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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 56th ANNUAL FALL MEETING

“RBA: Celebrating 300 Years of Association Ministry”

BROADUS MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, October 21, 2007



The Richmond Baptist Association held its annual meeting on October 21 in the new facilities of the Broadus Memorial Baptist Church located at 5351 Pole Green Road in Mechanicsville. There were 117 messengers and 34 visitors representing 27 churches in attendance at the Sunday afternoon gathering. The theme, “Richmond Baptist Association, Celebrating 300 Years of Association Ministry,” marked the beginning of associational work in this country with the founding of the first association in Philadelphia in 1707.

The first portion of the meeting was devoted to worship which was followed by the business session and concluded with a wonderful fellowship supper graciously prepared by the ladies of Broadus Memorial. Davison Clark and DaQuan Love shared their testimony with us about their experience serving as Sojourner Summer Missionaries working at our three Baptist Centers this past summer. They were both grateful to the RBA for the opportunity to learn about missions service first hand.

Then we were visited by the historical character “The Rev. Dr. John A. Broadus” as portrayed by our own Fred Anderson. We learned a great deal about Rev. Broadus who is the namesake of the Broadus Memorial Baptist Church. He served well here in Virginia but was well known as one of the founding fathers of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. Fred gave us a most refreshing and personal encounter with some of our great Baptist history.

The keynote speaker for the day was the Rev. Dr. Bob Dale who spoke to us on the topic, “RBA---Future Tense: ABCs for Shaping Tomorrow’s Association.” After giving a brief overview of associational history, Bob shared with us three emerging trends, the A-B-C’s “AFFINITY MINISTRIES: Future associations are apt to organize their ministries more by affinity than by geography. BIRTHING MINISTRIES: We Baptists practice ‘new births’ in missions, evangelism, and outreach. COLLABORATIVE MINISTRIES: Our Baptist impulse to ‘associate’ is embedded in our DNA. We have always believed we can do more together than we can alone. We are co-laborers...we are collaborators.” Then Bob gave us a glimpse of RBA in the future tense. “Local Needs First, Then Global Possibilities: I suspect RBA will remain strongly and primarily tied to local churches and only selectively linked to other Baptist entities. Priorities Before Properties: I imagine we’ll become even more guided by priorities but even less tied to properties. Regional Catalyst for Volunteers: I see RBA’s future as a regional missionary body. We are a facilitator of volunteer energies and an entrepreneur in local ministry.” Bob Dale has been an active participant in the life of the RBA for many years and



REV. DR. BOB DALE

knows well the reality of our existence in the denominational spectrum. He reminded us that “Associations exist to help churches extend and enrich their ministries. Clustering ministry energies help us succeed at ministries we could never do singly. RBA can amplify the call to missions, serve as broker for member churches, and move creatively in teamwork.” Dr. Dale closed his message by challenging the RBA to ask God for a fresh future. He said, “(1.) Let’s sharpen our focus and define our ministry niche. Our purpose as an association is to do more for and with our member congregations than anyone else can or will. What are the emerging, unmet needs of the Capital region, and how are we being called to meet those needs? What can we do together to meet these needs that we’ll never attempt singly? (2.) Let’s customize our structure for our ministries. Can we become large enough for greater Kingdom impact while remaining small enough to be agile, responsive, and friendly? (3.) Let’s identify and join our cultural partners for ministry. Who shares our calling to leaven the Capital region for Christ? Which other Christians and people groups are primed to join us in common ministry? (4.) Is it time to form a ‘dream team’ to help map RBA’s future ministry path? We have good reason to invest in God’s future. We’ll live the rest of our lives and do the rest of our ministries in that future. What we do is crucial. The harvest of souls and the health of congregations hang in the balance!”

The New Work Team recommended the acceptance of the Mount Carmel Baptist Church at 3200 East Broad Street into the fellowship of the Richmond Baptist Association. The messengers gave unanimous approval to our new sister church, as well as the two recommendations from the Administrative Council.

