3rd Annual Meeting
of the
River City Faith Network
of the
Richmond Baptist Association

South Richmond Baptist Center
St. Paul’s Baptist Church
700 East Belt Boulevard., VA 23224
Sunday
October 22, 2017
3:00 - 5:00 PM

Theme:
“Grand Opening of the SRBC Satellite – A Fresh Wineskin!”

Mark 2:22 (NASB)
"No one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost and the skins as well; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins."

3:00 PM — St. Paul’s Belt Campus Sanctuary
Worship Music Business Session
Ministry Placement Committee Recommendations
2018 Budget Recommendation, Stewardship Committee

4:00—5:00 PM — SRBC Satellite and the St.Paul’s Fellowship Hall
Shuttle Tours of the South Richmond Baptist Center—Satellite
On-site Missions Fair Interactive Missions Emersion
Ministry in Action for all ages! Refreshments and Hors d’oeuvres!
Funding any organization in today’s economy is a challenge! For those in the corporate world, particularly where the balance between retail sales and production costs is the engine that drives the bottom line and produces the difference between corporate profits and corporate losses, corporate success and corporate failure, the pressure on the sales force to produce is constant and often merciless.

In the non-profit world where viability is largely dependent upon the good graces of generous donors and the clarity of vision and purpose with which those donors can connect and resonate with needs being met and meaningful aims being accomplished, the balance between success and failure is no less precarious. In the secular industrial world, success can be merely a matter of producing more widgets and selling them with greater effectiveness. In the Christian services world in which we live and work where the production and sale of widgets isn’t the goal but the reaching and maturing of human souls for Christ’s Kingdom is, we are not dependent upon merely mechanical processes which can be sped up or slowed down to change the numbers and, therefore, the rate of success or failure.

In a recent conversation with my son who is in corporate sales I was trying to offer encouragement by sharing that in the church community with which I am familiar, it takes approximately seventeen touches from initial introduction until the time when one is typically ready to make a commitment to Christ that leads to baptism and church membership. And that is not an exact science or process. It varies from individual to individual.

“Dad,” he informed me, “we have a seven touch system!”

He and I will engage in a continuing dialogue to discover what makes it possible for him to reach his goal in seven touches while it takes us an average of seventeen just to guide a person to the point where they are really ready to BEGIN in earnest their lifetime relationship with Christ in a way that may lead to a fairly high level of maturity involving years of mentoring and practice!

Funding our three Baptist Centers and Camp Alkulana is always a challenge! I know that funding your ministries at your church on the local level is equally challenging. All of us depend on generosity and graciousness, determining whether we merely survive or whether we thrive or whether we wither. The demands of ministry are ever rarely reduced, and yet the resources to do what we are called to do may be diminished for a variety of reasons.

Several years ago, as a result of controversy, the Richmond Baptist Association underwent a major reorganization and severe challenge to the ministries of our centers, the camp and the support they receive from the administrative arm of the River City Faith Network. Reductions in funding meant that the recipients of the services that we perform were hurt by lack of availability and answering machine messages that declared, “Please do not leave a message asking for assistance at this time. We are out of funds.” Fortunately, some of our churches have responded with increased giving, hopefully reflecting that their situation and funding has increased as well. Others have continued to sit on the sidelines to watch what our centers and camp do, but offer no support. It is as if the recipients of the care that we give do not matter to them; as if their needs for clothing, food, shelter, documents to enable employment and other needs are not important. It is as if they have never heard that to the degree we have ministered unto “the least of these” they have ministered to Christ.

We have been greatly helped in the interim by organizations like the Honey Foundation, the Manchester Ruritan Club, Bradley Mechanical Corporation, Richmond Alarm Company, and the Manchester Community Center Board as well as other generous individual and group donors who have dug deep to help us work as effectively as possible. Countless individuals have donated time and helping hands to assist us in providing meals, clothing, laundry and locker services. For those of you who have been such excellent partners, know that your sacrificial contributions, physical and fiscal, are deeply appreciated.

