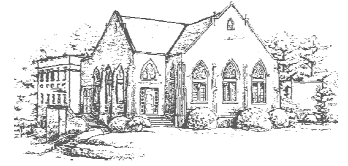


news of Richmond area churches...together...changing lives— June 2011

**Highlights from the 60th RBA Spring Celebration
Westhampton Baptist Church
Sunday, May 1, 2011**



**RBA Welcomes
International Community Church
Into Membership**

God, more than a year ago, brought together the Reverends Minh Ha Nguyen (Vietnamese-American) and Samuel Nuon (Cambodian-American). These men of God, along with a volunteer leadership team of approximately 20 others, share a common vision of building worshipping communities “to reach all immigrants, refugees, international students and trans-national workers in Richmond, guiding them to become devoted followers of Jesus Christ. ICC is passionate about starting indigenous house groups among unreached peoples in our city.” Ten ICC house groups meet weekly and connect with one another monthly on the first Sunday for worship and fellowship. They meet in the Monument Heights Baptist Church fellowship hall at 2:00 PM. ICC welcomes your attendance to worship and pray with them. The leaders of ICC can help you and your church know how to help them reach more than 70,000 refugees living right here in Richmond. God has brought the world to our doorstep. ICC is reaching the world locally!



Minh Ha and Samuel

We welcome the International Community Church into the Richmond Baptist Association family!

**RBA 2011
SUMMER SOJOURNER MISSIONARIES**



Pictured above with DOM Mike Robinson, Summer Sojourner Missionaries (left to right): Molly Gardner, Lindsey Turner and Valerie Westerman.

Molly, Lindsey and Valerie were commissioned as Summer Sojourner Missionaries at the 60th Annual Spring Celebration on Sunday, May 1st at Westhampton. Moderator Jerome Lee offered the prayer of dedication. Pray for them as they serve God among us this summer!

**Parting Words of Appreciation
from
Margaret Allen**



I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all for the wonderful recognition service that was provided for me on the first Sunday in May. It has been an honor, privilege and blessing to serve as a missionary for the Richmond Baptist Association over the years. My life has been enriched through many experiences at the South Richmond Baptist Center.

As I approach this new chapter of my life, I have an abundance of blessed memories to reminisce and reflect upon in retirement. Each opportunity to share God’s love in the community has reinforced the importance of the commitment to Christian service. It is through the efforts and dedication of all in the association that, through Christ, tears turn into smiles, the weak become strong, the oppressed become free, and unbelievers’ become believers. These aforementioned transformations motivated me for over 25 years to be excited about the work of being a missionary by focusing on the power and presence of God. It has been an awesome experience to witness how God can take simple acts and produce extraordinary results.

I would like to thank each person and volunteer who has committed time and/or resources. In addition, I would like to thank you all for your kindness and encouragement and for making the days before my retirement so enjoyable. I look forward to the wonderful way in which God will continue to use me as I remain intentional about sharing the gospel with others. To God be the glory for the great things he has done and will do!

In His love,

Margaret J. Allen

Margaret J. Allen
Community Missionary,
South Richmond Baptist Center

FROM YOUR DOM, MIKE ROBINSON

Greetings All:

I expect most of us have heard of summertime being referred to as the "lazy days of summer!" Certainly, summertime offers for many a time for vacations, relaxation, time away from normal routines and recuperation from what might be called the "winter doldrums!"

For the Richmond Baptist Association summertime is made up of anything but "lazy days!"

In just a few weeks school will be out for the summer, graduations will be history and our three Summer Sojourner Missionaries will find themselves rotating between our three Baptist Centers, the African Christian Community Church and the RBA Headquarters Building at 3111 Moss Side Avenue. They will be joining our Community Missionaries in operating clothes closets, distributing food essentials and back-to-school supplies, assisting with children's day camps and VBS, helping with transportation to medical appointments, listening to stories of frustration and anxiety about everyday life, offering encouragement to the discouraged, helping complete paper-work for folks without literacy skills, complementing the on-going work of developing life skills – tasks in aiding the under-resourced that engage our Community Missionaries on a routine basis twelve months a year. These and many other needs don't take a vacation during the summertime!

Partnership missions will take additional energy as the summer days grow warmer and hours out of school increase. Hawah Gobah, along with Calvin Birch, the Partnership Missions Team, our Sojourners and a number of partnering churches will intensify the summer opportunities to transform lives, especially the lives of children, among the four language groups that make up ACCC. Many of the ladies of the RBA WMU will be involved in making the efforts in partnership missions successful.

