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
"WINNING CHURCHES OF TOMORROW"

"Creating Safe Places of Worship"
Scott Meyerhoffer

"Unnamed Women of the Bible"
Dr. Roberta Damon

"Thinking About Cultural Ministry In Your Church?"
Panel Discussion - Deep Run Baptist Church

Other Sessions:
"Activating Boomers, Reaching Millennials, Creating a Place to Belong"
"Innovative Technology on a Budget"
...and more!
Congratulations are in order!! “Josie,” was born on Father’s Day, Sunday, June 17th. The adoptive parents are Arielle and Jaron Williford, the daughter and son-in-law of the Rev. Kevin and Mrs. Danette Moen. Kevin is the pastor of Concord Baptist Church, Ruther Glen, in Caroline County and Danette is our very own River City Faith Network Administrative Assistant and Financial Coordinator. Do I need to tell you that Danette is beaming as a new grandmother? Josie is already a blessing to her new family and she is very blessed to be welcomed into God’s love by such fine Christian folks. It is a joy to congratulate this family on their new arrival!!

On January 3, 2013 the Mayor’s Anti-Poverty Commission presented its report to Rev. Dwight C. Jones, Mayor of Richmond. It was recognized even then that ending generational poverty and creating an environment where people feel empowered to lift themselves out of their condition would require long-term dedication, innovation and diversity. In the mayor’s order to the commission, it was charged with the responsibility of developing strategies to address poverty that would have demonstrable results for increasing employment and educational attainment, improving transportation, and enhancing healthy communities for Richmond residents.

On Sunday, June 24, the announcement was made: “It’s here! After years and years of hard work, meetings, planning, and advocacy the GRTC Pulse and an entirely redesigned bus system are up and running!” GRTC released newly updated timetables that reflected the changes coming to the bus system on June 24th. Now, with those public timetables, you can get a real feel for how clockface timing works. Gone are the days of buses coming at unpredictable, irregular intervals! For example: The new #5 stops at Cary & Robinson on the hour, 15 minutes past the hour, 30 past, and 45 past. It does this all day long, from 5:00 AM to 6:45 PM (when it switches over to evening hours). This easy-to-remember, easy-to-predict scheduling should make it straightforward for folks, in this particular example, to close out their tabs and catch the bus home. Of course, clockface timing also makes it easier to plan trips to the bank, the grocery story, a medical appointment—wherever you need to go. During the week when folks could “test” how the Pulse would work for them, there were 56,952 trips taken, according to GRTC CEO David Green, 2.5 times the number anticipated! So the transportation aspect of the commission’s report is under way!

Another aspect of an actionable response to the Mayor’s Anti-Poverty Commission Report was the creation of the Office of Community Wealth Building whose Director is Mr. Reginald Gordon. I met Mr. Gordon on Monday, June 11th, at First Baptist Church at a Community Service Provider’s Luncheon hosted by First Church. On Wednesday of the same week I attended a seminar at Union Theological Seminary sponsored by the Office of Community Wealth Building. One of the main presenters was Mr. Gordon. The topic was “The Role of the Faith Community in Richmond’s Commitment to End Poverty.” This was a prime opportunity for the River City Faith Network to, in actuality, network with other faith leaders of many stripes. The seminar was attended by approximately 50 faith leaders from churches and denominations from across Richmond.

One of the underlying themes of the seminar engaged the group in seriously thinking about how to empower the impoverished residents of our city in “learning to fish” rather than “handing out fish to them,” leaving them perpetually unable to depart their condition of impoverishment. While we know, even from the lips of Jesus, that “we will always have the poor among us,” there is no reason to believe that it is acceptable for 25% of Richmonders as a whole and 43% of children in Richmond to live in poverty! It is the goal of the Office of Community Wealth Building to reduce the number of adults living in poverty by 40% and the number of impoverished children by 50% by the year 2030. It is an ambitious goal, but one that, with broad cooperation, coordination and communication is attainable!

The good work of our Baptist centers can become even more effective as we examine how, with you and on behalf of you, we can empower our client friends to move from LIVING IN CRISIS with little or no income, education, housing, nor reliable transportation or child care to a state of THRIVING with permanent, stable employment sufficient to build assets; implementation of educational and career planning; permanent and affordable housing without subsidy; and transportation and child care that are reliable and affordable. To accomplish these objectives we as members of the faith community will need to transition from a charity framework exemplified by the annual demonstration of care and concern from Thanksgiving to Christmas to a self sufficiency framework exemplified by intentional hiring practices; from programs and organizations created to help people to ideas for transforming communities created by people from depressed communities; from independent, disconnected service delivery and a philanthropic approach to assisting to coordinated service delivery that provides a consistent ladder out of poverty through access to quality employment and related supports. WE already do some of these things quite well. We CAN BECOME EVEN MORE EFFECTIVE.

