NEEDED: Backpacks ❖ School Supplies ❖ Underwear ❖ Socks ❖ Toiletries
A Christian bookmark or something similar, appropriate for children

**BACKPACK (sturdy, large enough for notebooks and textbooks)**
Items to be included in each backpack are listed below.
1 three-ring binder and divider tabs
1 or 2 packs loose-leaf paper (wide or standard rule)
4 black-and-white composition books
2 one-subject notebooks
1 three- or five-subject spiral notebook
5 to 8 No. 2 pencils (no mechanical)
5 to 8 black or blue ink pens (erasable/no gel)

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS (DO NOT PUT IN BACKPACKS)**
2” three-ring binders
pocket folders (with or w/out brads) in solid colors
rulers (12 inch/metric)
colored pencils
 crayons (pack of 16 or 24)
highlighters
 markers (washable, 8/10 pack, wide/thin)
3 x 5 lined index cards & file box
pencil boxes
pencil sharpeners (small hand-held)
protractors, clear
Elmer’s glue-4 oz.
 scissors (pointed or blunt, metal)
erasers, pencil top & block glue sticks
 red pens
 zippered pencil pouches for 3-ring binder
hand sanitizer, regular size

Oregon Hill Baptist Center has NO NEED for 2” binders, composition books, 3—5 subject notebooks, blank CDs, calculator -4-function-pocket-size, dictionary, water-color paint kits, tissues, large box & pocket, zip-lock bags (quart and gallon size) this year,
Thank you, Jennifer

South Richmond Baptist Center has NO NEED for index cards, crayons, glue or glue sticks this year.
Thank you, Wesley

**Church Hill Christian Wellness Center**
GLINDA FORD (780-0053)  DATE: SUN., AUGUST 26 (12—4 PM)
No Backpacks this year... too much duplication in the neighborhood!!
**Socks, SOCKS, SOCKS and Underwear for children, kindergarten through high school age.**
(Boys prefer boxers and Girls prefer bikini underwear!)
**Don’t forget to include your Toilery bags**
Deliver Supplies to Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1920 Fairmount Ave on August 22 & 23 from 10 am to 12 pm and 1 to 3 pm.
Set-up will be August 25 from 1 pm until finished.
Bethlehem (Fairmount), Bethlehem (Penick), Broadus Memorial, Carlisle Ave., Chamberlayne, Community Mission, Derbyshire, Fairmount Memorial, Gayton, Ginter Park, Hatcher Memorial, Lakeside, Leigh Street, Life-Line for Jesus, Lighthouse International (ACCC), Saint Paul’s, Skipwith, Stockton Memorial, Swift Creek, Trinity, Weatherford Mission Group, Westover, Woodland Heights

South Richmond Baptist Center
WESLEY GARRETT (386-8124)  DATE: THURS., AUGUST 30 (1 - 3)
**PLEASE PRE-FILL THE BACKPACKS FOR SRBC; VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
Deliver supplies to SRBC Satellite Bldg., 5500 Germain Rd., Richmond 23224
Deliver supplies on Aug. 27, 28, and 29 from 10 am to 1 pm.
Bethany Place, Bon Air, Community of Grace, First Union, Friendship Memorial, Grace, Gravel Hill, Huguenot Road, International Community, Jahnke Road, Korean, Lighthouse of Hope, Morning Star, New Canaan, Shalom Fellowship, Southampton, St. Paul’s, Stockton Memorial, Swift Creek, Trinity, Weatherford Mission Group, Westover, Woodland Heights

**Socks and Underwear for children, kindergarten through high school age.**
(Boys prefer boxers and Girls prefer bikini underwear!)
CONGRATULATIONS, SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

On Sunday afternoon, May 20th, Gayton Baptist Church served as the site church for the Virginia Baptist Foundation’s 11th Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony hosted by the Virginia Baptist Foundation’s Board of Trustees and Scholarship Committee. Since this scholarship ceremony began, the Foundation has awarded $1,200,000 in scholarship assistance to 618 students. This year there were 175 scholarship applicants and on the 20th eighty-seven recipients were honored. The scholarship celebration included opening remarks by Janet Garrett, Chair of the Scholarship Committee; greetings from the board by Jon Hatfield, Chair of the VBF Board of Trustees; and a charge to the scholarship recipients by Valerie Carter, Executive Director/Treasurer of Woman’s Missionary Union of Virginia. Jeff Ukrop, VBF Development Officer, and Cynthia Elmore, VBF Director of Development introduced the recipients.