At the South Richmond Baptist Center, we will be adapting to the retirement of our beloved long-time Missionary, Margaret Allen. We will be welcoming the Rev. Wesley Garrett to his new post and helping him to plant his feet in what, for him, will be a new mission field. With the coming of a new face, the face of ministry at the SRBC will also change as different gifts and abilities manifest themselves with new leadership.

At Camp Alkulana, during 40 intense camping days, nearly 225 campers from ages 9 through 16 will be exposed to some of the best opportunities for life transformation anywhere in America. Immediately following the second camp clean-up day on June 4th, Beth Wright and Camp Staff will descend upon Bath County until the last day of Staff Wrap-up on Saturday, August 13th!

Lazy days of summer? Not happening for the Richmond Baptist Association! And thanks to the faithfulness of staff and the diligence of countless volunteers, the summer of 2011 will be a worthwhile adventure with "God at work!" Bathe the summer in prayer and participation!

Mike

*The
Richmond Baptist Association
Welcomes
The Reverend Wesley R. Garrett
Community Missionary,
South Richmond Baptist Center*

The Executive Council voted on May 19, 2011, at First Baptist Church to receive the recommendation of the Centers Support Group's Search Committee to call Rev. Wesley R. Garrett as Community Missionary to join the staff of the Richmond Baptist Association.

The Reverend Garrett is a graduate of Boyce Bible College, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY and Saint Leo University, Saint Leo, FL with a Bachelor of Arts in Religion (cum laude). He is currently continuing his education at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, PA.

Wesley has served as Site Administrator for Our Brothers' Place, Philadelphia, where he coordinated the work of one of Philadelphia's largest homeless shelters, servicing 150 men daily. He was the Director of Church and Community Ministries for the Greater Philadelphia Baptist Association from 2004 to 2007; Community Ministries Coordinator, Richmond Baptist Association, 2002 to 2004; Church and Communities Ministries Director, District of Columbia Baptist Association, 1997 to 2002 and Director of Church and Community Ministries for the Peninsula Baptist Association, Newport News, VA from 1986 until 1997.

In addition, Wesley has served in the United States Army from 1979 until 1986. He was licensed to preach in 1990 and ordained as a Baptist minister in 1992. He currently serves the Bux Mont Baptist Church, Hatboro, PA, as Youth Leader.

He will assume his role as Community Missionary at the South Richmond Baptist Center on Thursday, June 16, 2011.

We welcome Wesley Garrett to the staff of the Richmond Baptist Association. We look forward to the ways in which Wesley will represent Richmond Baptists in one of our key ministries "among the least of these."

It is our prayer that God will bless Wesley as he transitions back to Virginia. As we minister to our city in the days ahead, may all of us, because Wesley has joined us, be a greater blessing to the local expression of God's Kingdom found in the city of Richmond.

Welcome aboard, Wesley!

**PRAY FOR THE RBA
CHURCH OF THE WEEK**

JUNE 5 FAIRMOUNT MEMORIAL
JUNE 12 FIRST
JUNE 19 FIRST UNION
JUNE 26 FRIENDSHIP MEMORIAL
JULY 3 GAYTON

**REVISIONS TO THE
RBA PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL AND
EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK**

A vote to adopt a revised version of the **RBA PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL AND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK** was scheduled for the Executive Council meeting on May 19th. Suggestions that warranted thoughtful consideration came to our attention just prior to the Council meeting, therefore, the presentation was delayed to allow the Personnel Sub-group to meet to look at the new suggestions.

If you are a member of the Personnel Sub-group or the RBA Executive Council and received a copy of the **RBA PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL AND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK** and have suggestions for inclusion in the 2011 revision of this document, please return your marked copy to the Chairperson of the Personnel Sub-group, Dr. Lee Gallman (Ginter Park), or Mike Robinson, DOM, no later than Wednesday, June 15, 2011.

Thank you for your assistance in enhancing the quality of this important document!

RBA PRAYER GUIDES are still available, if your church or group would like to use them. The Guide is formatted so it can be used to pray for the RBA staff and ministries during any seven-day period throughout the year. Contact Frances Jones at the RBA office (804-329-1701) if you would like copies.