First, the Administrative Council “recommended the elimination of the Extension Fund from the financial program of the RBA, while at the same time recommending the strengthening of the Endowment Fund for the purposes of funding administrative costs in the RBA annual budget. In the future, churches requesting financial assistance for new church starts would be referred to the Baptist Extension Board of the Baptist General Association of Virginia.” Secondly, the Council “recommended that monies intended to be used as a retirement gift to eligible RBA employees not be taken from the Endowment Fund. In the future, the Budget Sub-Group will determine other sources of funding for those necessary retirement gifts.”

The recommendation of the Budget Sub-Group for the 2008 RBA Budget in the amount of \$673,500.00 was also unanimously approved by the messengers from the churches represented at the meeting. Many excellent reports were given orally and also printed in the messengers’ packets. New officers were elected and installed for the new associational year. It has been a very good year for the Richmond Baptist Association. PRAISE THE LORD!

SEE CENTER PAGE FOR MORE PICTURES OF THE MEETING .

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 4

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
(SET CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR)

NOVEMBER 5 @ 11:00 A.M.

WMU WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, OAK FOREST

NOVEMBER 6

ELECTION DAY

NOVEMBER 7 @ 12:00 NOON

MINISTER’S LUNCH, PICCADILLY ON BROAD

NOVEMBER 11-12

AFRICAN AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP OF VIRGINIA’S
CHURCH GROWTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, MT. TABOR

NOVEMBER 12-13

SOUTHER BAPTIST CONSERVATIVES OF VIRGINIA
LIBERTY CHURCH, HAMPTON

NOVEMBER 13-14

BAPTIST GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA
GREATER RICHMOND CONVENTION CENTER

NOVEMBER 15 @ 12:00 NOON

RBA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, WESTHAMPTON

NOVEMBER 19 @ 6:00 P.M.

ASSOCIATIONAL RETIREMENT INFO DINNER
SHONEY’S @ VIRGINIA CENTER COMMONS

NOVEMBER 20 @ 10:00 A.M.

RBA WMU LEADERSHIP TEAM, RBA

NOVEMBER 22-23

RBA OFFICE CLOSED, THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY



PRAY FOR
RBA CHURCHES SEEKING A PASTOR



Boulevard
Cambridge
Fairmount Memorial
First
Second
Shalom Fellowship
Southampton
Westhampton

NEEDED: SLEEPING BAGS & BLANKETS

With the coming of fall and cool weather, GRACE FELLOWSHIP has experienced an increase in requests for sleeping bags and blankets. The men and women who live "on the streets" depend on these contributions to get through the winter months. The "life span" of a bag/blanket on the street is usually 3 months. They get worn out, they get wet and rot, they get stolen, or any combination of these. Grace Fellowship, the worship ministry of homeless and group home adults, operating with the First Baptist Church of Richmond, relies on the contributions of area churches and organizations to provide back packs, blankets and sleeping bags and work -clothes. They meet each Thursday at 6:30 for worship and dinner. It is truly, their church. If your congregation or organization can provide a sleeping bag or blanket, or would like to consider hosting a meal, please contact Mark Holland at mark4uth@comcast.net or marktholland@gmail.com. His church phone is 687-1166. We need blankets and sleeping bags NOW!

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If you would like to submit an article by the 20th of each month, or be added or deleted from the mailing list, please contact Frances Jones via email or snail mail at the addresses listed below.

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FROM YOUR DOM, PETE DU PLESSIS

Greetings!

Broadus Memorial Baptist Church graciously hosted the 56th Annual Meeting of the Richmond Baptist Association. It was a real joy to gather in their new facilities at 5351 Pole Green Road in Mechanicsville and see how God has richly blessed them in this move from their former location on Laburnum Avenue. Pastor Phil Peacock took care of the many details of such a meeting and made sure our every need was met. The Ladies Ensemble, "One Voice," blessed us with wonderful worship music. There were numerous people working behind the scenes throughout the day to see that everything was just right for us. The ladies of the church provided a delicious meal for us at the conclusion of the afternoon meeting. Thank you Pastor Phil and Broadus Memorial congregation for your warm welcome to the RBA. As we were leaving the building, the comment was made, "This has been a really good meeting of the RBA." Praise the Lord and give Him glory!

