For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6
If you were there on October 21, you might remember these scenes! Rev. Robert Thompson, pictured below, was at the helm leading the business session to approve the 2019 RCFN Budget and the election of Network Officers.

Rev. Robert L. Thompson, First, (clergy) will serve for the next two years as the Chair of your RCFN Board of Directors. Dr. Bob Thompson, Lakeside, (laity) was elected as Vice-chair. Mr. Allen King, Carlisle Avenue, will serve as the RCFN Clerk/Historian.

During the celebration of ministries at the 4th RCFN Annual Meeting, our Camp Alkulana Director, Mrs. Beth Wright introduced Ms. Sabrina Simmons. Ms. Simmons is a former camper and current counselor, who shared how much being an integral part of Camp Alkulana’s leadership has meant to her. Ms. Simmons is a gifted honor high school student.

Skipwith’s choir under the leadership of Mr. Rick Tinsley, Skipwith’s Music Director, did an excellent job of helping us to worship well and supplied beautiful special music for our time together. We are grateful to Dr. Cecil Chambers, Pastor, and Skipwith Baptist for hosting our meeting.

If you were not there, you missed the challenging remarks of Dr. Reginald Gordon, Executive Director of the Office of Community Wealth Building for the City of Richmond along with his guest, Mr. James Davis, who stirringly addressed the impact that OCWB has had in his life following his personal encounter with Christ while incarcerated for drug charges as a young man taken off of the streets of Richmond. While it is important to continue to minister to large numbers of individuals and families in the manner that we do through our centers utilizing such events as the Back-to-School Celebrations, when we distribute toiletry bags and backpacks filled with much needed school supplies; and while we still need to host our upcoming Christmas Stores, distributing vital clothing, toys and bicycles; and while we still need to provide meals in large numbers and bags filled with groceries to feed hungry mouths week by week and month to month, we were challenged to consider how we might as a network of churches strategize to adopt a person or family to focus upon to assist with long-term income producing capabilities that will allow that person of family to move from continually struggling to a level of self-sufficiency devoid of any outside aide.

This kind of assistance, for instance, might include discovering that the struggling individual or family is experiencing a transportation difficulty in order to get to work and meet appointments. That difficulty could range from a mechanical repair to the need for a working automobile. The Network, in response to discovering the need, would then communicate the specifics of the need to our Network Affiliates who, in turn, would make an appeal to its members to determine who might be able to supply a repair or who might have an extra working automobile that could be made available on a temporary or permanent basis.

On a smaller scale assistance might mean taking a person to receive important documents or supplying clothing appropriate for a significant interview. These types of help are already available through our centers’ clothes closet ministries. So, the kind of help that Dr. Gordon challenged us to consider in not totally new but an expansion of much of the important work that we already do.

I hope you will pray with me regarding new possibilities to do even greater maximal ministry as the River City Faith Network!

Excitedly,

Mike
Congratulate and Aspire!

During the 4th RCFN Annual Fall Meeting on Sunday afternoon, October 21, we recognized the following churches for their dedication to missions and their faithfulness in physical and fiscal investment in the work that we do together to minister in the Name of Christ to the under-resourced of our city. As you celebrate the faithfulness of those named, aspire to raise the bar of faithfulness and investment in what God is doing in and through the River City Faith Network family!

**THREE LARGEST CONTRIBUTING CHURCHES BY DOLLAR AMOUNT:**

First, Richmond  
Pastor, Dr. Jim Somerville  
Huguenot Road  
Pastor, Dr. Bob Lee  
River Road  
Pastor, Dr. Daniel Glaze

**GREATEST ANNUAL MONETARY INCREASE IN GIVING FROM 2016 TO 2017:**

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**GREATEST ANNUAL PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN GIVING FROM 2016 TO 2017:**

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The Christmas Store
Located at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Fairmount Ave.
Saturday • December 8 • 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Gifts are needed for children ages birth through 10 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, Barbies, 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** 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.

**Partnering in ministry to children in need at Christmas**
Bethlehem (Fairmount) • Leigh Street
Bethlehem (Penick) • Life-Line for Jesus
Carlisle Avenue • Monument Heights
Chamberlayne • Mt. Carmel
Community Mission • Mt. Sinai
Mt. Tabor • River Road
Sandston • Second

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**CLOTHES CLOSETS**

**Oregon Hill Baptist Center**

**Winter Clothes for men:** Only casual, comfortable clothes, socks, long johns, gloves and NEW men’s boxers or briefs (in colors).