APRIL 2011 RBA BUDGET REPORT

Budget Amount: \$ 46,208.33
Budget Receipts: \$ 45,381.01
Budget Expenses: \$ 47,015.76
YTD Amount: \$184,833.33
YTD Receipts: \$124,648.43
YTD Expenses: \$167,749.88

2011 Camp Alkulana Offering

Formerly known as the RBA Week of Prayer for Associational Missions

As of 4/30/11

Offering Goal: \$116,000.00
YTD Receipts: \$ 21,867.70
YTD Expenses: \$ 18,742.27



**DIXON MINISTRIES
TORONTO PARTNERSHIP**

“SEWING SUPPLIES NEEDED”

**FABRIC (no polyester, 1 yard or more),
ZIPPERS, ELASTIC, LACE, BUTTONS
NEEDLES (ALL SIZES), THREAD, SCISSORS,
AND OTHER SEWING NOTIONS.**

****NO PATTERNS****

Stu and Eleanor Dodson will be traveling to Toronto in their RV again this year to help with the ministry at the Matthew House in late July and are willing to take all of the above.

Donations are being collected at the RBA office, 8:30-4:30 Monday - Friday. **Deadline for donations of items to go to Toronto is July 15.**

If you have questions, please contact Ruth Guill, Partnership Missions Coordinator, at 804-745-1655.



**Central Virginia Raceway Ministries
Says THANK YOU, Volunteers!**

The Central Virginia Raceway Ministry Team would like to thank the churches, groups, and individuals who supported our ministry efforts at the Richmond International Raceway during the April NASCAR Race Weekend! The weekend was a great success because of the generous donations of homemade cookies which are always a big hit; and the volunteers who came out and shared their time, faith and friendship with the race fans. Thank you for helping to show the presence of Christ in this unique setting.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! — Our volunteer crew needs some new recruits! Our main tent site is right next to Gate 60 where hundreds of race fans pass by to enter the track. We have a wonderful opportunity to reach out in Jesus' name to folks in such a variety of ways, but we need more volunteers to continue this ministry. **The Fall NASCAR races at Richmond International Raceway will be on September 9 and 10.** Mark these dates on your calendar and consider joining us or encourage someone you know who's interested in NASCAR to volunteer.

For more information about this exciting ministry, contact Billy Davis, Volunteer Coordinator, at 306-1604; billy.davis1@verizon.net or Frances Jones at the RBA Office at 329-1701 or frances.jones@rbaonline.org.

**ENTRUST IS PLEASED TO PARTNER WITH
FIRST THINGS FIRST OF GREATER RICHMOND**

FIRST THINGS FIRST is hosting Gary Chapman, author of *The Five Love Languages*, in Richmond on Friday, August 19 and Saturday, August 20. Special rates are available to churches now. Tickets will go on sale to the public on June 4. For more information about the conference "The Marriage You've Always Wanted" please go to <http://www.firstthingsrichmond.org>

**The Marriage You've Always Wanted
August 19-20, 2011**

Friday: 7 – 9:15 PM

- ♥ Two Essentials for a Successful Marriage
- ♥ Five Love Languages
- ♥ Five Languages of Apology

Saturday: 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

- ♥ Solving Conflicts Without Arguing
- ♥ Making Sex a Mutual Joy
- ♥ How to Share the Things That Bug You

FIRST THINGS FIRST OF GREATER RICHMOND is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to strengthening families through education, collaboration and mobilization. They are a vital community resource that collaborates with and is supported by a broad cross-section of community organizations, groups and individuals.

Fact: Entrust is a credit union that was started by Christians, for Christians, more than 40 years ago. They serve the banking needs of our the employees and members of our churches as well as Christian-based organizations in the Richmond area. Its primary purpose is to promote good financial stewardship through products, services, and Biblical financial education in the community. Learn more about Entrust at www.beagoodsteward.com

**SUPPORT CAMP ALKULANA
THIS SUMMER WITH YOUR PRAYERS**



We cannot all be volunteers helping out at Camp Alkulana this summer, but we can pray for Director Beth, the camp staff, counselors, and campers as they make preparations for the summer and during the four summer sessions:

- June 4 Camp Work Day #2
- June 6 Director Beth Wright moves to Camp for the summer
- June 8-19 Staff Training
- June 23-July 4 OLDER Boys (12-14)
- July 8-15 YOUNGER Boys (9-11 & CITs)
- July 19-20 Staff In-Service Training
- July 21-28 YOUNGER Girls (9-11 & CITs)
- August 1-12 OLDER Girls (2-14)
- August 12-13 Staff Summer Wrap-Up

INCLUSION

Mass Choir Concert

Guest Director, Rev. Tom Baynham

June 5, 2011 ♦ 4:00 p.m.

