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

CENTRAL VIRGINIA RACEWAY MINISTRIES

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VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! Refer to page 3 of this “TRANSFORMED” to see the many volunteer opportunities.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION & SHIFT SIGN UP

All volunteers 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, 23222. Those interested in learning more about this ministry are also invited. 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 shift times, 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!

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) (SEE PAGE 3 FOR MORE DETAILS)
Musings from Mike:

I am so happy to report that Rev. Kevin Moen, pastor of the Concord Baptist Church, part of the Hermon Baptist Association and located in Ruther Glen, is doing quite well following knee replacement surgery on February 7th! Kevin is the devoted husband of Mrs. Danette Moen, RCFN’s Financial Coordinator and Assistant to the Executive Director. Danette has been a wonderful encourager and nurse during this taxing time and Kevin has been most diligent with his exercise routine. Physical therapy is working well. At this writing slightly less than a month after his surgery, Kevin is once again free to drive and is carrying out most of his usual pastoral functions at Concord Baptist. We can share joyfully in many answers to prayer for Kevin, Danette and their family during this season of surgery and the balancing of the demands of arduous work and remarkable healing in their family. Continue to hold them in your prayers for the coming weeks as the process of full recovery continues.

Please add to your prayers the current Chair of our RCFN Board of Directors, Don Sage, who is a member of Derbyshire Baptist Church. Don has just been diagnosed with an inoperable mass in his right lung. He and his family are exploring options. Don serves well as our Network Chair and has held numerous positions of service and leadership through the years. As a result of his efforts Camp Alkulana has received several grants in support of the work that we do with under-resourced youngsters through our camp. Keep Don and family in your prayers for peace and direction in the days ahead.

On February 28th, I took a day of vacation to travel to Washington, D. C. to honor Dr. Billy Graham and to express our respect for him to his family as he lay in honor in the rotunda of the nation’s Capitol. I was barely 20-years-old when I attended for the first time a Billy Graham Crusade in Raleigh, North Carolina while I was stationed at Pope Air Force Base in Fayetteville during the Vietnam War. I remember very vividly the thoroughness of the training required to be a counselor for the crusade. While the follow-up materials supplied by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association were simple to use and easy to understand, their quality was impressive. Great efforts were taken to involve local pastors, church leaders and laymen throughout the crusade and during the follow-up process so that the decisions made at the crusade were supported by local churches. Care was exerted so that each new life in Christ begun by those making decisions was launched as effectively as possible. Information from the crusade decision cards was channeled to local churches to facilitate meaningful connections so that each new believer could be discipled in helpful ways.

I remember thinking even then that if any of the new followers of Christ “fell through the cracks” it was not the fault of Dr. Graham nor the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. All of those associated with the BGEA went to great lengths to exalt and elevate the work of the local churches in the host cities by supplying well written materials at no cost to adequately set good follow up into motion. Great effort was taken to facilitate local, readily accessible connections that would provide community and nurture from within the family of Christ. The BGEA did good work!

Billy Graham was a man of singular focus who honored Christ with his life in extraordinary ways but not without regrets. He was transparent and honest in self-evaluation when he confessed as he reflected on his life and ministry that he had spent too much time travelling and not enough time with his family, one of his greatest self criticisms. Upon returning from one of his crusade trips it is recalled that he did not readily recognize his infant daughter. She had changed greatly during his absence. On another occasion, Franklin Graham, upon his father’s return from another lengthy crusade trip away from home, met his dad and remarked, “Who is this?”

As laypersons, it behooves us to remember that the toll of ministry is high upon the families of even the best and most balanced pastors and ministers we know. Their calling is demanding, their dedication is usually exemplary, and their schedules are heavy. Their days are too frequently marked by lists of tasks too numerous to complete. All too often their lives are marred by the insensitive opinions of others that would be better left unspoken and unheard. Too seldom are there words of genuine appreciation and acts of sincere gratitude. Have you recently told your pastor and staff that you love and appreciate them? How about a note, text, email or call today for just that purpose?

As church staff members, insecurities and well hidden introversion cause us to fall prey to the temptation to live as if we are super men and women who must meet every demand projected toward us. Secret depression and inward brokenness are more rampant than we are willing to acknowledge. We find ourselves incapable if stillness and craving quiet peacefulness but finding neither. God invites us in the midst of all of the chaos to “be still, and know that HE is God” (and we are not. He knows OUR frailty and it is not HE Who overloads us! Let’s reflect on these realities and make appropriate adjustments!

Rejoicingly,

Mike
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!

Faith & Family Nights 2018 at the Diamond:

Saturday May 12: Gates open @ 5:00pm—Game Time @ 6:05pm;

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, August 9_Gates open @ 5:30pm—Game Time @ 6:35pm

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

- Deodorant
- Soap
- Wash cloth
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Mouthwash
- Floss

Please provide the family size bottles not the huge ones nor the tiny ones.

