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

South Richmond Baptist Center, St. Paul’s Baptist Church, SRBC Satellite
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!
BOOK FAIR with local Christian authors, book signings!

MESSENGERS
The voting body of the River City Faith Network shall be composed of the Board of Directors and three (3) elected messengers for each CONNECTOR affiliated church, entity or organization, and five (5) elected messengers for each CHAMPION, or CORE affiliated church, entity or organization, and one (1) additional messenger for each $5,000 or more than half thereof given to the Network and Week of Prayer Offering during the previous calendar year, provided that no church shall be entitled to more than twelve (12) such messengers. Further, each mission church under sponsorship of a Network church shall be entitled to one (1) elected messenger.
This morning after clipping through the RCFN office I headed to Huguenot Road Baptist Church for a 9:15 AM appointment! Earlier in the week I had been asked by Marvin Gregory, long-time member of Huguenot Road and staunch friend and supporter of the ministries of the River City Faith Network of the Richmond Baptist Association, to meet with Huguenot’s pastor, Rev. Dr. Bob Lee. Pictures were to be taken!

For some weeks Marvin had been involved with the Trustee Board at his church to arrange for a van that Huguenot Road was replacing to be donated to the River City Faith Network for use by the three Centers which are a part of your ministries through RCFN! Huguenot Road Trustee Chair, Mr. Eng Heah, processed the idea with the Trustees, arranged titling, and assembled for the transfer a packet that included maintenance records and keys.

This morning, Pastor Lee presented the van, packet, and title to the Network as a gift from the Huguenot Road family! Marvin had arranged for pictures to be taken, appropriate documents to be signed and the transfer of ownership has been completed!

On behalf of the entire RCFN family as well as our Community Missionaries, I cannot adequately thank Mr. Marvin Gregory, Mr. Eng Heah and the Huguenot Road Trustees, Pastor Bob Lee and the Huguenot Road Baptist family for providing us with the van pictured below. This van will help our Community Missionaries to better meet the genuine transportation needs of the persons to whom we minister on a daily, year-around basis. Now, two of our centers will be capable of carrying out ministries such as acquiring Birth Certificates and other identifying documents that require transportation simultaneously. Thank you so much for your wonderful partnership with RCFN, friends at Huguenot Road. We cherish the relationship we share and the opportunities to serve Him ministering together!

In another part of this publication you will hear about the Back-to-School Celebrations that took place just a couple of weeks ago and how you and our Center staffs and volunteers were able to meet the needs of 2017-18 entering students as they start this new year of learning. The toiletry items, backpacks and school supplies that you made available to them through the Church Hill Christian Wellness Center, Oregon Hill Baptist Center and South Richmond Baptist Center will help to ensure that these young people have a good launch into the world of learning.

For the first time ever, the South Richmond Center distributed backpacks to the children of the community immediately surrounding its Satellite location at 5500 Germain Road in the 23224 zip code. Familiar families from the St. Paul’s Belt Campus area received assistance as needed through St. Paul’s while Rev. Wesley Garrett branched out to an entirely new community with hundreds of loaded backpacks! So, the needs of not just one but two communities were met in a powerful way. It was an exciting day at the SRBC Satellite on August 31, the day of the SRBC Back-to-School Celebration!

Many families and children were helped in significant ways because of your generosity. Thank you for collecting supplies and delivering them to the Centers! Thank you for allowing us to put those valuables into the hands of needy students!

Richmond Raceway hosted the Fall Xfinity Series races during the second weekend in September and, once again, the good folks of the River City Faith Network baked and distributed cookies; staffed the Main Ministry and Guest Services Sites at Gate 40 and in “J” Lot; and gave out cups of cold water and lemonade. Fifty volunteers invested 656 hours during the weekend sharing Christ and serving others in His Name. It was a beautiful weekend weather wise but even more beautiful because of the manner in which He was represented to guests at the raceway who had gathered from nearly every state in the country! Thank you, RCFN, for being such fine servants!

With Gratitude and Rejoicing!

Mike
Adult Fall Gathering
Oct. 27—29, 2017
Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center
Virginia Church Library Association
Fall Conference
October 13—14, 2017
Cool Springs Baptist Church

The *Labels for Education* program will be coming to an end
Deadline to submit UPCs: January 2, 2018
The *Labels for Education* program is coming to a close. Only UPCs with the *Labels for Education* logo will be accepted and redeemed for points into registered schools’ bank accounts. The deadline to submit and postmark UPCs into your school’s bank account is January 2, 2018.

Cost:
- BGAV Program Fee: $35/person
- Eagle Eyrie Lodging: $115.85/person (lodge); $151.85/person (hotel)

SAY YES
“Jesus said, ‘Don’t be afraid, from now on you will fish for people.’ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything, and followed him.” Luke 5:1-11 (NIV)


Church Hill Christian Wellness Center

“Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst.”

COMMUNITY MISSIONARY - REV. GLINDA F. FORD
2011 Fairmount Avenue, Richmond, VA 23223
(Located in Mount Tabor Baptist Church)
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Computer classes will be starting soon.

Glinda is very excited about this mission project. Many people will be able to learn to use a computer. This will increase the chances of receiving better jobs or making them better employees for jobs they may already have.

2017 BACK to SCHOOL MINISTRY

7 churches donated a total of 600 Toiletry Bags instead of the 500 that was the goal!

39 Families including 91 Children were greatly blessed by your donations.

48 volunteers showed up to help with this mission project.

Thank you very much!!!

