CENTRAL VIRGINIA RACEWAY MINISTRIES

Sponsored by Dover and Middle District Baptist Associations & River City Faith Network of the RBA

Ministry Service Opportunities Available
During NASCAR Race Weekend
Friday, April 12 and Saturday, April 13, 2019
Richmond Raceway (RR)
800 EAST LABURNUM AVENUE

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to minister beside RR guest services by providing race fans an opportunity to worship, enjoy Christian music and arts, discover the message of Christ through media and know His transforming presence.

VOLUNTEERS are asked to work a 5 or 6 hour shift as they serve in a variety of ways in our Hospitality Ministry Sites at the RICHMOND RACEWAY COMPLEX. As ambassadors of goodwill, opportunities for service include: distributing “cups of cold water,” cookies, and Christian driver literature; performing as singers, musical groups or with performing arts (clowns, magicians, mimes, jugglers, balloon artists, etc.); and serving as chaplains, crisis counselors, carnival workers, or logistics and support persons.

VOLUNTEERS are also needed to become residents or minister at a CVRM provided camper/motorhome parked at one of the RV lots with camping race fans during the race weekend. RR track management believes that having CVRM representatives living and ministering at these sites among camping race fans will strengthen the Christian influence throughout the raceway complex. CVRM is SEEKING RVs: If you have a camper or motor home you would like to park at RR for the race weekend either for your own occupancy or for someone else from CVRM to occupy, please call: (804) 601-4463 or e-mail: info@varacewayministries.org

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION & SHIFT SIGN UP

All volunteers or anyone interested in learning more about this ministry ARE REQUIRED to attend the *Worker Training Session on Thursday evening, April 4, at 7:00 p.m. (*THIS IS A NEW DAY FOR THE TRAINING*) 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:

April 11 - Thursday: SET-UP Main Hospitality Site & Hospitality Sites in RV lots
SHIFT: Noon-3 pm

April 12 - Friday: KIDS CORNER and Hospitality Ministry for the NASCAR Xfinity RACE:
SHIFTs: 8:30 am-1:00 pm, 12:00-6:00 pm & 6 to ? (Lost & Lonely)

April 13 - Saturday: KIDS CORNER and Hospitality for the Monster Energy NASCAR RACE:
SHIFTs: 8:30 am-1:00 pm, 12:00 till 6:00pm; 6 to ?(Lost & Lonely/Tear down site)

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 by Central Virginia Raceway Ministries. Cookies may be brought to the RBA (River City) Office, 3111 Moss Side Ave. April 8-11, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (329-1701) or the Dover Baptist Assoc. Office, 11006 Lakeridge Pkwy, Ashland, VA (550-1980)

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REPORT WHEN YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER:
PHONE: (804) 601-4463 OR E-MAIL: INFO@VARACEWAYMINISTRIES.ORG
Musings from Mike:

Last month in my “Musings” I introduced the topic of preparation for the upcoming 2019 Vacation Bible School season that is just around corner. In that article I drew heavily from a LifeWay resource that outlined the steps of preparation from four to six months out all the way up the time one to two weeks before the beginning of your actual VBS event. In a few moments I will continue that journey carrying us through the week to the time that immediately follows when we think of VBS as being “over” while breathing a big sigh of relief and dropping exhaustedly into our recliners until next year!

It’s true that VBS is a lot of work and can become a very expensive event, so why have VBS at your church or mine? And is VBS an event only for kids?

Allow me to address the second question first!

From my experience, VBS is absolutely not a “kids only” event! Teens and adults benefit greatly from not only working in VBS as volunteers who are indispensable keys to the success of this summer event, but they benefit perhaps even more from being offered youth and adult VBS classes that they can attend, often during another time during the same summer in which they served as VBS volunteers for the kids’ version of the event.

For youth, it is a great time of coaching them to focus on outreach bringing similarly aged teens to an intense week-long event geared specifically for them and including imaginative recreational and ministry components that few other events can offer with such quality. As a pastor I have led separate youth VBS weeks where we engaged in Bible study during the morning, enjoyed fun lunches and then invested alternating afternoons in half-day recreational outings and service projects. The recreational outings might include a trip to a theme park, hosting a putt-putt tournament or heading to the beach or mountains. The ministry afternoons can be as creative as youthful imaginations and as practical as the needs of a senior widow or widower who needs help with some lawn work and simple house repairs. And youth are capable of much more than most of us would first think.

