The Prayer Guide highlights a different network mission emphasis for each day of the week with a photo of the RCFN staff member and specific prayer requests relating to that ministry. The use of the prayer guides for a week is an excellent way for a congregation, Sunday School class or missions group to get to know the staff and ministries of the River City Faith Network. The Guide is formatted so that it can be used for any seven-day period during the year, not just during the official Week of Prayer for Associational/Network Missions which is May 14-21, 2017.

Materials Available for the 2017 Camp Alkulana Offering and Week of Prayer for Associational/Network Missions (May 14-21, 2017)

Offering Goal: $156,000.00

The promotional materials for the 2017 Camp Alkulana Offering and Week of Prayer for Associational/Network Missions will be available the week of April 24th at the RCFN Office. We will have available: Offering Envelopes, an 8 1/2 x 11 Flier for the Camp Offering, and the Prayer Guide for the Week of Prayer. Other promo items that will be available for the Camp Offering are: bulletin inserts (5½ x 8½) or posters (11x17), and the Camp Alkulana brochure. These promotional items are not dated so that your church can use them any time during the year when you emphasize Associational Missions. To download the order form, visit the Camp Offering section of the RBA website at www.richmondbaptist.org. To place an order contact Danette Moen at 804-329-1701 ext. 101 or office@rbaonline.org.

See page 7 for Virginia Historical Society’s article, including recognition of Fred Anderson at their May 16th meeting.
Recently I was at one of our affiliated churches for their Wednesday evening fellowship supper and Bible study. Dinner was delicious and the fellowship was warm and inviting. It was a great time to be with our friends at Chamberlayne Baptist, one of the River City Faith Network's CORE churches. Their church is represented on our RCFN Board of Directors by their pastor, the Rev. David Peppler.

Chamberlayne, like a number of our churches, has a long history of strongly supporting the work of the three RCFN centers and Camp Alkulana as well as the administrative function of the network that supports, promotes and manages the work of these valuable ministries. One of the vans used regularly at camp was donated by Chamberlayne and has served the camp well to transport staff and campers back and forth from Richmond to Bath County for a number of years. The church has sent many work teams annually to prepare camp for its opening by participating in our May and June Camp Cleanup Days.

On Saturday, April 22, Chamberlayne Baptist will host one of the 2017 fund raisers that will help to provide scholarships for under-resourced children, ages 9 through 14, from the Richmond area who will attend one of the four camp sessions offered this summer. The 2017 edition of “A Night for Camp Alkulana” will include dinner and a silent auction featuring a wide variety of items both fun and sentimental. I hope you will attend this important fund raiser for the nominal fee of just $10 per person or $70 for a table of eight. Bring seven friends and enjoy an evening of fun supporting the best camping opportunity that approximately 200 youngsters from Richmond may ever experience. Some of them will meet God for the first time and others will renew their relationship with Him through a fresh encounter with Christ! Counselors and staff will grow in maturity as they provide leadership for the camping session through planning, directing, listening, teaching and coaching.

During the evening Bible study at Chamberlayne we studied the meaning of “Maundy Thursday” in preparation for the upcoming Easter season. Bible study leader, Rev. John Hamlett, Chamberlayne’s Associate Pastor, helped us to define the term “Maundy” Thursday derived from Latin.

One of the New Testament passages to which John Hamlett directed us was John 13.  This passage pictures the Lord’s Last Supper with His disciples before His crucifixion.  We are told in verse 4 that Jesus “got up from supper, and laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself.” Humbly, He poured water into a basin and began to wash His disciples’ feet, wiping them with the towel with which He was girded. As He went from disciple to disciple, He arrived at the place where Peter reclined and was met with Peter’s protest, “Never shall You wash my feet!” (verse 8) As Peter watched Jesus washing the feet of his fellow disciples, cleaning the dirt and pollution from the lowliest part of their bodies, he resisted, counting it too humiliating a task for his Lord and Master to do. Living on this side of Easter, you and I might have drawn our feet back in protest as well, thinking that this was something that the Lord of the universe must never be allowed to do. This task of welcoming guests reserved for the lowliest servant of the household, viewed purely from a human standpoint, seemed too menial to be left to Jesus.

Jesus patiently responded by letting Peter know that while he might not understand the significance of His act on this night, the time would come when understanding would be clear. Then He stated forcefully, “Peter, if I do not wash you, you have not part with me.” The Message Paraphrase puts it this way: "If I don't wash you, you can't be part of what I'm doing."

