MISSIONS EXTRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY, JULY 28, 2018  9:30 AM—11:30 AM

3111 MOSS SIDE AVE. RICHMOND, VA
In the most recent issue of “On Mission Today” produced by the North American Mission Board, Dr. Ted Traylor, pastor of Olive Baptist Church in Pensacola, Florida, contributed an article entitled “5 ways to give an invitation.” Dr. Traylor didn’t always see his future as being the pastor of a church. A lifelong enthusiastic sports fan, Ted’s early desire was to pursue a career in coaching. But at age seventeen, he surrendered his life to become a preacher of the Gospel. He is a graduate of Samford University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. Traylor begins his article with the following words: “I have a confession to make. While it is rare that I preach a sermon without having some kind of invitation, I am always nervous about it. I do not have the gift of the evangelist. Pressing the appeal is something I must work at prayerfully.”

He continues: “Fifteen years ago, I developed a habit that has been very helpful in giving the invitation. O.S. Hawkins’ book Drawing the Net offers a practical application for the pastor making the appeal in each of its 30 chapters. That book was a power surge for me. I placed it on the nightstand next to my bed, and my habit was to read a chapter each Saturday night before going to bed. That helped focus me for the next day’s invitation.”

In his article, Traylor goes on to offer five ways in which he has found effective strategies for extending the invitation to give folks in his church’s gatherings the opportunity to respond to Christ to experience salvation and initiate the ongoing process of Christian development and discipleship. The words that follow are his:

“Here are five ways I extend this invitation:

Traditional.
At the conclusion of my message, I speak to the people and make plain what is about to happen in the appeal. I often have a prayer to lead them in and then invite them to come forward. Several years ago at Olive, I stopped dealing with people on the front pews and created a group of trained people to take the responders to a nearby room for quiet dialogue and prayer. We call this our “encourager room,” and the counselors are referred to as "encouragers." We train these people how to deal with people for salvation and other types of decisions. When the people come forward, I hand them off to an encourager. This system has been very fruitful for us for many years.

Next Step.
Recently, we developed another team and avenue for the invitation. We do this in our church foyer. I joke that it is a "go out" invitation, rather than a "come forward" invitation. In this format, I encourage people to walk up to one of the Next Step tables and talk with one of our trained people. In this relaxed atmosphere, we are finding people more comfortable to talk and open their lives to Jesus.

Cards.
On special occasions like Christmas Eve, I have cards in the pews for people to fill out. I lead the decision time in the sermon and direct them to respond by filling out the special card in the pew rack. I ask them to hand it to an usher at the door as they exit. I make it very clear that we will follow up with them.

Discovering Olive.
Each quarter, I invite people to a Sunday evening dinner. The target group includes new members and recent prospects.
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.

**Community Missionary - Rev. Glinda F. Ford**

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

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**Celebrate God’s Children**

**Back to School Celebration**

**Church Hill Christian Wellness Center**

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Writers’ Block:

Joseph’s story is one of love, hate, jealousy, betrayal, and forgiveness. So join along with Joseph in the lessons, prayers, scriptures, and activities in From Brat to Boss to see how Joseph went from being his father’s favorite son (a brat) to a mature man of God (a boss).

This book’s target audience is the tweener, fourth through six graders. From Brat to Boss is a devotional study about the life of Joseph—a life that was hard, and probably a lot harder than ours, but that is one we can still all relate to today.

Danette H. Moen is the Executive Director’s Assistant at River City Faith Network of the RBA, a pastor’s wife and mother who started teaching children’s Sunday school when her daughter, Arielle, was in the third grade—so she understands how hard it is to schedule around church, sports, music, friends, and school. Danette believes that Jesus doesn’t want us to give up the things we love; he wants to be a part of them. She lives with her husband in Ruther Glen, Virginia.

Danette is asking anyone that would like to purchase her book to purchase it on www.amazon.com June 4, 2018. She is trying, if possible, to get Amazon’s best seller of the day for her category. She’s been told this can draw attention to the book from people that don’t know her and are just searching for a book on Joseph, bullying, etc.

For your convenience you can go to our website for a link to her book on amazon.com
Paperback # 978-1-9736-2157-7
E-book # 978-1-9736-2156-0

NEEDED!!!!
We are in need of volunteers for our food ministry.
The Food Pantry ministry distributes emergency food every 3rd Thursday throughout the SUMMER at 1:00 PM.
We need 10 – 12 dependable volunteers to help in this ministry.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to be:

- Hosts and greeters for the arriving participants
- Hosts to register participants for food
- Hosts to listen and pray for participants
- Hosts to set up and take down chairs for the distribution period
- Volunteer Help is also needed on the Wednesday before to bag the food. (10 am to 12pm is the best time). We usually pack 40 to 50 bags of groceries.

SOUTH RICHMOND
BAPTIST CENTER

COMMUNITY MISSIONARY REV. WESLEY GARRETT
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(Located in St. Paul’s Baptist Church—Belt Campus)
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June 4, 2018—June 5, 2018
Virginia Baptist Resource Center
Richmond, VA 23294
(formally Youth Ministry Forum)
Faith & Family Nights 2018 at the Diamond:

Saturday August 9: Gates open @ 5:30pm
Game Time @ 6:35pm;

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!

Camp Updates

Spring clean-up and work days:
Please mark your calendars and plan to come to camp to help us ready the facilities for our summer season. Painting, cleaning, yard-work, and light construction are all tasks on these volunteer days. As we do not have a full-time facilities staff, there is always much work to be done! The dates for our clean-up and repair days this year are May 19 and June 2. We can also organize separate work days for larger groups that wish to come on their own. Email Beth to sign up!