Adult VBS offers a wonderful time for inviting friends and neighbors who may not attend church regularly or at all or who are regularly unavailable for Sunday activities. And many of our adults who attend classes at church organized by age, gender, or topic rarely get to relate to one another in more than a very casual and shallow level. Adult VBS allows a setting in which all adults can come together in interactive study as a large group to know and care for one another in a unique setting for an entire week. New relationships are established, new friendships forged and old acquaintances deepened. Frequently those normally engaged on the periphery of the church very naturally become much more fully invested by week’s end.

Now, back to question one! Here are some excellent reasons why hosting VBS is important:

1. Impact on the Kids

This summer event not only gives kids something to do but has a significant impact on their future. According to a Barna research study, 43 percent of Americans who make a commitment to Christ do so before the age of 13, and 64% of born again Christians do so before their 18th birthday. If these statistics are true, every church should be investing time and resources into impacting our kids for the future.

2. Effect on Volunteers

People who give of their time to be part of a VBS program do so because of the impact it has on their own lives. Giving our precious time to the kids is a rewarding experience and once you get a taste of it you want to do it more. The bible says that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and a well run VBS program demonstrates that principle for the volunteer.

3. Impact on the Church

While VBS programs target children to attend, the not so visible impact is on the families of these kids. Many kids who attend VBS don’t belong to a church and this is an opportunity to expose your church to families in the community. It is not uncommon for kids to come to Christ and then bring their families along for the ride. Use VBS as a way to expose your church to families in the community.

4. Impact on the Community

Local communities love having planned summer activities for kids. A well run VBS can impact the community by setting the example for organized and safe fun for kids. This impacts the community because it respects organizations that invest the time and resources into their children.

Finally, the last countdown checklist items from LifeWay:

1 Day before VBS

- Conduct Preparation Day.
- Conduct a VBS kickoff event.
- Decorate and set up all rooms.

During VBS

- Register children as they arrive.
- Make needed announcements during the Worship Rally.
- Notify parents about Family Night.
- Communicate each day.
- Oversee all VBS activities.
- Each day make sure all workers are present or that substitutes have been enlisted.
- Assist with first aid and discipline as needed.
- Make sure records are accurate and completed daily.
- Distribute VBS evaluation forms, and certificates on the last day.

On another page of this edition of the “Transformed!” you will find the checklist for the period after VBS is “over.” VBS is NOT over when the lights go out after the closing reception. There is yet more to do—perhaps some of the most important checklist items take place in the weeks following VBS! Have fun with VBS at your church and please, DO host VBS!!!

Expectantly and excitedly,

Mike
CONTINUATION OF VBS CHECKLIST
“THE WEEK AFTER”
After VBS

- Collect and return, or replace, all supplies.
- Return the church building to its original arrangement.
- Follow up with VBS visitors using the VBS Transfer Plan, Sunday School visitation, and other ministry activities.
- Mail in your VBS Report.
- Provide a summary of VBS evaluation forms for the pastor.

Would you like to guess which of the above items is the most important? Yep! That’s right!!

Follow up with VBS visitors!

What a wonderful opportunity to reach out after your VBS guests have already shown their willingness to come to your church and to engage with you and your people!! Be flexible! Your follow up might be a visit to their home or a visit together for a Cookout shake, but make a strong commitment to following up. And go prepared to do twice as much listening as talking. Hear their needs, their reactions to the week, their concerns, their hopes and dreams for the days ahead, and who and how your church can continue to connect with them in ways that will be meaningful for them. If you will listen carefully to them, there will be plenty of time for them to hear from you later.

Listen for opportunities to pray for them and then be faithful to follow up with the concerns they have shared with you. They will be looking for whether or not you are trustworthy and faithful—whether you can be counted upon when needed. If you win in this area, you will become their friend for life.

Your faithfulness will reflect Christ’s faithfulness and they may just invite Him, as a result of what they see in you, to become their Friend for eternity!! And that’s VBS success!!
COMMUNITY MISSIONARY - REV. GLINDA F. FORD
2011 Fairmount Avenue, Richmond, VA 23223
(Located in Mount Tabor Baptist Church)
glinda.ford@rbaonline.org (804-780-0053)

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.”

