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News of Richmond Area Churches...Together...Changing Lives —DECEMBER 2016

Merry Christmas

From your RIVER CITY FAITH NETWORK Staff
Mike, Danette, Glinda, Wesley, Jennifer, Jimmy, Anna, Beth
Musings from Mike:

I hope you didn’t miss it!

There are things that, if you miss them, you simply don’t get another chance! The opportunity is gone forever! If afforded the opportunity, for instance, few of us as a father would miss being present for the birth of their child into the family? Or as a parent the wedding of their son or daughter, or grandchild? Who would not want to be there when someone near and dear makes their profession of faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior? These are all special moments that cannot be adequately reproduced once accomplished! We can tell about them or have others tell us about what happened, but there is nothing quite like being present, first-hand, for the experience.

I almost think of our River City Faith Network annual meetings in the same way! They are one-of-a-kind events that are never fully reproduced at another time and in another place. There is always something unique about each one.

This year we did something similar to what took place last year but both this and last years’ meetings were vastly different from the meetings that preceded them in the decades before. My memory spans nearly four decades but there are some who will remember even farther into the past.

The earliest annual meeting of the Richmond Baptist Association began with a hymn at 10:00 AM for the “Morning Session” which concluded with the “Annual Sermon” by Dr. Solon B. Cousins, after which lunch was held at 1:00 PM. The “Evening Session” commenced at 8:00 PM, included a presentation entitled “Our Evangelistic Program” by the Rev. Perry Mitchell, followed by special music and another presentation at 8:35 PM, “The Larger Task,” by the Rev. Byron Wilkinson. The benediction and adjournment came at 9:15 PM.

Some would say that these were the “good ole days” and they certainly were good days and good times. The church occupied a very unique place in the minds and hearts of people in the early 1950’s following World War II and the sobering release for the first time of atomic power. The sense of human mortality may have been as acute on a large scale in that era as ever before in America.

Statisticians tell us today that the “average” believer can be counted upon for a total of one to three hours per week for church-related participation. That is a far cry from the world in which persons would gather for meetings that began mid-morn and lasted until bedtime.

These realities cause me and the full staff of the River City Faith Network to be particularly thankful for the heroic efforts expended throughout the year for the sake of the resource-challenged in the Richmond area served in the Name of Christ by the River City Faith Network’s ministries carried out through Camp Alkunala and your three Baptist Centers. Revs. Wesley Garrett, Glinda Ford and Jennifer Turner along with Mrs. Beth Wright and Miss Anna Tuckwiller as well as Mrs. Danette Moen and me in the Administrative Office find our hearts regularly filled with thanksgiving and gratitude for the enduring work of so many volunteers who make day-to-day ministry happen here in Richmond! You who are part of the army of volunteers making it happen are marvelous and wonderful! We are delightfully thrilled by your willingness to serve Christ in the ways that you do!

At the 2nd Annual Fall Meeting of the River City Faith Network held several weeks ago at Mt. Tabor Baptist Church we showcased the ministries of the Church Hill Christian Wellness Center hosted there. At the conclusion of our formal Business Session was a brief “Fashion Show” during which it was clearly demonstrated how well one can be attired for a strategic job interview or important family, social, business or church event from the clothing provided by the clothing ministries of our three centers. Rev. Ford had planned to lead two tours through the Church Hill Christian Wellness Center but found herself hosting twice as many tours to accommodate all of those who are interested in the work of the center! The steps to the third floor of the center might have slowed down a few touring individuals but most were astonished at the amount of ministry that takes place.

Provided by Mount Tabor, each of our centers and Camp Alkunala had a place for messengers and guests to see and engage in what takes place at the various ministry sites. To each of you who came, thank you for your participation!

In the brief Business Session several changes to our By-laws were authorized and the newly approved Bylaws can be found among our documents on our website Richmondbap-tist.org. The 2017 Proposed Budget in the amount of $525,000 was adopted allowing an increase of $950 over the 2016 Budget.

By recommendation of the Ministry Placement Committee, Mr. Don Sage (Derbyshire) was voted Chair of the Board of Directors to succeed Dr. Cecil Chambers (Skipwith); Rev. Robert Thompson (First) was elected as Vice-Chair; Mr. Richard Martin (Huguenot Road) was re-elected as Treasurer. These individuals serve as Officers of the RCFN.

