LDC17: Authentic Relationships in a World

Join us September 25
5:15—8:15 p.m.
Branch’s Baptist Church
3400 Broad Rock Blvd., Richmond

Dinner, Breakout Sessions, and Keynote Speaker: David Bailey, Arrabon

Early Bird Rate
$10
Until September 18!

Price after September 18th is $15.00.

 Equip yourself to use your God-given gifts to serve others!
Session topics led by knowledgeable instructors include:

- How to Minister to Families
- Unique Stewardship Ideas
- Ministry with Refugees/Immigrants
- Church Revitalization
- Relevance with the Younger Generation
- A mission small enough to fit on a license plate, but big enough to change the world
- And more designed to meet the needs of all ministry areas!

www.baptistleaders.org

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Our three Community Centers and Camp Alkulana are hard at work. Camp Alkulana just completed the Older Boys’ session which started on Wednesday, June 21 and ended Sunday, July 2. Nearly 40 youngsters attended. A larger group could have been accommodated had there been enough male counselors available to lead events for the session. For several years finding an adequate number of male counselors for the boys’ sessions has been a challenge faced at Camp Alkulana as well as at other camps across the country.

The Younger Boys’ session is currently under way. The younger boys boarded the bus for Camp Alkulana on Thursday, July 6 and will return to Richmond on Thursday, July 13. The remainder of the 2017 Camp Alkulana schedule can be found by going to www.richmondbaptist.org, the River City Faith Network website. On the RCFN website, click on the Camp Alkulana tab at the top of the page. On the Camp Alkulana page you will have the opportunity to click on a link that takes you directly to the Camp Alkulana website. There you will find the schedule and much additional information about this camp for the under-resourced youngsters of our city.

Also on the RCFN website you can learn more about the ministries of the three RCFN Community Centers by clicking on the Ministries tab at the top of the home page. That tab will take you to the Ministries and Mission page. To the right side of that page you will find tabs for the Church Hill Christian Wellness Center, the Oregon Hill Baptist Center and the South Richmond Baptist Center. It will only take a few seconds to make the journey!

As one of her administrative functions, my Assistant and the RCFN Financial Coordinator, Danette Moen, does a great job of keeping information current on our website. She is to be commended for her diligence in channeling information to the site to keep you well informed. On our site you will find job opportunities, information about each of our affiliated churches, and a new feature titled “Writers’ Block” which will highlight a book recently published by one of our local church or ministry leaders. Current as well as archived editions of the “Transformed!” are also found there. Important documents such as the current budget, Bylaws, and Policies and Procedures are located on the RCFN website for your convenience should you need to review them.

Several weeks ago I received a letter from Dr. Bill Nieporte, Sr., Pastor of Patterson Avenue Baptist Church, informing me of the decision by that fellowship to disband. Their determination to discontinue as a formal church followed an extensive season of prayerful deliberation. Patterson Avenue in business session has voted to deed their property to Movement Church, “who will use it to continue to advance its global missions efforts.”

In that sense, the congregation of Patterson Avenue looks forward to living on through this newer congregation that is thriving. Bill wrote, “As you can imagine, this has been a difficult decision. With the loss of many members to death in recent years, our congregation feels that this move provides a legacy of missions and ministry that advances God’s Kingdom.” Bill went on to inform me that Patterson Avenue’s final service of worship will take place on Sunday, August 20th. I plan to represent the River City Faith Network at that service. I hope you will join me in prayer for Bill, his family, and the church family of Patterson Avenue during this difficult season of grief and very real loss. Even for a church that has

1 Samuel 7 describes an incredible time for God’s people, a time marked by great spiritual renewal and God’s power on display. God single-handedly fought for Israel and won a great victory for them. In response, they erected a memorial stone naming it Ebenezer, which meant, “The Lord has helped us to this point.” In the words of their Lead Pastor the Rev. Cliff Jordan, that’s the moment that Movement Church wants to celebrate with people from all around Richmond, a moment where they and others “raise our Ebenezer” and joyfully celebrate all that the Lord has done to this point.

From six individuals Movement Church has expanded into 250 that gather to worship on Sundays and that meet in multiple groups around the city and are committed to sharing life honestly and genuinely, seeking God, and allowing the sharing and seeking to fill their hearts and lives so that it overflows into serving where many are experiencing a grace-filled community for the first time. They are a folk on mission getting mobilized and getting dirty to take the gospel of Christ into lives they would not otherwise be touching. They see themselves as “sent ones” whose DNA is discipleship that is lived out in ways that are transferrable.

Pray for the good people of Patterson Avenue as they disband to find new places for worship and service. Give thanks for the possibility of leaving a vibrant and living legacy through Movement Church. Pray for Movement Church as they make an extremely important decision that will impact their ability to grow in experiencing God through sharing, seeking, and serving that spills into pockets of the city where the gospel is not being lived out, proclaimed or felt. Regardless of their final decision, pray for God to continually multiply them through intentional discipleship wherever they are sent to proclaim Christ and His mission. And in the end, may “His Kingdom come, His will be done” through them and through each of us as we work together to make Christ real to those who are yet to know and fall in love with Him.