**Winter Clothes for women:** Only NEW underwear in assorted sizes, no women's clothes.

**Winter Shoes for men and women:** NO dress shoes, please. ONLY comfortable and warm shoes

**Blankets, please!**

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**South Richmond Baptist Center**

**Winter Clothes for people of all ages:**

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**Church Hill Christian Wellness Center**

**Fall and Winter Clothes for people of all ages.**

**BUS PASSES are also needed for CHCWC.**

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**RCFN Ministries will be closed December 21, 24—28 and the 31st for the 2018 Christmas Holiday.**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**
Oregon Hill Baptist Center
South Richmond 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)

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)

Partnering in ministry to children in need at Christmas
Grace
Gravel Hill
Hatcher Memorial
Huguenot Road
International Community
Jahnke Road
Korean of Richmond
Lakeside
Lighthouse of Hope
Morning Star
New Bethesda
New Canaan
New Community
New Life
Pine Street
Rising Liberty
The Saint Paul’s Shalom Fellowship
Skipwith
Southampton
Stockton Memorial
Swift Creek
Tabernacle
The Light Community
Trinity
United For Christ
Weatherford Mission Group
Westover
Woodland Heights

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

Gifts are needed for children ages birth through 12 years old (Shortages reported for the 7 to 12 year olds). Suggestions: Clothing (jeans, sweaters, sweatpants, girls’ stretch pants, leggings, 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; be interpreters for Spanish speaking shoppers; and 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.

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.
Luke 2: 6-7 (NIV)
ANNA TUCKWILLER

Anna has played many roles for Camp Alkulana over the years. She began as a camp counselor in 2006, the year of a major flood that shut down camp for part of the summer. Alkulana put Anna to work right away in the recovery from that! In 2010, she stepped in as registrar, a role she has transformed into a ministry to families. On any given day, I could overhear Anna counseling a parent about their fears of sending their children to overnight camp, checking in on a camper’s family whose house had a devastating fire, or writing a card to one of our camper’s parents who’s battling cancer. Many parents expecting to stop by to fill out camp paperwork would find themselves sitting down in Anna’s office and unloading, offered a cup of tea and a chance to cry. Anna’s gifts of compassion and kindness were felt by anyone who walked into her office.

During her tenure here she has also helped to compile and create a camp history, interviewing dozens of camp alumni to tell their camp stories. She helped to found our alumni association (CAPS) and has been an essential member of the Camp Alkulana Support Team. Her skills and creative gifts have influenced spectacularly successful online fundraisers, camp auctions, and staff training sessions. She has also provided key leadership for the Alkulana Peer Program, a peer mentoring program for our former campers during the school year.

Reflecting on her time ministering through Camp Alkulana, Anna wrote, “I’ve been loved here and able to offer love here. That experience has taught me; it’s changed me. I have been overwhelmingly grateful to work and build alongside you on this team of which I am proud. It’s been a privilege to share in a mission I so heartily believe in.”

Anna, we are grateful for all of the ways you have invested in Camp Alkulana and the lives of so many in Richmond!

Anna has moved on to a new place and a new job, we wish her well in that new adventure.

CAMP ALKULANA

Camp Director: Mrs. Beth Wright
(804) 329-1701 ext. 114, campalkulana@gmail.com

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!

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CARLISLE AVENUE: Sunday, Dec. 23rd Christmas Drama & Musical, “Lord of Lights / Prince of Peace”. Sunday, Dec. 16th, 7:00 PM music portion will be presented at the Masonic Home of Virginia.

DERBYSHIRE: Friday-Sunday, Dec.7, 8, 9th, 7:00 PM, The Work of Christmas (4:00 PM Sunday the 9th) Monday, Dec. 24th, 5:30 PM, Christmas by Candlelight.

HUGUENOT ROAD: Sunday, Dec.16th, 6:00 PM, Christmas Musical “The Gift”; Christmas VBS, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 20 –21, 9:00 AM—noon.

SECOND: Sunday, Dec.9th, 11:00 AM “Peace on Earth” Sanctuary. Wednesday, Dec. 19th, 6:45PM The Children’s Choir Christmas Concert, Sanctuary.

SOUTHAMPTON and WOODLAND HEIGHTS: Friday, Dec.21st, 7:00 PM, A Blue Christmas in the chapel at Woodland Heights (Primarily a healing service). Monday, Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve, 3:00 PM in the chapel and 5:00 PM in the sanctuary of Woodland Heights, both services will be Candlelight and Communion.

FIRST of RICHMOND: Sunday, Dec.9th, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary, “Repeat the Sounding Joy”, Sunday, Dec. 16th, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary, “Seeking Christmas” A youth Christmas Pageant.

GAYTON: Friday, Nov. 30th, 7:00 PM : Jazz Nativity Saturday and Sunday, Dec.1st and 2nd, Jazz Nativity 4:00PM and 7:00 PM.

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CHRISTMAS DAY

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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 have attached a hyperlink for your convenience on the home page of our website. If you need a paper copy please let me know. New deadline is “before the Thanksgiving Holiday.” I appreciate you taking the time to fill this out.

Thank you so much and Blessings on you,

Danette Moen

Exec. Director’s Assistant, Financial Coordinator
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Pray for the RCFN Churches seeking a PASTOR

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

Pray for the RCFN Church of the Week

DEC. 2.........................Southampton
DEC. 9.........................Stockton Memorial
DEC. 16.........................Swift Creek
DEC. 23.........................Tabernacle

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

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

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2018 October RCFN Budget Report

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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.

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