South Richmond Baptist Center

Thanksgiving bags
2 boxes of Stuffing mix
1 Canned Ham
1 Bag of sugar
2 cans of Pumpkin mix
2 cans green beans
2 Mashed potato mix
1 Jar of Gravy
1 can of cranberry sauce

Thank you for your donations!!
Contact Wesley if you have any questions (232-0174)

Church Hill Christian Wellness Center

Thanksgiving cards
$10.00 Kroger gift cards to be added to Food Bags.
Goal of 80 gift cards.

Thank you for your donations!!
Contact Glinda if you have any questions (780-0053)

CAMP ALKULANA

GOLF Results:
1st Place: CJ Meade, Barry Tudor, Ashton Tudor, Jim Crinkley; Little Sisters of the Poor
2nd Place: Bobby Carrington, Kenny Glenn, John Bochman, Al Mittlestater; Pine Street Baptist Church
3rd Place: Mike Clingenpeel, Tim Clingenpeel, Craig Carlock, Ben Hoffman; River Road Church;
Longest Drive: Ronnie Jones; River Road Church;
Closest to the Pin: Oliver Way; River Road Church
Thank you for your donations!!
Contact Beth if you have any questions (329-1701 ext 114)

Oregon Hill Baptist Center

Please deliver items to the Center on Thursday, November 15th (1:00—3:00 PM) If these times don’t suit then please contact Jennifer Turner to set an appointment to deliver.

Instant Stuffing &/or Potatoes &/or Rice
Flavored Rice (Rice-a-Roni, etc.)
Canned Hams (small, non refrigerated)
Yams/ Sweet Potatoes (Family Size Cans)
Apple Sauce
Green Beans (Family Size Cans)
Cream of Mushroom or Cream of Chicken Soup
Cans of Fried Onions
Corn (Family Size Can or 2 smaller Cans)
Muffin or Cornbread Mix
Macaroni & Cheese (Family Size Boxes)
Pre-made Pie Crust already in Pie Pan (Graham Cracker)
Instant Puddings to make pies (Chocolate or Vanilla)
$10.00 Gift Cards from Kroger (to be used toward purchase of Turkey or other perishable items)

Thank you for your donations!!
Contact Jennifer if you have any questions (648-1353)
“Discipleship” is a word and “disciple making” is a phrase sometimes tossed around as if a new word and a novel concept recently coined to solve the current dilemma of 75 percent or more of churches in America that are plateaued or in decline! Not so!

I was introduced to these concepts in the early ‘70’s while serving in the United States Air Force. And these were not new concepts then! Perhaps among the first to place these concepts in the forefront of mainstream society in America were Dawson Trotman, founder of the Navigators who focused primarily on discipling persons serving in the military, and Bill Bright of Campus Crusade fame who turned attention toward college students. Both were Christian lay persons who saw a need for helping people to know Christ personally and to aid them in their journey toward greater maturity in their faith.

In 1970 I arrived at Pope Air Force Base after having completed training as a loadmaster on C-130 cargo transports. I had not been there long before being visited by another young man whose name was Bill Mutchler. Bill was not much older than I but I will never forget his visit. We talked for a brief time passing pleasantries and getting to know one another. Then, without much warning, Bill asked kindly but firmly if I were a Christian. I had grown up in the church, attending regularly enough to have 12 or 13 consecutive years of perfect attendance bars attached to my attendance pen, but my answer that evening was a stammered one, “Well, uh, uh, I guess so.” Bill wasn’t critical of my answer but pressed me toward greater clarity. He shared what I would later come to recognize as the “Bridge Illustration.” As he completed the time of sharing it became very clear to me on which side of the bridge I was - I had accepted Christ as Lord and Savior as well as having been baptized. I lived for Christ in the best ways I knew at the time, but my maturity level as a follower of Christ was not stellar. And I had probably not been asked about my faith so directly in more than a decade since my baptism.

That evening became the beginning of a friendship that spanned several years and changed the direction of my life. I had entered the Air Force during the Vietnam era in order to earn the G.I. Bill so that I could go to college to become an architect. I was so committed to architecture as my life direction and passion that I turned down the opportunity to attend the Air Force Science and Math Prep School in preparation for entering the Air Force Academy. That was a track that headed me down a path that I did not see as being in line with my declared trajectory toward becoming the architect I had for a number of years dreamed of being.

Bill’s investment in my life did change my declared trajectory. My dream of becoming an architect, a perfectly noble profession, began to fade little by little as I began to see the eternal value of investing my life into the lives of others who, too, needed to know and walk with Christ. Slowly, subtly, my heart was gradually redirected toward a lifetime of ministry. I have never looked back at that change in trajectory with regret nor have I ever had second thoughts about not having become an architect. I have been blessed beyond my wildest dreams to have a lifetime of doing what I love and thoroughly enjoy.