In addition Rev. Dr. James Colvin (Leigh Street) was elected to the Board of Directors as a Member At-Large; Mr. Allen King (Carlisle Avenue) joins the Endowment Committee for a two (2) year term; Mr. Don Robertson (River Road), the Facilities Committee for a three (3) year term; Mrs. Wendy Novelle (First), the Personnel Committee for a two (2) year term; and Rev. Louis Jones (Gravel Hill), the Stewardship Committee for a one (1) year term.

I cannot adequately thank the Pastor, Rev. Dr. Herbert L. Ponder, his staff and his church family for their warm hospitality and generous planning that allowed us to meet so comfortably at Mount Tabor. We were treated royally and needs were met with graciousness and enthusiasm. Mount Tabor served as one of our finest host churches!

If you missed the hands-on experiences of the 2nd Annual Fall Meeting of the River City Faith Network, you were missed and all that you would have added by your participation was lost, but we are already thinking about the 3rd Annual Fall Meeting as well as the grand opening of the satellite location of the South Richmond Baptist Center during the spring of 2017. Let’s not miss these great events! You will be hearing more about these important events very soon!

Thank you again for taking every opportunity to be faithful in your support of the work that we do together!

Excitedly,

Mike
THE CHURCH HILL CHRISTIAN WELLNESS CENTER

CHRISTMAS STORE

Christmas Store @ Bethlehem Baptist Church,
1920 Fairmount Ave. (on the opposite side of Fairmount Ave. from the Wellness Center in Mount Tabor Church)

Saturday ♦ December 3      8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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

Gifts are needed for children ages birth through 10 years old (Shortages reported for the 7 to 12 year olds). Suggestions: Clothing (jeans, sweaters, sweatshirts, sleepwear, socks, underwear, coats, hats, and gloves in regular and large sizes); Games; Toys; Books; Bicycles (and helmets). Please go easy on stuffed animals, Barbie dolls, Candy Land and Chutes and Ladders Board Games. Please purchase gifts that you would want your own children or grandchildren to receive. Please do not wrap anything; parents need to see what they are selecting. (Donations of small amounts of wrapping paper will be appreciated.) Please leave price tags on items so that less expensive items can be distinguished from more expensive ones.

Questions? Contact WMU Mission Involvement Consultant, Wyatt Heisler, (804-741-9320), wyattsweeds@aol.com,

Deliver your gifts to Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1920 Fairmount Avenue, across the street from Mount Tabor; November 30 and December 1 (Wednesday and Thursday), between 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up on Friday, December 2, starting at 10:00 a.m.; as shopping assistants on December 3, and to assist with clean-up on Dec. 3 from 2 p.m. until.

If you can volunteer, call Rev. Glinda Ford at 780-0053.

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!
The excitement is in the air. Can’t you feel it? We know why the air is filled with jubilee; the Christmas Store is right around the corner. We are gearing up for the store but we know that after the store, the New Year will be here.

I am looking for YOU. The two men from the Annual Meeting who were getting some information (for me) about donated computers. I need to hear from you. Call me, email me, text me, get in touch with someone in the office or just drop by. I have clear out the old computers and need to replace them. When the New Year comes in, the computer classes will start, if I have computers.

I AM WAITING TO HEAR FROM YOU!

COMMUNITY MISSIONARY - REV. GLINDA F. FORD
2011 Fairmount Avenue, Richmond, VA 23223
(Located in Mount Tabor Baptist Church)
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Audition Now for All-State Choirs 2017!
FIRST REHEARSAL
January 14, 2017
Derbyshire Baptist Church
Richmond, VA
WORSHIP WEEKEND
March 3-4, 2017
Richmond's First Baptist Church
RIVER ROAD CHURCH welcomes new Pastor

Dr. Daniel Glaze’s first Sunday as the sixth pastor of River Road Church, Baptist will be Sunday, November 27 - the first Sunday of Advent. For the last ten years, Daniel has served as the pastor at First Baptist Church Ahoskie in northeastern North Carolina. He is no stranger to Richmond. Daniel’s father, the Rev. Dr. Joseph Glaze, was a pastor and associational missionary in Richmond for 25 years. In his youth, Daniel attended Southampton and Northminster Baptist Churches on the city’s south and north side, respectively. He earned the Master of Divinity degree from Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond (BTSR) in 2004, serving a pastoral internship at Grace Baptist Church. Daniel is a husband and father. He and his wife, Andrea, celebrated 16 years of marriage this past June. They are the proud parents of two daughters, Ella Grace and Ashley Lynn. River Road Church is thrilled with the calling of Daniel as pastor and eagerly awaits the beginning of his ministry.

