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 (MSG)

34 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.
RCFN 5th ANNUAL FALL MEETING

In just a few weeks the affiliated churches of the River City Faith Network will be meeting at Derbyshire Baptist Church for the RCFN 5th Annual Meeting. As you will have noted from the front page of this and the last “Transformed!” the meeting takes place on Sunday afternoon, October 20th, from 3:30 until 5:30 PM. To minimize the amount of time devoted to making transitions from place to place within Derbyshire’s facility, our entire time together will be in Bryant Hall, Derbyshire’s Fellowship Hall. Each RCFN pastor and administrative assistant (if your church has one) has received a packet of information via email. The packet includes a COVER LETTER, BULLETIN INSERT with map to Derbyshire, a GENERAL PUBLICITY FLIER, a KEYNOTE SPEAKER FLIER featuring information about Mr. Matt Thornhill, a MESSENGER ELIGIBILITY CHART that shows the number of messengers to which your church is entitled, a MESSENGER REGISTRATION FORM, and finally a GUEST REGISTRATION FORM.

Your church is entitled to the number of messengers noted on the MESSENGER ELIGIBILITY FORM in addition to any persons who may be serving as an RCFN OFFICER, SUPPORT TEAM CHAIR, COMMITTEE CHAIR, or AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE to the RCFN Board of Directors, who are already considered by virtue of their elected position to be MESSENGERS to the annual meetings during their term of service.

Based on hands-on participation in RCFN ministries and levels of fiscal (2018) contributions to RCFN the following churches (listed alphabetically) are CORE, CHAMPION, or CONNECTOR Affiliates and therefore entitled to Messengers:

CORE Affiliates: (Minimum, 5 Messengers each)

- Carlisle Avenue
- First
- Leigh Street
- River Road
- Southampton

CHAMPION Affiliates: (Minimum, 5 Messengers each)

- Bethlehem, Fairmount
- Derbyshire
- Grace
- Hatcher Memorial
- Stockton Memorial

CONNECTOR Affiliates: (3 Messengers each)

- Ginter Park
- Mount Tabor

MISSION Affiliates: (1 Messenger each)

- Deaf Mission—First Baptist
- Cambodian Mission—Derbyshire

Any churches not listed above are COMMUNITY Affiliates who, while not eligible to send voting Messengers, are warmly invited to attend and to take full advantage of all that Matt Thornhill will share on the theme “A BOOMING Future for Your Church.” COMMUNITY Affiliates may send as many non-voting Guests as they would like; to have a box supper in place they need only preregister and pay $5 per meal on or by Tuesday, October 15th! Pre-registered Guests are equally welcomed in addition to the Messengers and Guests from our CORE, CHAMPION, and CONNECTOR Affiliates! Guests may preregister through their own church office or by contacting my Executive Assistant Mrs. Danette Moen at 329-1701 or online at office@rbaonline.org.

What Matt Thornhill has to share will be surprising to many! It will also be inspiring, encouraging and highly practical. I do not want to repeat what I shared in last month’s “Transformed!” so I will simply direct you to our website at www.richmondbaptist.org. Once there, find the tab “Newsletters” immediately below the masthead. Click that tab. Then scroll down the page below “2019 ISSUES” to “2019 September TRANSFORMED.” Click the hyperlink and wait just a few seconds for the September edition of the “Transformed!” to appear on your screen. My article about Matt Thornhill is on the second page of that edition. I fully believe the time he shares with us on Sunday, October 20th, will be truly transformative!

RCFN TO ADOPT A PERSON OR A FAMILY

At our most recent Board of Directors’ Meeting on August 27th, we voted at the urging of your Executive Director to move forward in duplicating the model shared with us by Mr. Reginald Gordon at our last Annual Meeting. Those present remember that Mr. Gordon is the head of Richmond City’s Office of Community Wealth Building which endeavors to pair families living in crisis from our city with mentoring and supportive bodies such as churches and community organizations to assist in moving them over time from a position of perpetual struggle and crisis without a job where they are relying heavily on government programs and community assistance to where they are thriving, maintaining permanent employment with adequate income and benefits, and living without the aid of programs and assistance — they are on their own and have become contributing members of society!

The goal of the Office of Community Wealth Building, in partnership with government, industry, and for-profit and non-profit institutions is to reduce the level of childhood poverty in Richmond City from the current level in excess of 43% to 50% of that level by 2030.

RCFN can make a permanent difference by adopting a crisis-bound family, using my office as a clearing house and contact point with that family. I will then communicate needs with members of our affiliation community including churches and friends who can then respond with talent and resources tailored to the individual and specific needs of the threatened family. Within an 18 to 36 month time period our responses to needs can move a family exponentially toward a place of independence and thriving that they could not have imagined! More in our next edition of the “Transformed!”

