CENTRAL VIRGINIA RACEWAY MINISTRIES

Sponsored by Dover, Middle District & River City Faith Network of the RBA

Ministry Service Opportunities Available During NASCAR Race Weekend

Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30, 2017

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

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, April 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the Richmond Baptist Association 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:

April 28 - Friday: SET-UP Main Hospitality Site & Hospitality Sites in RV lots 1 SHIFT: Noon-3 pm
April 29 - Saturday: Hospitality Ministry for the NASCAR Xfinity RACE: SHIFTS: 8:00 am-2:00 pm, 2:00-7:00 pm
April 30 - Sunday: FAMILY FUN CARNIVAL and Hospitality for the NASCAR Toyota RACE: SHIFTS: 8:00 am-2:00 pm, 2:00-7:00 pm
April 30 - Sunday: TAKE-DOWN Main Ministry Site SHIFT: 6 pm until done

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. April 24-27, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (329-1701) or the Dover Baptist Assoc. Office, 11006 Lakeridge Pkwy, Ashland, VA (550-1980)
Did you know that the River City Faith Network has a resource library to assist your church in providing excellent training materials for staff and laity? For as long as the Richmond Baptist Association has existed since 1951, it has taken seriously its role in helping churches to have access to training materials that enhance the quality of life and ministry in the local church. While the availability of training materials is widely known and accessible on-line, it is no mystery that sometimes cost is prohibitive. At other times it is preferable to experience the convenience of having physical resources to use in your auto or home CD player as you commute or travel.

Today I want to share with you a couple of new resources that are now available for you and your church to use at your convenience. One of the things I enjoy immensely is listening almost daily to CD’s on the way to and from work. It is a wonderful way to gain great insights during a time when I would simply be “vegging.” Most of my commute is via the interstate into and out of Richmond, so my listening routine turns the trip into really high quality time! I find myself looking forward to the commute rather than dreading it, even on the mornings when I hit gridlock on the Shockoe Valley Bridge with an eight to fifteen minute unplanned delay.....the traffic slowdown simply becomes additional “listening” or “growth” time! Yeh! It’s lemons to lemonade time!

In 2015 Thom Rainer’s book I Will was committed to CD. Thom poses the question, “Could you be the answer to the problems you see?” He notes that every day we are faced with the needs of those around us, emotional, physical and spiritual! What are we to do about that? Are these problems for our pastors to address or is there a way for the church member to make an impact that will last?

Rainer, in this three CD series lasting approximately three hours, answers these questions by offering nine simple traits that all church members can incorporated into your life no matter your background, stage in life, or sense of capability.

Thom S. Rainer, president and CEO of LifeWay Christian Resources, respected pastor and researcher who has written more than twenty books, including the #1 best seller I Am a Church Member, would encourage us all by concluding, “You can do it. Now it’s time to just stand up and say you will!”

A second resource among many that are available at the River City Faith Network offices for your use is from the well-known New York Times best seller by Gary Chapman, The 5 Love Languages. It, too, is in CD form for your convenience! Chapman reminds us in his series of 5 CD’s that unless we are speaking the language of love with which our spouse resonates, though it may not be the love language that we prefer or with which we identify, we are failing to communicate our love for him or her in a way that is understood and most effectively meeting their needs. And as a result, the relationship suffers oftentimes quite unintentionally but also quite predictably.

This unabridged series of 5 CD’s is a valued resource selling more than 10 million copies in book form. The simple ideas found in this series have transformed countless relationships. Gary Chapman, author, speaker and counselor, has a passion for people and for helping them form lasting relationships that are meaningful and fulfilling. You will find his treatment of the five love languages humorous, insightful and engaging. His ideas are ones that you can implement reasonably. In some cases, you will catch yourself saying, “Why didn’t I think of that??” but you will also quickly realize, “Hey, I can try that! That makes perfect sense!”

