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Week of Prayer for Associational Missions

MAY 18 - 25, 2014

2014 Budget

2014 Camp Alkulana Offering

Offering Goal: \$148,335!

Join us in Camp Alkulana's 100th summer of ministry to Richmond-area children! Camp Alkulana's unique ministry to low-income, at-risk youth is thriving—we are aiming to serve over 200 young people again this summer. Your gifts to the 2014 Camp Alkulana Offering will help keep the ministry and its impact strong!

The impact of your gifts to last year's offering was clear in the feedback we heard from campers. One camper said, "I came from a place where I didn't go to church as much as I should. Here I have Bible study every day." Another said, "Camp is a place where I can get away from all my struggles, be myself, and not

worry about what other people think of me. Camp is one of my favorite places and I really hope I can come back again next year!" Consider giving again to the offering this year, so that these campers and others like them can return for years.

This year's offering goal is higher than it has been in past years. For the first time, the offering goal includes the personnel costs for our full-time Camp Director and part-time Camp Registrar. **Whereas these costs have previously been covered under the Richmond Baptist Association's General Program Budget, changes in the Association's financial outlook will require the camp to absorb those costs directly.**

Please partner with us to meet the challenge of this drastic increase in our offering goal! You can give through your church or as an individual by simply designating your financial gift to the Camp Alkulana Offering. The full amount of all gifts to the Camp Alkulana Offering will go specifically to Camp Alkulana's operational and personnel costs.

For more information about the camp or to give online, please visit the camp website: www.alkulana.org.

Thank you for your partnership in serving Richmond's children!

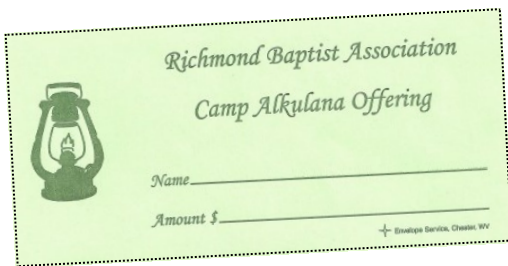
Beth Reddish Wright, Camp Director

Personnel	Camp Director and Camp Registrar Wages and Benefits	\$62,624.00
Summer Staff	Camp Staff Stipends	\$26,500.00
	Camp Staff Training	\$1,000.00
	Maintenance Support	\$5,000.00
	Summer Staff Subtotal	\$32,500.00
Camp Operation	Program Expenses	\$5,000.00
	Food Costs	\$10,000.00
	Utilities	\$8,000.00
	Maintenance & Repair	\$3,000.00
	Insurance-Liability/Auto	\$11,895.00
	Bus Transportation	\$8,616.00
	Vehicle Maintenance	\$1,500.00
	Fuel/Gasoline	\$2,000.00
	Mileage	\$1,000.00
	Medical Expenses	\$50.00
	Misc- Postage, Mailers, etc.	\$1,500.00
	Mentoring Program	\$250.00
	Website	\$400.00
	Camp Operation Subtotal	\$53,211.00
	Grand Total	\$148,335.00



PROMOTION MATERIALS AVAILABLE FOR RBA'S 2014 Camp Alkulana Offering and Week of Prayer for Associational Missions May 18-25, 2014

Promotional materials similar to the ones pictured below are now being prepared for your church for use during the **2014 Camp Alkulana Offering and Week of Prayer for Associational Missions**. Shown below are samples of the Offering Envelope, the Flier (8½ x 11) for the Camp Offering, and the Prayer Guide for the Week of Prayer. Other promo items available for the Camp Offering are: **bulletin inserts** (5½ x 8½) or **posters** (11x17), and the **Camp Alkulana brochure**. These promotional items are not dated so that your church can use them any time during the year when you emphasize Associational Missions. To place an order contact Amy Sowder 804-329-1701 ext. 201 or 208 or email Amy at amy.sowder@rbaonline.org. Hurry! Place your order now so that we know how many items to prepare!



2013 CAMP ALKULANA Offering

Formerly known as the RBA Week of Prayer for Associational Missions Offering
2013 OFFERING GOAL: \$109,200

Friends of Camp Alkulana,

"Pass It On" is a Camp Alkulana favorite that is sung at camp each summer and it references a spark ... a spark that gets a fire going, a spark that inspires people to gather around, and a spark that brings people together to know God's love. Not only is this song loved by so many that have sat around the campfire at Alkulana, but the image and meaning of the spark in this song symbolizes what camp means for the many people touched by its ministries.

