Line up Messengers and Friends and plan to attend the 4th Annual Meeting of the River City Faith Network of the Richmond Baptist Association.

Sunday, October 21, 2018  
3:30 - 5:30 PM  
at Skipwith Baptist Church  
1900 Skipwith Road, 23229  
Theme:  
“Maximal Ministry!”  
Theme Verse - Proverbs 31:20 (NASB)  
“She extends her hand to the poor, and she stretches out her hands to the needy.”  

3:30 PM — Skipwith Baptist Sanctuary  
Worship  Music  Business Session  Recognition of Churches  
Ministry Placement Committee Recommendations  2019 Budget Recommendation, Stewardship Committee  

4:15 PM — Keynote Address  
Mr. Reginald Gordon  
Office of Community Wealth Building, City of Richmond  

Box Supper by Reservation following Mr. Gordon’s presentation  
Skipwith Baptist Fellowship Hall  
$5.00 per person; $20.00 maximum per family  

MESSENGERS  
The voting body of the River City Faith Network shall be composed of the Board of Directors and three (3) elected messengers for each CONNECTOR affiliated church, entity or organization, and five (5) elected messengers for each CHAMPION, or CORE affiliated church, entity or organization, and one (1) additional messenger for each $5,000 or more than half thereof given to the Network and Week of Prayer Offering during the previous calendar year, provided that no church shall be entitled to more than twelve (12) such messengers. Further, each mission church under sponsorship of a Network church shall be entitled to one (1) elected messenger.
I suspect that nearly all of us who are parents would quickly echo the sentiment of the one who said, “I wish I had been a better parent!” Though there is hardly any life investment that is more rewarding or filled with such blessing, when the truth is told, parenting is not an easy task and most of us learn far too much about the enterprise from trial and error. Sometimes both the trials and the errors are all too many and too frequent in occurrence. Do I hear an “Amen?”

Among the helpful resources that the River City Faith Network has accumulated is the seven disc series by Dr. Gary Chapman titled, “5 Love Languages of Teenagers.” It occupies our resource library along with Dr. Chapman’s similar series for adults and children.

Dr. Chapman poses the question, “Are you struggling to connect with your teen?” I would add, “Do you know someone who is struggling to connect with their teen?” That person may be a teacher, a parent, a grandparent, a foster parent or someone who plays a significant role in the development of teens in your neighborhood or your church.

Chapman declares quite accurately, “Never before has raising teens been so perplexing. If you are wondering what on earth you’re doing wrong, you’re not alone. But there is hope. By learning to meaningfully express love amid your teen’s many changes, you can stay connected, maintain influence, and help them grow into a healthy adult.”

This CD series is great for listening in the car as you commute or in a group at your church as you, along with others, wrestle with helping teens become healthy adults. These CD’s containing Dr. Chapman’s expert and practical advice and examples will help you or someone you love to complete that task — and do it well. The series will help you:

- Understand today’s teenagers
- Identify your teen’s primary love language
- Discover how to best express love to your teen
- Address your teen’s need for independence and responsibility
- Respond with love and wisdom when your teen fails

Dr. Gary Chapman, author, speaker and counselor, has a passion for helping people form lasting relationships. He is the bestselling author of the “5 Love Languages” series and the director of Marriage and Family Consultants, Inc. Gary travels the world presenting seminars. His radio programs air on more than 400 stations. You may go to 5lovelanguages.com for more information.

You or your church may borrow this and other CD and DVD series to help you along the way on a variety of topics. Some of the readily available resources are:

- A Passionate Plea for Preaching. Featuring James Montgomery Boyce, John MacArthur, John Piper, R. C. Sproul, Derek Thomas
- Love Does by Bob Goff
- Mastering Your Money by Ron Blue with Michael Blue
- 5 Love Languages of Adults by Gary Chapman
- Transformational Church by Ed Stetzer and Thom Rainer

You may acquire any of these or other resources by calling the RCFN office at 329-1701. Borrowing them is free and using them is sure to bless.

At this writing, many of our churches are still in the midst of Vacation Bible School. Vacation Bible School is always an exciting time! The preparation for VBS and the week of VBS are so intense! And when the last day or evening of Vacation Bible School is over, church and VBS staff breathe a sigh of relief, gratitude is extended to the stalwart team that made it happen, thanksgiving for a great week is offered to God, and everyone goes home and puts Vacation Bible School away for another year! But is Vacation Bible School really over?

Actually, some of the best days of Vacation Bible School may lie ahead. It’s time to follow up with all of the participants who have not, before this year’s VBS, been a part of your church family. It’s time to be sure that the appropriate Sunday school teachers and classes have received information about those persons and others who during VBS might have made a commitment to follow Christ or to explore more deeply what that means. What better place for that to happen than in Sunday school or your life groups setting?

