TRANSFORMED!

News of Richmond Area Churches...Together...Changing Lives - AUGUST 2019

MISSIONS EXTRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2019 9:30—11:30 AM

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

5:15-8:30 PM
HUGUENOT ROAD
BAPTIST CHURCH

10525 W. Huguenot Road
North Chesterfield, VA 23235

www.baptistleaders.org  (804) 314-0294

"How to Explain Difficult Things to Children"
- Claire George

"The Church as the Town Common"
- Matthew Hensley

"The Critical Journey: Caring for the Soul"
- Randy Rains

"Sensory 101 & 201: Ministering to Children with Sensory Processing Disorders"
- Frances Farmer

"The Church and the Opioid Crisis"
Panel Discussion: Maria Lynn, Honesty Liller, and Jesse Wysocki

...and more!
If you have not already noticed, there is an important correction on the front page of this edition of the “Transformed!” The RCFN Missions Extravaganza sponsored by WMU but not exclusively for WMU is scheduled for Saturday, July 20! Please note that THE STARTING TIME FOR THE MORNING’S ACTIVITIES IS AT 9:30 AM, NOT 10:00 AM AS POSTED INADVERTENTLY IN SEVERAL PLACES IN OTHER PUBLICATIONS! The morning should move along rapidly with skits, videos and other important presentations. You won’t want to miss this annual event at which Mission Involvement Assignments are distributed for the remaining months of 2019!

Community Missionary, the Rev. Glinda Ford, has been working tirelessly in a city effort called “STOP THE VIOLENCE.” “Stop the Violence” is a collaboration between the 1st Police Precinct, East End Churches, numerous agencies and the Church Hill Christian Wellness Center. The aim of this event is to bridge the gap between the East End Community with the different organizations that work diligently to supply the necessary resources for the community. The event also strives to make a positive impact to stop the violence (crimes) that seems to increase during the summer. To this end, Glinda has shared with me that in Mosby Court in 2017 there were 18 shootings; in 2018 in the same area there were 8 shootings (still far too many but far less than the year before); and so far this year there have been zero shootings recorded in Mosby Court. This noteworthy statistic is seen as a clear indication that the efforts of “Stop the Violence” is working effectively, a blessing for which all of us are extremely grateful.

This year the next “Stop the Violence” day is scheduled for Sunday, August 25th. It will be a day of entertainment, food, and fun for everyone and the distribution of school supplies, toiletries bags, underwear and socks for approximately 1200 children will prove that unity can be accomplished when there is positive interaction between the community, community leaders and the Richmond Police Department.

Below are some of the things that will take place:

**ENTERTAINMENT, FOOD, MUCH FUN:**
- Basketball Tournament (ages: 8-10,11-14,15-17)
- Giveaways/door prizes/ tournament trophies/medals
- T-shirt give-away
- Horseshoe tournament
- Children’s activities/inflatables
- School supplies distribution
- Toiletries Bags/Underwear/socks distribution

Rev. Ford is also involved in the promotion and implementation of:

**SUMMER NIGHT LIGHTS—MOSBY 2019**

The following insights shared by Nicole Mason capture the concept of SUMMER NIGHT LIGHTS—MOSBY 2019. Ms. Mason poses this important question: How would it look for our East End community to feel the tangible presence of God outside of the walls of our churches? SUMMER NIGHT LIGHTS is an evangelism and violence prevention tool that has been used in the west coast for over 10 years. This is a trauma-prevention and results driven outreach series that has proven to reduce violent crimes in other communities by over 50%.

Last year was the first time we initiated SUMMER NIGHT LIGHTS here in Richmond, VA. SUMMER NIGHT LIGHTS consists of local faith organizations, Richmond Police Department, and community members who focus their resources and energy on building safe and flourishing communities through summer evening programming and events and to help to reduce murder rates and crime spikes in the Mosby Court area. SUMMER NIGHT LIGHTS is a community building tool to address the needs of the most vulnerable populations within the Richmond city limits.