Bible Study – This Bible Study is growing! Friday morning from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Lunch provided.

If you, your mission group or church would like to provide lunch it would be greatly appreciated. You may want to provide the lunch one week a month or so. Please contact Glinda. To let her know when you can help. Thank you so much!

BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION – Listed below are the items that should be included in the toiletries bags. Suggested sizes are given. Fill the Gallon size Ziplock Bag or put as many of these items in the bag as you can. (For extra items use sizes below for a guide.)

Deodorant (1.4 oz to 2.6 oz.)
Soap
Wash Cloth
Toothbrush
Toothpaste (2.9 oz.)
Floss
Mouthwash (12.5 oz. to 13.5 oz.)

Start collecting underwear for boys and girls of all ages. August will be here before we know it!

Blessing Bags – Create Blessing Bags for Birthdays, Birth of a new baby, Hospital visits, Special Occasions, or someone that may need a lift. If you can add a devotional like the Daily Bread Devotionals, it would be greatly appreciated.

Mark your calendars for the Virginia Baptist Music and Worship Arts Camp coming up July 15-19, 2019, at Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center, Lynchburg, VA. Our theme for this year is “You’ve Got a Friend...” based on Romans 15:5-6. We hope you will join us for a wonderful time of worship, music, fellowship, and fun with FRIENDS!

Music and Worship Arts Camp is for children and youth who have completed grades 4–9, with a special track (limited enrollment) for those who have completed grades 10-12. Camp internship positions are also available for college students.

The camp consists of worship times and special interest classes, as well as participation in a choral and/or instrumental ensemble. Each afternoon also contains free time to enjoy the Eagle Eyrie pool and facilities as well as opportunities to meet new friends.

Program Information
Tom Ingram, Music Camp Director, 804.921.4112

http://eagleeyrie.org/events/mwac
We're pleased to welcome Dayna Scarberry as our new Camper & Family Liaison!

Dayna will be managing our camper registration process, directing the Alkulana Peer Program during the school year, and connecting in meaningful ways with camper families throughout the year. She is new to the Camp Alkulana family and we are thrilled to have her with us!

Dayna spent most of her childhood summers immersed in the camp experience. As an adult she has worked as a counselor for both residential and day camp programs. Her favorite memory from her time as a camper is making grilled bananas in tinfoil over a bonfire.

Before coming to Camp Alkulana, she fostered her love of youth development and education by working with middle and high school students in multiple leadership development programs. Dayna graduated from Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Virginia, with a degree in Business and Leadership.

Please feel free to reach out to welcome Dayna at: alkulanaoffice@gmail.com.

Please mark your calendar for the SPRING Clean Up and Work Days. Plan to come to camp May 18th and June 1st to help us ready the facilities for our summer season. Painting, cleaning, yard work and light construction are all tasks on these volunteer days.
**Community Missionary - Rev. Wesley Garrett**

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

**ITEMS needed for the Satellite are**

- Paper towels for bathroom and kitchen dispensers
- Air Fresheners
- Bathroom tissue

South Richmond Center is in need of Easter supplies: Easter Baskets, basket grass, candy and the eggs are all needed for the children at the center. Will you help us make at least 20 baskets to be given away the week (APRIL 15-20) prior to Resurrection Sunday on APRIL 21. The Seniors of our center help make the baskets during their fellowship time at the center. (Also after most holidays candy is reduced, so if you see sales of this type, pick up a bag or two for the after-school programs all year long). Men’s suits of all sizes, shoes, belts and ties are also needed this month. Many feel out of place when they want to attend church on Easter morning. These suits will also be helpful for job interviews as well.

**South Richmond Baptist Center**

**Virginia Baptist Senior Adult**

**Festival of Praise**

May 13-14, 2019  
Derbyshire Baptist Church  
Richmond, VA

The festival will run from 3:15 - 9:00 p.m. on Monday (dinner included), with registration opening at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday’s festival will take place from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**More Information**

Tom Ingram  
Traditional Worship and Church Music  
804.921.4112

Karen Rackett  
Administrative Assistant  
800.255.2428, ext. 2243

**Our new Director is the Reverend Sara Hubble.**

**Our new Office Assistant at CrossRoads is Susie Shimp.**
**HOLY WEEK**

**April 14—April 21, 2019**

**It’s True! The LORD has RISEN!**

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**BETHLEHEM (Fairmount):** Congratulations to Dr. Victor L. Davis on 30 years of ministry at Bethlehem Baptist Church (Fairmount)!

