NEEDED: Backpacks  ❖  School Supplies  ❖  Underwear  ❖  Socks  ❖  Toiletries
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 (DO NOT PUT IN BACKPACKS)**
- Pocket folders (with or w/out brads) in solid colors
- Rulers (12 inch/metric)
- Colored pencils
- Tissues, large box & pocket
- Crayons (pack of 16 or 24)
- Highlighters
- Markers (washable, 8/10 pack, wide/thin)
- 3 x 5 lined index cards & file box
- Blank CDs
- Pencil sharpeners (small hand-held)
- Protractors, clear

Elmer’s glue-4 oz.
sissors (pointed or blunt, metal)
erasers, pencil top & block
Glue sticks
calculator, 4-function
Water-color paint kits
Pencil boxes
Zippered pencil pouches for 3 -ring binder
dictionary, pocket-size
Red pens
Zip-lock bags (quart and gallon size)
Hand sanitizer, regular size

**Socks and Underwear for children, kindergarten through high school age.**
(Boys prefer boxers and Girls prefer bikini underwear!)


**RIVER CITY FAITH NETWORK’S BAPTIST CENTERS’**
**“BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS”**

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**OREGON HILL BAPTIST CENTER**

**JENNIFER TURNER (648-1353)**  **THURS., AUGUST 17 (6—7:45PM)**

Please, Do Not Pack the Backpacks. Pack by like items. The children/parents will pack by their grade level lists. This will also allow them to fill their own backpacks. (No 2" binders needed, we have some from last year.) Thank you!

Delivery dates are August 16 (9 am to 12 pm) and 17 (1 to 3 pm.

Store date will be August 17 (6—7:45)

First Baptist and Pine Street Baptist

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**SOUTH RICHMOND BAPTIST CENTER**

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

Please pre-fill the backpacks for SRBC; Volunteers needed

Deliver Supplies to SRBC Satellite Bldg., 5500 Germain Rd, Richmond 23224
Deliver supplies on Aug. 28, 29 and 30 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Store date will be August 31 (1-3 PM)

Bethany Place, Bon Air, Community of Grace, First Union, Friendship Memorial, Grace, Gravel Hill, Huguenot Road, International Community, Jahneke 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
Musings from Mike:

By the time you are reading this article, Camp Alkulana Staff Training will be nearing completion and youngsters heading to the Older Boys’ Session that begins on June 21 will be packing their bags to go to camp! But before camp ever cranks up there is a ton of work that will have been completed.

This year, thanks to the generosity of the Westhampton Baptist Church’s closing gifts to Camp Alkulana, a new walk-in refrigerator and freezer will have been installed. It’s pictured alongside. The integrity of food storage is critical for the safety of campers and counselors alike, and these upgraded additions to the camp kitchen will insure that all foods are stored in an appropriate manner.

The foot dam that serves as a shortcut across the creek at Camp Alkulana has been crumbling for a number of years. Money was also allocated from Westhampton to engage in the dam’s repair. That project, originally scheduled for last autumn at the close of the 2016 camping season, was delayed due to a holdup in the processing of permits at the county government level. Work is now underway and may well be completed by the time you and I connect on this page. The dam is an historic part of the old mill that was converted into the earlier dining hall at Camp Alkulana. Work this spring has been hampered by rains that swelled the level of the water in the creek and made repair of the old dam difficult due the need to divert water in the creek to allow concrete to be poured and to harden appropriately.

Without the faithful and enthusiastic work of volunteers who go to the camp clean-up and work days at Camp Alkulana each spring, the cost of doing camp would be prohibitive. It is always a privilege to work alongside these volunteers to get camp ready for the arrival of youngsters from our city. This year I was more of a photographer than a good laborer for the weekend that I attended because I had cut my hand in a too close encounter with a bow saw a week or so earlier and had a nasty open wound that I needed to protect from infection. I can attest, however, to the fact that a great deal of work was done from cleaning dishes and pots and pans, to scouring mattresses, to scrubbing out cabins, to replacing and upgrading light fixtures from scaffolding at the ceiling level in Hargrave Lodge, to cutting down trees and clearing an area for added camp activities. Sincere thanks to everyone who came and helped so well. It will make a big difference in how well camp operates this year!