For those of you that have had the pleasure of experiencing a campfire at Alkulana, you know that there is a sacredness about the experience. It's a place that allows children that have suffered horrible tragedy to experience peace. A place where children that are scared can be consoled through a simple arm around the neck. A place where it doesn't matter what shoes or clothes you have on but instead how much fun you are having dancing to lyrics that may not even make sense. A place where worries have a way of waiting. And most importantly, a place where God is ever-present.

Alkulana is the spark for many of these children – the spark of encouragement to try harder the next day, the spark of self-esteem that allows them to feel more confident when they return home, and the spark of belonging that helps build a foundation in their lives.

Summer Staff	
Camp Staff Stipends	\$32,000.00
Camp Staff Training	\$4,000.00
Maintenance Support	\$5,000.00
Bus Mentors	\$1,000.00
	\$42,000.00
Camp Operations	
Program Expenses	\$5,000.00
Food Costs	\$14,500.00
Utilities	\$8,000.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$7,700.00
Insurance-Liability/Info	\$14,000.00
Bus Transportation	\$7,800.00
Vehicle Maintenance	\$1,800.00
Fuel/Gasoline	\$3,000.00
Mileage	\$1,000.00
Medical Expenses	\$900.00
Misc. Postage, Mailers, etc.	\$2,000.00
Meeting Program	\$1,000.00
Website	\$500.00
	\$67,200.00
Total Budget	\$109,200.00

With that said, the trees will soon be budding, school will be out and the first Alkulana campfire of the 2013 session will be lit. In order to continue camp year after year, it not only takes dedicated staff and volunteers to work diligently together throughout the year to prepare for the summer months, but it also takes financial contributions from the many people touched by camp. This continued support is vital to the ministry as it allows Alkulana to continue serving the many children that would likely not be able to experience God's love in a way that only Alkulana can show them.

Just like the song, we ask that you prayerfully consider what financial contribution you can "pass on" to camp in order to continue the spark that was started almost a hundred years ago.

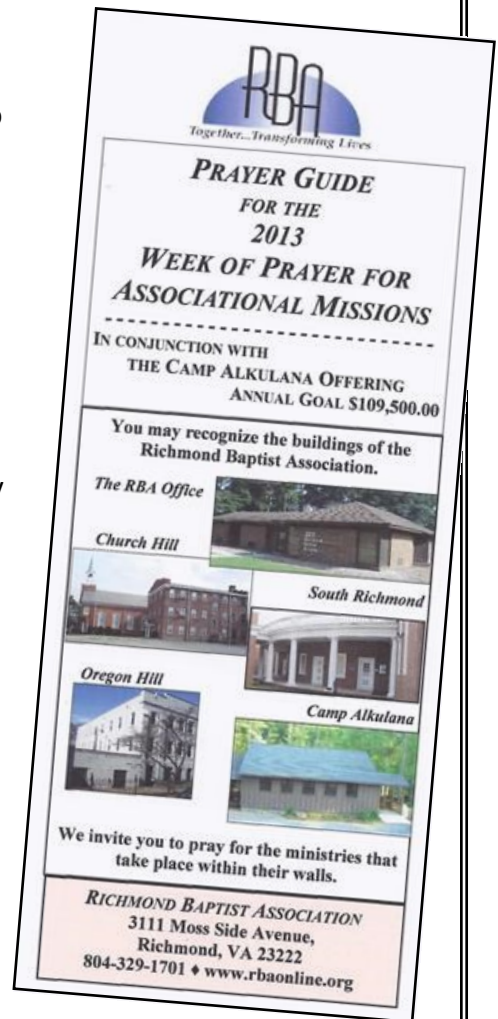
Sincerely,
Beth R. Wright
Beth Reddish Wright • Director, Camp Alkulana

To learn more about Camp Alkulana or to give online, go to www.alkulana.org. You can contact the Camp Director by calling 804-329-1701 or emailing campalkulana@gmail.com. Camp Alkulana is a ministry of the Richmond Baptist Association.

The girls and boys of inner-city Richmond need your help in 2013 to keep camp running!

Contributions to this offering will be accepted throughout 2013. Camp Alkulana is a ministry of the Richmond Baptist Association.

THE PRAYER GUIDE highlights a different associational mission for each day of the week with a photo of the RBA staff member and specific prayer requests relating to that ministry. The use of the prayer guides for a week is an excellent way for a congregation, Sunday School class or missions group to get to know the staff and ministries of the RBA. The Guide is formatted so that it can be used for any seven-day period during the year, not just during the official **Week of Prayer for Associational Missions** which is **May 18-25, 2014**.