“I If I don’t wash you, you have no part with Me.” How quickly we can read these few words and pass right on to the next part of the conversation, missing their powerful impact for all of humanity!

Of all that is going on in the world and of all of the persons in the world with whom we would want to be with and be a part of what they are doing, how could anyone compete with the person of Jesus Christ and the mission to which He calls us? If you could choose anyone from all time and from all places among humanity to join you where you are right now, whom would it be? If there were no limit to what you could be doing, is there anything that you would rather be about, than what God is doing at this very moment?

There is probably no one reading this brief article who would want to be with someone other than Jesus or doing something other than what Jesus would have you doing! We are in agreement! There would certainly be specific persons among family and friends whom we would want to be with us in this experience, but we would not want to forfeit the opportunity to be with Him and involved with Him in His mission for us.

That is what the call to missions and the work that we do at the three community centers, Church Hill, Oregon Hill and South Richmond, and our rustic camp, Camp Alkulana, is all about! We daily join God in what He is doing in the lives of the resource-challenged in the Richmond area. As we do our work among the “least of these” it is so that they might be washed by Him, cleansed from lostness and enabled to join Him along with us in the what He is doing in our city.

The invitation of the Week of Prayer for Associational / Network Missions and the Camp Alkulana Offering of $156,000 is an invitation to pray and give so that youngsters from our city may be washed by His cleansing blood, the cross shed blood of Christ. Like the message of Easter, it is the invitation to become engaged in what He is doing in the world to draw others to Himself so that they too can be washed clean from separation from the heavenly Father Who wants to produce many brothers and sisters, a large family, for His only Son (Romans 8:29).

There are many in our city and across the globe who do not know why or how to be washed by Jesus. Pray that they, like Peter, will come to the place in their mind and heart where they will allow Jesus to wash not only their feet but “also their hands and their head.” Be ready to share with them your story of why and how you have allowed Jesus to wash you. Guide them through a simple heart-felt prayer to ask for adoption into the eternal family of God. Share with them the simple prayer that you prayed as a model that they might emulate.

Perhaps your prayer sounded something like this: “Dear God, I admit that I have not always pleased You with my life nor lived as purely as Jesus’ model life demonstrates. I need your forgiveness. Thank You for sending Jesus to die on the cross for me during the first Easter. I want to accept Jesus as my Lord and follow His example by learning to be obedient to Your desires for my life. I want You to become my heavenly Father. Come into my life to help me be like Your Son. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.”

I hope this Easter will be one of the best for you and your loved ones. If you are a pastor or church leader may you will have time in the midst of helping your church family experience Easter to experience Him yourself in peace and joyfulness!

Happy Resurrection Day!

Mike
Listed below are the items that should be included in the toiletries bags for our Back-To-School Celebration. Please send regular sizes for these bags. Fill the bags or put as many of these items in the bag as you can.

- Shampoo
- Comb and Brush
- Deodorant
- Soap
- Wash cloth
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Mouthwash
- Floss
- Lotion

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

Please place a sticker on each bag that gives your church’s information and a Bible Verse or place an inspirational bookmark inside.

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)

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:**
- White paint (both exterior and interior), paint brushes, long-handled rollers, blue painter’s 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.

**Bathroom material:**
- Tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, air fresheners

Have you ever noticed after you have started a project (no matter how much planning went into it) there’s always something...

Additional items needed: Ice machine, curtains, Buffer for the floor is greatly needed and also couches, sofas, etc. to create a Youth room that is inviting and says, “You are Welcome”

Repairs of the attic staircase, a better way to secure the 2nd building and the doorway. Last but not least - someone to create and make signs for the street and the building.

SOUTH RICHMOND BAPTIST CENTER

A BIG THANK YOU! for all who donated much needed items and to those that came out on March 18th for the Work Day.

(Youth Paint Day APRIL 22)
Oregon Hill
Baptist Center

“Sharing the Light of Christ”

FOOD PANTRY
Canned meats (Chicken, Corn Beef Hash, Ham, Tuna); Canned Fruits; Pork and Beans; Spaghetti Sauce; flavored Rice (ex. Rice-a-Roni); Pack-ets of Powdered Milk.