This year we will include mentorship for young men ages 17-21 from Mosby Court. We have over eight local congregations in the East End and multiple congregations throughout the city supporting the five date outreach series in Mosby Court, (1601 Little Page St.). The **SUMMER NIGHT LIGHTS—Mosby 2019 dates**, 6:30pm—9:30pm are:

- **June 29th**
- **July 13th**
- **July 27th**
- **August 10th**
- **August 24th**

These community efforts coupled with the prayers of God’s people will make a huge and genuine impact upon the quality of life for the citizens of our city. I hope you will join me, Rev. Glinda Ford, members of the Church Hill Support Team, city leaders, and members of Richmond City Police as we pray for the protective hand of God to move among the young people of Richmond, especially in depressed areas of the city, to show them hope and health and to help them to respond to the gospel message of repentance and salvation that leads to eternal life in the Family of God! Pray, too, that evil will be restrained, that the temptation toward substance abuse and addiction will be effectively reduced and that those already bound by the shackles of addiction will be set free through God’s power and effective intervention. Petition God to use efforts like those outlined above to break down walls of alienation between our city’s citizens and authority figures, putting in place bridges of cooperation, care, collaboration, and common concern for one another.

John 16:24 in the Message Paraphrase states: “Ask in My Name, according to My will, and He’ll most certainly give it to you. Your joy will be a river overflowing its banks!” What a great invitation from our Savior for any who care about our River City!!

Prayerfully,

Mike
Writers’ Block:

"Mother May I: Daily Word": a compelling book filled with daily scriptural verses and reflections for the heart’s healing and purpose. "Mother May I: Daily Word" is the creation of published author, Denise Bush-Canada, a graduate of Petersburg High School with a bachelor of science degree from Virginia State University.

Bush-Canada shares, “‘Mother, May I?’ was a very popular yard game in Petersburg, Virginia, in the Blandford community. Our yard was one of the notorious places to play “Mother, May I?” The leader would offer you giant steps, baby steps, bunny hops, umbrellas, and all sorts of ways to touch the leader first. You had to say, ‘Mother, May I?’ and obtain permission in order to move. If you moved without the permission of ‘Mother, May I?’ you had to start over. We did not have any grass in our front yard due to these yard games. As we became adults, the grass finally grew in. We taught these games to our children when we visited, but they didn't play them enough to kill the grass. My mother and stepfather loved to see the porch filled with family and children playing in the yard.

“This book is a great way for one to journal their personal thought on the word today. These are the things to ponder to journal: How will this word impact your day? What is your thought of the word for today? Can it be used as a weapon to fight the enemy that day? Remember, Satan hates the Word, so utilize your daily Word to destroy his attacks. Enjoy the read and utilize the tool—God’s Word!”

Published by Christian Faith Publishing, Denise Bush-Canada’s new book is a heartfelt masterpiece that brings enlightenment and fulfillment to readers throughout their day-to-day activities.

Consumers can purchase “Mother, May I: Daily Word” at traditional brick & mortar bookstores, or online at Amazon.com, Apple iTunes store, or Barnes and Noble.

Listed below are the items that should be included in the toiletries bags for our Back-To-School Celebration. Please send regular family sizes, not the huge ones for these bags. Fill the bags or put as many of these items in the bag as you can.

- Deodorant
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Wash cloth
- Floss
- Socks
- Underwear
- Mouthwash
- Shampoo
- Lotion
- Brush and Comb

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 21 & 22 from 10 am to 12 pm and 1 to 3 pm.
Set-up will be August 24 from 1 pm until finished.
PLEASE PRE-FILL THE BACKPACKS FOR SRBC:
Deliver supplies to SRBC Satellite Bldg.,
enter by way of 5515 Bryce Lane., Richmond 23224
Deliver supplies on Aug. 26, 27, and 28 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, Skipwith, Weatherford Mission Group, Westover, Woodland Heights

SOUTH RICHMOND BAPTIST CENTER
FRIDAY, AUGUST 30 (1 - 3)

Virginia Church Library Association

Coffee and Chat
Saturday, August 3, 2019
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
3601 Monument Ave. • Richmond, VA 23230
www.immanuelbaptist.org • (804) 355.8691

South Richmond Baptist Center has NO NEED for index cards, crayons, glue or glue sticks this year.

Thank you,
Wesley

Oregon Hill Baptist Center has NO NEED for 2” binders, 3—5 subject notebooks, blank CDs, calculators, dictionary, water-color paint kits, tissues, or zip-lock bags (quart and gallon size) this year.