"REPORT FROM THE VISIONING & PRIORITIES TASK FORCE"

Old structures that once served well frequently become outdated and awkwardly cumbersome! Times change to expose new needs and new demands. We live in such a time as an Association! There may have been a day when nearly 150 Executive Council members could be expected to gather for reports and to deliberate on matters of significance. There may have been a time when committees and teams would meet on a monthly or quarterly basis with or without a pressing agenda and still look forward to the fellowship even if matters of substance were not part of the plan. Ministers gathered weekly for volleyball, lunch and collegiality because they served in the same area Association.

Now, in spite of more time-saving devices than ever, time is scarce and gathering for the sake of gathering fails to gain much traction in our hurried and harried world. Gathering in groups of any kind—we call them affinity groups—has more to do with common interests and shared backgrounds such as the school we attended or the sports we enjoy than with the name of the Association to which we belong. If the meeting doesn't lead to some precise and focused action, it has little appeal. Too many meaningful competitors beckon to allow anyone much time to idle away.

Most of us have too few friends and too little time for family and loved ones! Far too many tasks are left undone or incomplete.

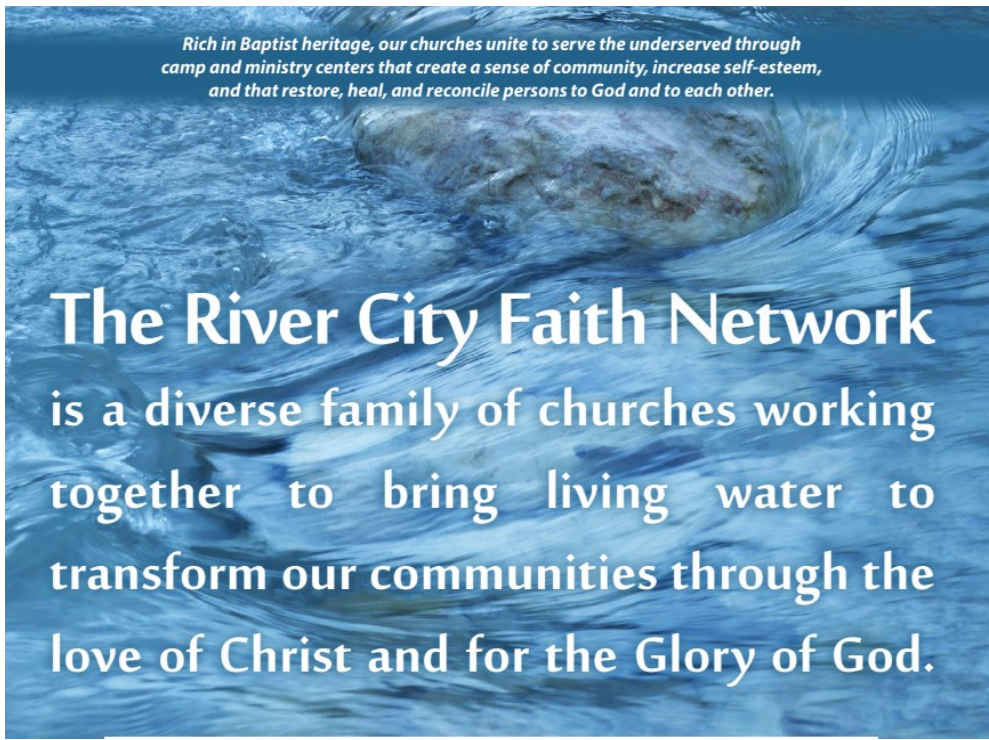
In light of the demands upon all of our churches and their people, it is time for the Richmond Baptist Association to simplify its focus and concentrate its energies while divesting itself of dated structures and methods that were good for a day that has long passed. It is time that we expand our reach into a broader community with partnerships that will better enable us to strengthen the influence of the Kingdom of God in the lives of the underserved of our city in more powerful ways than ever before.

Introducing - **"The Richmond Baptist Association known as THE RIVER CITY FAITH NETWORK!"**

This is, after all, the River City! The powerful waters of the James River influence all of us! A powerful flood wall reminds us of the negative impact that water, uncontrolled and unharnessed, can have. Channeled, the river provides energy and electricity—power—for countless thousands living along its banks. For our churches the river reminds us of the water of life and has become a cherished site for large gatherings to baptize their members. Jesus invited the Samaritan woman at the well to partake of water that would satisfy her thirst as nothing else could. John the Baptist protested at Jesus' invitation to baptize Him, declaring that it was he who needed to be baptized by One Who offered such an humble invitation. In the end, John the Baptizer, lowered his cousin and friend and our Lord and Savior into the water.