It may be time to crank up the new members class to orient folks to their new found faith within the context of your church’s culture. As post-VBS fellowship opportunities are planned for late summer and into the autumn season, remember to include reaching out to VBS participants as an important element of planning and preparation. Where appropriate, give them a role in the planning of next events; they have friends and family members you are yet to meet. Out of a sense of ownership developed by inclusion in the planning, they may very enthusiastically reach out to invite friends and family you never dreamed of meeting and would have had no influence to draw in. Each new friend who came to your church’s VBS has a circle of influence beyond your current circle. Embrace the opportunity to broaden your church’s influence through them as a way to introduce the Good News of Christ to an ever expanding ocean of potential followers!

Ask your new friends what they would like to experience at your church. They may want to learn more about prayer or financial management. Listen for their personal struggles. Plan a half-day event, Bible study, life group or weekend retreat addressing those points of struggle and interest.

By thinking creatively this year’s Vacation Bible School can become a launch point for many lasting relationships and meaningful growth in your church. I will continue to pray for what God will be doing in the months ahead to extend the life of your VBS far beyond the actual week of intensity, exhaustion and exhilaration!

With rejoicing,

Mike
Volunteers are NEEDED! For
“Back to School _ Pick up Day”
August 26 (12:00 pm—4:00 pm)

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

Virginia Church Library Association
60th Anniversary Celebration & Fall 2018 Conference
Friday, November 9 & Saturday, November 10, 2018
at Monument Heights Baptist Church
5716 Monument Ave., Richmond, VA 23226

Libraries: Diamonds In Our Midst

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

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

Ministry Service Opportunities Available During NASCAR Race Weekend
Friday and Saturday, September 21 and 22, 2018
Richmond Raceway (RR)
800 EAST LABURNUM AVENUE

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION & SHIFT SIGN UP
All volunteers or anyone interested in learning more about this ministry ARE REQUIRED to attend the Orientation/Training Session on Tuesday evening, September 11, at 7:00 pm at the Richmond Baptist Building, 3111 Moss Side Avenue, Richmond.

Agenda items for this meeting include briefing by race track guest services official, 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:
Sept. 20 - Thursday: SET-UP Main Hospitality Site & Hospitality Sites in RV lots
11:00 am—2:00 pm
Sept. 21 - Friday: Hospitality Ministry for the NASCAR NATIONWIDE RACE:
SHIFTS: 8:00 am-2:00 pm; 2:00-pm—7:00 pm
Sept. 22- Saturday: FAMILY FUN CARNIVAL and Hospitality for the NASCAR SPRINT CUP RACE:
SHIFTS: 8:00 am-2:00 pm; 2:00- pm—7:00 pm
Sept. 22 - Saturday: TAKE-DOWN Main Ministry
SHIFT: 6 pm until done
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

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. September 17-20, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (329-1701) or the Dover Baptist Assoc. Office, 11006 Lakeridge Pkwy, Ashland, VA (550-1980)

“Back to School Celebrations”

PLEASE PRE-FILL THE BACKPACKS FOR SRBC; 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

Volunteers are NEEDED! For
“Back to School _ Pick up Day”
August 30 (1:00 pm—3:00 pm)

and also during the year on Wednesdays:
10am—12 pm to bag the groceries and 3rd Thursdays: 1:00 pm for Food Pantry distribution of groceries. (Check for fall/winter hours)

COMMUNITY MISSIONARY
REV. WESLEY GARRETT
700 East Belt Blvd. Richmond, VA 23224
(Located in St. Paul’s Baptist Church—Belt Campus)
wesley.garrett@rbaonline.org (804-232-0174)

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REPORT WHEN YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER:
SAVE THE DATE
October 5, 2018
For the 14th Annual
Camp Alkulana
Golf Tournament

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

Perhaps the greatest financial challenge of our churches is providing compensation for church staff. Personnel costs consume an increasing percentage of church budget resources. Benefits, especially medical insurance, are the primary driving force in the rising cost of church staff compensation.

Implementation of Healthcare Reform adds even more complexity to creating the best benefits package possible within the funds available. Application of Healthcare Reform to church benefit structuring will be a focus of these seminars.

To assist churches and church staff the compensation planning ministry of the BGAV is offering a series of free seminars* to help churches create and manage benefits as part of a comprehensive compensation plan for church employees.