If you are affiliated with the River City Faith Network, these and other resources are available for your personal use or to be used in your church as an educational resource for a life group, topical focus group or even in a Sunday School class. You may borrow these resources at no cost to your or your church as long as they are returned in the undamaged form in which you receive them. It is our privilege to share them with you!

It is the River City Faith Network’s desire and commitment to come alongside you in your growth journey as believers and church families. Resources such as the ones that I have highlighted today are valuable tools for the journey. Call, email or come by to acquire these tools for your Christian “commute!”

May God richly bless you as you grow and as you serve!

With great rejoicing,

Mike
Listed below are the items that should be included in the toiletries bags for our Back-To-School Celebration.

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Floss
- Mouthwash
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Wash cloth

Don’t forget to collect underwear for boys and girls of all ages. August will be here before we know it.

**EMPOWER CLASS 502:** March 2–3, 2017 Establishing a Dynamic Coaching Relationship, VBRC

**VA BAPTIST ALL STATE CHOIRS:** March 4, 2017 Worship at 3:00PM at First Baptist Church, Richmond, VA

**Journey: A Retreat for High School Students:** March 10-12, 2017 Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center, Lynchburg, VA

**EMPOWER CLASS 503:** March 27-28, 2017 Coaching for Change, Transition and Transformation, VBRC

**FACING DARKNESS:** One time showing
March 30, 2017

**COMMUNITY MISSIONARY - REV. GLINDA F. FORD**
2011 Fairmount Avenue, Richmond, VA 23223
(Located in Mount Tabor Baptist Church)
glinda.ford@rbaonline.org (804-780-0053)

**FAITH & FAMILY NIGHTS 2017 at the DIAMOND:**
Saturday May 6, Gates @4:30pm—Game Time @ 6:05pm; Thursday, August 10, Gates @ 5:00pm—Game Time @ 6:35pm

They are looking for 5-7 minute pregame praise dance performance on the field before the game (both dates); Aug. 10th they are looking for a group to sing the National Anthem. (First come first serve)

**VA BAPTIST ALL-STATE CHOIRS’ WORSHIP WEEKEND**
March 4, 2017
Richmond’s First Baptist Church
2709 Monument Avenue
Richmond, VA 23220

Worship Concert is at 3:00 pm
To help church staff and church lay leaders understand and comply with tax laws, A series of FREE seminars sponsored by the Compensation Planning Ministry of the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) will be held across the state in February and March 2017. The Richmond Seminar will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017. The Seminar will begin at 9:30 am and end at 12:00 pm.

The seminars are designed for church staff and lay leaders who handle taxes and compensation. Attendees will get help with compensation planning for church staff (including retirement and insurance), handling minister’s taxes, and federal reporting requirements for churches. Jeff Cranford, Compensation Planning Specialist, Congregational Field Staff, BGAV, will lead the seminars.

The most important federal reporting obligation for most churches is withholding and reporting employee income taxes and Social Security (FICA) taxes, and a number of unique rules apply to churches and “ministers for tax purposes.”

For information or to register for the seminar, register online at BGAV.org/Tax-Seminars or contact Angela House, GuideStone Administrative Assistant, at 800-255-2428, ext. 5293, or angela.house@bgav.org.

The South Richmond Baptist Center is in need of help! In preparing for ministry in the new SRBC Satellite building given to us, we are in serious need of repairs and cleaning. Several needs include:

**Materials:**
- **Cleaning materials:** Brooms, Mops, Rags, Cleansers like Pine Sol, etc., Materials to clean tile floors.
- **Painting materials:** White paint (both exterior and interior), Paint brushes, Long handle rollers, Blue painters tape, Borrowed ladders
- **Classroom items:** Chairs, (50 metal folding), Large bulletin boards. Book cases and shelves, Lightly used children’s books for all ages.
- **Landscaping items:** Flowers, Low growing plants, Annuals, etc.
- **Kitchen material:** Refrigerator, Stove (gas or electric), Microwave
- **Bathroom material:** Tissues, Toilet paper, Paper towels, Air fresheners

**Volunteers:** (Tentative work day MARCH 18—9:00 AM) to help with:
- Cleaning kitchen and bathrooms, Painting indoors and out, Repairs, Hanging bulletin boards and dry erase board, Yard work, Landscaping, Making rear door more secure, Hauling away items (pickup truck(s), Electricians repairs (replacing fluorescent ballasts, light bulbs, labeling of electrical box, installing outlets and emergency lights, etc.)

