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

Following Address — Box Supper by Reservation
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.
Musings from Mike:

Here's a question for you:

What do all of the following celebrities have in common?
- Prince
- Michael Jackson
- Amy Winehouse
- Bob Marley
- Jimi Hendrix
- Sonny Bono
- Kurt Cobain

Yes, they are to one degree or another musical celebrities and, yes, they are all deceased. Some of them died at a tragically early age. But also, tragically, they have something in common with another music icon who died most recently, the Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin. Like Aretha Franklin, they all died without a will, although Michael Jackson’s will was purported to have been found seven years after his death.

In their recent USA Today article, Andrea Mandell and Lorenza Blas muse that to die without a will is “a notion that’s difficult to grasp, particularly when musicians’ estates often continue to generate significant revenue after their deaths. Yet in some cases, famous faces were just like a lot of us, and despite their millions, put shoring up their finances on the back burner. Aretha Franklin may have been the latest star to pass away without a trust or will.” This is according to court filings.

From our list above British singer Amy Winehouse was estimated to be worth $4.66 million dollars after debt and taxes, but she had no will. Bob Marley died of cancer in 1981, yet, his heirs are still battling the singer’s estate in court. Jimi Hendrix, who died in 1970, left an estate worth more than $80,000,000 and left behind a fight that lasted for more than 30 years.

Death came as no surprise to Ms. Franklin. She had been battling pancreatic cancer for quite some time and was 76 years old. Her assets numbered $80 million at the time of her death, according to People magazine, quoting estimates from CelebrityNetWorth.com. Her lack of a will is particularly surprising considering that “she has a special needs son named Clarence who needs financial and other forms of support for his entire life,” according to TMZ.

So, what happens to your assets if you die without a will? Courts and lawyers step in to handle matters. Bills get paid. Assets will be distributed according to the laws of the state where you live. In all too many cases, legal bills build and build, especially if there are disputes. And disputes are far more likely than one might imagine. The lack of a will makes their likelihood increase precipitously. There is no assurance that your assets will be distributed in any manner reflective of your wishes and desires. Everyday families where Mom or Dad leaves behind an old car, a house and some dollars can find something to fight about when proper estate planning is missing. And guess what? Someone’s recollection that “he promised that I could have the …….” is totally meaningless once the courts become involved.

Just as good stewardship is MY responsibility DURING my life, realization number one is that estate planning for how resources God has entrusted to me and remaining after my death is also MY responsibility. Just as my focus during life should be to honor God with my assets, my focus should be the same at death. I am the only one who can assure this reality by proactive and prayerful estate planning. The courts and a group of lawyers will be guided by legal statutes but there is no guarantee that honoring God will be their focus. That is MY responsibility. And YOURS!

The reality is that some estimate that nearly 100 million adults throughout America are without a will, according to a company called Willing.com, an online platform for estate planning. The same company estimates that 60 percent of adults die without a will. That number has already included Princess Diana, Martin Luther King, Jr., NFL player Steve McNair and Abraham Lincoln. Let’s not you and me add to that number.

Plan what happens at death to God’s resources entrusted to you. Ask a lawyer you trust with expertise in estate planning for recommendations. Consult with your accountant. Research recommendations from a local bar association.

Take time to think through potential problems that the distribution of your resources might create. Think about the good stewardship you would like to continue. Do you want to continue to support the ministries, the church, and the association or network whose work has been meaningful to you throughout your life? Put that provision in your will. The courts will not do so. Are you worried that your son— or daughter-in-law will quickly spend all of your child’s money once you die? The courts will not be able to address this worry. Are you fearful that a child with an addiction shouldn’t be left $50,000 in cash? The courts cannot prevent this eventuality without your will. Do you have a child or grandchild with special needs who will need particular assistance for years to come? The courts cannot address this consideration if you do not have a will.

Do you want to create a trust to address some of these matters? Don’t forget the important matter of funding the trust once created. A will or a trust might cost $500 or several thousand dollars, but the lowest-cost option is not always the best option. And the cost to your family to deal with your estate in the absence of a will could cost far more and accomplish nothing that you would like to do or address any of the matters that concern you. Having your estate go through probate can be both costly and confusing.

Procrastination in making out a will and/or trust can be one of the most disruptive delays you and I can inflict upon our families. Myriad are the stories of individuals who appeared at the office of their lawyer to discuss estate plans and three years later they have not made the necessary decisions to complete the process.

With that in mind, if you are without a will and have not taken specific steps to complete estate planning, decide this month to go to work on the process. Enter the process determined to complete the process by Thanksgiving or at the latest by Christmas. It may be one of the greatest Christmas gifts you have given your family and, perhaps, your church or your association. Don’t allow your support for your family and the Kingdom of God to die when your death comes. While death really IS an appointment that ALL of us will keep, the impact of our life and the resources entrusted to us by God can continue to work from now until the time that Christ comes again!

By the way, when you get that will and/or trust completed, let your family know where they can find it when the time comes. Let them know your plans. Don’t make your family hunt for all of that necessary paperwork. And if you’ve not done so recently, update your beneficiaries for valuable assets like 401(k) plans, or Individual Retirement Accounts. And let loved ones know about these important assets.

Rejoicingly,

Mike
247 CHILDREN were served!!!