Rejoicing with gratitude,

Mike
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

This is a great opportunity to learn about missions involvement in the River City Faith Network of the Richmond Baptist Association. The WMU Missions Involvement Program provides support to the three inner-city Baptist Centers (Oregon Hill, Church Hill and South Richmond), Camp Alkulana, the campus ministries at VCU and UR, and the after-school and summer children's programs of Lighthouse International Church. You will be able to meet staff, learn about programs, and discover ways you and your church can be involved with these inner-city social ministries.

The WMU Missions Extravaganza is sponsored by the RCFN and the RBA WMU. The Missions Involvement Assignments for 2017-2018 will be distributed to churches during the event.

Enjoy a continental breakfast with other Mission Enthusiasts!

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**Date:** July 17, 2017 - July 21, 2017  
**All Day**

**2017 Music and Worship Arts Camp**

**Location:**  
Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center  
1 Eagle Eyrie Drive  
Lynchburg, VA 24503,  

**REGISTRATION FOR MUSIC AND WORSHIP ARTS CAMP OPENS JUNE 1!**

The Virginia Baptist Music and Worship Arts Camp is designed for those children and youth who have completed grades 4 – 12. The camp is divided into three different tracks:

1. The Alpha Track is designed for those who have completed grades 4 – 6.
2. The Omega Track is targeted for those who have completed grades 6 – 9. Churches with campers who have completed grade 6 may choose which camp track they will attend.

The Delta Track is for campers who have completed grades 10-12. [This track fills up quickly; Please register early.]

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**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
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

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

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**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)

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**SOUTH RICHMOND BAPTIST CENTER**

**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)

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

We are in need of volunteers for our food ministry.

The Food Pantry ministry distributes emergency food every 3rd Thursday throughout the SUMMER at 1:00 PM.

We need 10 – 12 dependable volunteers to help in this ministry.

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**FEED THE HUNGRY**

- Hosts and greeters for the arriving participants
- Hosts to register participants for food
- Hosts to listen and pray for participants
- Hosts to set up and take down chairs for the distribution period
- Volunteer Help is also needed on the Wednesday before to bag the food. (10 am to 12pm is the best time). We usually pack 40 to 50 bags of groceries.
### Oregon Hill Baptist Center

**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)

**Full or Partial SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE needed**

We will be taking our middle and high school youth again this year for a week of worship, bible study, discipleship, recreation, etc. (July 17-21). The camp this year will be held on the campus of Ferrum College. This not only gives our young people a wonderful week away in the mountains with other Christian teens, but also gives them the opportunity to experience a college campus and get a “feel” for college life and their own possibilities as a college student. The cost of camp is $285.00 per person. Each youth is asked to contribute $40.00 (if possible) and be involved in fund raisers. Partial or Full Scholarships would be greatly appreciated! Thanks to those churches

### CAMP ALKULANA

**1st SESSION**

Older Boys  
June 21-July 2, 2017

**2nd SESSION**

Younger Boys  
July 6—13, 2017

**3rd SESSION**

Older Girls  
July 20 –31, 2017

**4th SESSION**

Younger Girls  
August 4 –11, 2017

**Please pray for our campers and staff**

**Beth Wright is at Camp Alkulana**

**Please contact Anna Tuckwiller (329-1701 ext 112)**

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**Homeless Meals**

Upcoming dates that we need churches/groups to do the meals.

- **July 27th**
- **August 24**

**HOMELESS MEAL INFORMATION**

A breakfast/brunch meal is served to approximately 75 individuals every Thursday at 10:00 AM-11:00 AM.

