1 Corinthians 13:13
And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

John 15:17
This is my command: Love each other.

1 John 4:19
We love because He first loved us.

Romans 5:8
But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Musings from Mike:

The South Richmond Baptist Center Satellite at 5500 Germain Road off of Hull Street Road is just a little more than a mile from the South Richmond Center. During the 3rd Annual Meeting of the River City Faith Network on October 22nd, 2017, many of you took the opportunity to tour the new addition to our ministries. During 2017 the transformation of the Satellite has been truly remarkable.

The Board of the Manchester Community Center at the prompting of Skipwith Baptist’s Senior Pastor and then Chair of the River City Faith Network’s Board of Directors, Dr. Cecil Chambers, was kind enough to deed their center to RCFN at no cost along with a monetary gift of $8,000 attached! That resource along with the generosity of vendors like Richmond Alarm Company and Bradley Mechanical have upgraded into an increasingly functional and helpful asset a facility that was suffering measurably from deferred maintenance needs!

Most recently your Board of Directors voted to use funds from the allocation for 2017 Satellite operations to complete the refurbishment of the exterior of the Satellite. The pictures below show the extent of that work that was needed to say to the community in which we are located that we want to be much more than an eyesore to our neighbors. We genuinely want to make a positive contribution to that area of our partnering churches of RCFN are Hill and near the Belt Campus of St Paul’s Baptist Church.

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The next pair of photos show the vinyl covering and new entry door installed on the front of the shed building for added security. The cinderblock exterior of the building is freshly painted where vinyl has not been added.

Much of the work to refurbish the South Richmond Baptist Center Satellite has been accomplished with individuals and volunteer work teams supervised by Community Missionary, Rev. Wesley Garrett or by Wesley himself with hours and hours of personal effort. Mr. Bob Jones, Chair of the RCFN Facilities Committee, has been of immense assistance in getting numerous bids and marshalling the efforts of appropriate vendors for work beyond that of volunteers. Their investment has been diligent and so effective.

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These pictures depict the poor condition of the roof line and gables on the shed portion of the facility. The lift sides on the building were allowing the elements to invade the building enough to severely limit its usefulness. The side walls have been covered and sealed along with the gables to make the building a more adequate area for potential clothing and furniture supply ministries. There is a constant demand for both of these items among financially challenged families.

Rev. Garrett, with the help of members of the South Richmond Support Team and various churches, have done much to improve the interior of both of the buildings that make up the Satellite. Kitchen cabinets have been added, furniture has been improved through strategic generous donations. Soon you will see more of what is proposed for the interior of the shed to stabilize the structure and to create intentional spaces for various ministries. To all including Bob and Wesley who are making all of this happen, thank you all SO much, Fellow Servants of the King!

Gratefully and with rejoicing, Mike

NOW is the time to make reservations

2018 PARTY FOR PEOPLE
WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
VALENTINE SOCIAL
Friday, February 9; 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
Monument Heights Baptist Church
5716 Monument Avenue, Richmond
RSVP on or before February 7 to:
Judy Rideout: judy.rideout@comcast.net

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Preview: THURSDAY, February 8th, 1:00—4:00 PM
FRIDAY, February 9th, noon—5:00 PM;
SATURDAY, February 10th, 10:00 AM—2:00 PM
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THE RESOURCE CENTER
WMU - Mission Action Assignments for CHCWC in 2018:
You have been so generous with your donations in 2017 we find ourselves well supplied with the listed creamer, sugar, sugar substitute and trash bags.
Please substitute TP and Paper towels for the above items.
This is a correction from the January newsletter. I switched the items.
My apologies, Danette

Thanks to everyone who gave and assisted with the Christmas Store. Even with the snow the day was a true blessing.
Thank you,

FEBRUARY is the month SRBC asks the children to bring in their REPORT CARDS and PROGRESS REPORTS to the center in order to receive school supplies or a new backpack.
By seeing the REPORT CARDS and PROGRESS REPORTS it gives those helping at the SRBC a chance to congratulate or encourage the children in their pursuit of success. (Or maybe a little extra encouragement to hang on.)

Cooking classes is a goal Wesley has for the Satellite. He has a vision of teaching clients how to take the food given to them from the Food Pantry and make a meal for the family.

Do you like to cook, plan meals, or maybe even shop for groceries? Then Wesley wants to hear from you.

Thanks to everyone who gave and assisted with the Christmas Store.
Thank you,
Wesley and Jennifer
A new ministry has been added to the current OHBC ministries. Please pray for the participants and leaders.