Please be sure to read the "Highlights" of the annual meeting on the front page of this issue of the newsletter. New officers and team members were elected for the new associational year beginning at the conclusion of the annual meeting. I look forward to working with each of them in the various roles they fill for the Association. We have a lot to consider as we look into the future ministry of the RBA. It takes a real commitment on the part of each individual to make teamwork effective on such a large scale. I want to challenge you to pray regularly and seek the Lord's face regarding the ministry you provide in His name. God has called each of us to be on mission for His purpose of reaching the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Thank you for agreeing to help build up His Kingdom here in "Jerusalem" through the work of the Richmond Baptist Association.

Allow me to express my deep appreciation to all those volunteers who served the Association so well this past year. It is a real joy for me to be able to fellowship with all the folks from our 70 member churches in the RBA. I always look forward to the many varied opportunities to meet with the members of our churches and enjoy fellowship with them. Many of you have gone the second and third mile in serving the Lord in your local church and then also in the Association. Please know that everyone of you is important to the successful ministry of the RBA. No matter what you may do to serve the Association, you matter a great deal to me. And I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

And speaking of Associational meetings, the RBA is open to invitations to come to your church for the quarterly Executive Council meetings (Feb. 21, May 15, Aug. 21, and Nov. 20) and the Spring Celebration (April 17). Please call me and let me know which date is best for you. As the old saying goes, "the more we get together, the happier we'll be." You know something, I just love going to our Associational meetings. You are beautiful Christian people and I want to be around you as much as I possibly can. God is so merciful and gracious to allow us to love one another and to also be loved by one another. It's a little bit like heaven on earth!



ASSOCIATIONAL DINNER MEETING

Information for Staff Retirement

November 19, 2007

GuideStone Financial Resources, SBC, has provided funding to sponsor an associational dinner meeting for RBA ministers and their spouses who are not currently participating in the Church Retirement Plan (ChRP). This meeting will be held on Monday, November 19, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. at the Shoney's Restaurant at 10093 Brook Road (Virginia Center Commons). The goal of this emphasis is to strengthen the financial well-being of those who serve the Lord in our churches.

The Baptist General Association of Virginia, through the Cooperative Mission gifts of its churches, offers valuable benefits for those who participate in the ChRP. These benefits include up to \$100,000 of term life insurance, up to \$500 per month in long-term disability benefits, and up to \$17.50 in matching retirement benefits, all at no cost to the church or participant.

These benefits are available to ministers and other eligible church employees. Many of these who serve in the local church are unaware of these benefits. In addition, many churches do not provide adequate protection benefits to their employees.

Jeff Cranford who does Financial Support Planning for the Virginia Baptist Mission Board will present a brief overview of GuideStone's retirement and insurance plans at the beginning of meeting. He will also be available for further dialogue following the meal.

Please contact Frances Jones, by November 16, at 329-1701 or francesj@rbaonline.org to let her know if you and your spouse will be able to attend. The meal is free and the information learned will be well worth your time.



Offering Goal: \$ 90,000.00
Received 9/30/07: \$113,852.75

SEPTEMBER 2007 BUDGET REPORT	
Budget Amount:	\$ 54,625.00
Budget Receipts:	\$ 55,241.97
Budget Expenses:	\$ 54,552.27
YTD Amount:	\$491,625.00
YTD Receipts:	\$544,315.38
YTD Expenses:	\$484,382.59



LAMP REPORT

"Latin American Mission Project"

Greetings,

I have faced some different challenges this month in ministry, but I have been strengthened by remembering that God is always the same and that He is so good.

I had the unpleasant experience of attending funeral services for two young Latinos. The first funeral was in a shop of the Construction Company for a young man who died in a car accident. He had just started to attend a church in Cumberland, but he was living in Chester. He left four children and a wife. The second funeral, at the Southwood apartment complex, was for a young man, just 17 years old who was assaulted and killed in the middle of the day. He had just moved to the area from Guatemala and was the only support for his family.

Both of these tragic situations help to illustrate the need that exists in the Latino community for the spiritual support that this ministry can provide to families and individuals in crisis. I appreciate the support I am receiving now, but as the Latino population in our area grows, there is a need for more churches to be involved to provide more resources. We all need to pray, with open hearts and minds, for God to use each of us as he continues to grow this ministry to Latinos, who are precious children in God's eyes.