Thank you so much.

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

Hours: Monday 9:00 am–5:00 pm; Tuesday-Thursday 9:00 am–6:00 pm; Friday–9:00 am–2:00 pm

COMMUNITY MISSIONARY - REV. GLINDA F. FORD
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Who I am by Sabrina Simmons

Sabrina first came to Camp Alkulana as a camper in 2012 and is now a camp counselor. She is a junior at Henrico High School, where she participates in their Center for the Arts.

Camp Alkulana came into my life at a time where I felt lost in my own skin. At school I was an “Oreo,” what some African Americans call someone who appears “black on the outside and white on the inside.” I didn’t fit in with the African American kids or the Caucasian ones. In addition, I was that girl whose dad had cancer and died. I started to see myself as only those things, until I met Bright Eyes.

When I was told that I was going away to camp for a week and got to be with one of my very best friends the whole time, 11-year-old me was ecstatic! I packed and repacked and packed and repacked, until finally it was time to go. As I approached the bus, I became incredibly nervous, it was the first time that I would go away from home without a member of my family. I had no idea that this camp and the people in it would change my life for the better. When we arrived at camp the counselors greeted us in flocks of smiles and name tags. I liked it already. At first, I tried to cling to the people that I knew and were familiar with but eventually, the tables turned and I found myself engaging with the new people around me.

That week was a platform for me to get to know different people on common ground, people who also had labels but didn’t let them define who they were. At Alkulana I found myself and started to identify with who I was—an important, loved, child of God—and not who I was labeled to be.

Camp Director: Beth Wright 804-329-1701 ext. 114
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Virginia Baptist Resource Center, Richmond

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• Walmart Gift Cards
• Sweet Dreams Pillow Fund – Pillows will be given to everyone at the sites this summer.

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CARLISLE AVENUE
Sunday, March 25, 12:00 PM Carlisle Kids Easter Egg Hunt; March 29, 7:00 PM, Maundy Thursday Communion Service; March 30, noon and 7:00 PM, Good Friday Service; April 1, 8:00 AM, Garden Service

TABERNACLE
Congratulations to Kristen White, wife of Nathan White of the BGAV, in the new role as pastor of Antioch Baptist Church in Red Oak, VA.

RIVER ROAD
Tuesday, March 20, 8:00 PM, Sanctuary. William & Mary Choir, Miles Canaday, Interim Director of Choirs, For Free Tickets go to https://www.eventbrite.com/

SKIPWITH
Saturday, March 31, 2:00 PM, Children up to age 12 and their parents are invited to an Egg Hunt and other activities.
Sunday, April 1, 6:30 AM, Easter Sunrise Service on the church lawn

SOUTHAMPTON
Friday, March 30, 7:00 PM, “Service of the Nails” to commemorate Good Friday. This service will be held in the Woodland Heights Baptist Church, Chapel.

WEBBER MEMORIAL
Sunday April 1, 10:30 AM, “Lead me to the Cross” Easter Cantata

WOODLAND HEIGHTS
Thursday, March 29, 7:00 PM, Following the fellowship dinner there will be a special communion service in the sanctuary.
Sunday, April 1, 10:15 AM Children’s Easter Egg Hunt on the church lawn. (Downstairs in case of rain.)
Sunday, April 1, 11:00 AM Woodland Heights and Southampton will be joining to give praise together by flowering a cross and with special music.

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY
Our deepest sympathy goes to the Alford family and the Sanford Memorial Baptist Church, Brodnax, VA family. Rev. John and Nancy Alford came home to a burglary on March 8, 2018. His wife passed away and he is in the hospital after the intruders caught their house on fire.

Contact your WMU or Missions’ leader for your church’s information.
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Contact: Danette Moen via phone (804) 329-1701 ext.101, email or USPS 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 Churches seeking a PASTOR

Derbyshire Cambodian
Hatcher Memorial
The Mount Carmel
Woodland Heights

Pray for the RCFN Church of the Week

April 1.............Deaf Mission_First
April 8.............Derbyshire
April 15.............Derbyshire Cambodian
April 22.............First Baptist
April 29.............First Union

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

RCFN Board of Directors’ Meeting
May 22, 2018
7:00 PM
3111 Moss Side Ave. Richmond, VA 23222

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 8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday through Thursday.

THANK YOU for your continued support of RCFN

2018 FEBRUARY RCFN Budget Report

RCFN Monthly Budget Amount: $ 44,363.00
FEBRUARY Budget Receipts: $ 34,832.00
FEBRUARY Budget Expenses: $ 56,138.00

RCFN YTD Budget Amount: $ 88,726.00
RCFN YTD Budget Receipts: $ 53,643.00
RCFN YTD Budget Expenses: $ 99,551.00

Camp Alkulana Offering $158,850.00
YTD Budget Amount: $ 26,475.00
YTD Receipts: $ 14,451.00
YTD Expenses: $ 19,554.00

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)