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News of Richmond Area Churches...Together...Changing Lives —MARCH 2018

CENTRAL VIRGINIA RACEWAY MINISTRIES
Sponsored by Dover, Middle District Baptist Associations & the River City Faith Network of the RBA

Ministry Service Opportunities Available During NASCAR TOYOTA Race Weekend

Friday, April 20 and Saturday, April 21, 2018

Richmond Raceway (RR)
600 EAST LABURNUM AVENUE

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to minister beside RICHMOND RACEWAY Guest Services by providing race fans an opportunity to worship, enjoy Christian music and arts while discovering the message of Christ through media to know His transforming presence.

VOLUNTEERS are asked to work a 5 or 6 hour shift as they serve in a variety of ways in our Hospitality Ministry Sites at the RICHMOND RACEWAY (RR) COMPLEX. As ambassadors of goodwill, opportunities for service include: distributing “cups of cold water,” cookies, and Christian driver literature; performing as singers, musical groups or with performing arts (clowns, magicians, mimes, jugglers, balloon artists, etc.); and serving as chaplains, crisis counselors, carnival workers, or logistics and support persons.

VOLUNTEERS are also needed to become residents to minister at a CVRM provided camper/motorhome parked at one of the RV lots with camping race fans during the race weekend. RICHMOND RACEWAY track management believes that having CVRM representatives living and ministering at these sites among camping race fans will strengthen the Christian influence throughout the raceway complex. CVRM is SEEKING RVs: If you have a camper or motorhome you would like to park at RICHMOND RACEWAY for the race weekend either for your own occupancy or for someone else from CVRM to occupy, please call: (804) 601-4463 or e-mail: info@varacewayministries.org

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VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION & SHIFT SIGN UP

All volunteers or anyone interested in learning more about this ministry ARE REQUIRED to attend the Volunteer Orientation/Training Session on Tuesday evening, April 10, at 7:00 p.m.
at the Richmond Baptist Building, 3111 Moss Side Avenue, Richmond.

Agenda items for this meeting include a briefing by a racetrack Guest Services official, outline of 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:

April 19 - Thursday: SET-UP Main Hospitality Site & Hospitality Sites in RV lots
1 SHIFT: Noon-3 pm

April 20 - Friday: Hospitality Ministry for the TOYOTACARE XFS RACE:
SHIFTS: 8:00 am-2:00 pm, 2:00-7:00 pm

April 21 - Saturday: FAMILY FUN CARNIVAL and Hospitality for the TOYOTA OWNERS 400 RACE:
SHIFTS: 8:00 am-2:00 pm, 2:00-7:00 pm

April 21 - Saturday: TAKE-DOWN Main Ministry Site:
SHIFT: 3 pm until done

If you are unable to come for a lengthy shift but would like to volunteer, please contact our volunteer coordinators to let them know you would like to help, but need to come for a shorter period of time that works for you and your situation. We will be happy to assist!

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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. April 16-19, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (329-1701) or the Dover Baptist Assoc. Office, 11006 Lakeridge Pkwy, Ashland, VA (550-1980) Thank you for your help with this ministry of planting faith seeds among thousands of race fans and guests to Richmond, Virginia from across the US and beyond!
Musings from Mike:

Last year at this time we were offering congratulations to Beth and Art Wright at the birth of their second son, Adrian Gregory Wright, on Friday, February 3rd, a date on which Beth and Adrian will annually share their birthdays!!

Congratulations are once again in order for the Wright family! This time it is upon the occasion of Dr. Art Wright being made a full-time part of the faculty of Baptist Theological Seminary of Richmond. Art now serves on the faculty of BTSR as the Affiliate Professor of Spirituality and New Testament and as Director of BTSR Connects. Art is a 2014 PhD graduate of Union Presbyterian Seminary and has served at BTSR since 2011. Congratulations, Art, on your new role at BTSR!

In an effort to provide training resources for our churches, especially those that have limited resources to buy or subscribe to materials, I have recently enrolled the River City Faith Network with STREAMALL PLUS. STREAMALL PLUS is a ministry service of Sampson Resources that enables Networks and Associations to provide their member or affiliated churches with 24/7 access to the entire Sampson Resources online catalog -- www.sampsonresources.com -- for one (1) year. Churches and the host Association or Network receive their own MASTER PASSWORD that opens all resources for staff and members to use for ministry, training and outreach. Master passwords are to be used only by the church/Network to which they are assigned. New curriculum releases are automatically included.

AFFILIATED CHURCHES GET A BALANCED VARIETY OF PROGRAMMING IN NUMBEROUS AREAS:

- Marriage
- Parenting
- Women
- Men
- Sunday School/Small Group Training
- Deacon Training
- Bible Study & Discipleship

Reproducible workbooks on CD plus FREE leader guides are available for all titles. STREAMALL churches (only) may purchase quantities of workbooks for $45.