I am your resource person for spreading the Gospel to Latinos, but we all need to be participants in the Great Commission as we minister "to the least of these" in our Jerusalem. We need to pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as we reach out to help Latinos in love. To let them know we are here to offer spiritual support and to help them learn to make better decisions.

I ask for your prayers, for me and the other leaders in this ministry as we follow God's leading to find an opportunity to start a Bible Study in the Southwood apartment complex. There is a great need for a ministry to Latinos in this place and we want to be ready to fill that need.

In His name,

Rev. Louis Orsatti, Latino Church Planter

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IN SEARCH OF CP CHURCH STUDY COURSE BOOKS

Buddy Burgess, pastor of the First Baptist Church's Deaf Mission, is in search of copies of the old Convention Press Church Study Course books from back in the 60s. These books were used primarily during *January Bible Study* emphasis. Copies of these books were usually grey or blue in color. If you have any of these books and would be willing to part with them contact Buddy at 358-2977 or burgess@fbcrichmond.org.

A WORD FROM NITA MAY, CVBM

Greetings,

One Indian Youth's Rite of Passage involves a father who takes his son into the forest blindfolded- and leaves him. Required to sit on a stump the entire night and not take off the blindfold until the ray of the morning sun shines through it, the boy is all by himself. He cannot cry out for help to anyone. He cannot tell the other boys of this experience. Each must come into his own manhood.

The boy is terrified. He can hear all kinds of noise. Beasts are all around him. The wind blows the grass and it shakes the stump. But he sits there, never removing the blindfold. Finally, after a horrific night, the sound of the night disappears. He can feel the warmth of the sun. He removes his blindfold. It is then that he sees his father - sitting on the stump next to him-on watching the entire night. The story reminds us that we are never alone. All we have to do is take off the blindfolds.

Being a part of a mission team does that for us. Blindfolds come off as we sense that God is much closer than we may have noticed. Volunteers from all three associations gathered together at Pamunkey Indian Baptist Church on September 7th and 8th to see for themselves. Atlee Community Church, Lakeside Baptist Church, Lyndale Baptist Church, Swift Creek Community Church, and Ashland Church of God, joined with folks on the Pamunkey Indian Reservation to repair the

roof of the 140 year old church.

After a short devotion and prayer time, the group spread out to begin their work. Soon groups of folks were up on the roof painting. Another group tackled working over at the Pottery School scraping and painting. Another group scraped and painted a third building. Limbs would be trimmed that endangered the buildings. Still another group began preparations for the lunchtime meal. Snacks and bottled water sat on the tailgates of the vehicles. Members of the mission team would also have the opportunity to tour the Museum and the Fish Hatchery.

(Where millions of shad are raised and then released back into the Pamunkey River each year.)

Some of the volunteers had served on numerous mission projects. Others had never been a part of a mission team. During the day the different groups talked about serving together in new ways. As I snapped pictures of volunteers working together, I was reminded that it often takes getting out of our comfort zone for us to focus on the needs all around us. Looking up at the men making repairs on the steeple of the church, I knew I would need a blindfold to work way up there!

Central Virginia Baptist Ministries would later receive notes and calls thanking CVBM for "letting us be involved... and letting our team have such a great experience." Pamunkey Indian Baptist Church wrote: "We would like to extend our sincere appreciation for the donation of materials to refurbish the roof of our church. God Bless You. From your sisters and brothers in Christ from the Pamunkey Indian Baptist Church."

Thank you to all who worked on this mission project - reminding us all that we are never alone.

Blessings....

Rev. Nita May, Regional Ministries Coordinator,

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HELP/SITUATIONS WANTED

PIANIST needed at **Jahnke Road Baptist Church**, Richmond. Good Pay! Friendly Church! Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. If interested, please call: (804) 232-3551 or email: jahnkerbc@juno.com.

Southside Baptist Church at 6000 Ironbridge Road is looking for a **VERY GOOD CHURCH PIANIST**. Play for Sunday morning and Wednesday evening worship and Wednesday choir practice. Compensation in line with experience. Contact denisT1000@hotmail.com or call church office at 271-9257 (M-F, 9-2).

