5th Annual Meeting
of the
River City Faith Network
of the Richmond Baptist Association

Theme: “A Booming Future for YOUR Church”

Theme Verse - John 4:34-35
Jesus said, “...I'm telling you, open your eyes, take a good look at what's right in front of you....It's harvest time!”

Sunday,
October 20, 2019
3:30 - 5:30 PM
at
Derbyshire Baptist Church
8800 Derbyshire Road, 23229

3:30 PM Derbyshire Fellowship Hall
Worship    Music    Business Session   Recognition of Churches
Ministry Placement Committee Recommendations
2020 Budget Recommendation, Stewardship Committee

4:15 PM — Keynote Conference
Mr. Matt Thornhill, Christian, Futurist

Join us October 20th to hear from Matt Thornhill, founder of SIR's Institute for Tomorrow, on the key trends impacting churches in RVA. He will share demographic, societal and cultural changes affecting churches and share guidance on specific action steps to take to transform the future of your church. Eye-opening, thought-provoking and practical, this session will equip church leaders and laity on how to not just survive, but WIN tomorrow.

Box Supper by Reservation
$5.00 per person; $15.00 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.
George Barna, who has been tracking the subtleties and nuances of American culture for more than three decades, in his book *America at the Crossroads, Explosive Trends Shaping America’s Future and What You Can Do About It* portrays a sometimes disturbing portrait of a nation in turmoil. His book is a call to action for Christ followers — people born for such a time as this who must understand the signs of the times in order to know what to do. He cites a number of factors that serve as evidence that we are living in dangerous and bewildering times:

1. The gulf in perceptions and probable responses between elected officials and those who elected them is wider than at any previous time in memory.
2. The possibility of terrorism striking near home has created substantial — and increasing — anxiety.
3. Fewer American parents than at any time since scientific polling began believe their children will have a better life than they did.
4. Violent crimes have become commonplace.
5. Confidence in the police has plummeted.
6. Distrust of government, social institutions, and businesses is at record-setting levels.
7. Peoples’ sense of victimization, powerlessness, and social detachment is unprecedented.
8. Climate change and other environmental challenges baffle people and add to their impression that the world is out of control.
9. Nuclear armament of America-hating nations like Iran, Russia, and North Korea adds to the public’s sense of fear.
10. Religion has shifted from providing a sense of peace, purpose, and order to becoming a source of division and confusion.

Barna goes on to say, “America has become a culture that seems more interested in being “in the moment” than one that focuses on understanding the connections between past, present, and future, and how people’s choices can and should influence the future. While being in the moment may be the flavor of the month, it may not advance the country’s long-term interests.”

Yet, even a cursory understanding of cultural trends and patterns can help intentionally build a better bridge to an optimal future.

It is my goal that our Fifth Annual Meeting of the River City Faith Network being held on Sunday afternoon, October 20, will be a time of intentionally building a better bridge to an optimal future for the churches of RCFN. In spite of the powerfully negative trends and realities that I have cited above from Barna’s book, I am an optimist about the future of the Church. It is God’s Church, the Body of Christ! And God assures us that even the gates of hell will not prevail against the church.

At the Fifth Annual Meeting of the River City Faith Network of the Richmond Baptist Association we are privileged to have as our keynote speaker and conference leader, Mr. Matt Thornhill, an active member of Bon Air Baptist Church here in Richmond. Matt is the founder and managing partner of the research-based think tank, the Institute for Tomorrow, also based here in Richmond. Matt is a futurist whose insights are rooted in understanding how generational dynamics are impacting trends in the marketplace and in work cultures today and tomorrow.

Matt doesn’t predict the future but equips organizations and institutional leaders in how to win in our tomorrows, beginning today.

Matt has spoken about generations and the future at over 300 conferences and company events in the United States, Canada, Spain, Brazil, Australia, and even Panama. He has delivered insights to Walmart, Google, Wells Fargo, Lowes Home Improvement, and even rocket scientists at NASA. He has been the keynote speaker at national events for the National Governors Association, National League of Cities, the Social Security Administration, and various transportation, builder, and packaging organizations.

An active member of Bon Air Baptist, Matt has tapped his firm’s insights to develop insights on the future of churches. He has spoken at events for the BGAV (Baptist General Association of Virginia) across the Commonwealth and has done workshops for individual churches.

He is also the co-author of the acclaimed business book, *Boomer Consumer*. At http://institutefortomorrow.com/speaking you can meet Matt Thornhill online.