And so, the Visioning and Priorities Task Force is proposing that the Richmond Baptist Association become known as "THE RIVER CITY NETWORK" capturing the rich imagery of water and the One Who gives to us and to our city the water of life! Out of our rich Baptist heritage we remain a collection of Christ-followers bound together by a common faith in One able to save and to transform.

The Task Force is proposing a new Mission Statement that catches the imagery of water and carries the force of the Gospel calling us to do good works, but to do MORE than good works—to do works and to forge relationships, especially with Jesus, that yield lives transformed forever through the power of Christ and for the Glory of God.



Rich in Baptist heritage, our churches unite to serve the underserved through camp and ministry centers that create a sense of community, increase self-esteem, and that restore, heal, and reconcile persons to God and to each other.

The River City Faith Network
is a diverse family of churches working
together to bring living water to
transform our communities through the
love of Christ and for the Glory of God.

The focus of the RIVER CITY FAITH NETWORK is intended to be almost exclusively that of sustaining, strengthening and expanding the mission and ministries of the three Baptist centers and Camp Alkulana! It is to focus on that which we do very well and upon what God has richly blessed in our midst.

To capture some of the impact of our ministries I am remembering a funeral I attended at the Oregon Hill Baptist Center not quite a year ago. It was a memorial service for Henry. Henry is not his real name but the memorial service was very real. Years ago Henry had become estranged from those whose bloodlines he shared. None of us will ever know what precipitated the breach, but it was definitive enough that none of his relatives attended the memorial service. For them much of his life was probably a painful nightmare.

The memorial service was conducted by our Community Missionary, Jennifer Turner, and her family as well as a member of the Pine Street Baptist Church staff, Clint Jackson. Gathered were Henry's friends, primarily others from the homeless community where he resided.

Like the memorial service, the tears for Henry were very real. His homeless "family" remembered the wood-working skills that he applied in the community, the painting jobs he had started and sometimes completed, the kindness that usually characterized him, but the moods that could at times be volatile. It was clear that Henry didn't like the confinement of the indoors; after the completion of very serious brain surgery requiring the removal of a large portion of Henry's skull, he, clad in his hospital gown, checked himself out of the hospital and reappeared among the community dwellers where he was viewed as a person of value.

The break in Jennifer's voice at the beginning of the memorial service made it clear that Henry had found at the Oregon Hill Baptist Center a family who loved him and helped him to experience God's love and forgiveness in the context of Christian community.

Though you were unaware of it, you, through Jennifer, were there on that Thursday afternoon at Henry's memorial service! You were there on those numerous mornings when Jennifer negotiated the transportation schedule with Henry to help him to be on time for the next day's doctor's appointments! You were there when Henry was given clean clothing to finish the week because he had no access to washers and dryers, clotheslines and clothespins and clean water to do laundry! You, through the Baptist centers you support faithfully, lent to him dignity in life. At his death you gave him and his friends a sense of value in the community and in the eyes of God.

Henry was 52 years old.

At his memorial service the Gospel message was clear as each of us was challenged to re-evaluate our lives in light of the gift offered to us by the Christ of the cross. One of the homeless men there prayed one of the most honest and contrite prayers I have heard in far too long. The transparency of his prayer was almost shocking; his honesty almost disconcerting, but heart-warming and refreshing. His confession was remarkably genuine. Both God and Henry had made a lasting impression upon him.

I'm glad I knew Henry a little bit. I'm so glad our Community Missionary knew him well. Through her, her family, and your gifts, Henry had come to know God!

THE RIVER CITY FAITH NETWORK will help us to do in better and stronger ways what we do best, ministering to the underserved of our city who need a family of their own!

Planted firmly upon and grounded deeply in our Baptist heritage and roots, we, as a distinctly Baptist network will have an expanded capacity for including in our work the energy and resourcefulness of others with a similar passion for our city who may be less tied to our Baptist brand but who earnestly want to serve and exemplify Christ more effectively.