**Shady Grove United Methodist Church,
4825 Pouncey Tract Road
Glen Allen**

INCLUSION, a new choir reflecting the racial and ethnic diversity of the Richmond metro area, will make its debut on Sunday, June 5th, in a concert to benefit the ministry of The Resource Center. The Rev. Tom Baynham, currently a candidate for the Doctor of Ministry degree at Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, will direct the choir.



In addition to INCLUSION, guest choirs include the Chickahominy Baptist Association Mass Choir, Shady Grove United Methodist Church Sanctuary Choir, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Choir, and as special guests the Children's Choirs of Shady Grove UMC.

Admission is free, but a love offering will be received with all proceeds going to **The Resource Center**. For information about the event or resources to support your ministries, call the Center at 804-358-8306 or visit the website:

www.resourcingchurches.com

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Mark your calendar for teacher training at the annual:

Teachers' Toolbox

September 24, 2011

Trinity United Methodist Church on Forest Avenue



**Save the Date:
to help Richmond's kids
go to camp!**

The **2012 Alkulana Golf Tournament** will be held on **October 7** at the Sycamore Creek Golf Course, 991 Manakin Road (off W. Broad Street), Manakin-Sabot, VA. Lunch 12 noon. Shot Gun start 1 pm. All proceeds go to fund Camp Alkulana.

Camp Alkulana has been a ministry to inner city children since 1915. Camp Alkulana seeks to provide a camp experience that will allow each camper to realize, through various activities and relationships, that he or she is a person of immeasurable worth and potential who is loved by God.

For more information call the RBA office 804-329-1701 or go online to www.alkulana.org.





**RICHMOND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
ANNOUNCES**

**3 DAY TRIPS TO CAMP ALKULANA
DURING 2011 SUMMER CAMP SESSIONS**

The RBA, at the invitation of Camp Director Beth Wright, is offering three opportunities this summer to RBA Pastors, Church Staff, WMU Members, Missions Leaders, and Friends to visit Camp for a day during one of the sessions. The visits have been planned to give RBA church leaders, who may have questions about the camp program, an opportunity to see what goes on during a day in the life of Camp Alkulana!

The Day Trips are being offered free of charge! Each trip will leave from the RBA Office (3111 Moss Side Avenue, Richmond, 23222) by bus or van at 8:00 a.m.; arrive at camp around 10:30 a.m.; experience a camp activity; tour the facilities; join the campers for lunch at 1:00 p.m. and head back to Richmond between 2-2:30 p.m.

**SPACE IS LIMITED
SO RESERVE YOUR SPOT ASAP!**



Trip #1

PASTORS & Church Staff

Tuesday, JUNE 28 (During Older Boys Session)

Trip #2

WMU & Missions Leaders & Friends

Tuesday, JULY 12 (During Younger Boys Session)

Trip #3

Overflow (Church Staff, WMU & Friends)

Thursday, AUGUST 4 (During Older Girls Session)

RESERVATIONS

Contact Frances Jones at the RBA by phone: 329-1701 or by email to: frances.jones@rbaonline.org.

**CAMP ALKULANA REPORT
TO RBA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, MAY 19, 2011
By Camp Director, Beth R. Wright**

Camp Alkulana is ready for our summer session to begin! We are fully staffed and our sessions are filling up fast. By April 29th both of our older sessions were filled and had a waiting list of campers hoping to be able to attend. Almost all of these campers in the older sessions are children returning from previous years at camp. Our younger sessions have between 10-15 slots left each, and we're still sending out applications every day.

Our camper's families pay only \$10-20 for their children to come to camp. Yet, many of these families value the experience that their children have at Alkulana so much that they save money in order to give over and above what is expected. These donations are an important indicator of the success that we have in impacting lives of campers and their families. So far camper families have donated \$490 over and above camper fees on behalf of their kids. Seventy dollars of this total was given on behalf of a girl who had hoped to come with a friend this year. She has never been to camp herself. The friend did not meet the deadline and is on the waiting list, so her mother cancelled for fear of that her daughter's friend may not make it. She decided to still donate to the camp.