Finally, I went to Camp Alkulana on June 28 to see and speak with some of our campers from the Older Boys Session. The campers and counselors I spoke with were enthusiastic and of highest quality. Here’s a picture of Beth showing me on her hand drawn map how to get to one of the high adventure sites at Bubbling Springs, several winding miles from camp. There are pictures of the tents set up for two nights of wilderness camping and some of the campers ready to build a fire to prepare supper. Also pictured is Will Gallahan whose father Travis has been actively connected with the camp for many years serving as a camp counselor and giving valuable assistance to both Camp Directors Gracie Kirkpatrick and Beth Wright as well as Jimmy Landrum, Site Director. Camp Alkulana for many families has become a treasured tradition for several generations!

Camp Alkulana and our Centers do all that they do because of your support with time, talents, and treasures. As you increase your support, you grow River City Faith Network’s ministry capability! Thank you so much for any ways in which you can help us grow!

Rejoicingly,

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.

Socks, Underwear, Deodorant, Soap, Wash cloth, Floss, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Mouthwash, Shampoo, Lotion, Brush and Comb

**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 Toiletry bags (Place a sticker on each bag that gives your church’s information and a Bible Verse or place an inspirational bookmark inside.)

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), River Road, Saint Paul’s, Skipwith, Stockton Memorial, Swift Creek, Trinity, Weatherford Mission Group, Westover, Woodland Heights

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

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

Employers Needed

If you are interested in having your business as a part of this event contact the persons above.

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
Join us at Eagle Eyrie for this year’s Missions Connection Celebration (MC2) featuring keynote speaker Gerard Huff. MC2 is an intergenerational experience featuring:

**Missions**
Youth and adults minister through a variety of service projects in the Greater Lynchburg Area ranging from VBS to construction to social ministries.

**Discipleship**
Age-appropriate learning opportunities are provided for preschoolers through senior adults.

**COMMUNITY MISSIONARY**

REV. WESLEY GARRETT

700 East Belt Blvd. Richmond, VA 23224

(Located in St. Paul’s Baptist Church—Belt Campus)

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**July 23-27, 2018**

Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center

**“Back to School Celebrations”**

**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

**WISH LIST:**
Do you have Veggie Tale videos that your family has out grown? (VHS or DVD)

They could be brought back to life with a new generation of kids.

The SRBC Satellite kids need you!

Thank you for all you do!

**Camp Alkulana Golf Tournament**

BELMONT GOLF COURSE

Course played by legends
Site of 1949 PGA Championship
3500 Hilliard Rd., Herndon, VA

OCTOBER 5, 2018

10 AM Lunch • 1 PM shotgun
Sign-up online at www.alkulana.org

**Take your best swing at making a child’s summer wonderful.**

Camp Alkulana has been a ministry to inner city children since 1915. Camp Alkulana’s mission is to reveal God’s love to low-income and at-risk children and youth of Central Virginia so that they might realize the intrinsic value in themselves and others.

Find out more at www.alkulana.org

**SAVE THE DATE**

October 5, 2018

For the 14th Annual Camp Alkulana Golf Tournament
Faith & Family Nights 2018 at the Diamond:

Thursday, August 9: Gates open @ 5:30pm
Game Time @ 6:35pm;
(Notice that it is on Thursday night not Saturday)

Join the Flying Squirrels in a celebration of faith and family. This will include special pre-game concerts by national recording artist as well as player testimonials. Special group rates are available!

https://www.richmondbaptist.org/news-events/

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,

Beth Wright is at Camp Alkulana
Please contact Anna Tuckwiller
(329-1701 ext 112)
SAVE THE DATES:

Ignite: A Retreat for Middle School Students
October 12, 2018 - October 14, 2018 - All Day

Special Needs Retreat 2018
October 19, 2018 - October 21, 2018 - All Day

Better Than Ever: Fifty-Plus Retreat
October 22, 2018 - October 24, 2018 - All Day

Kairos Collegiate/Young Adult Fall Gathering 2018
October 26, 2018 - October 28, 2018 - All Day

Visit us at the RCFN of the RBA FACEBOOK page
www.facebook.com/RichmondBaptistAssociation/

Send an email to office@rbaonline.org with “For the TRANSFORMED “ in the Subject Line for information you would like to be included in the next or a future edition of the TRANSFORMED and / or the RCFN Website.

Thank you so much, Danette

“BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS”

JENNIFER TURNER (648-1353)  STORE DATE: TUES., AUGUST 21

Please, Do Not Pack the Backpacks. Pack by like items.

The children/parents will pack by their grade level lists. This will also allow them to fill their own backpacks. Thank you!