Male summer camp staff needed
We are still accepting applications for male summer camp counselors for the 2018 summer camp season. Camp counselors must be 18 years or older. If you or someone you know is interested in one of these positions, fill out an application on our website. Contracts can be arranged for full or partial summer.

Online fundraiser: thank you!
Thank you for participating in the Hugwarts Alumni House Cup fundraiser. Together we raised $21,020 for Camp Alkulana!

Save the date: Alkulana Golf Tournament
Save the date for the Alkulana Golf Tournament, October 5, 2018 at the Belmont Golf Course. Online registration will be available soon.

APP Program
We’re closed out a fruitful season of ministry with our APP Program (Alkulana Peer Program) last month.

We’re grateful for the leadership of Heather Stewart and Anna Tuckwiller in guiding this ministry throughout the school year alongside about twenty former campers. Photos from their ventures can be viewed on the camp’s Flickr site.
MEN’S
SPRING AND SUMMER CLOTHES NEEDED
T-shirts, Jeans, Khakis, Shorts, Tennis Shoes & NEW! Men’s Underwear
(Especially sizes 32—36)

Please, NO CHILDREN’S or WOMEN’S Clothes at this time.

SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE Appreciated
Sponsor or partially sponsor a Teenager to attend FUSION Camp with the Oregon Hill Baptist Center. 5 days on the campus of Ferrum College. You will be providing Bible Study, Discipleship and Worship in a fun and understandable way. Cost per person is $285.00.

Oregon Hill Baptist Center
“Sharing the Light of Christ”
COMMUNITY MISSIONARY - REV. JENNIFER TURNER
400 South Pine Street Richmond, VA 23224
(804-648-1353)

The Front Page Discussion Series presents
The Opioid Crisis: An Awareness and Education Event

Sunday, May 20, 2018
12:30 p.m. in Flamingo Hall
Lunch included with early registration! (May 13th)
Blanchard@fbcrichmond.org or 358-5458 x133
BETHLEHEM (PENICK)
CONGRATULATIONS! on 180 years of Ministry.

CARLISLE
Aug 7th National Night Out 5:30 PM
Aug 12 – 16; 6:00 – 8:00 PM VBS
Shipwrecked

DERBYSHIRE
Now enrolling Derbyshire Preschool for 2018—2019 school year. 6 months—Prekindergarten.
www.dbcrichmond.org/dps

DERBYSHIRE
July 30—August 3; 8:30 AM—noon VBS Game On

FIRST
June 25—29; 9:00 AM—noon VBS Babylon

GAYTON
June 25—29; 9:00 AM — noon VBS Shipwrecked

HATCHER
July 9—12; 6:00 Pm—8:00 PM VBS TEAM Spirit

HUGUENOT ROAD
July 9—13; 9:00 AM—noon VBS Come and Get It!

MOUNT TABOR
May 18—19 The Preaching Camp, see the ad on facing page.

RIVER ROAD
July 9—13; 9:00 AM — noon VBS Hero Central: Discover your strength in God

STOCKTON MEMORIAL
July 23—27 VBS

WOODLAND HEIGHTS
June 17—23 IMPACT VA 2018 Chesterfield; We are excited to be sending 16 to IMPACT this year!

Pray for our GRADUATES as they enter into a new chapter of their lives.

May 13-20
Official Week of Prayer for Associational/Network Missions

May 19 2018
Annual Fix-Up Clean-up Days at Camp Alkulana

May 22 @ 7:00 PM
Board of Directors Meeting
3111 Moss Side Ave., LCR

May 23 @ 2:00 PM
S.R.S.T. Mtg.
SRBC Satellite

May 28, 2018
Memorial Day
RCFN Offices closed

June 2, 2018
Annual Fix-Up Clean-up Days at Camp Alkulana

June 4 @ 9:30 AM
RCFN Staff Mtg
3111 Moss Side Ave., SCR

June 6—16, 2018
Camp Alkulana / Staff Training

June 17, 2018

June 19 @ 10:00 AM
LDC-17 Planning Team
3111 Moss Side Ave., SCR

June 20—July 1, 2018
Camp Alkulana / Older Boys

The Insert Pages are designed with sections that can be used as bulletin inserts, bulletin board notices or Prayer Guides for Sunday School classes, Small groups, Mission groups, etc. Use the cut lines to create a document that can be easily copied.
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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.

Pray for the RCFN Churches seeking a PASTOR

Derbyshire Cambodian
Hatcher Memorial
The Mount Carmel
Woodland Heights

ThANK YOU for your continued support of RCFN

2018 APRIL RCFN Budget Report
RCFN Monthly Budget Amount: $44,363.00
APRIL Budget Receipts: $23,626.00
APRIL Budget Expenses: $29,698.00

RCFN YTD Budget Amount: $177,452.00
RCFN YTD Budget Receipts: $103,169.00
RCFN YTD Budget Expenses: $176,155.00

Camp Alkulana Offering $158,850.00
YTD Budget Amount: $52,950.50
YTD Receipts: $29,346.00
YTD Expenses: $36,192.00

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)

Pray for the RCFN Church of the Week

June 3.........................Gravel Hill
June 10.....................Hatcher Memorial
June 17.......................Huguenot Road
June 24........International Community

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

RCFN Board of Directors’ Meeting
July 24, 2018
7:00 PM
3111 Moss Side Ave. Richmond, VA 23222