Church Hill Christian Wellness Center

2017 BACKPACK MINISTRY

South Richmond Baptist Center received 302 backpacks. Thanks to the churches, individuals and to Oregon Hill that donated some empty backpacks and supplies. All but about 60 backpacks were distributed on the day of the store (August 31st). Wesley went to the nearest Barber Shop and gave out 50 to the young people and parents that were there. This leaves 10 to have on hand in the future when the need arises.

SRBC also received extra school supplies, which can be distributed during the Christmas Store and as needed throughout the year.

Thank you very much!!!
2017 BACKPACK MINISTRY

7 churches donated a total of approximately 190 backpacks along with loose school supplies, and monetary donations. 15 volunteers assisted with set up before the store opened and 18 volunteers assisted on the day of the store.

Some backpacks and supplies were donated to John B. Cary School and some went to South Richmond Baptist Center.

Remaining Backpacks: Some will be given out throughout the year to other students in need, and still others will be used in our homeless ministries.

Thank you very much!!!

CAMP ALKULANNA

“I loved learning about the relationship I share with God and all that he’s created.”

“I learned that I am loved by a lot more people than I think.”

“My friends and counselors make me feel safe and happy.”

“This place is my safe place.”

“Everyone here cares about you. We are family.”

“I learned that God will always be with me.”

185 campers attended Camp Alkulana this summer.

68% of our counselors this year were former campers!

“We do things that you wouldn’t regularly do. It’s fun meeting new people and getting away for a while.”

“I learned to always believe in myself and never let anyone drag me down.”

“I loved being here. This place makes me feel safe, loved, and important. This is something I want to experience over and over again.”

CAMP ALKULANNA: SUMMER SNAPSHOT

Beth Wright  Camp Director (329-1701 ext 114)
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!

Thank you!
A big thank you to all the volunteers (listed below) who prepared 30 lunches and delivered them to Lighthouse International Church during July—August to help their Summer Program.

Carlisle Ave.—Nancy King; River Road—Amber Ryan; Winfree Memorial—Christi Stanfield; Ginter Park—Nancy Williams; Hatcher Memorial—Phyllis Johnson; First—Mary Palmer; Second—Bunnie Fernald; Bethlehem (Penick) — Rebecca Baker; Southampton—Carolyn Keller; Oak Forest—Lucy Lewis; Jahnke Road—Jane Kaufelt; Passion Community—Brenda Boggs; Westover—Shirley Harvey; and Huguenot Road—Teresa Chiever.

Pastor Calvin Birch
& Ruth Guill

Be Refreshed at Sweet Life Café!
Yes, this café-themed getaway is as relaxing and refreshing as it sounds! Get away from the busyness of life as you relax with friends, share laughter and stories, and spend time with God. Join us at our Sweet Life Café retreat to experience all this and more!

MINISTER’S WIVES RETREAT
SEPTEMBER 22-23, 2017
AT CROSSROADS CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER

Please encourage your minister’s wife to attend. This is always a very needed getaway and promises to be a “SWEET” time with the Lord and friends.

This year, we will be staying in the House of Happiness. The cost will be $70 based on double occupancy. If you have any questions, call Diane Peppler at 804-338-2389, or email dianapeppler@gmail.com
CHURCH NEWS

SKIPWITH BAPTIST CHURCH  _ Oct. 14th at 3:30PM _ The Dixie Melody Boys will present a concert on the church lawn. An offering will be taken. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy good music and fellowship. Come early; a large crowd is expected.

THE MOUNT CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH is pleased to have Rev. David L. Chapman serving as Interim Pastor

NEW BETHELDA BAPTIST CHURCH  Welcomes Danielle Gibbons as their Accompanist / Organist.

TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH: CHILD CARE CENTER is actively seeking an experienced and dynamic leader to become the next Director of their vibrant child care and development program. Send a copy of your resume to DirectorSearch-Team@tbrichmond.org Include your FULL NAME in the subject line of the email please! NO PHONE CALLS & Please email any questions regarding the role or posting!

CALENDAR EVENTS

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

October 2, 2017 @ 9:30AM
RCFN—Staff Meeting, SCR 3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond

October 2, 2017 @ 6:00PM
OHST Meeting OHBC, 400 S. Pine St.

October 3, 2017 @ 9:00AM
Raceway Core Meeting 3111 Moss Side Ave., SCR

October 3, 2017 @ 6:30PM
CAST 3111 Moss Side Ave., SCR

October 6, 2017
Camp Alkulana 13th Annual Golf Tournament Belmont Golf Course

October 8, 2017
World Hunger Sunday

October 13-14, 2017
VCLA Fall Conference Cool Springs Baptist Church, Mechanicsville, VA

October 13-15, 2017
Ignite: A Retreat for Middle School Students Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center Lynchburg, VA

October 20-22, 2017
Special Needs Retreat Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center Lynchburg, VA

October 22, 2017 @ 3:00—5:00PM
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With a tour of the new “Satellite” Location

November 6, 2017
World Day of Prayer 10:30 AM Social, 11:00 AM Prayer Service

We have a new Data System. It’s called Breeze. It should combine Access, Outlook Distribution Lists and Church Teams (RCFN Statements). Transferring the information from Access is my biggest challenge. Please fill out your ACPs and turn them in so I will have the newest information in our new Data System.

Thank you so much, Danette
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- 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.

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
AUGUST Budget Amount: $ 43,747.00
AUGUST Budget Receipts: $ 29,223.00
AUGUST Budget Expenses: $ 60,800.00

YTD Budget Amount: $ 349,976.00
YTD Budget Receipts: $ 244,763.00

Camp Alkulana Offering
Offering Goal: $ 156,000.00
YTD Receipts: $ 100,987.00
YTD Expenses: $ 147,151.00

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 )