In a Network as diverse as the River City Faith Network, undoubtedly there will not be total agreement across the board with every point of theology or even ecclesiology with ANY supply house or publisher. This would hold true with Sampson Resources as well, but in most of the training modules offered by STREAMALL PLUS theological nuances can be addressed at a local level and do not have to become stumbling blocks that preclude the usefulness of the vast majority of the available materials.

I have paid the access fee for our Network. It will allow CORE, CHAMPION, and CONNECTOR AFFILIATED CHURCHES full access to materials such as: Jim Henry’s Deacon Training Modules:

...or modules to assist families such as Dr. Kevin Leman’s BRINGING PEACE AND HARMONY TO THE BLENDED FAMILY.

MAKING THE MOST OF MARRRIAGE, HAVE A NEW KID BY FRIDAY or HAVE A NEW FAMILY BY FRIDAY!

Additional Leman modules include RUNNING THE RAPIDS, Guiding Teenagers through the Turbulent Waters of Adolescence, and SINGLE PARENTING THAT WORKS, Raising Well-Balanced Children in an Off-Balance World.

Former pastor of First Baptist, Norfolk, Ken Hemphill’s GIFTED TO SERVE, Using Your Spiritual Gifts with Passion and Purpose along with numerous other training and discipleship kits are available to be streamed at any hour of the night or day by your members and leaders. For access to STREAMALL PLUS, call me at 804-329-1701, 804-356-9663 or email at mike.robinson@rbaonline.org. I will help you and your church to connect for these growth opportunities. The access will cost you nothing and is one of the benefits of being affiliated as a CORE, CHAMPION or CONNECTOR CHURCH with the River City Faith Network!

Rejoicingly awaiting your call or email,

Mike
Listed below are the items that should be included in the toiletries bags for our Back-To-School Celebration.

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Deodorant
- Floss
- Mouthwash
- Wash cloth and soap and Lotion

Don’t forget to collect underwear for boys and girls of all ages.
August will be here before we know it.

Preparing for Retirement Seminar

Retirement isn’t something you just stumble into one day. It requires careful attention to details and a trusted partner who cares about you and your needs. Join us as we discuss the decisions you need to make and learn how these decisions can impact your financial well-being and lifestyle in retirement.

**Designed for**

Those within ten years of retirement.

**Who Should Attend**

Ministers and church staff participating in the church retirement plan who plan to retire within five years.

**About these Seminars**

With the guidance of our seminar leader, Jeff Cranford, BGAV’s Compensation Planning Specialist, you’ll learn about benefit options and gain access to useful tools and resources we make available, including:

- Your retirement income needs and available resources
- Basics of Social Security and Medicare benefits
- Investment adjustments to consider before retirement
- Development of a countdown-to-retirement timeline
- Conferences begin at 9:30 a.m. and run through noon

**March 29, 2018**

**9:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Virginia Baptist Resource Center**

2828 Emerywood Parkway,
Richmond, VA 23294
South Richmond Baptist Center is starting a lending library to introduce children, youth and adults to the wonderful world of reading. They are receiving books but don’t have enough bookcases to hold them. If you can donate or help build bookcases, please contact Community Missionary, Wesley Garrett at the wesley.garrett@rbaonline.org.

Thank you!
OREGON HILL BAPTIST CENTER
“Sharing the Light of Christ”

Thank You to all who support our ministries with “the least of these”! Without your support, we could not do what we do each week!

Some current needs at the Center:
GRTC Bus Cards (all day passes) $3.50 each

Specific Spring Clothes for the Homeless: MEN’S clothes only
please: jeans & khaki pants sizes 34—36, underwear, undershirts, lightweight jackets, casual shirts, belts and shoes.

February 24, 2018
- 9:00am – 12:00pm: New Volunteer & Orientation, Virginia Baptist Resource Center, Richmond
- 1:00pm – 4:00pm: Site/Team Leaders Training, Virginia Baptist Resource Center, Richmond

April 21, 2018
- 9:00am – 12:00pm: New Volunteer & Orientation Virginia Baptist Resource Center, Richmond
- 1:00pm – 4:00pm: All volunteers, Virginia Baptist

JOURNEY: A Retreat for High School Students
March 9—11, 2018
Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center
Lynchburg, VA

Scripture: “Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” Matthew 16:24 NIV

Have you ever stood at the edge of a big decision and had to count to three before you could jump? Join us as we inspire and equip students to surrender everything and follow Jesus! Are you ready? Here we go – ONE…TWO…THREE!

https://bgav.org/events/journey-a-retreat-for-high-school-students-4/

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WMU—Standing Rock Mission Team

Areas to collect for 2018
- New shoes for children and teens (athletic/tennis shoes)
- Underwear for girls and boys (boys prefer boxers; girls love the ones with designs, not all-white)
- Socks for children and teens, preferably colored and no show, no white)
- Walmart Gift Cards
- Sweet Dreams Pillow Fund – Pillows will be given to everyone at the sites this summer.
Baptist General Association of Virginia

Scholarships Are Now Open!