Prayerfully,

Mike
**2017 Music and Worship Arts Camp**

**Date:** July 17, 2017 - July 21, 2017  
**All Day**  
**Location:** Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center  
1 Eagle Eyrie Drive  
Lynchburg, VA 24503,  
bgav.org/events/music-and-worship-arts-camp-2017/

**3rd Annual Senior Safety Day Of Greater Richmond**

**July 20, 2017**

A FREE event from 9 AM—2:30 PM at First Baptist Church. A day filled with resources on how to be a savvy and safe senior living independently. Meet with local officials, learn from experts, attend workshops, visit vendor tables and network with others from across the region and the Commonwealth.

**To Register:** https://SeniorSafetyDay2017.eventbrite.com, 804-353-3171 or SeniorCenterRVA@gmail.com

**River City Faith Network of the Richmond Baptist Association’s**

**2017 WMU MISSIONS EXTRAVAGANZA!**

All churches are invited to send representatives from their missions’ organizations, Sunday School Leaders, Class Members, Baptist Men’s groups, Youth Group, GA’s, Acteens, Prayer Partners, Pastors and others to the 8th Annual Extravaganza on:

**Saturday, July 22, 2017**  
9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the RBA Building  
3111 Moss Side Avenue, 23222

Enjoy a continental breakfast and pick up your church’s Mission Action Assignments!

Hands On Mission Experiences!  
Load Hospitality Bags  
Make a Warm Fuzzy

**BELMONT GOLF COURSE**

Course played by legends  
Site of 1995 PGA Championship  
1800 Hilliard Road, Henrico, VA  
OCTOBER 6, 2017  
12 PM Lunch • 1 PM shotgun  
Sign up online at www.alkulana.org

**Live a “Legacy” at MC2!**

**July 24-28, 2017**

Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center  
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.

**Take your best swing at making a child’s summer wonderful**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
For the 13th Annual Camp Alkulana Golf Tournament

Camp Alkulana has been a ministry to inner city children since 1989. Camp Alkulana’s mission is to reveal God’s love to low-income and at-risk children and youth of Central Virginia so that they might realize the intrinsic value in themselves and others. Find out more at www.alkulana.org

**Faith & Family Night**

**2017 At the Diamond:**

**Thursday, August 10**  
Gates open @ 5:00pm  
Game Time @ 6:35pm

For more details go to https://www.richmondbaptist.org/news-events/
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.

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

Don’t forget to collect **underwear & socks** 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.

Deliver Supplies to Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1920 Fairmount Ave on August 23 & 24 from 10 am to 12 pm and 1 to 3 pm.
Set-up will be August 25 from 10 am until finished.
Toiletry Bag distribution will be Saturday, August 26th, 10 am to 1 pm.

**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)

**SOUTH RICHMOND BAPTIST CENTER**

**COMMUNITY MISSIONARY**  **REV. WESLEY GARRET**
700 East Belt Blvd. Richmond, VA 23224
(Located in St. Paul’s Baptist Church—Belt Campus)
wesley.garrett@rbaonline.org (804-232-0174)

**SOUTH RICHMOND BAPTIST CENTER**

WESLEY GARRETT (232-0174) THURS., AUGUST 31 (1—3PM)

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

Deliver supplies on Aug. 28, 29 and 30 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Deliver to the SRBC Satellite—5500 Germain Rd, Richmond 23224

Bethany Place, Bon Air, Community of Grace, First Union, Friendship Memorial, Grace, Gravel Hill, Huguenot Road, International Community, Jahnke Road, Korean, Lighthouse of Hope, Morning Star, New Canaan, Shalom Fellowship, Southampton, St. Paul’s, Stockton Memorial, Swift Creek, Trinity, Weatherford Mission Group, Westover, Woodland Heights

**NEEDED:**
- Backpacks
- School Supplies

**VOLUNTEERS**

Items to be included in each backpack are listed below.

**BACKPACK (sturdy, large enough for notebooks and textbooks):**

1 three-ring binder and divider tabs
1 or 2 packs loose-leaf paper (wide or standard rule)
4 black-and-white composition books
2 one-subject notebooks
1 three- or five-subject spiral notebook
5 to 8 No. 2 pencils (no mechanical)
5 to 8 black or blue ink pens (erasable/no gel)
a Christian bookmark or something similar, appropriate for children

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS CAN BE FOUND ON THE OHBC INSERT.**
Thank you to all the churches and individuals who contributed scholarship money to the OHBC to assist our teenagers to attend FUSION Camp in July!! 9 teens and 2 adults attended this wonderful discipleship camp held on the campus of Ferrum College. It was a great time of growth for all involved and a time of relaxation, renewal, and get-away for many of our youth who live in very stress filled situations. The worship, bible study, small group, and recreation times where all high quality and our teens enjoyed it all!!
June 14, 2017

Rev. Michael Robinson
Executive Director
River City Faith Network/Richmond Baptist Asso.
3111 Moss Side Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Dear Mike:

Thank you and your fellow leaders of the River City Faith Network for your totally unexpected and very generous gift at the time of my retirement. I shall place it in the “travel fund” and hope to re-visit England next summer and continue to the BWA meeting in Switzerland.