A BIG THANK YOU for all who have contrib- ed plastic bags for the homeless mats! We have given out 220 mats! We still have lots of bags left so we need to put a hold on collecting the bags until fur- ther notice.

THANK YOU again!

BACKPACK MINISTRY
Large backpacks
New or slightly used

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)

SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE in helping a teenager attend a week of summer camp with our youth group. This would be helpful.

ONE DAY (unlimited) GRTC Bus Passes (One or more --$3.50 each) these can be purchased at Kroger Customer Ser- vice counters.

MEN’S

SPRING AND SUMMER CLOTHES NEEDED

T-shirts
Jeans
Khakis
Shorts
(Tennis Shoes
NEW! Men’s Underwear

Want to do Something BIG?

Annual Fix-up and Clean-up Days at Camp Alkulana
May 20 and June 3, 2017

*Great bonding opportunity for groups*

Help us get ready for the summer sea- son! Plenty to do:
⇒ Yard work
⇒ Light carpentry
⇒ Spring Cleaning
⇒ General repair

Leave Richmond early, eat breakfast on the way.

Arrive at camp by 10:00 and work until 4:00 with a lunch break around 1:00. (Bring a bag lunch!) 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.

Beth is coming back in April. You can also use campalkulana@gmail.com.
Join the Flying Squirrels in a celebration of faith and family. These two nights include special pre-game concerts by national recording artist as well as player testimonials. Special group rates are available!

**Faith & Family Nights 2017**

**At the Diamond:**

Saturday May 6: Gates open @ 4:30pm—Game Time @ 6:05pm;

SAVE THE DATE: **Thursday, August 10**

Gates open @ 5:00pm

Game Time @ 6:35pm

Join the Flying Squirrels in a celebration of faith and family. These two nights include special pre-game concerts by national recording artist as well as player testimonials. Special group rates are available!

**Church Women United (CWU) in Richmond**

May 3rd is Kate’s Day, the annual meeting of The Elizabeth Kate’s Foundation. The foundation has helped thousands of female inmates at the VA Correctional center for Women “to get themselves right”.

Church Women United (CWU) in Richmond encourages everyone to support Kate’s Day. May 3rd beginning at 3:00 there will be tours of the facility, along with a plant, craft and bread sale. The foundation’s annual meeting and inmate’s speech will begin at 4:30pm. A dinner will be served at 5:30pm.

For more information including car-pooling to the event, contact Susan Allen, 740-8624.

May 5, 2017 May Friendship Day, Kindling New Fires of LOVE

North Courthouse Road Library

325 Courthouse Road, Richmond, VA 23236

12 noon—2:30pm

Catered luncheon Tickets: $15.00

Co - Chairs:

Dorothy Cook, 501-6470 and Annette Braden, 276-6962

Live a “Legacy” at MC2!

July 24-28, 2017

Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center

MC2: Missions Connection Celebration 2017

“…let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles…let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. LET US FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS…” (HEBREWS 12:1-2)

Join us at Eagle Eyrie for this year’s Missions Connection Celebration (MC2) featuring keynote speaker Randy Cooksey. We will explore the life of Joseph and learn how to “live a life that lasts” through Jesus.
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, call 804-399-7563 or email juliewo71@gmail.com.

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EARL MOORE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
Saturday, April 22, 2017
8:30 AM (shot gun start)

$60.00 per person includes green fee, cart, range balls, box lunch, drinks, doughnuts, trophies, prizes and fun.

$5.00 mulligans per person also available.

All profit will go to the Hatcher Memorial Baptist Youth Mission Trip.

Contact Danny Denton, dannydenton@comcast.net

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Sam Mattison Memorial Spring Golf Tournament
Saturday, April 29, 2017, 10:00 AM
Lake Chesdin, VA (shot gun start)

It’s time to get ready for the Third Annual Sam Mattison Memorial Golf Tournament this spring, which will benefit our WHBC Food Ministry. The format for the tournament will be Captain’s Choice, with a banquet following play. The cost for each player is $60. We are seeking sponsors (multiple levels available), with proceeds going to the Food Ministry as well. Individual holes may be sponsored for $75. Should you or someone you know desire to be a sponsor, please contact Brian Kelley at brian.kelley9@verizon.net. Your support is appreciated! (Other organizers include Dwane Miller, Bill Vickery, Martha Mattison, Kathy Wright, Susan Moore, and Larry Sprouse.)