“...”

Rev. Wesley R. Garrett

The South Richmond Center could use some donations for the winter weather:

Styrofoam Cups (plenty and all sizes) for coffee and hot chocolate; Sugar, Splenda, and Cream, and plastic spoons or stirrers.

These items can be dropped off at the Resource office or delivered to us at the Center.

Thank you!

COMMUNITY MISSIONARY - REV. WESLEY GARRETT

700 East Belt Blvd. Richmond, VA 23224

(Located in St. Paul’s Baptist Church—Belt Campus)

wesley.garrett@rbaonline.org (804-232-0174)

Oregon Hill Baptist Center & South Richmond Baptist Centers’ CHRISTMAS STORE

Christmas store in South Richmond Center, Saint Paul’s Belt Campus, 700 East Belt Blvd.

Thursday & Friday ♦ December 1 & 2 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Deliver your gifts: November 28, Monday and November 29, Tuesday between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, November 30 between 10:00a.m. and noon. Bring gifts to the rear of the gymnasium at Saint Paul’s Belt Campus. Volunteers are needed to help sort and set-up each delivery day; help as shopping assistants on Store days; be interpreters for Spanish speaking shoppers; and help pack-up leftover items on Friday, December 2.
Thanks to all who contributed food and gift cards for our Thanksgiving Bags. Many families will have a more bountiful table because of your generosity. These will be given out Nov. 21

Christmas Eve Luncheon for our area homeless. Dec. 24th @ Noon.

Needed: Volunteers, food, and Christmas cards with hand written personal note of encouragement & Christmas joy. Contact Jennifer Turner to sign up!

**COMMUNITY MISSIONARY - REV. JENNIFER TURNER**

400 South Pine Street                Richmond, VA 23224

(Located in Pine Street Baptist Church)

jennifer.turner@rbaonline.org        (804-648-1353)

**Matthew 1:21 NIV**

“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

Let’s not get so busy that we forget the REASON for the SEASON. Pause for a moment, take a deep breath and thank the Lord for His Son—JESUS! Merry Christmas!

**SAVE THE DATES**

VCLA 2017 Fall Conference
Cool Spring Baptist Church
9283 Atlee Station Road
Mechanicsville, VA
October 13 & 14, 2017

The Insert Pages 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/
Alumni work retreat weekend

On October 29, 38 individuals gathered at Camp Alkulana for an alumni work retreat. Alumni and family members gathered to spend the day raking, mowing, weedwhacking, hauling logs, and all manner of other tasks to improve the quality of our camp grounds. Most stayed the night and enjoyed a relaxing Sunday together in worship and fun activities. We are grateful for the hard work of all those who attended. Another alumni work weekend will be planned for the spring!

CAMP
ALKULANA

River Road Church
Advent & Christmas Choral Concert
River Road Chancel Choir with Orchestra

Sunday, December 11
7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Please note our new ticketing process through Eventbrite.
Free parking across River Road and behind the church

LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Colossians 1:5-6

CAMP DIRECTOR - BETH REDDISH WRIGHT
3111 Moss Side Avenue Richmond, VA 23222
(Located in the Richmond Baptist Building)
campalkulana@gmail.com (804-329-1701 ext.114)