Thank you,
OREGON HILL BAPTIST CENTER
COMMUNITY MISSIONARY - REV. JENNIFER TURNER
400 South Pine Street Richmond, VA 23220
(Located in Pine Street Baptist Church)
jennifer.turner@rbaonline.org (804-648-1353)

OREGON HILL BAPTIST CENTER
STORE DATE: TUES., AUGUST 20 (6—7:45PM)
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 19 (9 am to 12 pm) or by
appointment.
First Baptist, Pine Street Baptist and New Community Baptist (BGAV)

SPRING AND SUMMER CLOTHES and SHOES are
going fast at OHBC — URGENT NEED to restock!
All sizes are needed: Men’s casual and comfortable
summer clothes (especially size 32—34), men’s
casual and comfortable shoes,
NEW! Men’s Underwear (Boxers preferred)

Women’s casual and comfortable summer clothes
and comfortable shoes

Ignite: A Retreat for Middle School Students
October 11-13, 2019
Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center
Lynchburg, VA

FAITH NETWORK CENTER’S CELEBRATIONS”

ADDITIONAL ITEMS (DO NOT PUT IN BACKPACKS)

1” & 1 1/2” three-ring binders
pocket folders (with or w/out brads) in solid colors
rulers (12 inch/metric)
colored pencils
crayons (pack of 16 or 24)
highlighters
markers (washable, 8/10 pack, wide/thin)
3 x 5 lined index cards
pencil sharpeners (small hand-held)
Elmer’s glue-4 oz.
scissors (pointed or blunt, metal)
erasers, pencil top & block
glue sticks
zippered pencil pouches for 3-ring binder
hand sanitizer, regular size
Home
by Danielle Afolayan

Danielle has been attending Camp Alkulana since 2010 and is now a counselor. She also grew up attending youth programs at the Oregon Hill Baptist Center. Danielle attends Berea College and is a recipient of Camp Alkulana’s Westhampton Scholarship.

This year at college I had to take a writing seminar. The theme of the class was “home.” My professor asked questions like Where is your home? What are the traditions of your home? What defines your home? I had a very hard time answering these questions because I didn’t grow up in a traditional home.

I lived in eight different places before going to college. Some of those were with people who weren’t my family or even distant family. Growing up like this made me used to instability. When my professor would ask these questions about home, the only one place I could think to talk about was Camp Alkulana.

Camp Alkulana is the only constant I’ve had since I was a child. It was the place that showed me what stability looked like. The only place that gave me the answers to these questions: Where is your home? Camp Alkulana. What are the traditions of your home? Movie nights, pool nights, Bible studies, campfires, and books before bedtime. What defines your home? Love. Everything we do at camp is about love; we show God’s love to each other and even ourselves.

This camp home gave me something tangible that I could take back to my harsh reality of no food, no water, no electricity, and no hope for anything better. Not only did I get these things at camp, but I also got the gift of enjoying these things without worrying that the next day they might not be there. Camp, in contrast, was stable and consistent. I always knew that for at least one week out of the year I could let go of my other realities and be in a place where I could just be a kid.
**CHURCH NEWS and CALENDAR EVENTS**