We welcome Students, Youth Groups, Adults to work during spring break, and also on work day March 18, 2017, starting at 9am!
OREGON HILL BAPTIST CENTER
“Sharing the Light of Christ”

Thank You to all who support our ministries with “the least of these”! Without your support, we could not do what we do each week!

**Some current needs at the Center:**

GRTC Bus Cards (all day passes) $3.50 each

Specific Spring Clothes for the Homeless: MEN’S clothes only please: jeans & khaki pants sizes 34—36, underwear, undershirts, lightweight jackets, casual shirts, belts and shoes.

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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)

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Please feel free to contact Scott Quirin if you have any questions. He can be reached by email scott.quirin@bgav.org or by phone at (540) 520-9732.

https://bgav.org/events/journey-a-retreat-for-high-school-students-3/

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February 25
- 9:00am – 12:00pm: New Volunteer & Orientation
- 1:00pm – 4:00pm: Site/Team Leaders Training

April 22
- 9:00am – 12:00pm: New Volunteer & Orientation
- 1:00pm – 4:00pm: All volunteers

WMU—Standing Rock Mission Team

**Items to collect for 2017**

- New shoes for children and teens (athletic/tennis shoes)
- Underwear for girls and boys (boys prefer boxers; girls love the ones with designs, not all-white)
- Socks for children and teens, preferably colored and no show, no white)

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Please contact Jennifer Turner at the Oregon Hill Center if you are interested in assisting or need further information. (804) 648-1353

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By supporting our annual scholarship fund, generous Baptists do more than provide your generation with educational opportunities. They also support the Baptist mission by demonstrating their generosity—and setting an example for you. It's a perfect model of our long tradition of "paying it forward."

Apply now to help forward your personal mission.

This past year, hundreds of students like you were awarded thousands in annual scholarship money to help defray expenses for colleges, graduate schools and seminars. Generally, you must be a full-time student and a member of a Virginia Baptist church. Since these are annual scholarships, you are welcomed and encouraged to apply each year.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

[http://vbfinc.org/scholarships/](http://vbfinc.org/scholarships/)

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**IT'S A BOY!**

Art and Beth Wright are excited to share that their baby boy has arrived. Adrian Gregory Wright was born at 7:26pm on Feb. 3rd. He was 20 inches long and weighed 8 lbs 6.4 oz at birth. All are doing very well! Thank you for your thoughts and prayers as we’ve made this transition to a family of four.

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**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Baptist General Association of Virginia

**Camp Director - Beth Reddish Wright**

3111 Moss Side Avenue                        Richmond, VA 23222

(Located in the Richmond Baptist Building)

[http://bgav.org/financial-resources/scholarships/](http://bgav.org/financial-resources/scholarships/)

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**Silent Auction and Dinner**

To benefit Camp Alkulana

Saturday, April 22      5:30pm

Chamberlayne Baptist Church

215 Wilkinson Rd Richmond, 23227

$10.00 per person (includes dinner) or buy a table of 8 for $70.00.

Vegetarian option is available.

Reserve and pay online at [www.alkulana.org](http://www.alkulana.org), call 804-399-7563 or email [juliewo71@gmail.com](mailto:juliewo71@gmail.com).

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**Annual Fix-up and Clean-up Days at Camp Alkulana**

Great bonding opportunity for groups

MAY 20th and JUNE 3rd

Leave Richmond early, eat breakfast on the way. Arrive at camp by 10:00 and work until 4:00 with a lunch break. Stop in Staunton on the way home for dinner.

