2nd Annual Meeting
of the
River City Faith Network
of the
Richmond Baptist Association

Church Hill Christian Wellness Center

Mt. Tabor Baptist Church
2011 Fairmount Ave., VA 23223

Sunday
October 23, 2016
3:00 - 5:00 PM

Theme: “Love Is a Verb”
I John 4:19 - “We love because He first loved us.”

3:00 PM
Worship                 Music             Business Session
Ministry Placement Committee Recommendations
2017 Budget Recommendation, Stewardship Committee

4:15—5:00 PM
Tour of the Church Hill Christian Wellness Center
On-site Missions Fair                 Interactive Missions Emersion
Ministry in Action for all ages!

Supper - Cost: $5.00 donation
Musings from Mike:

At this writing many of us are glued to our television to watch the 2016 Summer Olympics! It is a glorious time for celebrating excellence in human athletic effort and accomplishment! Whether you are a fan of the United States’ April Ross and Kerri Walsh Jennings in beach volleyball or Michael Phelps as the medal winningest swimmer of all time it is exciting to see fine athletes at work doing what they do well. Jennings has been quoted as declaring that it is always her desire to be “the best mom she can be, the best wife she can be, the best volleyball player she can be.” Her consistent goal is to hold herself to a very high standard in whatever she is engaged. What an excellent aspiration in and of itself!

Not every Olympian will receive a medal; not every athlete will return home with an award! Only a few will mount the medalists’ podium to have gold, silver or bronze placed around their necks. Far more will go home empty-handed. Some will slip and fall. Others will make a slight variation in their routine that will compromise their characteristic perfection. Still others will simply give in to “Olympic nerves!”

Of excellence the apostle Paul said it this way in Colossians 3:23 and 24: “Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.” EACH and EVERY worker who works heartily unto the Lord Christ, having placed their faith in His redeeming act of sacrifice on the cross for the debt payment for their sin, can rest assured that he or she WILL receive the reward of the inheritance. An inheritance comes following the death of someone significant who has gone before and leaves to their loved ones some gift from their life’s accomplishments. It is, of course, Christ Who died. And as a result of His life and death He left for His adopted brothers and sisters the inheritance of eternal life in the presence of His heavenly Father in the midst of a joy-filled, sinless place called heaven. All who have placed their faith in Christ will receive the “gold medal!” What an inheritance! What excellence!

Whether we like to admit it or not, each of us is daily moving toward the culmination of our time on the track, the volleyball court, the swimming pool of our lifetime. I am a baby boomer and must admit that I live in denial. I recoil at the thought that I am aging; my children are aging; my grandchildren are aging, but I am not aging! That’s my story and I’m sticking with it! Yes, its called denial!

So the question arises, “Like Christ, what will you and I leave as an inheritance for those who are coming along behind?”

Someone asked of a deceased friend, “What did he leave behind?” The astute answer? “Everything!”

But how will we leave it behind? I am told that more than half of Americans have no formal documents such as a will to direct the disposition of the “everything” they will leave behind. How about you? Let me encourage you to tend to this important matter! Ask how God can be honored and His kingdom work continued by your written will describing how your

What are churches and institutions of which you a part doing to insure that the good work of the River City Faith Network, the Church Hill Christian Wellness Center, the Oregon Hill Baptist Center, the South Richmond Baptist Center and Camp Alkulana continues until Christ comes? Just as the Weatherford Memorial Baptist Church from the past into the present is a grand example of such wise planning, I recently received communication from Mr. Jeff Ukrop, Development Officer of the Virginia Baptist Foundation, that Westhampton Baptist Church which held its final service on May 1, 2016, has established an endowed fund as a way to memorialize their 105 years of ministry in Richmond, Virginia. The beneficiaries of the Westhampton Baptist Endowment Fund, like the Weatherford Memorial Baptist Endowment Fund, will receive annual contributions. Camp Alkulana and the River City Faith Network with its three Baptist centers have been named as beneficiaries. Specifically, these annual contributions are intended:

(1) to support Camp Alkulana campers who need financial support to attend college or to receive vocational training.
(2) to support River City Faith Network’s efforts in missions.

Such thoughtfulness on the part of Westhampton Baptist, along with Weatherford Memorial, will insure that the vital work that we do to represent Christ to the under served and under resourced of our city continues and thrives. I hope you as an individual will give strong consideration to how you might follow the examples of these great churches as you think about YOUR “everything!” I hope you will remember in your planning the future impact of your local church as well as partnering organizations like the River City Faith Network. Your thoughtful can insure that you and your “everything” continue to have an impact for the cause of Christ for decades to come or until our Lord returns. Who knows how many will hear the Good News of Christ because of YOUR thoughtfulness and forward consideration? What will YOU and I leave behind? “Everything!” Let’s do it excellently!!

Joyously,

Mike
“Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst.”

TOILETRIES SUPPLIES NEEDED

What’s a center to do? We have wash clothes but no soap. Once a month, during Clothes Closet, a participant is given a toiletries bag. Lately, our bags are lacking in some items. We need your help to fill our bags. Needed items are list below. Please give the regular size.