New Covenant Baptist Church is seeking a **QUARTER-TIME MUSIC DIRECTOR**. The candidate will direct an adult choir and lead in music worship. Applicants should be proficient in piano and/or organ, and music direction. For consideration please call the church for more info at 804-282-9308, fax resume to 804-282-9356 or email NewCovenaBC@aol.com or you can mail a resume to: New Covenant Baptist Church, Attn: Personnel Committee, 7250 Patterson Ave, Richmond VA 23229

TEAM MEMBERS needed for the RBA's Strategy Work Team for LAMP (Latin American Missions Project) that is forming. If you have an interest in reaching out to Latinos in our community, please contact Pete du Plessis (329-1701 or peted@rbaonline.org) and he will be glad to give you more details about this ministry.

RBA DISASTER RELIEF TEAM MEMBERS needed. The Virginia Baptist Mission Board is endeavoring to establish a Disaster Relief Communications Network for the State. The Board would like each local association to form a team to better assist with communication and coordination of the Baptist relief efforts in Richmond. If you have an interest in serving on the RBA Team, please contact Pete du Plessis at 329-1701 or peted@rbaonline.org.

VOLUNTEERS needed at **BGAV Annual Meeting, November 13 & 14** at the Richmond Convention Center. Need Mic Monitors and Ushers. Also needed Church Busses/Vans with drivers for transportation for two ministries to Church Hill Center and the Slave Trail for a prayer walk. If you can help with these needs, contact Pete du Plessis at 329-1701 or peted@rbaonline.org and he will pass your name onto the BGAV.

HOST CHURCHES NEEDED FOR 2008 RBA:

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS
 (includes quickly served lunch & meeting
 12:00 noon—1:30 p.m.)
FEBRUARY 21
MAY 15
AUGUST 21
NOVEMBER 20

RBA SPRING CELEBRATION
APRIL 17 @ 7:00 P.M.

If your church is interested in hosting one of these meetings or if you have questions, contact Frances Jones or Pete du Plessis at the RBA at 804-329-1701 as soon as possible.

AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

CHURCH NEWS

AFRICAN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH (2300 Dumbarton Road) invites everyone to join them as they celebrate their 4th Anniversary on Sunday, November 11 at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Ron Hall, Virginia Baptist Foundation speaking on "Living in America: Ministering within a Cross-Cultural Context." Call Pastor Calvin Birch at 439-6903 for more details. **BETHANY PLACE** will host a unique contemporary Christian theater group, **The Jeremiah People** on November 10 to present a Drama Workshop at 4:00 pm and perform a program entitled **Family Snaps** at 7:00 pm. **BON AIR's** Glocal Ministries sponsored a mission work project to Leedstown at the Eagle Tree Farm where they picked squash and broccoli left in the orchards and fields after harvest and delivered it to the local food bank. **CARLISLE AVENUE** will have their Harvest Home Rally Day on Sunday, November 11. **GINTER PARK** hosted a Blessing of the Animals for the community on October 7. **GRACE's** Youth and Children are sponsoring a Thanksgiving Luncheon for their Senior Adults on November 11. **HUGENOT ROAD's** Youth are going on a Fall Retreat to Camp Willow Run to *Find Your Place in the Son*. **LEIGH STREET's** Pastor James Colvin and his wife, Martha, traveled to South Africa in October. **MONUMENT HEIGHTS** will host CARITAS Family Week on November 17-24. **OAKWOOD MEMORIAL** is collecting used stamps for the Alliance Women's Stamp Ministry in Fort Myers, Florida. **PATTERSON AVENUE** is renovating their church by cleaning out and then painting and redecorating the entire facility. **RIVER ROAD** is sponsoring a Photography Exhibit, "In Christ a New Creation", on November 4-11. **SKIPWITH** hosted the RBA Senior Adult Luncheon. **WEBBER MEMORIAL** hosted CARITAS and sponsored a Blood Drive in October.