Volunteers can prepare the meal in the OHBC/Pine Street Church Kitchen or bring ready to serve. Volunteers are asked to arrive between 8:00-9:30 AM (depending on amount of preparation needed). They are asked to stay and serve and assist with clean up if possible. Groups are usually done and leaving between 11:00-11:30 AM.

All paper products, condiments, and beverages are provided by OHBC.
Live a “Legacy” at MC2!
July 24-28, 2017
Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center

“...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.

MC2: Missions Connection Celebration 2017

For the 13th Annual Camp Alkulana Golf Tournament
BELMONT GOLF COURSE
Course played by legends!
Site of 1969 PGA Championship
1600 Hilliard Road, Henrico, VA
OCTOBER 6, 2017
12 PM Lunch • 1 PM shotgun
Sign-up online at: www.alkulana.org

Take your best swing at making a child’s summer wonderful.
Camp Alkulana has been a ministry to inner city children since 1945. 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

Save the Date
For the 13th Annual Camp Alkulana Golf Tournament

Faith & Family Nights 2017
At the Diamond:
SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, August 10
Gates open @ 5:00pm
Game Time @ 6:35pm

Group Ticket Prices:
- Field Level Box Seats: $11
- Terrace Level Box Seats: $9
- General Admission: $5

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

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!

Writers’ Block

Roberta Damon holds a doctorate in marriage and family counseling from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Her career includes missionary service in South Brazil, thirty years of counseling at First Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia, and a time of serving on staff at the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. She is a part of RCFN and her latest book is featured below!

Dear Mrs. Noah: Letters to Unnamed Women of the Bible

There are so many women in the Bible whose stories we know, but whose names are not mentioned. Often, we know unnamed women by some event: "the woman at the well," "the widow’s mite," or "the women who followed Jesus from Galilee."

In Dear Mrs. Noah, Roberta Damon has written letters to thirty four here-tofore unnamed women in Scripture. After each letter, the women receive a suitable name. Each name has a meaning which is appropriate for the individual woman. Following the letter and the naming of each woman, there is a section called "Reflecting." This section brings issues for individual pondering or group discussion to contemporary readers. Looking at scripture from a different point of view provides food for thought.

To know more about how to receive your copy or to schedule a book signing go to www.robertadamon.me.
VBS SCHEDULES FOR 2017

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH (Penick)
June 19—23, 2017 “Maker Fun Factory”

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
June 26—30, 2017 “Maker Fun Factory”

GAYTON BAPTIST CHURCH
June 26—30, 2017 “Maker Fun Factory”

HUGUENOT ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH
July 10—14, 2017 “Digging for Treasure”

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

PINE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
July 10—13, 2017 “LEGOLAND”

SWIFT CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
June 26—29, 2017 “Galactic Starveyors”

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

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

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH (Penick) is having a Monthly Time of Music through September. The June concert is on Sunday, June 25th. at 4:00 p.m. The concert will feature local singer, Ronnie Harris. The July concert is on 3rd Sunday, July 16th. The concert will feature Amy Ladd and Friends. A Love Offering will be collected.

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

JAHNKE ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH
Welcomes their new pastor:
Rev. Chuck Craddock.

INDEPENDENCE DAY
Pray for our President, government and country
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Contact: Danette Moen via phone (804) 329-1701 ext.101, email or USPS 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

Deaf Mission Chapel - FBC 
Derbyshire Cambodian 
Hatcher Memorial 
Woodland Heights

Pray for the RCFN Church of the Week

July 2 ..........Korean 
July 9 ..........Lakeside 
July 16.........Lifeline for Jesus 
July 23.........Lighthouse International 
July 30.........Lighthouse of Hope 

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

RCFN Board of Directors’ Meeting 
JULY 25, 2017 
7:00 PM 
SRBC Satellite Bldg. Richmond, VA

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

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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.
(See Page 6 and the RCFN website: www.richmondbaptist.org)