For those of you sitting on the sidelines, I offer the invitation to get involved. Sitting the sidelines is not new. It has been a reality for all of the decades that the Richmond Baptist Association and the River City Faith Network have existed. Even when we were a membership organization before we adopted an affiliation model that rewards actual participation, a large percentage of those who were members contributed little and did little to work with our centers, camp and administration to minister to the city of Richmond. In fact, sitting the sidelines has been a reality for as long as the church that began with Christ has existed. Jesus in the parable of the talents warned against laziness. Complacency never earns the approval of God, “I know your deeds, that you are neither hot nor cold; I wish that you were cold or hot. So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.” (Rev. 3:15,16)

Adding negatively to our funding situation is the reality that for the last two years Brotherhood Mutual Insurers no longer offers to Baptist networks and associations the dividend program as we have known it where they tithed back to our association from the insurance premiums paid by churches who were a part of our organization. This program benefitted us so greatly when, out of insurance premiums paid by our churches in the amount of nearly a half million dollars, we received almost $50,000 of usable income toward the ministries we all hold dear. According to current Brotherhood Mutual guidelines only organizations such as ours which have 100 or more insured churches participating can receive the dividend. This eliminates all but one association or network in Virginia from participating in the dividend program since there is only one association with 100 or more churches. I suspect the same is true across America. That nearly $50,000 difference in income for the River City Faith Network has had a terrible affect upon our bottom line, so that today we are more than $100,000 behind in expenses against income in 2017. How can you help?

As a church,

• guide your finance team to look at this year’s contribution level to determine if you are at least keeping pace with previous years’ giving.

• look at the possibility of increasing the percentage of your undesignated offering being given to the River City Faith Network.

• determine a percentage goal that moves your church by 1/2 percentage point per year increase in giving to RCFN until you have reached a CORE affiliate goal of 3% or more of undesignated annual offering receipts with 1/2 of the amount given to the General Program Budget of RCFN and the remainder given to either the centers or camp or both.

As an individual,

• consider giving a personal contribution to the centers, camp, the General Program Budget or all of the above over and above your tithe to your church (but not in place of your tithe; be faithful to your church first).

• pray about naming the RCFN for a one-time gift in your will.

• as a part of your estate planning pray about creating a trust naming the RCFN as an income recipient until Jesus comes again.

Funding is always a challenge! But the challenge can be met with all of us working together!

Rejoicingly optimistic,

Mike
CENTRAL VIRGINIA RACEWAY MINISTERIES
Sponsored by Dover, Middle District & River City Faith Network of the RBA

Ministry Service Opportunities Available During NASCAR Race Weekend
Friday and Saturday, September 8 and 9, 2017
Richmond International Raceway (RIR)
800 EAST LABURNUM AVENUE

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, August 31, at 7:00 pm at the Richmond Baptist 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:

Sept. 7 - Thursday: SET-UP Main Hospitality Site & Hospitality Sites in RV lots
11:00 am—2:00 pm

Sept. 8 - Friday: Hospitality Ministry for the NASCAR NATIONWIDE RACE:
SHIFTS: 8:00 am-2:00 pm; 2:00-pm—7:00 pm

Sept. 9- Saturday: FAMILY FUN CARNIVAL and Hospitality for the NASCAR SPRINT CUP RACE:
SHIFTS: 8:00 am-2:00 pm; 2:00- pm— 7:00 pm

Sept. 9 - Saturday: TAKE-DOWN Main Ministry
SHIFT: 6 pm until done

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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. September 4-7, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (329-1701) or the Dover Baptist Assoc. Office, 11006 Lakeridge Pkwy, Ashland, VA (550-1980)

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FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REPORT WHEN YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER:

PHONE: (804) 601-4463 OR E-MAIL: INFO@VARACEWAYMINISTRIES.ORG

WMU Fall Celebration and Lunch
First Baptist Church
September 19, 2017, 10:30AM

Oct. 6—Oct. 7, 2017 Berglund Center Roanoke, VA
ONLINE:www.ewomen.net or CALL 800-526-8673

trust HIM Proverbs 3:5-6
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

CHCWC is in need of men’s clothes, towels, and sheets. (especially Queen and King sizes)

Deliver Supplies to Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1920 Fairmount Ave
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

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.
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, Patterson Ave., Pine Street Baptist

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.
scissors (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)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO ASSIST with School Supply Store on AUGUST 17th. All volunteers are asked to arrive at 5:30PM for a brief orientation.