Among the richest rewards of God’s redirection toward ministry has been the opportunities throughout the years to invest in the lives of others in meaningful ways. To have a small role in fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Commandment has been such a rich privilege!

One of the blessings of today is to know that discipleship and disciple making are not roles limited to persons who have been called to the ministry as a lifelong profession like me or many of my colleagues. Any follower of Christ with a heart for people can be a person who participates with the Holy Spirit to be a discipler or disciple maker. As a matter of fact, all of us can serve in that role.

Bill Mutchler was a fine young man, but he was not especially talented or gifted. He simply was a man with a heart for God and a person who recognized the importance of investing his life and resources in things of eternal value. Bill was a layman serving faithfully. Jesus’ disciples were ordinary men who lived at the edge of society as fishermen, shepherds and even a tax collector, who was not on anyone’s “most popular” list! But they followed, they learned, and they became the forefront of the greatest movement to overtake the world!

Are you a disciple maker at your church? In your neighborhood? Would you be willing to spend several hours a week with 2 to 4 persons intentionally sharing your spiritual life and journey, breaking bread (We all like to eat!), praying and walking with them through real life issues? Most of us would quickly say that we just don’t have time, but don’t we find time to do what we truly consider important?

There are people you know who are starving to have a relationship with someone who REALLY cares about them. And most of them would like to get to know the Jesus of the Bible of someone would only help them. For a while they might not join you at church, but given time and the true spiritual friendship that you can offer, for most that would change. Consider the sense of purpose you would enjoy, the growth all of you would relish, and the impact in months that being a disciple maker would make in your plateaued or declining church! What if several of you at your church embarked on this journey??! Your church would begin to be revitalized. New life would sprout. A dying or declining church would experience new life, all with just a few hours investment weekly!

As important as church programs are, it’s more about relationships, friendships, - call it discipleship! Want to know more? Call me!! 356-9663!!

Excitedly, expectantly,

Mike
Mr. Gordon is a Richmond native, attended Richmond Public Schools, received his undergraduate degree in Public Policy from Duke University. He received his Juris Doctorate from Howard University School of Law.

He began his professional career as an attorney for Central Virginia Legal Aid in Emporia, Virginia. Later employed national Red Cross in Washington, D.C., he became a Senior Associate General Counsel and the national Ethics Officer. He returned home to Richmond in 1997 to work as a fund developer with the United Way of Greater Richmond and Petersburg. He was selected as the first executive director of Homeward in 1998, the coordinating organization for homeless services in the Richmond Region. After seven years with Homeward, he became the executive director of William Byrd Community House, a multi-service poverty prevention agency, addressing the needs of low income children, families, seniors and single adults in the city of Richmond. In July of 2007, he became the Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Richmond Chapter of the American Red Cross. His territory expanded over the years. When he left the Red Cross in June of 2016 he was responsible for Red Cross operations throughout the entire Commonwealth of Virginia. Mr. Gordon became the Director of the Office of Community Wealth Building for the City of Richmond in June of 2016. His office is responsible for leading the citywide effort and action plan for a comprehensive poverty reduction strategy.

He is also an assistant professor in the School of Professional and Continuing Studies at the University of Richmond.

Mr. Gordon is a member of the Mt. Nebo Baptist Church in Blackstone, VA. (His father, the late Rev. David E. Gordon) was the pastor of the church for several years. He is a currently a trustee of the church, having served in various church leadership roles throughout the years.

He is married to Dr. Rashida Gray and the bonus dad for two teenagers.

Mr. Gordon’s love for people and his heart for the under-resourced of our city is evident in the way he has and continues to invest his life in our city.

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### River City Faith Network
**2019 Proposed Budget**

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Deliver your gifts to Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1920 Fairmount Avenue, across the street from Mount Tabor; December 5 and December 6 (Wednesday and Thursday), between 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up on Friday, December 7, starting at 10:00 a.m.; help as shopping assistants on December 8, and to assist with clean-up on Dec. 8 from 2 p.m. until. If you can volunteer, call Glinda Ford at 780-0053.

Writers’ Block:
Roberta Damon has a new book Dear Abishag, which, as of October, is now in print. It is a sequel to Dear Mrs. Noah from last year.

There are many women who are mentioned in Scripture, but we have precious little of their stories: Do you know about Athalia? She was a wicked woman and the only female monarch Israel ever had. Do you remember Dinah? She was always considered a rape victim—unless she really wasn’t. Michal was King David’s first wife. She was King Saul’s daughter and she loved David very much until he danced “mightily” before the Ark. Then she berated him and got back from him as good as she gave—just a little domestic spat. Thirty “little known” women are treated in Dear Abishag: Letters to Little known Women of the Bible. Read. Learn. Enjoy!