Finally, on May 21 we will host our first workday at Alkulana to clean up and make repairs at the facility. Between these two work days we will host volunteers from thirteen Richmond area churches: Derbyshire, New Covenant, Chinese, Adventure Church, Leigh Street, River Road, Grove Avenue, Sandston, Second, Bon Air, Staples Mill Road, Westhampton, and Tabernacle. We expect about seventy volunteers on each of these work days. Thanks to everyone who is volunteering to get Alkulana ready for the flood of campers that will soon inhabit our camp!

**Free Camp Physical Night at RBA
Has Record Turnout!**

On Wednesday, May 18, between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. **44 prospective campers and counselors** took advantage of the FREE Camp Physicals being offered at the RBA Office. This was a record turnout!

Many thanks go to Drs. Jerome Daniel and William Harrington and nurses Kathleen Coxon and Mary Beane who took time out of their busy schedules to make sure all our campers and counselors got the physicals that are required to attend camp.

Special recognition goes out to Kathleen Coxon for providing wonderful refreshments; Jennifer Turner for enlisting the doctors and nurses and arranging the *FREE Supply Store* so campers could "go shopping" for the toiletries they will need at camp; Camp Director Beth for showing the DVD with camp photos from last year; Camp Registrar, Anna Tuckwiller, who made sure everyone's paperwork was completed; and to the Camp Counselor who were on hand to offer assistance as needed!

CHURCH NEWS

BON AIR is expanding their involvement in Prison Ministry through Kairos, an international prison ministry to inmates, which sends teams of volunteers to lead a small group of inmates in a short course in Christianity over a 3-day weekend, followed by monthly reunions to reinforce the principles learned in the 3-day weekend. Church members can become involved by joining a team of volunteers to visit the prison, baking cookies, being a Prayer Partner, or helping financially. The church is taking reservations for "Son Harvest County Fair" VBS on June 27 through July 1, from 9 am – 12 noon. **CAMBRIDGE** will offer VBS mornings from 9 am – 12 noon on June 27 - July 1. **CHAMBERLAYE** had a Volunteer Appreciation Spaghetti Dinner on May 25 followed by a performance from Raymond Elmore. **DERBYSHIRE** held a 5th Sunday Celebration on May 29 featuring Michael Stock, a Multi-Area Director for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), to share a message of how God has equipped all of us with unique identities. **FIRST** has opened online registration for "Finding Hope: A Field Trip of Faith" VBS which will be June 27 – July 1, 9 am – 12 noon with daily "field trips" searching for hope through Bible stories, symbols of hope and actual evidence of how hope and love are shown (given) to others through missions right here in the US. **GAYTON**'s Food Pantry has been approved as a partner with Central Virginia Food Bank, making them part of the national organization Feeding America and the church is registering children for "PandaMania: Where God is Wild about You!" VBS which they are offering evenings, 6-8 pm on June 26-30, and mornings, 9 am – 12 noon on June 27 – July 1. **GINTER PARK** will have a time of Fellowship with "Pie Night" on June 12 at 6:30 pm. **GRACE** will have their annual Variety Show on Wednesday, June 15, at 6:30 pm. **GROVE AVENUE** will have "PandaMania" VBS on June 26-30 from 6:15-8:30 pm. **HUGUENOT ROAD**'s youth choir, United Praise, has worked all year toward a trip on June 20-25 to "SonPower 2011", an annual gathering of Christian youth choirs from all over the US, in Orlando, Florida. The church will continue "Be. Love. Serve." every Tuesday throughout the summer for opportunities such as food sorting at Oregon Hill, disaster relief preparations for CCHASM, games at the Virginia Baptist Developmental Disabilities group home and more. **LAKESIDE** launched a new improved church website on Wednesday, May 25, www.lakesidebaptistchurch.me. **LEIGH STREET** sent volunteers to Camp Alkulana on May 21 to help get camp ready for the campers. **MONUMENT HEIGHTS** will have "Big Apple Adventure" VBS June 27 – July 1 from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. **NEW BRIDGE** will kick off their