*To register for the seminars, please visit bgav.org/Insurance, call Angela House, BGAV administrative assistant, at 800.255.2428 ext. 5293, or email angela.house@bgav.org
Oregon Hill Baptist Center
“Sharing the Light of Christ”
COMMUNITY MISSIONARY - REV. JENNIFER TURNER
400 South Pine Street Richmond, VA 23224
(Located in Pine Street Baptist Church)
jennifer.turner@rbaonline.org (804-648-1353)

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“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)

Volunteers Needed to Assist in the School Store:
August 21 (6:00 PM—7:45 PM)

All volunteers are asked to arrive at 5:30 PM for a brief orientation.

FALL is the perfect time to clean out your closet! Give away your gently used fall and winter clothes.

We can always use MENS clothes.

Careers Opportunities & Expo

AUGUST 23, 2018 11:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.
FREE ADMISSION

ARThUR ASHE CENTER 3001 North Boulevard

Sponsored by

Employers Needed
If you are interested in having your business as a part of this event contact:
Clovia Lawrence 804-502-4020 or Carol Adams 804-218-2866
CHURCH NEWS

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

HATCHER CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
Has been nominated as one of the Top Five Child Care Centers in Richmond by the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

HATCHER
SENIOR Pastor Job Description can be found on https://www.richmondbaptist.org/home-1/employment-opportunities/

RIVER ROAD
Sept. 30: 2:30 p.m., Sanctuary, The Chenault Duo, America’s leading duo-organist.

Alma Hunt for Virginia Missions Emphasis
September 17-23, 2018
Our scripture passage as we focus on our work together is found in 1 John 3:18 which says, “Dear children let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.” In other words, we are admonished to be love.

Be love
Virginia Baptist churches continue in its legacy of meeting human needs and sharing Christ. Our prayers, offerings and involvement together continues to result in transformed lives.

Being love.
New churches, disaster relief responses, missions education, after school ministries, summer camps, advocacy ministries with refugees are just some of the ways in which Virginia Baptists are being love.

ACP are COMING SOON!!
Surveys are online or will soon. The packets are not ready yet.

Derbyshire Baptist is seeking a new home for a good friend, an Allen Electronic Organ pictured below, which once served Westhampton Baptist well. The organ still plays well and is available for free. The fortunate recipient must be able to remove and transport the organ from Derbyshire where it is being stored in their facility at 8800 Derbyshire Road, 23229. For more information or to express your desire for the organ please contact Mrs. Carol Turner at cturner@dbcrichmond.org or call Carol at (804) 740-7238.

CALENDAR EVENTS

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 28, 2018 @ 2:00 PM
Stewardship Comm. Mtg., 3111 Moss Side Ave., SCR

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

September 3, 2018
LINDAY
RCFN Offices Closed

September 4, 2018 @ 6:30 PM
CAST Mtg., 3111 Moss Side Ave., SCR

September 11 @ 7:00 PM
Raceway Volunteer Meeting, Come join us!
3111 Moss Side Avenue, 23222

September 17, 2018 @ 9:30 AM—noon
RCFN Staff Mtg., 3111 Moss Side Ave., SCR

September 17—20 @ 8:30 AM—4:30 PM
COOKIE DELIVERY at Richmond Baptist Building,
3111 Moss Side Avenue, 23222

September 20, 2018 @11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
SET-UP Main Hospitality Site, Hospitality Sites in RV Lots

September 21, 2018 @ 8:00 AM—2:00 PM; 2:00 PM—7:00 PM
Hospitality Ministry for NASCAR NATIONALWIDE RACE

September 22, 2018 @ 8:00 AM-2:00 PM; 2:00 PM- 7:00 PM
FAMILY FUN CARNIVAL & Hospitality for
NASCAR SPRINT CUP RACE
@ 6:00 PM until DONE
TAKE-DOWN Main Hospitality Site

September 16—23, 2018
Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions
Emphasis Week of Prayer—Offering Goal: $1,167,500

September 18, 2018 @ 10:30AM
RCFN WMU Fall Celebration & Lunch
3111 Moss Side Ave., Richmond, VA 23222

September 24, 2018 @ 5:15PM
LDC18:CVBM: Winning Churches of Tomorrow
First Baptist Church, 800 Thompson Street, Ashland, VA

September 25, 2018 @ 7:00PM
BoD Mtg - Church Hill Christian Wellness Center
3111 Moss Side Ave., Richmond, VA 23222
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Contact: Danette Moen via phone (804) 329-1701 ext.101, email or USPS at the addresses listed above:

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- 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**

SEPT. 2..........................Mount Carmel
SEPT. 9............................Mount Sinai
SEPT. 16...........................Mount Tabor
SEPT. 23............................New Canaan
SEPT. 30.............................New Life

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 JULY RCFN Budget Report**

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**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](http://www.richmondbaptist.org))