A Voice Beyond Weeping is Roberta Damon’s memoir. It is the story of her three mothers. Keith, her birth mother, died at the age of 28 as a result of Roberta’s birth. Mary Lou was her step-mother—the one her dad married soon after Keith’s death. Mary Lou was her step-mother, was the one who took Roberta as a newborn and literally saved her life. The book is replete with family secrets. It is an account of survival in a family who “cleaned up good” for Sunday morning, but dealt with anger, disapproval, and pain during the week.

Theirs is the Kingdom is the story of a British princess named Gladys, daughter of Caradoc, King of Wales. Caradoc (called Caractacus by the Romans) held off the Emperor Claudius’ forces for seven years. He was never conquered, but was betrayed into Rome’s hands. The family was marched in shame through the streets of Rome. Caractacus plead eloquently for his life and was granted clemency. His daughter, 16 year old Gladys, stood beside him in the Roman Senate. The emperor turned to her and said, "You are now my daughter and I will name you after me: You are now Claudia.” She appears once in Scripture—II Timothy 4:21. She married a Roman senator and they became the co-founders of the gentle church in Rome.

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

Danette Moen, (RCFN Executive Dir.’s Assistant/Financial Coordinator) is one of the guest authors, having just published From Brat to Boss, a study of Joseph. For more information go to https://richmondbaptist.org/news-events/
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

2019 Virginia Baptist Combined Handbell Festival
Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Glen Allen
February 8-9, 2019 - All Day

South Richmond Baptist Center
Community Missionary Rev. Wesley Garrett
700 East Belt Blvd.
Richmond, VA 23224
wesley.garrett@rbaonline.org (804) 232-0174
(Located in The Saint Paul’s Baptist Church)

Oregon Hill Baptist Center
Community Missionary Rev. Jennifer Turner
400 South Pine Street
Richmond, VA 23220
Jennifer.turner@rbaonline.org (804) 648-1353
(Located in Pine Street Baptist Church)

Partnering in ministry to children in need at Christmas
Bethany Place
Bon Air
Community of Grace
Derbyshire
First
First Union
Friendship Memorial
Gayton
Ginter Park
Grace
Gravel Hill
Hatcher Memorial
Huguenot Road
Jahnke Road
Korean of Richmond
Lakeside
Lighthouse of Hope
New Bethesda
New Canaan
New Community
New Life
Pine Street
Rising Liberty
The Saint Paul’s
Shalom Fellowship
Skipwith
Southampton
Stockton Memorial
Swift Creek
The Light Community
Trinity
United For Christ
Weatherford Mission Group
Westover

The Christmas Store
Located at The Saint Paul’s Baptist Church.
(700 East Belt Blvd., Richmond, VA 23224)
Thursday and Friday, December 6-7, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Gifts are needed for children ages birth through 12 years old (Shortages reported for the 7 to 12 year olds). Suggestions: Clothing (jeans, sweaters, sweatshirts, sleepwear, socks, underwear, coats, hats, and gloves in regular and large sizes); Games; Toys; Books; Bicycles (and helmets). Please go easy on stuffed animals, Barbie dolls, Candy Land and Chutes and Ladders Board Games. Please purchase gifts that you would want your own children or grandchildren to receive. Please do not wrap anything; parents need to see what they are selecting. (Donations of small amounts of wrapping paper will be appreciated.) Please leave price tags on items so that less expensive items can be distinguished from more expensive ones.

Deliver your gifts: Monday, December 3 and Tuesday, December 4 between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, December 5 between 9:00a.m. and noon. Bring gifts to the rear of the gymnasium at Saint Paul’s Belt Campus. Volunteers are needed to help sort and set-up each delivery day; help as shopping assistants on Store days; to be interpreters for Spanish speaking shoppers; and to help pack-up leftover items on Friday, December 7. If you can volunteer, call Jennifer Turner, OHBC, at 648-1353. or Wesley Garrett, SRBC, at 232-0174.
Make plans to join your BGAV family November 12-14, 2018! The main meeting will be at Mount Vernon Baptist Church (11220 Nuckols Rd, Glen Allen, VA), with Monday evening activities at Gayton Baptist Church.

Donate your used appliances!

Are you looking to replace a washer, dryer or refrigerator and need to get rid of your old one? If it’s still in good working order but just needs a little TLC, Camp Alkulana will gladly take it off your hands. These items will be put to use for ministry!