Among the VBF Scholarship recipients are the daughters of Pastor and Mrs. James Kim of New Life Baptist Church of Richmond. Rev. Kim and his wife Eunice are pictured with Elisa and Grace. Elisa is a student at Old Dominion University pursuing a degree in nursing. Grace studies at Virginia Tech majoring in criminology, sociology and political science. Grace is pictured in the center on the right and Elisa is on the left.

Also connected with the River City Faith Network as the Pastoral Resident at River Road Church Baptist is the Rev. Libby Grammer. Libby is working toward a Doctor of Ministry degree focused in Justice and Peacemaking at McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University.

We congratulate these scholarship recipients along with the other 84 recipients for their dedication to God in pursuing academic excellence and for striving to enhance the effectiveness of work they will do in Christ’s Name throughout their lifetime because of the high quality of preparation in which they are currently engaged.

MAKE GOOD USE OF SUMMER

Breeze is a company that provides cloud based church management software specifically designed for churches to be affordable and easy to use. At their website I found the following blog post that offered some worthy suggestions to clerics and lay church leaders that might help each of us to be better prepared for the high energy demands of the autumn season at church by making better use of the summer months. The blog titled “10 Ways To Make the Most Of Your Church Summer Break” offered ten ideas that are worth our consideration. I will share with you the ten ideas as a list and will then direct you to the blog post where each of these ideas is fleshed out in more detail. The ideas are as follows:

1. Daily Walks
2. Schedule Family Time
3. Read Something For Fun
4. Exercise
5. Meeting Creativity
6. Written Word Wednesdays
7. Engage Social Media
8. Empower Others
9. Take The Offer
10. Invest In Relationships

You can find the specifics for each of the above ideas at the following web address: https://www.breezechms.com/blog/10-ways-to-make-the-most-of-your-summer/. Enjoy!

2018 RCFN MISSIONS EXTRAVAGANZA

The 2018 RCFN Missions Extravaganza being held on Saturday, July 28th, at the Richmond Baptist Building at 3111 Moss Side Avenue is sponsored by RCFN WMU but it is hardly for WMU members only. NOR is it for ladies only! The Missions Extravaganza is for everyone, male and female, young and old. Yes, missions groups should come, but so should Sunday School classes, men’s groups, youth groups, life groups and discipleship participants!

Come and enjoy food and fellowship from 9:30—10:00 AM. Beginning at 10:00 AM there will be testimonies, a fashion show of men’s AND ladies’ clothing, and much more! Following will include a brief missions meeting and the distribution of Mission Involvement Assignments for 2018-2019.

Along with our Community Missionaries, Jennifer Turner, Glinda Ford, and Wesley Garrett and our RCFN WMU President Mary Palmer, I eagerly look forward to this time together to focus on, prayer for and grow in our knowledge of and involvement in the important mission work directed toward our neighbors in the city of Richmond.

THANK YOU!

For several weeks in April and May I was “under the weather!” Frankly, I do not remember ever being so sick in my entire life! From the 25th of April until the 9th of May I was unable to retain food and only a minimum of even water! The time included a hospital visit, an endoscopy, lots of sick days, weakness like I have never felt, and more bland food than I ever care to “enjoy” again!

Danette did a wonderful job of keeping the office going during my absence. Our entire staff continued to work hard taking care of the many needs that present themselves on a daily basis at our three community centers. Preparation for the opening of the 104th season of Camp Alkula was not missed a beat! Tomorrow is the first day of staff training and the first camping session begins on Wednesday, June 20. The team kept right on doing what they do and do so well! I am so proud of all of them!

It turned out that I was diagnosed with severe esophagitis and extreme gastroenteritis with accompanying dehydration. All of that, thanks to good nursing and more pills than I like to take, is behind me and I am fine again. Thank you for your prayers, cards and calls! Your prayers and encouragement are very appreciated. It is such a joy to be a part of what we do together in Christ’s Name. Thank you for your faithfulness to your church and to the River City Faith Network. You honor God with your consistent dedication!

Rejoicingly grateful,

Mike
Listed below are the items that should be included in the toiletries bags for our Back-To-School Celebration. Please send regular family sizes not the huge ones 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, Lotion, Brush and Comb and Shampoo!

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
2011 Fairmount Avenue, Richmond, VA 23223
(Located in Mount Tabor Baptist Church)
glinda.ford@rbaonline.org  (804-780-0053)
Hours: Mon. 9:00am– 5:00 pm; Tues-Thurs 9:00am–6:00 pm; Friday – 9:00 am–2:00 pm

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

Church Weekday Education Conference

Date: August 4, 2018
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Location: Second Baptist Church
9614 River Rd
Richmond, VA 23229

Topics include: After School Ideas, STEAM, Risk/Emergency Preparedness, Finding Bible Teaching Moments, Stretch & Grow, Music
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.
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!