Summer Sunday Fun Days on Sunday, June 26 with a picnic at Osborne Landing from 3:30-7:00 pm. **NEW COVENANT** will have "Big Apple Adventure" VBS June 20-24 from 6:30-8:30 pm. **NORTHMINSTER** collected sunscreen during May to distribute to the homeless. **OAK FOREST** will have "SonSurf Beach Bash" VBS June 25-30 from 6:00-9:00 pm. **PINE STREET** invites everyone to come to their "Celebration of the 20th Anniversary" of their Pastor, Dr. Philip W. Turner on Sunday, June 26 at 4:00 pm. The church is acting as an intake site for **CARITAS**, May 28 – July 29, by hosting up to 40 individuals, 7 days a week, for about 2 hours daily as they wait for transportation to their shelter for the night. **RIVER ROAD** is collecting "Creek Shoes," old tennis and running shoes, for kids at Camp Alkulana to wear when they go walking in the creek, fishing and canoeing. **SAINT PAUL'S** will have a "Daddy/Daughter Dance" on Friday, June 10. The church has an outreach program where members gather each Sunday to assist in escorting and transporting (via church bus) an average of 25 displaced people (many are SPBC members) from Monroe Park to the 12 pm service, treating them to lunch and returning them to the park. **SANDSTON**'s WMU and Brotherhood will be participating in the Camp Alkulana Work Day on June 4. **SECOND** will offer a six session Priscilla Shirer Bible Study, "Jonah, Navigating a Life Interrupted", for their women's summer Bible study beginning on June 23 and the church will have "SonSurf Beach Bash" VBS June 27 – July 1 from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. **STOCKTON MEMORIAL** will have VBS June 27 – July 1 from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. **TABERNACLE** participated in the "Anthem Stride Through Time Historical 10-K Walk" on May 21 by opening their Sanctuary and giving visitors historical information about the church, displaying pictures and providing music. They sent volunteers to the Camp Alkulana Workday on May 21. **WEBBER MEMORIAL** hosted **CARITAS** the week of May 21-29 and the church will have a "Homecoming – It's Not Just Another Sunday...it's a Family Reunion" on Sunday, June 5. **WESTOVER**'s **BLAST Kids** are sponsoring a 13 year-old girl in Lomas de Carabayllo, Peru through Plan USA and have learned about Peru by preparing a Peruvian dinner and making ceremonial masks using balloons and paper-mâché.

STAFF NEWS

DERBYSHIRE congratulates Julie Hoffman who celebrated 5 years as their Office Manager. **HATCHER MEMORIAL** recognized Warren Mitchell for serving as Church Organist for 15 years. **SWIFT CREEK** voted to call Rob Brewer as their new Associate Pastor of Evangelism and Missions.

HELP/SITUATIONS WANTED

MINISTER OF YOUTH: A dynamic Virginia Baptist church in Northern Henrico County seeks a gifted **PART-TIME MINISTER OF YOUTH** to guide the spiritual formation and emotional and social development of a middle and high school ministry, by being a person of intentional presence. **Bethlehem Baptist Church** Richmond is multi-cultural and multi-generational in makeup, working with God to make a difference in our communities, by doing whatever it takes. Help us lead our youth to live out our mission to be a group of people who seek to honor God with our lives. To view a complete job description, visit our website at: <http://bbcrichmond.wordpress.com> or find us on Facebook (Bethlehem Baptist Church Richmond). Inquiries and resumes can be sent to BBCRichmond-Search@gmail.com, with "Youth Search" in the subject line.

A Really Big REUNION of All Former VCU BSUs **JUNE 11, 2011**

The Reunion is being held at the newly furnished BCM Center at Floyd & Cherry from 12:00 noon until 5 PM. The new VCU Baptist Student Union Alumni Association would like to know the names and contact information for all interested former students in order to get them re-connected along with learning how to be supportive of the current Baptist Collegiate Ministries. Please send the contact information to Debby Robertson (1970), dprmom@yahoo.com

Crown Financial Ministries at the **Virginia Home School Convention** **Greater Richmond Convention Center** **June 9, 2011**

If you home school, get ready to hear Chuck Bentley, CEO of Crown Financial Ministries. He is a Keynote Speaker and will be presenting the following sessions:

- Make, Manage and Fulfill: Implementing God's Plan for Your Finances (Thursday)
- Living in God's Economy (Friday)
- Creative Ways to Increase Your Income (Friday)

Visit www.heav.org for more information.

Crown Financial Ministries Home Office Has Moved!

As of April 16, 2011, the Home Offices of Crown have moved from Gainesville, GA. The new address is: 1035 Old Peachtree Road, Lawrenceville, GA, 30043-3309. Our phone number remains the same: 800-722-1976.

Randy Rowekamp is still located here in Virginia, ready to help you! He can be reached at 804-683-1595 or at rrowekamp@crown.org.