On Sunday afternoon, October 20, 2019 at 3:30 PM you can meet Matt Thornhill in person at our RCFN 5th Annual Network Meeting at Derbyshire Baptist Church. What Matt will share will surprise many of you and will offer a breath of hope for your church that can easily extend its life and vitality for as much as four (4) decades — that’s 40 years! For ALL churches but especially churches that in some cases are not even certain that you will be around for the end of THIS decade! You will NOT want to miss what Matt will have to share, especially in light of how practical and affordable such a future can be for churches who currently are not wallowing in financial prosperity! This may be the very opportunity your church has been searching for that will move it from barely surviving to a future that is thriving, or as Matt would say, “… that is a WINNING future” for the Kingdom of God!!

From my exposure to Matt Thornhill I am quite comfortable in portraying him, too, as an optimist grounded in well supported realism. He is also a man of strong, passionate faith. Mark your calendar and plan to be at the RCFN Fifth Annual Meeting as a messenger or guest and plan to be blessed! Details of the meeting are on the front page of this edition of the “Transformed!” Register with your church as a guest or as an individual through the RCFN office (329-1701) as a guest. Remember to check out the boxed supper option; it will be a working meal concluding at 5:30 PM!

Excitedly,

Mike
CHURCH HILL CHRISTIAN WELLNESS CENTER

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."

CHURCH HILL CHRISTIAN WELLNESS CENTER

GLINDA FORD (780-0053) DATE: SUN., AUGUST 25 (3—5PM)

SOCKS, SOCKS, SOCKS and Underwear

for children, kindergarten through high school age.

(Boys prefer boxers and Girls prefer bikini underwear!)

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

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 11 am until finished.

Time Change!!!

Bethlehem (Fairmount), Bethlehem (Penick), Carlisle Ave., Chamberlayne, Community Mission, Derbyshire, Gayton, Ginter Park, Hatcher Memorial, Lakeside, Leigh Street, Life-Line for Jesus, Mount Tabor, River Road, Stockton Memorial

Church Hill Christian Wellness Center is joining forces with the Richmond Police’s 1st precinct, neighboring churches and agencies again this year, in STOP THE VIOLENCE Day. CHCWC’s (Rev. Glinda) part in the Stop the Violence day is toiletry bags, socks and underwear for approximately 1200 children.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION & SHIFT SIGN UP

All volunteers or anyone interested in learning more about this ministry ARE REQUIRED to attend the Orientation/Training Session on Tuesday evening, September 10, at 7:00 pm 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:

Sept. 19 - Thursday: SET-UP Main Hospitality Site & Hospitality Sites in RV lots
1 SHIFT: NOON—3:00 pm

Sept. 20 - Friday: FAMILY FUN CORNER and Hospitality Ministry for the TOYOTA CARE 250:
SHIFTS: 8:30 am-1:00 pm; 12:00—6:00 pm & 6:00 pm—? (Lost and Lonely)

Sept. 21 - Saturday: FAMILY FUN CORNER and Hospitality for the TOYOTA OWNERS 400:
SHIFTS: 8:30 am-1:00 pm; 12:00—6:00 pm

Sept. 21 - Saturday: TAKE-DOWN Main Ministry
SHIFT: 6:00 pm—? (Lost and Lonely / Tear down Site)

COOKIE information is on page 5 of this TRANSFORMED!!!
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 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.

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Gathering of Silence retreat

OCTOBER 7—10
Cross Roads Camp & Conference Center
2247 Little Piney Road
Lowesville, VA 22967

Please register through CrossRoads. You may also call them at 434.277.8465 or email (crossroads@crossroadscccc.com). Payment may be made by credit card, check, or cash.

For more information contact Dave Peppler at 804.338.3974 or davidpepplersr@gmail.com.

$330 per person, single occupancy
Cost also includes an optional 30-minute coaching session!

NEEDED: Backpacks
❖ School Supplies ❖
Underwear ❖ Socks ❖ Toiletries
A Christian bookmark or something similar, appropriate for children

BACKPACK (sturdy, large enough for notebooks and textbooks.)
Items to be included in each backpack are listed below.

1 three-ring binder and divider tabs
1 or 2 packs loose-leaf paper (wide or standard rule)
4 black-and-white composition books
2 one-subject notebooks
1 three- or five-subject spiral notebook
5 to 8 No. 2 pencils (no mechanical)
5 to 8 black or blue ink pens (no gel pens)

Thank you,
Wesley

River City Baptist
“BACK TO SCHOOL”
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

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 through Central Virginia Raceway Ministries.

Cookies may be brought to the River City Faith Network / RBA Office, 3111 Moss Side Ave.
September 16-19, 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
CAMP ALKULANA

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

SAVE THESE DATES

OLDER BOYS
SESSION 1
JUNE 19–30, 2019

OLDER GIRLS
SESSION 3
JULY 18–29, 2019

YOUNGER BOYS
SESSION 2
JULY 4–11, 2019

YOUNGER GIRLS
SESSION 4
AUGUST 2–9, 2019

Alma Hunt
Offering for Virginia Missions

Emphasis Dates
September 8–15, 2019
Offering Goal
$1,167,500

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 15th Annual Alkulana Golf Tournament
Belmont Golf Course, Henrico County, Virginia
October 4, 2019
Go to https://giving.ncservices.org/App/Form/03bb296d-cdad-4571-8383-d910ef472d76 or if online click on the CA picture below.