(Backpack items can be found on the SRBC Insert.)

CAMP ALKULANA

1st SESSION
Older Boys
June 21-July 2, 2017

2nd SESSION
Younger Boys
July 6—13, 2017

Thank you for your prayers

3rd SESSION
Older Girls
July 20 –31, 2017

4th SESSION
Younger Girls
August 4 –11, 2017

BETH WRIGHT  CAMP DIRECTOR (329-1701 EXT 114)
Writers’ Block

Dr. William Powell “Bill” Tuck served the RCFN most recently as the Interim Pastor of Chamberlayne Baptist Church prior to and in preparation for the arrival her current pastor, David Peppler! Bill, author of twenty-nine other books, is most recently the author of “Star Thrower, A Pastor’s Handbook.”

Julie Pennington-Russell, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Washington, D.C. says of the book, “So much more than a “how to” manual — it’s a compassionate and guiding hand on the shoulder of men and women serving in pastoral “trenches” everywhere.”

John Killinger, pastor and author as well as a former professor at Vanderbilt Divinity School calls the book “the most valuable compendium of information for ministers I have ever seen. If I had possessed it when I was starting my ministry, I would have been twice as effective as I was without it — no, three or four times” more effective.

Drawing on his pastoral experience of over fifty years, Willian Powell Tuck shares in his latest book his perspective of striving to be an effective pastor. He shares insights on how to prepare sermons, engage in pastoral care, manage church administration; conduct funerals, weddings, communion, and baptismal services; deal with church conflict; work with laity and church staff; while nurturing one’s own spiritual life and family time.

William Powell Tuck has served as both a parish pastor and a seminary professor. Bill, a native of Virginia, is a graduate of Bluefield College and the University of Richmond, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and received his Th.D. degree from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served Baptist congregations as Pastor and Interim Pastor in Virginia, Louisiana, Kentucky, and North Carolina, including Harrisonburg Baptist, First Baptist, Bristol and St. Matthews Baptist in Louisville, KY and was an adjunct professor at Virginia Intermont College, the University of North Carolina at Pembroke and at the Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, VA. He was also Professor of Preaching at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY.

Bill was awarded the Parish Pastor of the Year award by the Academy of Parish Clergy in 1997, and received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from the University of Richmond in 1977. He received the Wayne Oates Award from the Oates Institute in 2016.

You can acquire Bill’s latest book or other selections still in print through www.Amazon.com or Smyth & Helwys at www.helwys.com. Other materials produced by Bill can be see at his website: www.friarsfragment.com.

For Every Church Leader!

2017 Leadership Development Conference

Monday, September 25
Branch’s Baptist Church
3400 Broad Rock Blvd., Richmond
www.baptistleaders.org
5:15-6:00 P.M.
Dinner and Fellowship
6:00-6:20 P.M.
Keynote Speaker: David Bailey, Arrabon
6:30-7:20 P.M.
Conference Session I
7:25-8:15 P.M.
Conference Session II
Registration
Early Bird (Ends September 18): $10
Register online at
www.baptistleaders.org
Pay at Door: $15
Childcare Available: $10*
*Must Pre-register at www.baptistleaders.org

Session topics led by knowledgeable instructors include:

- How to Minister to Families
- Unique Stewardship Ideas
- Ministry with Refugee/ 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 many more designed to meet the needs of all ministry areas!