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BTSR celebrates! Crawford and Trustees vote unanimously to welcome Linda McKinnish Bridges as President Elect

RICHMOND, VA - On March 20-21, the Board of Trustees met at Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond to celebrate Dr. Ron Crawford's decade of service as president of BTSR and to welcome Dr. Linda McKinnish Bridges as the third president of BTSR effective July 1, 2017. You can read more about Dr. Bridges at www.btsr.edu/bridges2btsr.
HATCHER MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH is sponsoring the Earl Moore Memorial Golf Tournament to benefit the Youth Mission Trip. Saturday, April 22, 2017, 8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start.

SWIFT CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH is sponsoring a SPRING CELEBRATION on Sunday, 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.

WOODLAND HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH is sponsoring the Sam Mattison Memorial Spring Golf Tournament to benefit their Food Ministry. Saturday, April 29th at 10:00 a.m.

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST
E. Carl Freeman Concert Series
Rejoice & Give Thanks
Richmond Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
Presents...Organist David Higgs
Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Reserve your free tickets now through Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.com/

CARLISLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH with Church Hill Academy is sponsoring a SPRING FESTIVAL / YARD SALE on Saturday, May 20th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Parking Lot of Carlisle Avenue Baptist

BETHELHEM BAPTIST CHURCH (Penick) is having a Monthly Time of Music through September. The May concert is on Wednesday, May 21st at 4:00 p.m. The concert will feature Smokey Wilson from Concord, VA. A Love Offering will be collected.

LIGHHOUSE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH is looking for a bookkeeper. Contact Calvin Birch at (804)-714-7450 or cbirch@drew.edu.

Virginia Baptist Historical Society

Religious Liberty and the role played by Virginia Baptists past and present is the emphasis of the annual meeting of the Virginia Baptist Historical Society to be held at 7:30 pm., Tuesday, May 16 at River Road Church, Baptist, at the corner of River and Ridge Roads. Dr. Amanda Tyler, the new executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty headquartered in Washington, D.C., will be the featured speaker.

Fred Anderson, executive director of the Virginia Baptist Historical Society and the Center for Baptist Heritage & Studies, will tell the story of the struggle in Virginia for religious liberty in the 1700s. The surviving Virginia Baptist churches from the 18th century will be recognized.

At the program Fred Anderson also will be recognized upon his retirement after 38 years and the transition in leadership will occur as the new executive director is presented.

The program is free and open to the public.

April 18 @ 6:00 PM
WMU ANNUAL CELEBRATION AND DINNER
Skipwith Baptist Church, 1900 Skipwith Rd., Richmond, VA

April 20 @ 7:00 PM
Raceway Volunteer Mtg., LCR
3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222

April 22 @ 5:30 PM
Silent Auction and Dinner
to benefit Camp Alkulana
Chamberlayne Baptist Church
215 Wilkinson Rd., 23227
$10.00 @ person; $70.00 table for 8

April 29—30
RIR Raceway Weekend
For DETAILS see March & April TRANSFORMED!

May 1 @ 10:00 AM
RCFN Staff Mtg., SCR
3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222

May 2 @ 9:00 AM
Raceway Ministry, SCR
3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222

May 2 @ 6:30 PM
C.A.S.T. Mtg., SCR
3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222

May 14
MOTHER’S DAY

May 14-21
Official Week of Prayer for Associational/Network Missions

May 16 @ 7:30 PM
Virginia Historical Society Annual Meeting
Naming of Dr. Fred Anderson, Executive Director Emeritus
River Road Church Baptist

May 20 & June 3, 2016
Annual Fix-Up Clean-up Days at Camp Alkulana

May 23 @ 7:00 PM
Board of Directors Meeting
3111 Moss Side Ave., LCR

May 27 @ 2:00 PM
S.R.S.T. Mtg.
SRBC Satellite
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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.

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
MARCH Budget Amount: $ 43,747.00
MARCH Budget Receipts: $ 34,085.00
MARCH Budget Expenses: $ 44,071.00
YTD Budget Amount: $ 131,241.00
YTD Budget Receipts: $ 60,786.00

Camp Alkulana Offering
Offering Goal: $ 156,000.00
YTD Receipts: $ 18,339.00
YTD Expenses: $ 27,241.00

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 its Affiliates.