Thanks,
Beth

CAMP ALKULANA

CAMP DIRECTOR: MRS. BETH WRIGHT
(804) 329-1701 ext. 114, campalkulana@gmail.com

ANNA TUCKWILLER—REGISTRAR
(804) 329-1701 ext. 112, campalkulana@gmail.com

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WHEN A DISASTER STRIKES, WE CAN COUNT ON YOU.

PRAY, GIVE, GO!

WMUV
women • missions • leadership

Upcoming Events:

- Domestic Violence Awareness Day
  Oct 25, 2018,
- Women’s Get-Away I
  Nov 2, 2018 - Nov 3, 2018, Lynchburg
- Women’s Get-Away II
  Nov 2, 2018 - Nov 4, 2018, Lynchburg
- WMUV Annual Meeting
  Nov 3, 2018, Lynchburg
- BWA Women’s World Day of Prayer
  Nov 5, 2018,
- Romania Craft and Leadership Mission Trip
  Nov 26, 2018 - Dec 10, 2018,
- International Missions Emphasis
  Dec 2, 2018 - Dec 9, 2018,

BGAヽ Annual Meeting
November 12-14, 2018, Richmond/ Glen Allen, VA

https://meeting.bgav.org/

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RISK MORE • DREAM BIGGER • FEAR LESS

A CITY-WIDE WOMEN’S CONFERENCE. THE EVENT IS OFFERED FREE OF CHARGE. LUNCH WILL NOT BE PROVIDED. REGISTER AT TINYURL.COM/BE-TRANSFORMED-RSVP.

NOV 3RD
9:30AM - 3:30PM
GUEST SPEAKER & AUTHOR
SUSANNA FOTH AUGHTMON

CELEBRATION

CELEBRATIONWOMEN@COMCAST.NET
CALL JENN AT (804) 564-4611
BETHLEHEM (Penick): Seeking permanent part-time Church Administrative Assistant. Job requirements – general office duties; financial book keeping, record weekly postings and taxes. Familiar with ACS financial software. Work schedule 3 days week — 4 hours/day/ Send resume to Personnel Committee Chair at Bethlehem Baptist Church, 4210 Penick Road, Henrico, VA 23228

FIRST: UPWARD Basketball and Cheerleading
- Early Registration Ends: Midnight on October 21
- Cost: $85
- Registration Begins: October 22
- Cost: $95
- Registration Deadline: October 27
- Evaluations are held on Saturday, October 27, in the First Baptist Church Gym.
  - All players must attend evaluations
  - Anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. (takes about 30 minutes)

HATCHER: Rev. Terry Sharp, interim for next 3 months

RIVER ROAD
Saturday, October 13
9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event
Nov. 11: 2:30 p.m., Sanctuary, Vocal Recital with Christopher Ahart, Tenor
Dec. 2: 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary, The Tallis Scholars: “A Renaissance Christmas”

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.

SOUTHAMPTON and WOODLAND HEIGHTS: October 21: 3:00—6:00 Fall Festival at 611 West 31st Street.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
Nov. 5, 2018
10:30 AM: Social; 11:00 AM: Prayer
River Road Church, Baptist

World Day of Prayer

Dear ACP Contact persons and Pastors,

Please take the time to fill out the 2018 ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE (ACP) survey. I have attached a hyperlink for your convenience on the home page of our website. If you need a paper copy please let me know.

Thank you so much and Blessings on you,
Danette Moen
Exec. Director’s Assistant, Financial Coordinator
(804) 329-1701 (101) office@rbaonline.org
ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

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Contact: Danette Moen via phone (804) 329-1701 ext.101, email or USPS at the addresses listed above:

- 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

Deaf Mission, First, Richmond
Derbyshire Cambodian
Friendship Memorial
Hatcher Memorial
The Mount Carmel
Woodland Heights

Thank you for your continued support of RCFN

2018 SEPTEMBER RCFN Budget Report

RCFN Monthly Budget Amount: $44,363.00
AUGUST Budget Receipts: $ 16,894.00
AUGUST Budget Expenses: $ 15,316.00

RCFN YTD Budget Amount: $ 399,267.00
RCFN YTD Budget Receipts: $ 272,794.00
RCFN YTD Budget Expenses: $ 415,016.00

Camp Alkulana Offering $158,850.00
YTD Budget Amount: $ 119,137.50
YTD Receipts: $ 118,722.00
YTD Expenses: $ 170,665.00

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

NOV.4....................The Saint Paul’s (Belt)
NOV. 11.................The Saint Paul’s (Elm)
NOV. 18................. Shalom Fellowship
NOV. 25......................Skipwith

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.

RCFN Board of Directors’ Meeting
November 27, 2018
7:00 PM
3111 Moss Side Ave. Richmond, VA 23222