Ignite: A Retreat for Middle School Students
October 13–15, 2017
Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center, Lynchburg, VA
Cost*
BGAV Program Fee: $35/person
Eagle Eyrie Lodging: $115.85/person (lodge);
$151.85/person (hotel)
*Pricing is for BGAV churches.
CARLISLE BAPTIST CHURCH—VBS
Sunday, August 6—Thursday, August 10; 6:00 PM—8:00 PM

HATCHER CHURCH
A retirement celebration in Honor of Rev. Dr. Gerald E. Robinson will be held on August 27th. Starting with a combined Worship Service, 12:30 Luncheon and a 2:00 concert in the Sanctuary. Hatcher Church is proud to have Rev. Maria Lynn come as their Interim Pastor. Rev. Tom Ingram will serve as Interim Music Director for the Traditional Service, September—December.

DERBYSHIRE BAPTIST CHURCH
Saturday, September 9; 5K starts at 8:00 AM
Benefitting two organizations who foster hope for children
The Village of Hope in Kiev, Ukraine
Camp Alkulana in Millboro Springs, Virginia
Website: http://drcrichmond.org/rundbc

BETHELHEM BAPTIST CHURCH (Penick) is holding a GA Recognition Service on September 17th during the morning worship service for four of their young ladies! Then at 4:00 PM the September concert will feature Nickie Headley from Local and Tennessee. A Love offering will be collected.

Take your best swing at making a child’s summer wonderful.
Camp Alkulana has been a ministry to inner city children since 1905. 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

BELMONT GOLF COURSE
Course played by legends!
Site of 1948 PGA Championship
1800 Hilliard Road, Henrico, VA
OCTOBER 6, 2017
12 PM Lunch • 1 PM shotgun
Sign-up online at www.alkulana.org

The 13th Annual Camp Alkulana Golf Tournament

CALENDAR EVENTS
August 16 @ 9:00 am — Noon, August 17 @ 1:00—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 23 & 24 @ 10:00 am—noon; 1:00—3:00 PM
Church Hill Christian Wellness Center Back-to-School Toilettries Delivery, Bethlehem Baptist

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 Toilettry 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 @ 1:00—3:00 pm
SRBC Back-to-School Back Pack Distribution
SRBC "Satellite," 5500 Germain Road

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

September 3, 2017
LABOR DAY
RCFN Offices are Closed

September 5, 2017 @ 6:30 PM
CAST Mtg., 3111 Moss Side Ave., SCR

September 4—8 @ 8:30 AM—4:30 PM
COOKIE DELIVERY at Richmond Baptist Building, 3111 Moss Side Avenue, 23222

September 7, 2017 @11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
SET-UP Main Hospitality Site, Hospitality Sites in RV Lots

September 8, 2017 @ 8:00 AM—2:00 PM; 2:00 PM—7:00 PM
Hospitality Ministry for NASCAR NATIONWIDE RACE

September 9, 2017 @ 8:00 AM—2:00 PM; 2:00 PM—7:00 PM
FAMILY FUN CARNIVAL & Hospitality for NASCAR SPRINT CUP RACE
@ 6:00 PM until DONE
TAKE-DOWN Main Hospitality Site

September 18—24, 2017
Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions
Emphasis Week of Prayer—Offering Goal: $1,167,500

September 19, 2017 @ 10:30AM
RCFN WMU Fall Celebration & Lunch
First Baptist Church, 2709 Monument Ave., Richmond, 23220

September 25, 2017 @ 5:15PM
LDC17:CVBM: Authentic Relationships in a # World
Branch’s Baptist Church, 3400 Broad Rock Rd, Richmond

September 26, 2017 @ 7:00PM
BoD Mtg – Oregon Hill Baptist Center
400 S. Pine Street, Richmond, VA 23220
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**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**

- September 3........Mount Tabor
- September 10.......New Canaan
- September 17........New Life
- September 24.....
- ...Pine Street

The effective, fervent prayer of a right-

**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 un-
known. Inclusion in this column is in no way an endorse-
ment of the viewpoints or opinions expressed by the au-
thor. Authors are encouraged to submit their information.
(See the RCFN website: www.richmondbaptist.org)