STAFF NEWS

FIRST celebrated anniversaries of three staff members: Mary Hite-man, 25 years; Steve Booth, 5 years; and Ruth Szucs, 5 years. **GAYTON** welcomes Michael Gunter as their new Adult Discipleship Director. **WESTOVER** ordained Justin Joplin on October 28.

CHRISTMAS DRIVE FOR FLUVANNA CORRECTIONAL CENTER FOR WOMEN

Lynn Litchfield, chaplain at the Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women, has gotten permission to conduct a Christmas Drive for 2007. Toiletry kits, stamps, and cards (especially Christmas cards) are being collected. Stamps are particularly appreciated since it takes an inmate almost two full hours of employment (at 23 cents an hour) to buy a stamp.

Toiletry kits should contain the following items and be packed in a one-gallon zip-loc plastic bag with a hole punched in it:

- ◇ One shampoo, No larger than 16 ounces
- ◇ One lotion, No larger than 16 ounces
- ◇ Two full-size bars of soap
- ◇ One individually wrapped toothbrush
- ◇ One full-size toothpaste
- ◇ One full-size solid deodorant
- ◇ One non-mechanical pencil

Through the "Chaplain's Indigent Kit" program, any "extra" toiletry kits will be used to help women who have the financial support to purchase their own items.

You may bring your donations to the RBA building by November 13, and they will be delivered for you. Call Wyatt Heisler (804-741-9320) for more information.

PRAY FOR THE RBA CHURCH OF THE WEEK

NOVEMBER 4 SECOND
NOVEMBER 11 SHALOM FELLOWSHIP
NOVEMBER 18 SKIPWITH
NOVEMBER 25 SOUTHAMPTON
DECEMBER 2 SOUTHSIDE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

RBA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2006
12:00 NOON

WESTHAMPTON BAPTIST CHURCH
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Presents

CHURCH GROWTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
"How to Maximize the Ministries in Your Church"

Featuring

REV. JAMES T. MEEKS
Pastor, Salem Baptist Church, Chicago, IL



Schedule
Worship on Sunday, November 11, 2007
Seminar on Monday, November 12, 2007

Location
Mount Tabor Baptist Church
 2011 Fairmount Avenue, Richmond, Virginia
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 Vice President, Jerome O. Lee (804) 763-5683
 Pastor James L. Graham (703) 793-1196
 Host Pastor Herbert L. Ponder (804) 643-0904

No registration fee required, but a freewill offering will be taken for Missions

"THANKSGIVING FOOD NEEDED AT OREGON HILL"

Oregon Hill Baptist Center is in need of Thanksgiving "like" food to be given away on Thursday, November 15th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. **Food should be delivered to the Center by Thursday, November 8th** (please call ahead to set up delivery time). **VOLUNTEERS are needed to put bags together on Monday, November 12th — from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. and to distribute food on November 15th from 9:00 AM until 12:00 noon.** Call Jennifer Turner, Community Missionary for Oregon Hill at 648-1353 if interested in helping. Thanks in advance for your contributions — *Jennifer*

FOOD ITEMS REQUESTED ARE:

- \$10 Ukrops gift cards (to be distributed 1 per family)
- Canned Hams
- Canned Vegetables (corn, green beans, peas)
- Canned Sweet Potatoes/Yams
- Stuffing Mix (instant boxed is best)
- Cranberry Sauce
- Muffin Mix, Cornbread Mix, etc.
- Powdered Milk
- Turkey & brown gravy
- Boxes of Instant rice & Instant potatoes
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Graham Cracker pie shells in pan
- Large boxes of Pudding Mixes for pies



THANKSGIVING AT THE "THE WELL"

The Church Hill Christian Wellness Center is putting out a call for **TURKEYS, TURKEYS, AND MORE TURKEYS**. Glinda Ford says she will need turkeys with stuffing to fill at least 55 bags! **The turkeys need to be delivered to The Well by Tuesday, November 20.** Food distribution will be on Wednesday, November 21. You can call Glinda Ford, Community Missionary for The Well at 780-0053 if you are interested in helping.

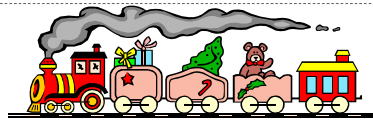


NEEDED: COMPLETED 2007 ACPs!