Thank you for the kind and gracious words of affirmation upon my retirement and for all such kind expressions in the past. It has been a pleasure across the decades to have been associated with the Richmond Baptist Association as its historian and the keeper of its records. I have been humbled to have been the associate and colleague and co-laborer with so many of the fine men and women who have been a part of its long and storied history.

Please know that you and the River City Faith Network remain among my interests and I extend all best wishes in the important work which is yours.

Sincerely,

Fred Anderson

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CHURCH NEWS

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST_VBS
July 10—14, 2017 “Have U Seen”

WEBBER MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH_VBS
July 10—14, 2017 “SonQuest”

WOODLAND HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH_VBS
July 24—28, 2017 “Galactic Starveyors”

DERBYSHIRE BAPTIST CHURCH_VBS
July 31—Aug 4, 2017 “Have U Herd”

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH (Penick) is having a Monthly Time of Music through September. The July concert is on the 3rd Sunday, July 16th. The concert will feature Amy Ladd and Friends. A Love Offering will be collected.

The August concert is on the 3rd Sunday, Aug. 20th at 4:00PM. The concert will feature True Spirit. A Love Offering will be collected.

HATCHER MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Dr. Gerry Robinson; Minister of Music/ Worship & Discipleship is retiring after 46 of music ministry.

JAHNKE ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH
Heartfelt condolences to the family of the Rev. Charles E. “Chuck” Craddock, Jr., Pastor of Jahnke Road Baptist Church, at the recent death of his father.

LIFE LINE FOR JESUS COMMUNITY CHURCH
Heartfelt condolences to the family of the Rev. Lorenzo Nicholson, Pastor of Life Line for Jesus Community Church, at the recent death of his wife, First Lady Joyce R. Nicholson.

SKIPWITH BAPTIST CHURCH IS Hiring:
PT Children’s and Student Director
www.skipwithbaptistchurch.org

The Virginia Baptist Historical Society

The Virginia Baptist Historical Society and the Center for Baptist Heritage Studies needs volunteers! If you would like to help or want to know more about the kinds of volunteer tasks available, please contact the society’s new Executive Director, Nathan Tayler, at 289-8434 for details.

CALENDAR EVENTS

July 18-19, 2017
Camp Alkulana / Staff In-Service Training

July 20-31, 2017
Camp Alkulana / Older Girls

July 22, 2017 @ 2:00 pm
SRBC Mtg.
SRBC “Satellite” Bldg., 5500 Germain Road

July 22, 2017 @ 9:30—11:30 AM, 3111 Moss Side Ave.
RCFN WMU Missions Extravaganza

July 25, 2017 @ 7:00 PM
Board of Directors’ Meeting
SRBC “Satellite” Bldg., 5500 Germain Road

August 1, 2017 @ 9:00 AM
CVRM Raceway Core Meeting
3111 Moss Side Ave., SCR

August 1, 2017 @ 9:00—3:00 pm
Oregon Hill Baptist Center Back-to-School School Supply Delivery

August 17 @ 6:00—7:45 pm
OHBC Back-to-School Back Pack Distribution

August 25 @ 10:00 am until finished
CHCWC Back-to-School Set-up, Bethlehem Baptist

August 26 @ 10:00 am—1:00 pm
CHCWC Back-to-School Toiletry Distribution

August 28, 29, 30 @ 10:00 am—2:00 pm
South Richmond Baptist Center Back-to-School Delivery
SRBC “Satellite,” 5500 Germain Road

August 31, 2017 @ 7:00 PM
Raceway Volunteer Training/ Orientation
3111 Moss Side Ave., LCR
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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.

Pray for the RCFN of the RBA Churches seeking a PASTOR

Deaf Mission Chapel - FBC Derbyshire Cambodian Hatcher Memorial Woodland Heights

Pray for the RCFN Church of the Week

August 6 ..........Light Community Church
August 13 ........Morning Star
August 20.........Mount Carmel
August 27...........Mount Sinai

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

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2017 RCFN Budget Report

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Writers’ Block is a new periodic feature in the “TRANSFORMED!”.

It is designed to give exposure to Christian authors related to the RCFN whose work sometimes goes virtually unknown. Inclusion in this column is in no way an endorsement of the viewpoints or opinions expressed by the author. Authors are encouraged to submit their information.

(See the RCFN website: [www.richmondbaptist.org](http://www.richmondbaptist.org))

RCFN Board of Directors’ Meeting

September 26, 2017
7:00 PM
Oregon Hill Baptist Center Richmond, VA