With anticipation,

Mike
Many churches say they are struggling to make ends meet and are having difficulty covering the pastoral and/or staff’s salaries. Some admit they have no significant savings for emergencies or long-term needs, carry too much debt, and experience worry and stress over the annual budget. Other churches report they are overwhelmed by the financial challenges their members deal with on a regular basis. In addition, there are those who report they have not been satisfied with outside programs, consultants or campaigns to address the financial problems facing the church and/or its members.

All of these issues ultimately affect the Body of Christ’s ability to fund Kingdom work through the local church – including ministries that assist church members, serve the community, and spread the gospel through missions outreach. Sadly, some churches have reported that when they try to talk about financial issues, attendance drops. This is a topic that must be approached with wisdom and discernment.

SOUTH RICHMOND BAPTIST CENTER
COMMUNITY MISSIONARY - REV. WESLEY GARRETT
700 East Belt Blvd. Richmond, VA 23224
(SRBC Office is located in The Saint Paul's Baptist Church, South)
wesley.garrett@rbaonline.org
(804-232-0174)

270 CHILDREN were served!!!
125 HOUSEHOLDS were served!!!
18 VOLUNTEERS

CHURCHES: Bon Air, Friendship, Huguenot Road, Jahnke Road, Southampton, Skipwith, Weatherford Mission Group, Westover, Woodland Heights, and Trinity

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

CENTRAL VIRGINIA RACEWAY MINISTRIES
Sponsored by Dover, Middle District & River City Faith Network of the RBA

Ministry Service Opportunities Available During NASCAR Race Weekend
Friday and Saturday, September 20 and 21, 2019
Richmond Raceway (RR)
800 EAST LABURNUM AVENUE

VOLUNTEER SHIFT SIGN UP
Volunteers can also sign up for a shift time, which are:
Sept. 19 - Thursday: SET-UP Main Hospital- ity 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)

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

COOKIE information is on the next page!!!
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)

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76 CHILDREN were served!!!
11 VOLUNTEERS

CHURCHES: Pine Street, First, Grace, Second, River Road, New Community (BGAV)

Surplus backpacks and supplies were given to SRBC and some saved for future use at OHBC.

Needs for the FALL: snack bags (contact Jennifer for contents), men’s comfortable & casual fall clothes, money towards laundry ministry are all needed.
Thank you for a great 2019 camp season 
at Camp Alkulana!
September 17, 2019  10:30 AM
WMU Fall Celebration and Catered Lunch
3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222 (SCR)
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September 20—21, 2019
Raceway Days
See pgs. 4 & 5 of this TRANSFORMED!
for volunteer dates and times
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September 23, 2019  5:15—8:30 PM
Leadership Development Conference LDC-19
Huguenot Road Baptist Church
10525 W. Huguenot Road, North Chesterfield, VA 23235
www.baptistleaders.org
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September 24, 2019  3:30 PM
RCFN Board of Directors Meeting
3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222 (LCR)
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September 26—28, 2019
Baptist Ministry Assistance Fall Retreat
Manassas Baptist Church
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October 4, 2019  9:30 AM
15th Annual Camp Alkulana Golf Tournament
12:00 PM—Lunch, 1:00 PM Shotgun Start
Belmont Golf Course
1600 Hilliard Rd. 23228
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October 7, 2019  9:30 AM
RCFN Staff Meeting
3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222 (SCR)
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October 8, 2019  6:30 PM
CAST Meeting
3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222 (SCR)
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October 20, 2019  3:30—5:30 PM
RCFN’S 5TH Annual Meeting
Location: Derbyshire Baptist Church
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October 31, 2019
WATCH OUT FOR THE LITTLE ONES
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November 4, 2019
10:30 AM Social; 11:00 AM Prayer Time
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
Location: First Baptist Church
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November 12, 2019  6:30 PM
CAST Meeting
3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222 (SCR)
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November 19, 2019  10:00 AM
WMU Leadership Meeting
3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond VA 23222 (SCR)
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November 28—29, 2019
HAPPY THANKSGIVING
RCFN Offices are CLOSED
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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

OCT. 6...............................Pine Street
OCT. 13...............................Rising Liberty
OCT. 20...............................River Road
OCT. 27...............................Saint Paul’s (Creighton)

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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 August RCFN Budget Report
RCFN Monthly Budget Amount: $ 45,050.00
AUGUST Budget Receipts: $ 86,445.00
AUGUST Budget Expenses: $ 72,683.00

RCFN YTD Budget Amount: $ 360,400.00
RCFN YTD Budget Receipts: $ 328,112.40
RCFN YTD Budget Expenses: $ 445,975.12

Camp Alkulana Offering $161,000.00
YTD Budget Amount: $ 107,333.28
YTD Receipts: $165,863.84
YTD Expenses: $163,160.03

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)