- Shaving Cream
- Disposable Razors
- Deodorant (especially for men)
- Soap
- Socks (especially for men)
- Toothpaste
- Lotion

CAMP ALKULANA

3 John 1:4: “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.”

GOLFERS, SIGN UP NOW!

October 7, 2016

to help Richmond 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 to fund Camp Alkulana.

For more information and to register on-line visit the Alkulana website: www.alkulana.org or call the RCFN at 804-329-1701, ext. 112.
Jennifer said at the WMU Extravaganza that she has been given lots of bags. They have learned that it would be helpful to those making the mats and totes for the bags to be cut into 2 1/2 inch strips.

To do this lay the bag out flat, cut off the bottom and the handles. Mark and cut the remainder into 2 1/2 strips. When done correctly you will have a loop. Connect the loops by threading one through the other and then take one end of the loop and go through itself. Pull tight. Roll the “plastic yarn” into a ball. Take the balls of yarn to Jennifer or start crocheting.

There have been over 200 of the mats made and given out.

NEW SATELITE LOCATION for SRBC is coming soon. The Manchester Community Center located at 5500 Germain Road, Richmond, VA has been gifted to the RCFN by the MCC Board of Directors. We are grateful for this gift that will serve the Manchester Community as an extension of the good work being done by Rev. Wesley Garrett at SRBC.

Oregon Hill Baptist Center - Jennifer Turner (648-1353)
CENTRAL VIRGINIA RACEWAY MINISTRIES
Sponsored by Dover, Middle District & River City Faith Network of the RBA

Ministry Service Opportunities Available During NASCAR Race Weekend

Friday and Saturday, September 9 and 10, 2016

Richmond International Raceway (RIR)

800 EAST LABURNUM AVENUE

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
  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
For Every Church Leader!

2016 Leadership Development Conference
Monday, September 26
Derbyshire Baptist Church
8800 Derbyshire Road
Richmond
www.baptistleaders.org
5:15-6:00 P.M.
Dinner and Fellowship
6:00-6:20 P.M.
Nancy McDaniel, Keynote Speaker
BGAV President
6:30-7:20 P.M.
Conference Session I
7:25-8:15 P.M.
Conference Session II
Registration
Early Bird (Ends September 15): $10
Register online at
www.baptistleaders.org
Pay at Door: $15
Childcare Available: $10*
*Must Pre-register at
www.baptistleaders.org

Choose Any Two of Sixteen Fifty-minute Sessions
Conferences and Leaders
1. “Working with Preschoolers and Children’s Ministry” - Darie Lee
2. “Youth Ministry”
   - Brian Jones and Rose Rice
3. “Adult Ministry” - Tony Brooks
4. “Sunday School Directors” - Jimmie Miles
5. “How to Lead a Ministry Team”
   - Brad Hoffmann
6. “Small Group Dynamics” - Ben Caldwell
7. “Effective Outreach: How Do You Define It”
   - Gannon Sims
8. “Developing Leadership Skills”
   - Josh Hayden
9. “Missions Outside the Box”
   - Chris Palmer and Abby Pratt
10. “Ministering to the Community”
    - Karen Gilbert
11. “Managing Resources” - Mike Robinson
12. “How Do I Model Christ?”
    - Nancy McDaniel
13. “Ministering Beyond the Pews”
    - Wesley Garrett
    - Steve Vaughan
15. “Conflict Management” - Steve Allsbrook
16. “Church Safety: How to Protect Your Church without Building a Fortress”
    - Sgt. Terry Sullivan and Deputy Jim McLaughlin
Chamberlayne Baptist Church

On Sunday, July 31st, Chamberlayne Baptist voted to call their new Pastor. They welcome Senior Pastor, the Rev. David Peppler. David is married to Diane and they have 3 sons and 2 grandchildren. He has pastored churches in North Carolina and Virginia for the past 17 years.

David has earned a Diploma of Theology from the John Leland Center for Theological Study, a Bachelor of Science in Management and Leadership from Bluefield College, and a Master of Divinity in Christian Education from Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond.

Rev. Peppler has served as a board member with the Virginia Baptist Mission Board, now BGAV, as Team Leader for the CVBM Fall Leadership Conference, and as Spiritual Director for several Walks for the Southside Emmaus Community.

He loves reading, writing, relaxing by the water or a fire, and being a terrible golfer.

**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/

**CELEBRATING SUMMER MISSION TRIPS 2016**

**WMU Fall Celebration and Lunch**
Patterson Avenue Baptist Church
September 20, 2016, 10:30AM

**ACPs are due September 30, 2016**
The Annual Mtg is Oct. 23rd and in order to have accurate info in your packets we will need your help.

Thank you so much!
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Contact: Danette Moen via phone (804) 329-1701 ext.101, 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
September 4.........New Canaan
September 11.......New Life
September 18.........Patterson Avenue
September 25........Pine Street

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.

THANK YOU for your continued support of RCFN

2016 RCFN Budget Report

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Visit 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.