ACP Contacts of RBA churches should have received the 2007 Annual Church Profile (ACP) survey forms in the mail at the end of August. The survey provides much needed information that is vital to the ministry of the RBA.

Please take time to complete the survey forms and return them to the RBA ASAP! **The deadline was October 15, 2007. If you have any questions, call Amy Soward at the RBA office, 329-1701 ext. 208.**

We thank you for your attention to this matter!



**IT'S TIME TO GATHER NEW TOYS AND CLOTHING FOR THE 2007 CHRISTMAS STORES
AT THE THREE RICHMOND BAPTIST COMMUNITY MISSIONS CENTERS!**

We call them "Christmas Stores" because the items are not simply given away. A small amount - \$5.00 is charged for each child, entitling the parent(s) to select toys and several pieces of clothing. The money collected is used in a neighborhood fuel assistance fund for the winter months. Our stores are a ministry to the whole person, in which relationships are central. Parents retain their dignity as they carefully select gifts which they have paid to obtain.

We need gifts for children ages birth through 12 years old (the Center directors report shortages for the 7-to-10 year olds). Suggestions: Clothing (including jeans, sweaters, sweatshirts, sleepwear, hats, gloves, socks, and underwear), games, toys, books, bicycles and helmets. Go easy on stuffed animals and Barbie dolls. In other words, purchase gifts that you would want your own children to receive. Do not wrap them; the parents need to see what they are selecting. (If you would like to donate some wrapping paper that will be appreciated.)

Last year your gifts made it possible for these centers to assist nearly 250 families and provide a happy Christmas for nearly 600 children!

Refer to the list below to see where it is suggested that your church take its gifts. If you have questions, call Carol Alley, Mission Involvement Consultant, at 282-7982.



SOUTH RICHMOND AND OREGON HILL BAPTIST CENTERS

Christmas store in South Richmond Center @ Saint Paul's South, 700 East Belt Boulevard
Thursday & Friday ♦ December 6 & 7, 2007 ♦ 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Deliver your gifts: December 3, 4, and 5 (Monday through Wednesday), between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Bring them to the rear of the gymnasium at Saint Paul's South. **Volunteers are needed to help with intake, set-up, and shopping assistance. If you can volunteer, call Margaret Allen at 232-0174.**

THE CHURCH HILL WELLNESS CENTER

Christmas Store @ Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1920 Fairmount Ave.
(on the opposite side of Fairmount from the Wellness Center in Mt. Tabor Church)
Saturday, December 8 ♦ 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Deliver your gifts on December 5, 6 and 7 (Wednesday through Friday), between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to Bethlehem Baptist Church. **Volunteers are needed to help with intake, set-up, and shopping assistance. If you can volunteer, call Glinda Ford (780-0053) for Church Hill.**

**CHURCHES TO TAKE GIFTS TO
SOUTH RICHMOND:**

- Bethany Place
- Bon Air
- Chinese
- Community of Grace
- Derbyshire
- First
- First Union
- Friendship Memorial
- Gayton
- Ginter Park
- Grace
- Gravel Hill
- Grove Avenue
- Hatcher Memorial
- Huguenot Road
- Jahnke Road
- Korean Baptist Church of Richmond
- Lakeside
- Lighthouse of Hope
- Morning Star



- New Canaan (Forest Hill)
- New Covenant
- New Life
- Northminster
- Oak Forest
- Oak Grove
- Patterson Avenue
- Pine Street
- Saint Paul's
- Shalom Fellowship
- Skipwith
- Southampton
- Southside
- Stockton Memorial
- Stukeley Hall
- Swift Creek
- Tabernacle
- Trinity
- United For Christ
- Weatherford Mission Group
- Webber Memorial
- Westhampton
- Westover
- Woodland Heights

**CHURCHES TO TAKE GIFTS TO
CHURCH HILL:**



- Bethlehem (Fairmount)
- Bethlehem (Penick)
- Broadus Memorial
- Cambridge
- Carlisle Avenue
- Chamberlayne
- Community Mission
- Disciples for Christ
- Fairmount Memorial
- Leigh St.
- Lifeline for Jesus
- Monument Heights
- Mt. Sinai
- Mt. Tabor
- New Bridge
- New Canaan International (Byron St.)
- Oakwood Memorial
- River Road
- Sandston
- Second
- Staples Mill Road