2018 Missions Extravaganza!

All churches are invited to send representatives from their missions organizations, Sunday School Leaders, Class Members, Baptist Men’s groups, Youth Group, GA’s, Acteens, Prayer Partners. Pastors and others to the 9th Annual Extravaganza on:

Saturday, July 28, 2018
9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
at the RBA Building
3111 Moss Side Avenue, 23222

This is a great opportunity to learn about missions involvement in the River City Faith Network of the Richmond Baptist Association. The WMU Missions Involvement Program provides support to the three inner-city Baptist Centers (Oregon Hill, Church Hill and South Richmond), Camp Alkulana, the campus ministries at VCU and UR, and the after-school and summer children’s programs of Lighthouse International Church. You will be able to meet staff, learn about programs, and discover ways you and your church can be involved with these inner-city social ministries.

Matthew 25:35
For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,
2018 Music and Worship Arts Camp

Date: July 16, 2018 - July 20, 2018
All Day

Location:
Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center
1 Eagle Eyrie Drive
Lynchburg, VA 24503

REGISTRATION WILL OPEN AT 10:00am FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 2018

The Virginia Baptist Music and Worship Arts Camp is designed for those children and youth who have completed grades 4 – 12. The camp is divided into three different tracks:

1. The Alpha Track is designed for those who have completed grades 4 – 6.

2. The Omega Track is targeted for those who have completed grades 6 – 9. Churches with campers who have completed grade 6 may choose which camp track they will attend.

3. The Delta Track is for campers who have completed grades 10-12. [This track fills up quickly; please register early.]

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
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(Located in Pine Street Baptist Church)
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Home: the HOME screen has all the tabs I’m showing in these articles along with FRONT PAGE news. Things that are happening soon and that I may not have gotten in time for the TRANSFORMED!

What can I find on the RCFN website?

https://www.richmondbaptist.org/

River City Faith Network: Presents the newest items in the LENDING LIBRARY and it has all the .pdf copies of network documents. Churches A–L: This tab has a picture of each church with the pastor’s name, address, email, and website of the church. Each email and website has a hyperlink to take you where you need to go. Newsletter: Find the current and back issues of the TRANSFORMED! News and Events: Church news and Events in further detail. Calendar: Current RCFN calendar events as seen in the TRANSFORMED! and other dates until the end of the year.

To be continued….

OHBC is seeking church groups for September 2018—December 2019. Contact Jennifer for more details and to choose your date early before they are all taken! This is a Great mission project for any group, family, or individuals in your church!

SPRING AND SUMMER CLOTHES NEEDED
T-shirts, Jeans, Tennis Shoes , Shorts, Khakis & NEW! Men’s Underwear
(Especially sizes 32—36)

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

Homeless meals are now being scheduled. Contact Jennifer.
CHURCH NEWS

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

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

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

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

STOCKTON MEMORIAL
July 23—27 VBS Game On!

WESTOVER
June 25—29; 6:00 - 8:00 PM
VBS Shipwrecked

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

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2018
5:15-8:30 PM
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ASHLAND
800 THOMPSON STREET
ASHLAND, VA 23005
WWW.BAPTISTLEADERS.ORG
(804) 314-0294
DINNER, BREAKOUT SESSIONS, AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER: MATT THORNHILL "FUTURE TRENDS FOR THE CHURCH"

June 19 @ 10:00 AM
LDC-18 Planning Team
3111 Moss Side Ave., SCR

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

July 3, 2018
Deadline to send church news and/or articles for the
August TRANSFORMED!

July 4, 2018
Independence Day
RCFN Offices are Closed

July 5-12, 2018
Camp Alkulana / Younger Boys

July 17-18, 2018
Camp Alkulana / Staff In Service Training

July 19-30, 2018
Camp Alkulana / Older Girls

August 3—10, 2018
Camp Alkulana / Younger Girls

August 11, 2018
Camp Alkulana / Staff Wrap Up

July 4th
INDEPENDENCE DAY
Pray for our President, government and country

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.
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

July 1.........................Jahnke Road
July 8.........................Korean
July 15.........................Lakeside
July 22.........................Leigh Street
July 29.........................Life Line for Jesus

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

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 MAY RCFN Budget Report

RCFN Monthly Budget Amount: $44,363.00
MAY Budget Receipts: $20,927.00
MAY Budget Expenses: $50,434.00

RCFN YTD Budget Amount: $221,815.00
RCFN YTD Budget Receipts: $123,484.00
RCFN YTD Budget Expenses: $220,328.00

Camp Alkulana Offering $158,850.00
YTD Budget Amount: $66,187.50
YTD Receipts: $37,576.00
YTD Expenses: $53,674.00

Writers’ Block is a 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 )