**The DEAF MISSION of First Baptist Church** voted on January 20 to call Dirk Hill as its new minister.

**FIRST UNION:** is looking for a permanent, part-time church secretary. This person should be Spiritually mature, people loving and efficient in Microsoft Applications. All resumes should be emailed to fubc.secretary@gmail.com. Resumes should be received by March 29, 2019.

**RIVER ROAD**

Tuesday, March 19, 2019 8:00 PM, Sanctuary.
Choir of the College of William & Mary Concert

Monday, April 1, 2019 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Bruce Stevens, Organist
Concert Organist, Recording Artist, and University of Richmond Organ Faculty

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**2018 ACP Online Survey Closes March 31**

LifeWay’s online [Annual Church Profile (ACP) Survey](#) is accessible for completion utilizing the unique log-in credentials assigned to each church. Please complete all 3 portions of the survey (questionnaire, BGAV supplemental survey, and leadership profile) as thoroughly as possible. This will help me get my records up to date. Thank you so much. Paper copies can be mailed to the address given on the back of the newsletter or email to Danette Moen at office@rbaonline.org.

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**CALENDAR EVENTS**

- **March 26, 2019 @ 7:00PM**
  - RCFN Board of Directors’ Meeting
  - 3111 Moss Side Ave., Richmond, VA (LCR)

- **April 1, 2019 9:30 AM**
  - RCFN Staff Meeting, SCR
  - 3111 Moss Side Ave., Richmond, VA

- **April 4, 2019 7:00 PM**
  - Raceway Volunteer Meeting, LCR
  - 3111 Moss Side Ave., Richmond, VA

- **April 8, 2019 2:00 PM**
  - Board of Director’s Task Force Meeting
  - 3111 Moss Side Ave., Richmond, VA, (SCR)

- **April 9, 2019 6:30 PM**
  - CAST Meeting
  - 3111 Moss Side Ave., Richmond, VA, (SCR)

- **April 11, 2019 noon—3:00 PM**
  - Raceway Set Up
  - 600 East Laburnum Ave. Richmond VA

- **April 12—13, 2019**
  - RR Raceway Weekend
  - For Cookie & Volunteer times see the TRANSFORMED! front page

- **April 16, 2019 10:30 AM**
  - WMU ANNUAL CELEBRATION AND LUNCH
  - 3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222 (LCR)

- **April 19, 2019**
  - GOOD FRIDAY

- **April 21, 2019**
  - EASTER

- **April 22, 2019**
  - EASTER MONDAY
  - RCFN Offices are CLOSED

- **April 27, 2019 6:30 PM**
  - Camp Alkulana Silent Auction
  - Huguenot Baptist Church, 10525 W. Huguenot Road, N. Chesterfield, VA 23235

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**Easter Cantatas, Egg Hunts, etc.**

Check your local church’s schedule for Easter cantatas, egg hunts, etc.
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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 Churches seeking a Pastor

Derbyshire Cambodian
Hatcher Memorial
The Mount Carmel
Woodland Heights

Pray for the RCFN Church of the Week

APRIL 7..................Deaf Mission—FBC
APRIL 14..........................Derbyshire
APRIL 21..............Derbyshire Cambodian
APRIL 28......................First, Richmond

She extends her hand to the poor, and she stretches out her hands to the needy. (Proverbs 31:20) NASB

Transformed! 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 )

2019 February RCFN Budget Report

RCFN Monthly Budget Amount: $45,050.00
JANUARY Budget Receipts: $32,807.00
JANUARY Budget Expenses: $50,652.00

RCFN YTD Budget Amount: $90,100.00
RCFN YTD Budget Receipts: $47,307.00
RCFN YTD Budget Expenses: $94,587.00

Camp Alkulana Offering $161,000.00
YTD Budget Amount: $26,833.00
YTD Receipts: $5,340.00
YTD Expenses: $20,762.00

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

Writers’ Block

The Mount Carmel
Woodland Heights

RCFN Board of Directors’ Meeting

MARCH 26, 2019
7:00 PM
3111 Moss Side Ave. Richmond, VA 23222