpful to realize that there are more churches being born annually than are closing! Many people who previously didn’t attend church anywhere are being attracted to new places of worship, service and nurture. On average, 42% of those worshiping at churches launched since 2008 previously never attended church or hadn’t attended in many years. This tabulation comes from research among 843 new churches from 17 denominational and church planting networks.

In 2014 it is known that 3,700 churches closed their doors for the last time. That is a terribly depressing statistic. But read on. Did you know that in the same year, more than 4,000 new Protestant churches opened their doors? That means that nearly 77 churches began work, on average, during each week of 2014! In 16:18 the Gospel writer Matthew says, “And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.” While there is considerable debate over the meaning of the first portion of this verse, it is clear that Jesus is stating that the church “is not going away!” Praise God!

Rejoicingly with gratitude,

Mike
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.

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.

For more information and to Register On-Line visit the Alkulana website: www.alkulana.org or call the RBA at 804-329-1701.

Beth Wright is at Camp Alkulana

Please Contact Anna Tuckwiller (329-1701 ext 112)
**SOUTH RICHMOND CENTER - WESLEY GARRETT (232-0174)**

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

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL CELEBRATION AND BACKPACK DISTRIBUTION**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 24 (1-3 PM)**

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

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**OREGON HILL BAPTIST CENTER - JENNIFER TURNER (648-1353)**

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL CELEBRATION AND BACKPACK DISTRIBUTION**

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

Deliver supplies on MONDAY Aug. 8 (9 AM-4 PM) and TUESDAY, AUGUST 9 (9 AM-2 PM).

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*Oregon Hill Center prefers empty backpacks with supplies grouped by type.*
Ministry Service Opportunities Available During NASCAR Race Weekend
Friday and Saturday, September 9 and 10, 2016
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 5 or 6 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 call: (804) 601-4463 or e-mail: info@varacewayministries.org

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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 Thursday evening, September 1, at 7:00 pm 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 8 - Thursday: SET-UP Main Hospitality Site & Hospitality Sites in RV lots
11:00 am—2:00 pm

Sept. 9 - Friday: Hospitality Ministry for the NASCAR NATIONWIDE RACE:
SHIFTS: 8:00 am-2:00 pm; 2:00-pm—7:00 pm

Sept. 10- Saturday: FAMILY FUN CARNIVAL and Hospitality for the NASCAR SPRINT CUP RACE:
SHIFTS: 8:00 am-2:00 pm; 2:00- pm— 7:00 pm

Sept. 10 - Saturday: TAKE-DOWN Main Ministry Site
SHIFT: 6 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 River City Faith Network / RBA Office, 3111 Moss Side Ave. September 5-8, 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:

PHONE: (804) 601-4463 OR E-MAIL: INFO@VARACEWAYMINISTRIES.ORG
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
Saturday, July 23, 2016, 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the RBA Building: 3111 Moss Side Avenue, 23222

Questions? Contact Missions Involvement Coordinator: Wyatt Heisler at 804-741-9320

Ticket Prices: (Groups of 20 or more)

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Save the Date
OCT. 23, 2016, in the afternoon
RCFN of the RBA Annual Fall MTG
Details TBA

Benefit Concert for the
Gospel Jail Ministry
Saturday, July 30, 2016
7:00—8:30 pm
Staples Mill Road Baptist Church
10101 Staples Mill Road
Come join us as we worship the Lord in song with

Just Us

Great Gospel Music & Christian Fellowship

There is no charge for the concert, however, a love offering will be collected with all proceeds to benefit the Gospel Jail Ministry.

Any questions, please call Chaplain Joe Driver
(804) 261-1810 or (804) 740-8702
CHURCH NEWS

Chamberlayne Baptist Church: Lamb’s Basket Food Collection (Local Food Bank) is the third Sunday of the month. The church helps stock the food items, prepares food bags and talks with patrons as they arrive. (www.chambelaynebc.org)

Derbyshire Baptist Church: Sunday, Aug. 14, 2016 6:00 PM 20th Annual Good Ol’ Gospel Sing (www.dbcrichmond.org)

First Union Baptist Church: Single Service Summer continues through August. (www.thefubc.org)

Grace Baptist Church welcomes their new Minister to Youth and Their Families: Bryce Williams (www.gbconline.org)

Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church: Their Baptist Disaster Response Team has mobilized equipment and volunteers to help West Virginia Baptist response operations. (www.hatcherchurch.org)

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

Visit us at the
RCFN of the RBA FACEBOOK page
www.facebook.com/RichmondBaptistAssociation/

2016 Church Weekday Conference

Aug.6: Bon Air Baptist Church
Oct. 1:First Baptist Church, Alexandria

Registration ENDS: JULY 22

The white Insert Pages of the “Transformed!” are designed with sections that can 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/
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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.

Pray for the RCFN Church of the Week

August 7...........Morning Star
August 14...........Mount Carmel
August 21...........Mount Sinai
August 28...........Mount Tabor

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

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.

**2016 RCFN Budget Report**

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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 it’s Affiliates.