**BETHLEHEM (Penick)**_ July 19—21, 2019_ The Amazing Race

**CARLISLE AVENUE**_ August 11 – 15, 2019_ Athens

**FIRST BAPTIST**_ July 24 –28, 2019_ Athens

**DERBYSHIRE**_ July 29 –Aug. 2, 2019 8:30—noon_ in the WILD!

**GAYTON**_ July 24 –28, 2019_ ROAR!

**GRAVEL HILL**_ July 24 –28, 2019_ Super Training University (STU) with Jesus

**HUGUENOT ROAD**_ July 8 –12, 2019_ Gone Fishing

**MOUNT TABOR**_ July 8 –12, 2019

**NEW CANAAN WORSHIP CENTER**_ July 23 –26, 2019_ Bible Boot Camp

**PINE STREET/ OHBC**_ May—October, Outdoor Community Movie Night at Sunset 2nd and 4th Fridays (Weather Permitting)

**RIVER ROAD**_ July 15—19, 2019 To Mars and Beyond

**THE SAINT PAUL’S**_ July 15 –19, BELT CAMPUS VBS

**STOCKTON MEMORIAL**_ July 15—19, 2019_ In the WILD!

**WOODLAND HEIGHTS**_ July 22—26, 2019_ In the WILD!

---

**CALENDAR EVENTS**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Event Description</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Called Meeting of the Board of Directors</td>
<td>July 16, 2019</td>
<td>7:00 PM</td>
<td>3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222 (LCR)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Camp Alkulana / Staff In Service Training</td>
<td>July 16—17, 2019</td>
<td>9:00-3:00 PM</td>
<td>3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222 (LCR)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Camp Alkulana / 3rd Session Older Girls</td>
<td>July 18—29, 2019</td>
<td>9:00-3:00 PM</td>
<td>3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222 (LCR)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RCFN Mission Extravaganza</td>
<td>July 20, 2019</td>
<td>9:30 AM</td>
<td>3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222 (LCR) <strong>Sponsored by the WMU</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors</td>
<td>July 23, 2019</td>
<td>7:00 PM</td>
<td>3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222 (LCR)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Called Meeting of the Board of Directors</td>
<td>August 2—9, 2019</td>
<td>9:00-3:00 PM</td>
<td>3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222 (LCR)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Camp Alkulana / 4th Session Younger Girls</td>
<td>August 10, 2019</td>
<td>9:00 AM-12:00 PM</td>
<td>Oregon Hill Baptist Center <strong>Back-to-School Delivery</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Camp Alkulana / Staff Wrap Up</td>
<td>August 19, 2019</td>
<td>9:00 AM-12:00 PM</td>
<td>Oregon Hill Baptist Center <strong>Back-to-School Store</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oregon Hill Baptist Center Back-to-School Delivery</td>
<td>August 20, 2019</td>
<td>6:00—7:45 PM</td>
<td>3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222 (LCR)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oregon Hill Baptist Center Back-to-School Store</td>
<td>August 21 - 22, 2019</td>
<td>10:00 AM-1:00 PM</td>
<td>3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222 (LCR)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oregon Hill Baptist Center Back-to-School (Stop the Violence) Delivery</td>
<td>August 24 , 2019</td>
<td>1:00 PM 'til finished</td>
<td>3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222 (LCR)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Church Hill Christian Wellness Center Back-to-School (Stop the Violence) Day</td>
<td>August 30, 2019</td>
<td>1:00—3:00 PM</td>
<td>3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222 (LCR)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>South Richmond Baptist Center Back to School Delivery Days</td>
<td>August 26, 27, and 28, 2019</td>
<td>10:00 AM-1:00 PM</td>
<td>3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222 (LCR)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>South Richmond Baptist Center Back to School Celebration Day</td>
<td>August 30, 2019</td>
<td>10:00 AM-1:00 PM</td>
<td>3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222 (LCR)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RCFN Mission Extravaganza</td>
<td>September 9, 2019</td>
<td>9:30 AM</td>
<td>3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222 (LCR)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RCFN Staff Meeting</td>
<td>September 10, 2019</td>
<td>6:30 PM</td>
<td>3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222 (LCR)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CAST Meeting</td>
<td>September 10, 2019</td>
<td>7:00 PM</td>
<td>3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222 (LCR)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Raceway Training</td>
<td>September 17, 2019</td>
<td>10:30 AM</td>
<td>3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222 (LCR)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WMU Fall Celebration and Catered Lunch</td>
<td>September 20—21, 2019</td>
<td>10:00 AM</td>
<td>3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222 (LCR)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Raceway Days                                                                     | September 23, 2019 | 5:15—8:30 PM | Huguenot Road Baptist Church 10525 W. Huguenot Road, North Chesterfield, VA 23235 www.baptistleaders.org
Pray for the RCFN Churches and Friends seeking a PASTOR

Bethlehem, Penick
Derbyshire, Cambodian
Ginter Park
Hatcher Memorial
Monument Heights
Second Baptist
Woodland Heights

Pray for the RCFN Church of the Week

AUGUST 4.............Life Line for Jesus
AUGUST 11...........The Light Community
AUGUST 18........Lighthouse International
AUGUST 25..............Morning Star

She extends her hand to the poor, and she stretches out her hands to the needy. (Proverbs

2019 June RCFN Budget Report
RCFN Monthly Budget Amount: $45,050.00
JUNE Budget Receipts: $20,566.00
JUNE Budget Expenses: $62,026.00

RCFN YTD Budget Amount: $270,300.00
RCFN YTD Budget Receipts: $189,307.44
RCFN YTD Budget Expenses: $298,659.15

Camp Alkulana Offering $161,000.00
YTD Budget Amount: $80,499.96
YTD Receipts: $52,175.61
YTD Expenses: $80,214.21

Writers’ Block is a 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)