Leigh Street Baptist Church is celebrating 105 years with their historic Kimball Pipe Organ. It is again time to repair and restore this historic treasure. If you would like to help: contact the church office at 648-0415 or visit their online funding page at: www.generosity.com/community-fundraising/repair-of-historic-pipe-organ.
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| **December 4, 2016** | 1. Bon Air @ the Village, "The Gift of Christmas," 5:00 PM
2. First Baptist Church: "Repeat the Sounding Joy" 7:00PM
3. Gayton: "Jazz Nativity," 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM (Ticket)
4. Pine Street Baptist Church: VCU Horn Choir 11:00AM during Worship Service |
| **December 6, 2016** | 1. CAST, @ 6:30PM, RCFN, SCR, 3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond, VA 23222
2. Second Baptist Church: "Carols by Candlelight" 8:00PM at Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg, VA |
| **December 9, 2016** | 1. Derbyshire: Choir w/ Orchestra, "Around the World It’s Christmas," 7:00 PM (Ticket) |
| **December 10, 2016** | 1. Bon Air, Buford, "The Gift of Christmas," 4:00 PM
2. Derbyshire: Choir w/ Orchestra, "Around the World It’s Christmas," 7:00 PM (Ticket) |
| **December 11, 2016** | 1. Derbyshire: Choir w/ Orchestra, "Around the World It’s Christmas," 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM (Ticket) |
| **December 12, 2016** | 1. Pine Street Baptist Church: Christmas Cantata Go, Tell It On the Mountain, Adult Choir, 11:00 AM |
| **December 13, 2016** | 1. River Road: Chancel Choir Choral Concert with Orchestra, "Handel’s Messiah," 7:30 PM
2. Second: Concert, "Christ is Born in Bethlehem," 11:00 AM; "Service of Remembrance." Powell Chapel, 6:00 PM |
| **December 14, 2016** | 1. First Union: Christmas Family Prayer Meeting, 7:00 PM
2. Second: Children’s Choir Christmas Concert, Sanctuary, 6:45 PM |
| **December 15, 2016** | 1. Hatcher Memorial: Love and Fellowship Group, Annual Christmas Luncheon, Dining Hall, entertainment by CDC children (By reservation) |
| **December 18, 2016** | 1. First: Youth Christmas Pageant, the Biblical Christmas Story woven into Leo Tolstoy’s short story, "Where Love Is, There Is God Also," Sanctuary, 6:00 PM
2. Hatcher Memorial: Musical, "The Silence and the Sound," 7:00 PM
3. Huguenot Road: Choirs and Orchestra premier Christmas musical, "Jesus! The Advent of the Messiah," written and conducted by Mary McDonald, Sanctuary, 6:00 PM
4. Mt. Tabor: Choir Christmas Program, Sanctuary, 3:30 PM
5. Rising Liberty: Christmas Worship, Westover Baptist Sanctuary, 9:30 AM; Christmas Fellowship Luncheon, Golden Corral, Midlothian Tpke., 11:30 AM
6. Swift Creek: "Christmas Music Celebration," 9:30 & 11:00 AM
7. Tabernacle: "Christmas In the Fan," Richmond Concert Band w/ Tabernacle musicians, 4:00 PM
8. Westover: Christmas Pageant and Candlelight Service, Sanctuary, 4:00 PM
9. Woodland Heights: Choral Christmas Music, Preschool, Children’s and Adult Choirs, 11:00 AM |
| **December 21, 2016** | 1. Light Community: Joint Christmas Service w/ Meadowood Church of God, 7:00 PM |
| **December 23, 2016** | 1. Pine Street: Christmas Candlelight Communion, 5:00 PM
2. Southampton: "Blue Christmas" healing service, 7:00 PM |
| **December 24, 2016** | 1. Huguenot Road: Christmas Eve Family Service, 5:30 PM; Candlelight Communion Service, 11:00 PM
2. River Road: Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion, 4:00 PM
3. Skipwith: Communion and Candles, 5:30 PM
4. Southampton: Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion, 3:00 PM
5. Stockton Memorial: Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion, 6:30 PM
6. Woodland Heights: Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion, 5:00 PM |
| **December 23–31, 2016** | **Christmas Holiday** (RCFN office closed)**                                      |
| **January 2, 2017** | **New Year’s Day Holiday** (RCFN office closed)**                                  |

**PRAYER FOR:**

*River City Faith Network of the RBA, Camp Alkulana,*

*Church Hill Christian Wellness Center,*

*Oregon Hill Baptist Center*

*and South Richmond Baptist Center*

*As we close out our year and prepare to start a NEW YEAR.*

*Ephesians 1:16 NIV ... “I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.”*
ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

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- 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.

Thank you for your continued support of RCFN

2016 RCFN Budget Report
AUGUST Budget Amount: $43,669.00
AUGUST Budget Receipts: $24,980.00
AUGUST Budget Expenses: $27,078.00
YTD Budget Amount: $437,690.00
YTD Budget Receipts: $279,803.00

Camp Alkulana Offering
Offering Goal: $150,696.00
YTD Receipts: $95,250.00
YTD Expenses: $157,222.00

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.

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.

Pray for the RCFN of the RBA Churches seeking a PASTOR
Jahnke Road       Woodland Heights

Pray for the RCFN Church of the Week
December 4………Swift Creek
December 11……Tabernacle
December 18………Trinity
December 25………United For Christ

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

RCFN Board of Directors’ Meeting
November 29, 2016
7:00 PM
Skipwith Baptist, 1900 Skipwith Road