Camp Alkulana is launching a new website on Monday, January 22! The new site has a modern design, and is packed with photos and videos of the Camp Alkulana experience. While the site is geared towards our campers’ families, it has up-to-date information for churches and other partners who are looking for ways to get involved with camp, from retreat information to volunteer opportunities! You can find the Camp’s website at www.alkulana.org.
River City Faith Network is in the final stages of setting up a new online giving opportunity. Go to the website and click on the RCFN logo. It will take you to a new screen for giving.

Click on the space that has “to RBA Ministry Budget” for a dropdown that will show you your ministry choices.

Another way to give to RCFN is to text 18042943883, a screen will come up with directions how you can easily give. The first time it will ask for your information.

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Kairos Missions Initiative – Austria 2018
Applications Due January 31, 2018!

Join Us in Vienna, Austria in May 2018!

Applications are now being received for our 2018 Kairos Missions Initiative team that will travel to Vienna to work with the Federation of Baptist Churches in Austria. The team will serve in multi-ethnic congregations in the heart of Vienna, participating in community outreach, language lessons, building renovations and worship as a tangible representation of the Gospel for Austrians and refugees. The trip will occur Mid- May 2018 (dates TBD).

Visit the website for more information.
VBF Scholarships

MINH HA’S SCHOLARSHIP HAS HIM SINGING A NEW TUNE.

How will your move you forward?

Apply now to help forward your personal mission.

This past year, hundreds of students like you were awarded thousands in annual scholarship money to help defray expenses for colleges, graduate schools and seminaries. Generally, you must be a full-time student and a member of a Virginia Baptist church. Since these are annual scholarships, you are welcomed and encouraged to apply each year.

BGAV: Church & Clergy Tax Seminar

To help church staff and church lay leaders understand and comply with tax laws, a series of FREE seminars sponsored by the Compensation Planning Ministry of the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) will be held across the state in February and March 2017. The Richmond Seminar will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2018. The Seminar will begin at 9:30 am and end at 12:00 pm.

The seminars are designed for church staff and lay leaders who handle taxes and compensation. Attendees will get help with compensation planning for church staff (including retirement and insurance), handling minister’s taxes, and federal reporting requirements for churches. Jeff Cranford, Compensation Planning Specialist, Congregational Field Staff, BGAV, will lead the seminars.

For information or to register for the seminar, register online at BGAV.org/events/church-clergy-tax-seminar-6/.

CALENDAR EVENTS

January 22, 2018 @ 10:00AM
LDC Planning Team Meeting
3111 Moss Side Ave., Richmond, VA 23222

January 23, 2018 @ 7:00PM
RCFN Board of Directors’ Meeting
3111 Moss Side Ave., Richmond, VA 23222

February 5, 2018 @ 9:30AM
RCFN Staff Meeting
3111 Moss Side Ave., Richmond, VA (SCR)

February 6, 2018 @ 6:30PM
CAST Meeting
3111 Moss Side Ave., Richmond, VA (SCR)

February 12–18, 2018
WMU Focus Week

February 13, 2018 @ 9:00AM
CVRM Raceway Meeting
3111 Moss Side Ave., Richmond, VA (SCR)

February 14, 2018
VALENTINE’S DAY

February 19, 2018
President’s Day
(RCFN office closed)

February 20, 2018 @ 10:00AM
RCFN WMU Leadership Team
3111 Moss Side Ave., Richmond, VA 23222

WMU FOCUS WEEK: Feb. 12—18

To pray for missions means to communicate with God on behalf of missions work, people involved in missions work, and people that need to know and accept God’s redeeming love. WMUV encourages people of all ages to emphasize prayer in following Jesus’ command to love God and love others.

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Pray for the RCFN of the RBA Churches
seeking a PASTOR
Deaf Mission Chapel - FBC
Derbyshire Cambodian
Hatcher Memorial
The Mount Carmel
Woodland Heights

Pray for the RCFN Church of the Week
Feb. 4......Oregon Hill Baptist Center
Feb. 11......South Richmond Baptist Ctr
Feb. 18......Bethlehem Baptist Church (Fairmont)
Feb. 18......Bethlehem Baptist Church (Penick)
Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. (Romans 12:12) NIV

2017 RCFN Budget Report
DEC. Budget Amount: $ 43,783.00
DEC. Budget Receipts: $ 60,879.00
DEC. Budget Expenses: $ 34,660.00
YTD Budget Amount: $ 525,000.00
YTD Budget Receipts: $ 379,481.00

Camp Alkulana Offering
Offering Goal: $ 150,696.00
YTD Receipts: $ 135,702.00
YTD Expenses: $ 166,868.00

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