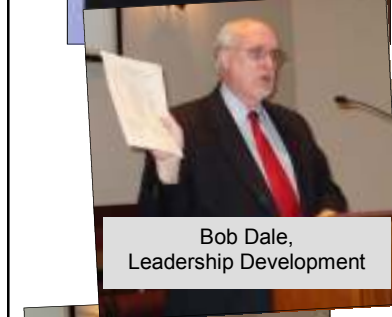


Phil Peacock Opening Meeting with Prayer

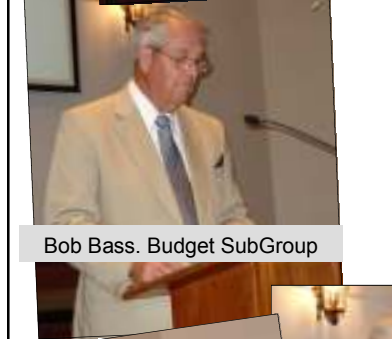
One Voice & Carol Golden



Dr. John A. Broadus



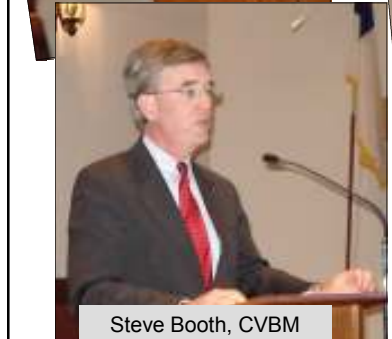
Bob Dale, Leadership Development



Bob Bass, Budget SubGroup



Terry Green, New Work



Steve Booth, CVBM

"Richmond Baptist Association, Celebrating 300 Years of Association Ministry"
56th Annual Meeting Program—October 21, 2007

Call to Worship	"Great Is The Lord"	One Voice
Call to Order		Philip Turner
Welcome and Prayer by Host Pastor		Phil Peacock
Recognition of Guests		Pete du Plessis
Sojourner Summer Missionary Testimonies		Davison Clark DaQuan Love
Congregational Hymn #3	"Worthy of Worship"	Led by Carol Golden
Historical Vignette	"Dr. John A. Broadus"	Fred Anderson
Message in Song	"The Call"	One Voice
Message in Word	"RBA—Future Tense: ABCs for Shaping Tomorrow's Association"	Bob Dale
Congregational Hymn #202	"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"	Carol Golden
Business Session		
Report of Leadership Development Team		Bob Dale
Report of Budget Sub-group		Bob Bass
Report of New Work Team		Terry Green
Report of Administrative Council		Mike Geiger
Report Partnership Missions Team		Ruth Guill
Report of Central Virginia Baptist Ministries		Steve Booth
Report of Moderator		Philip Turner
Report of Latin American Mission Project (LAMP) Team		Louis Orsatti
Report of Woman's Missionary Union		Wyatt Heisler
Report of Virginia Baptist Mission Board		Carl Johnson
Report of Director of Missions		Pete du Plessis
Recognition of RBA Staff		Pete du Plessis
Recognition of New Ministers in the RBA		Pete du Plessis
Registrar's Report		Ann Kitchens
Special Presentation from Brotherhood Mutual		Mike Sanford
Appreciation of Outgoing Officers		Pete du Plessis
Installation of Incoming Officers		Philip Turner
Appreciation of Host Church		Philip Turner
Passing of the Gavel		Philip Turner
Adjournment		Philip Turner
Closing Prayer and Blessing		Mike Geiger
Tour of Broadus' New Facilities—Set-Up for Dinner		



Davison Clark, Sojourner



DaQuan Love, Sojourner



Wyatt Heisler, WMU



Philip Turner, Out-going Moderator



Louise Orsatti, LAMP



Carl Johnson, VBMB



Mike Geiger, In-Coming Moderator



In-Coming Officers
Clingman, Bidwell, Clemmons, Geiger, Kitchens, Heisler, Robinson