Do you know a student who is a member of a BGAV church who could use some help with tuition for college or theological training? The BGAV Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for College and Ministerial Education Funds, and the deadline is March 29th.

http://bgav.org/financial-resources/scholarships/

RCFN WMU NEWS!

At its first meeting for 2018, the RCFN WMU Leadership Team set the following dates as part of the 2018 calendar. Of interest will be the locations of the various meetings as well as one date change. Please mark your personal calendar accordingly. Your participation is crucial to the work that the RCFN WMU does to support our common ministries to the citizens of the Richmond area through our three Community Centers and Camp Alkulana:

April 17 (Tuesday) - 10:30 AM
WMU Annual Celebration and Lunch
Richmond Baptist Bldg, 3111 Moss Side Avenue, 23222

May 15 (Tuesday) - 10:00 AM
RCFM WMU Leadership Team Meeting
Richmond Baptist Bldg., 3111 Moss Side Avenue, 23222

July 28 (Saturday) - 9:30 AM (Please note the change of date!)
WMU Missions Extravaganza
Richmond Baptist Bldg., 3111 Moss Side Avenue, 23222

September 18 (Tuesday) - 10:30 AM
WMU Fall Celebration and Luncheon
Richmond Baptist Bldg., 3111 Moss Side Avenue, 23222

CAMP ALKULANA SUMMER STAFF AVAILABILITY

Camp Alkulana is hiring! Join us on staff this summer! Fill out an application today.

Camp Alkulana is seeking enthusiastic and creative young adults to serve as summer camp counselors for low-income, at-risk children and youth from the Richmond, Virginia area. Camp counselors are at least 18 years old, live onsite during camp sessions, and are committed to transforming the lives of Richmond’s young people. Our goal is that as campers build relationships with counselors and participate in camp activities, they will experience God’s love in a real and personal way.

Camp Alkulana counselors have a generalist job description, wearing many different hats! Staff live in cabins with their campers, eat their meals together, and supervise and lead all camp activities (including Bible study, adventure activities, interest groups, and general recreation).

Fill out an application on the website www.alkulana.org. The camp director will then contact you about current availability. If you have other skills you would like to offer to Alkulana — cooking, medical, crafts, maintenance, etc., please email the director at campalkulana@gmail.com.

Camp DIRECTOR - BETH REDDISH WRIGHT

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(Located in the Richmond Baptist Building)
campalkulana@gmail.com (804-329-1701 ext.114)

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- building job skills
- impacting lives
- living your adventure

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**HATCHER MEMORIAL**: February 28, 6:00 PM
Room 270 Healthy ways to cope with grief and learn to heal. Guest speaker Rev. Kathy Berry, Chaplain at Westminster Canterbury in Richmond.

**RIVER ROAD**: Friday, March 9, 7:30 PM
Organ Recital with Katelyn Emerson (Boston, MA)

**RIVER ROAD**: Tuesday, March 20, 8:00 PM
William & Mary Choir

Miles Canaday, Interim Director of Choirs
Both performances will be in the Sanctuary

**BTSR**: America’s Religious Liberty for Baptists and other Dissenters, A course in Baptist History taught by Dr. Bill J. Leonard and joined by Fred Anderson and Nathan Taylor of the VA Baptist Historical Society and J. Brent Walker, former ED of the Baptist Joint Committee, now Interim, President of the John Leland Center for Theological Studies. **Seminarians** from BTSR, the Samuel Devitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University, Union Presbyterian Seminary and consortium schools from the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship can earn 3 credit hours by participating in this five-week intensive course. **Pastors, Alums, Faith Leaders and others** are welcome to audit the course for personal enrichment or continuing education. **SCHOLARSHIPS are available**. BTSR.org/religiousliberty

Is your church having an EASTER cantata or other special event you would like to have in the TRANSFORMED next month?

Send an email to office@rbaonline.org with “For the TRANSFORMED “ in the Subject Line

Thank you so much,

Danette

Contact your WMU or Missions’ leader for your church’s information.
Pray for the RCFN Churches seeking a PASTOR

Derbyshire Cambodian
Hatcher Memorial
The Mount Carmel
Woodland Heights

Pray for the RCFN Church of the Week
March 4......................Carlisle Avenue
March 11.....................Chamberlayne
March 18.................Community Mission
March 25..............Community of Grace

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. (Romans 12:12) NIV

RCFN Board of Directors’ Meeting
MARCH 27, 2018  7:00 PM
3111 Moss Side Ave., (LCR) Richmond, VA

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Contact: Danette Moen via phone (804) 329-1701 ext.101, email or snail 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.

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

2018 RCFN Budget Report
MONTHLY Budget Amount:  $ 44,363.00
JANUARY Budget Receipts:  $ 18,811.00
JANUARY Budget Expenses:  $ 43,029.00
YTD Budget Amount:  $ 44,363.00
YTD Budget Receipts:  $ 18,811.00

Camp Alkulana Offering
Offering Goal:  $ 158,850.00
YTD Budget Amount:  $ 13,238.00
YTD Receipts:  $ 8,117.00
YTD Expenses:  $ 7,890.00

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)