Deliveries can be made on Monday, August 20 (9 am to 12 pm) or by appointment.

Store date will be August 21 (6—7:45)
First Baptist, Pine Street Baptist and New Community Baptist (BGAV)

SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE  Appreciated

A very heartfelt “Thank You” to every church and individual who contributed financially to assist the youth group of the Oregon Hill Baptist Center to be able to attend Camp FUSION again this year on the beautiful campus of Ferrum College. Nine teens and two adults were blessed to participate in worship, bible study, recreation, and relaxation. Many would have been unable to attend if not for your generous donations. God Bless you all!

Oregon Hill Baptist Center

“Sharing the Light of Christ”

COMMUNITY MISSIONARY - REV. JENNIFER TURNER
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(Located in Pine Street Baptist Church)
jennifer.turner@rbaonline.org  (804-648-1353)

Churches M—Z: 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. Camp Alkulana: Information about Camp Alkulana and for a link to the Camp Alkulana Website. Online Giving: A link to share in spreading the gospel and ministering to the “least of these” in the Richmond Area. Writer’s Block: Books that have been featured in the TRANSFORMED!. 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.

Please let Danette know of any updates or corrections you notice when on the website. Thanks!
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!

FRIENDSHIP MEMORIAL
August 25: ALL IN ONE DAY. Yard Sale begins @ 7:00 a.m. Soap Making Demonstration @ 9:00 a.m. Crafts throughout the day Dinner Sale and Bake Sale @ 11:00—3:00

LIGHTHOUSE INTERNATIONAL
July 2—August 3 Monday—Thursday: Summer Program at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

RRCB with excitement and sorrow announces that Rev. Grammer has accepted the position of Senior Pastor at First Baptist Church of Martinsville, Va.

STOCKTON MEMORIAL
July 23—27 VBS Game On!

POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST: Part time Minister to Children and Their Families (www.rrcb.org/children)

BILTMORE BAPTIST, Glen Allen: Bi-vocational or part time pastor (biltmorepastorsearch@gmail.com)

https://richmondbaptist.org/home-1/employment-opportunities/

SAVE THE DATE for the 2019 Virginia Baptist Combined Handbell Festival

February 8-9, 2019, in Glen Allen, VA.

The 2019 Virginia Baptist Handbell Festival will be held in one location this year so that all choirs can enjoy the leadership of David Harris—Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Glen Allen, VA. The festival is open to both 2-3 and 3-5 octave handbell choirs and will begin on Friday evening, concluding around noon on Saturday. All groups will play together in mass ringing. The church will be open on Friday afternoon for setup. Space is limited, so be sure to register early!

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

July 19-30, 2018
Camp Alkulana / Older Girls’ Session

July 28 - 9:30—11:30 AM
RCFN Missions Extravaganza sponsored by WMU

August 3—10, 2018
Camp Alkulana / Younger Girls’ Session

August 9 - Gates open 5:30 PM; Game Time 6:35 PM

Faith & Family Night 2018 at the Diamond
National Recording Artist, Christian Testimonies
Richmond Flying Squirrels vs. Binghamton Rumble Ponies

August 11, 2018
Camp Alkulana / Staff Wrap Up

August 20 - 9:00 AM—12:00 PM
Oregon Hill Baptist Center Back-to-School Delivery

August 21 - 6:00—7:45 PM
Oregon Hill Baptist Center Back-to-School Store

August 22, 23 - 10:00 AM-12:00 PM; 1:00-3:00 PM
Church Hill Christian Wellness Center Back-to-School Delivery

August 25 - 1:00 PM 'til finished
Church Hill Christian Wellness Center Back-to-School Setup

August 26 - 12:00-4:00 PM
Church Hill Christian Wellness Center Back-to-School Celebration

August 27, 28, 29 - 10:00 AM—1:00 PM
South Richmond Baptist Center Back-to-School Delivery

August 30 - 1:00—3:00 PM
South Richmond Baptist Center Back-to-School Celebration
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

August 5............Lighthouse International
August 12...................Lighthouse of Hope
August 19.........Light Community Church
August 26..............................Morning Star

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

2018 JUNE RCFN Budget Report

RCFN Monthly Budget Amount: $ 44,363.00
JUNE Budget Receipts: $ 31,353.00
JUNE Budget Expenses: $ 53,251.00

RCFN YTD Budget Amount: $ 266,178.00
RCFN YTD Budget Receipts: $ 155,107.00
RCFN YTD Budget Expenses: $ 273,397.00

Camp Alkulana Offering $158,850.00
YTD Budget Amount: $ 79,126.00
YTD Receipts: $ 56,254.00
YTD Expenses: $ 73,607.00

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