Golfer Registration:
For Individuals $80
Foursomes $300
Foursome + Hole Sponsor $380

Sponsorship:
Hole Sponsorship $100
Bright Eyes Sponsorship $500

THE 15TH ANNUAL ALKULANA GOLF TOURNAMENT

January 31-February 1, 2020
Mount Vernon Baptist Church
Glen Allen, VA
11220 Nuckols Rd, Glen Allen, VA 23059
CHURCH NEWS

WOODLAND HEIGHTS: Part time Ministry Assistant Monday—Thursday Working knowledge of Microsoft Publisher. Contact Brian Kelley, Chairman of the Personnel Committee brian.kelley9@verizon.net

SECOND: Welcome to Dr. Noel Schoonmaker and his family to Second Baptist as the new Senior Pastor.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

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

For a copy of the 8 1/2" x 11" flyer that has the speakers and the Session titles go to RCFN's website, www.richmondbaptist.org (News & Events Tab)

Lighthouse International Church
(Liberian Church)

A word of appreciation and thanks to the ladies from the following churches who prepared and delivered 30 lunches daily from July 8—26 to help with our Summer Program:

Carlisle Ave, First Baptist
Ginter Park, Hatcher Memorial
Huguenot Road, Jahnke Road
Second Baptist, Southampton
Webber Memorial, Westover
And Winfree.

Rev. Calvin Birch, Pastor

CALENDAR EVENTS

August 19, 2019 9:00 AM—12:00 PM or by Appointment
Oregon Hill Baptist Center Back-to-School Delivery

August 20, 2019 6:00—7:45 PM
Oregon Hill Baptist Center Back-to-School Store

August 21 - 22, 2019 10:00 AM-12:00 PM; 1:00-3:00 PM
Church Hill Christian Wellness Center Back-to-School (Stop the Violence) Delivery

August 24, 2019 1:00 PM 'til finished
Church Hill Christian Wellness Center Back-to-School (Stop the Violence) Setup

August 25, 2019 3:00—5:00 PM
Church Hill Christian Wellness Center Back-to-School (Stop the Violence) Day

August 30, 2019 1:00—3:00 PM

August 26, 27, and 28, 2019 10:00 AM—1:00 PM
South Richmond Baptist Center Back to School Delivery Days

RCFN Board of Directors Meeting
3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222 (LCR)

August 27, 2019 3:30 PM
RCFN Board of Directors Meeting
3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222 (LCR)

August 30, 2019 10:00 AM—1:00 PM
South Richmond Baptist Center Back to School Celebration Day

RCFN Staff Meeting
3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222 (SCR)

September 9, 2019 9:30 AM
RCFN Staff Meeting
3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222 (SCR)

September 10, 2019 6:30 PM
CAST Meeting
3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222 (SCR)

September 10, 2019 7:00 PM
Raceway Training
3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222 (LCR)

September 17, 2019 10:30 AM
WMU Fall Celebration and Catered Lunch
3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222 (SCR)

September 20—21, 2019
Raceway Days
Refer to page 3 for volunteer dates and times

September 23, 2019 5:15—8:30 PM
Leadership Development Conference
Huguenot Road Baptist Church
10525 W. Huguenot Road, North Chesterfield, VA 23235
www.baptistleaders.org

September 24, 2019 3:30 PM
RCFN Board of Directors Meeting
3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222 (LCR)
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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 and Friends seeking a Pastor
Bethlehem, Penick
Derbyshire, Cambodian
Ginter Park
Hatcher Memorial
Monument Heights
Westover
Woodland Heights

Pray for the RCFN Church of the Week
SEPT. 1.........................Mount Carmel
SEPT. 8.........................Mount Sinai
SEPT. 15.......................Mount Tabor
SEPT. 22...................... New Canaan
SEPT. 29.......................New Life

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

2019 July RCFN Budget Report
RCFN Monthly Budget Amount: $ 45,050.00
JULY Budget Receipts: $ 65,305.00
JULY Budget Expenses: $ 74,199.00

RCFN YTD Budget Amount: $ 315,350.00
RCFN YTD Budget Receipts: $ 254,744.00
RCFN YTD Budget Expenses: $ 373,000.15

Camp Alkulana Offering $161,000.00
YTD Budget Amount: $ 93,916.62
YTD Receipts: $102,520.55
YTD Expenses: $124,464.69

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)