VOLUNTEERS: 15 helped to set up on Saturday, 34 volunteers signed in and a few didn’t. Of those that signed in the churches listed were Bethlehem (Fairmount), Mt Tabor, Grayland, Angel Visit Baptist (Tappahannock), Mt Gilead Full Gospel International Ministries, one from VCU and several from a motorcycle club members.

355 toiletries bags, socks and underwear!!! Thank you all!!!!

Gloria Deo: Voices in Praise
September 27-29, 2018 - Derbyshire Baptist Church, Richmond, VA

Fellowship, music, and worship! This multi-publisher choral reading session and music ministry workshop features clinicians Joseph Martin, Heather Sorenson, and Larry Shackley. Don't miss this opportunity to sing in a massed choir concert directed by our clinicians! Learn more and register online.

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!

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

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

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

268 CHILDREN were served!!!
VOLUNTEERS: 16 volunteers from Friendship Memorial, Huguenot Road, Southampton, Woodland Heights, Stockton Memorial, Grace, Trinity, OHBC, Jahnke Road, Westover and a Bon Air Sunday School Class.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Psalm 46:1 KJV

COMMUNITY MISSIONARY
REV. WESLEY GARRETT

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Dear ACP Contact persons and Pastors,

Please take the time to fill out the 2018 ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE (ACP) survey. I’m working on updating our new church data system and I want to make sure I have the most up to date information as I copy it from ACCESS to BREEZE software systems.

If you would like your information to just be used for RCFN of the RBA ONLY. Please let me know.

THANK YOU so much!
Danette Moen
Exec. Director’s Assistant, Financial Coordinator
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Camp Alkulana: Goals for our campers

- Campers will begin to or continue to recognize God’s love for them, and establish an ongoing relationship with God.
- Campers will understand and appreciate the intrinsic value in themselves and others.
- Campers will improve social skills.
- Campers will develop positive relationships with camp staff and other campers.
- Campers will be kept physically and emotionally safe.
- Campers will have the opportunity for physical and mental challenges and self-expression.
- Campers will develop an appreciation of the natural world.

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
THANK YOU SO MUCH!

92 CHILDREN were served!!!
72 at the OHBC (8/21/18)
20 at a nearby neighborhood event (8/23/18)
40 Households were served!!!

Leftover supplies and backpacks were given to SRBC and the OHBC Homeless Ministry. Some are being kept in a supply closet for use during the school year.

VOLUNTEERS: 14
1—Oregon Hill Community
1—local church
4—Pine Street Church
8—OHBC youth ministry

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

We can always use MEN’S clothes.

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.

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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Jane Gracey Tomlinson was the wife of Bill Tomlinson (former pastor of Pine Street Baptist 1971-1976). Dr. Tomlinson was instrumental (along with Bill Berry) in initiating the move of the Cary Street Baptist Center into Pine Street Church and the name changing to Oregon Hill Baptist Center in 1974.
**CHURCH NEWS**

**FIRST**
Richmond First Baptist is excited to welcome their new pastoral resident, Patrick Jackson.

**HATCHER:** Interim Pastor Maria Lynn will be stepping down as of September 16th to be able to complete her degree. Rev. Terry Sharpe will serve as part-time Interim Pastor beginning October 1, 2018.

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

**SECOND**
Sept. 30: 4:00 p.m. Hymns of Our Faith, Pianist, composer and arranger Joseph Martin.

**SECOND SPANISH LANGUAGE MINISTRY**
Please pray for their mission trip to Spain.

**HATCHER:** SENIOR Pastor Job Description and HUGUENOT ROAD: (PT) Associate for Senior Adults
Job Descriptions can be found on https://www.richmondbaptist.org/home-1/employment-opportunities/

**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.

**CALENDAR EVENTS**

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 NATIONWIDE 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

October 1 @ 9:30 AM
RCFN Staff Mtg (SCR)
3111 Moss Side Avenue, 23222

October 2 @ 6:30 PM
CAST Mtg (SCR)
3111 Moss Side Avenue, 23222

October 9 @ 9:00 AM
Raceway Mtg (SCR)
3111 Moss Side Avenue, 23222

October 21 @ 3:00 PM—5:00 PM
RCFN 4th ANNUAL FALL MEETING
Skipwith Baptist Church
1900 Skipwith Rd., Richmond, VA 23229

November 4, 2018
Daylight Savings Time ENDS

November 5, 2018
World Day of Prayer
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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 Church of the Week

Derbyshire Cambodian
Hatcher Memorial
The Mount Carmel
Woodland Heights

Pray for the RCFN Churches seeking a PASTOR

OCT. 7…………………………….Pine Street
OCT. 14…………………………Rising Liberty
OCT. 21……………………….. River Road
OCT. 28……………………………Saint Paul’s (Creighton)

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 AUGUST RCFN Budget Report

RCFN Monthly Budget Amount: $44,363.00
AUGUST Budget Receipts: $16,472.00
AUGUST Budget Expenses: $63,077.00

RCFN YTD Budget Amount: $354,904.00
RCFN YTD Budget Receipts: $257,400.00
RCFN YTD Budget Expenses: $423,048.00

Camp Alkulana Offering $158,850.00
YTD Budget Amount: $105,496.00
YTD Receipts: $113,310.00
YTD Expenses: $160,695.00

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 )