For more information and to let us know that we can count on you, call or email Anna Tuckwiller, Camp Registrar: 329-1701, ext. 112 during Beth’s time with her new baby. You can also use [campalkulana@gmail.com](mailto:campalkulana@gmail.com).

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**Help us get ready for the summer season!**

**Plenty to do:**

- Yard work
- Light carpentry
- Spring Cleaning
- General repair

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CHURCH NEWS

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST
Had an installation service for their new pastor, Rev. Daniel Glaze on February 12th. Daniel is a husband and father. His wife of 16 years, is Andrea, and their two daughters are Ella Grace and Ash-ley Lynn.

SWIFT CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH is sponsoring a Spring Celebration on April 23 featuring Dennis Swanberg and the Southern Gospel Group, Legacy 5. Tickets are available in the church office or online at WWW.swiftcreekbaptist.org for $10.00 each.

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST
2016-2017 E. Carl Freeman Concert Series
J.S. Bach's Birthday Concert; Harpsichord Recital by Jory Vinikour on Sunday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m., Chapel
Arcadelt Ensemble: Songs of Love and Strife on Sunday, March 26 at 5:00 PM
For Free Tickets https://www.eventbrite.com/

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH is holding a VBS Funshop Training Center featuring Group Publishing on Saturday, March 4th, from 8:30 AM until 12:30 PM, in the Children's Ministry Building.
Please contact https://www.regonline.com/registration/checkin.aspx?EventId=1921500 or email Katie Vance Lucas at kvancelucas@secondbaptistrva.org

CALENDAR EVENTS

February 13—19, 2017
WMU Focus Week

February 20, 2017
President's Day (RCFN office closed)

February 21 @ 9:30—Noon
Tax and Compensation Planning Seminar
VBRC

February 21 @ 10:00AM
RCFN WMU Leadership Team, SCR
3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222

February 25 @ 9:00—Noon
WMU Standing Rock Mission Team
New Volunteer and Orientation
@ 1:00—4:00 PM
Site/Team Leader Training
VBRC

March 5—12
Week of Prayer for North American Missions
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

March 7 @ 9:00 AM
Raceway Ministry, SCR
3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222

March 10—12, 2017
Journey: A Retreat for High School Students
Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center, Lynchburg, VA

March 20 @ 10:00 AM
RCFN Staff Mtg, SCR
3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222

March 25 @ 2:00 PM
SRBC Mtg, LCR
SRBC “Satellite” bldg.

March 28 @ 7:00 PM
RCFN Board of Directors Mtg, LCR
3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222

Mission Craft Retreat
March 25, 2017 - 9:00 am-3:30 pm
Virginia Baptist Resource Center,
2828 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond
https://wmuv.wufoo.com/forms/2017-mission-craft-retreat/

The Mission Craft Retreat gives women the opportunity to learn new crafts, share ideas, and discover ways to use crafts as a tool to share the love of Christ.

Last year I attended the craft retreat with a little bit of trepidation because I am not very crafty. I discovered that there were women of all different levels of craft ability and a variety of crafts to learn. By the end of the day I made new friends, learned crafts that could be used in mission groups at church, talked about ways to share Christ through crafts, and left with crafts that are pretty enough to display in my office today. I hope you can come to our next retreat on March 25th at the Virginia Baptist Resource Center! This year we will learn crafts that can be used with adults, teens, and children!
ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

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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 4th 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 of the RBA Churches seeking a PASTOR

Jahnke Road       Woodland Heights
Pray for the RCFN Church of the Week
March 5......................Carlisle Avenue
March 12......................Chamberlayne
March 19..............Community Mission
March 26..............Community of Grace

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

2017 RCFN Budget Report
JANUARY Budget Amount: $ 43,750.00
JANUARY Budget Receipts: $ 3,142.00
JANUARY Budget Expenses: $ 41,146.00
YTD Budget Amount: $ 43,750.00
YTD Budget Receipts: $ 3,142.00

Camp Alkulana Offering
Offering Goal: $ 156,000.00
YTD Receipts: $ 2,409.00
YTD Expenses: $ 11,394.00

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.