Please Note
The RBA Ministers' Fellowship
Program & Lunch
Will NOT be held in July and August.
The Fellowship programs begin again
on Tuesday, September 6.

JUNE CALENDAR

JUNE 4



GENERAL WORK DAY #2, CAMP ALKULANA

JUNE 6 @ 10:00 A.M.

RBA STAFF MEETING

JUNE 7 @ 12:00 NOON

RBA MINISTERS' FELLOWSHIP & LUNCH, RBA

"HUDDLES" PRESENTED BY JOHN CHANDLER,

COST \$6: RSVP TO RBA BY 6/3

JUNE 8-19

CAMP STAFF TRAINING, CAMP ALKULANA

JUNE 9 @ 10:00 A.M.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY TEAM, RBA

JUNE 9 @ 2:00 P.M.

CVBM COORDINATING TEAM, VBRC

JUNE 12-13

NATIONAL WMU ANNUAL CELEBRATION,

PHOENIX, AZ

JUNE 14-15

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION, PHOENIX, AZ

JUNE 19

FATHER'S DAY



JUNE 19

HOPE TREE FAMILY SERVICES SUNDAY

JUNE 20 @ 12 NOON

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT MATERIAL FOR

JULY TRANSFORMED

JUNE 23—JULY 4



OLDER BOYS SESSION, CAMP ALKULANA

JUNE 26—JULY 2

VRGINIA BAPTIST HERITAGE WEEK

JUNE 28 @ 8:00 A.M.

DAY TRIP TO CAMP ALKULANA

FOR

PASTORS & CHURCH STAFF

LEAVING FROM RBA OFFICE





PRAY FOR

RBA CHURCHES SEEKING A PASTOR



Bethany Place	Lakeside
Derbyshire	New Covenant
Jahnke Road	Westhampton



"KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON" AT THE SOUTH RICHMOND BAPTIST CENTER!



From May 29 through June 15th, if you have non-perishable food items or other Mission Action Assignment deliveries to make for the South Richmond Center that cannot wait until June 16th, please feel free to bring the items to the RBA Building at 3111 Moss Side Ave., 23222. The Office is open to serve you daily from 8:30 AM until 4:30 PM. Call us before you come at 329-1701 to make sure someone will be available to accept and assist you with the delivery.

The **FOOD PANTRY** at the South Richmond Baptist Center will be open at 10:00 AM on Thursday, June 16th. Ruth Guill and others will be available to assist you with partnering in that important ministry. Deliveries of food and other items will be received from 10:00 AM forward on that day.

Thank you for your continuing support of this and our other two Baptist centers here in Richmond. Thank you for your flexibility and understanding during this season of transition. We look forward to the arrival of Rev. Wesley Garrett, new Community Missionary at the South Richmond Baptist Center on June 16.

RBA BAPTIST CENTERS ALWAYS NEED VOLUNTEERS!

The Richmond Baptist Association supports three Baptist Centers that always have a need for volunteers (men & women) to help with their ministry programs as well as with everyday jobs such as carrying groceries up flights of stairs or organizing a clothing closet. If you have a few hours during the week to spare, check with one of the Community Missionaries to see how you could help:



CHURCH HILL WELLNESS CENTER:
2011 Fairmount Avenue (in Mount Tabor)
Rev. Glinda Ford—780-0053

OREGON HILL BAPTIST CENTER:
400 South Pine Street (in Pine Street)
Rev. Jennifer Turner—648-1353



SOUTH RICHMOND BAPTIST CENTER:
700 East Belt Blvd (in Saint Paul's South)
After June 16: Rev. Wesley Garrett—232-0174

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Contact Frances Jones via email or snail mail at the addresses listed below:

- To submit an article—must be received by the 20th of each month.
- To be added or deleted from the mailing list.
- To submit a change of address in a timely manner so the RBA will not incur postage due costs for returned newsletter that cannot be forwarded.

MAKING A DELIVERY TO THE RBA OFFICE?

Please call before you plan to arrive to make sure someone will be at the office. There are times, during the day, when everyone may be away, so it will save time and gas if you call ahead. The RBA Office is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday—Friday.

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If you are on our newsletter mailing list and will be moving—please let Frances Jones know your **Change of Address** in advance! The RBA has to pay \$0.44 "postage due" for each returned newsletter because they are mailed bulk rate and the post office will not forward them to your new address! Postage due costs can add up if we have several newsletters returned each month! We appreciate your assistance with this matter.

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