The Visioning and Priorities Task Force is proposing a new and fluidly dynamic structure that provides a variety of levels of affiliation for others with a passion like ours for Christ and our city. The levels of affiliation can include individuals, churches, organizations, Sunday school classes, businesses and professional service providers. One may begin on the COMMUNITY level of affiliation by engaging only occasionally through one or more of our centers or Camp Alkulana. As interest, involvement, passion, calling and conviction grows, a church or class or organization may aspire from COMMUNITY to CONNECTOR to CHAMPION and on to being part of the CORE of affiliates that both serves and governs, both carries out and sets policy for The Richmond Baptist Association known as THE RIVER CITY FAITH NETWORK.

Below you will find a graphic that pictures the Levels of Affiliation both as concentric circles of increasing participation, investment and governance that moves from the outward toward the inner circle or from right to left—COMMUNITY toward CORE. Below the graphic will be a bulleted outline of how participation, investment and governance change from level to level through the Levels of Affiliation.

Levels OF Affiliation

THE
River
City
FAITH
NETWORK

LEGEND

GP - General Program

CA - Camp Alkulana

CC - Community Centers

ACP - Annual Church Profile
(Means of communicating
church statistics and health
to the partnering network)

CORE

CHAMPIONS

CONNECTORS

COMMUNITY

LEVELS OF AFFILIATION

1.) **COMMUNITY** - partners who ...

- may be **Baptist or non-Baptist** in religious orientation
- may support and participate in ministry projects and programs of the RIVER CITY FAITH NETWORK on an occasional and sporadic basis with no longstanding commitment
- may provide income out of common Christian interest with no ongoing obligation
- may attend the open Annual Meeting as guests
- have no governing influence, participation nor representation
- have no reporting expectations

2.) **CONNECTORS** - partners who...

- may be **Baptist or non-Baptist** in religious orientation
- may support and participate in ministry projects and programs of the RIVER CITY FAITH NETWORK on a more consistent and regular basis
- will have provided income to the General Program or Camp Alkulana or one or more Community Centers or all at the level of 1% of annual budget or a minimum of \$1,000 in the previous calendar year
- may provide minimal governance
 - through **one (1) Messenger** to the Annual Meeting
- may provide **Staffing only** for RIVER CITY FAITH NETWORK **Teams** such as:
 - the Camp Alkulana Support Team (CAST) (**existing**)
 - the Church Hill Christian Wellness Center Support Team (**proposed**)
 - the Oregon Hill Baptist Center Support Team (**proposed**)
 - the South Richmond Baptist Center Support Team (**proposed**)
- do **not** provide **Leaders or Staffing** for RIVER CITY FAITH NETWORK **Sub-groups** (named below)
- must have reported to the Network through the Annual Church Profile or similar vehicle in the previous calendar year
- complete or renew a **Covenant of Intentions** with the Network annually

3.) **CHAMPIONS** - partners who...

- **must** be **Baptist** in religious orientation
- have participated in camp and / or Community Center ministries on a regular basis throughout the previous calendar year
- will have provided income to Camp Alkulana or one or more of the Community Centers but not necessarily the General Program portion of the annual budget at the level of 2% to 4% of annual budget or a minimum of \$2,000 in the previous calendar year
- may provide governance through
 - a maximum of **five (5) Messengers** to the Annual Meeting
- may engage in policy setting through:
 - a maximum of **one (1)** member to the Network **Executive Board**
- may provide **Leaders and Staffing** for RIVER CITY FAITH NETWORK **Teams** as mentioned above
- may provide **Staffing only** to RIVER CITY FAITH NETWORK **Sub-groups** such as:
 - Budget Sub-group
 - Endowment/Planned Giving
 - Affiliation Sub-group
 - Human Resources
 - Facilities
 - Member Placement (Nomination)
- must have reported to the Network through the Annual Church Profile in the previous calendar year
- complete or renew a **Covenant of Intentions** with the Network annually

4.) **CORE** - partners who...

- **must** be **Baptist** in religious orientation
- have participated in camp and /or Community Center ministries on a regular basis throughout the previous calendar year
- will have provided income to the General Program portion of the annual budget at the level greater than 4% of annual budget or no less than \$3,000 in the previous calendar year
- may provide direct fiscal support for Camp Alkulana, the Community Centers or other designations
- provide governance through:
 - a maximum of **fifteen (15) Messengers** to the Annual Meeting
- engage in policy setting through:
 - a maximum of **two (2)** board member to the Network Executive Board
- may provide **Leaders and Staffing** for RIVER CITY FAITH NETWORK **Teams** as mentioned above
- may provide **Leaders and Staffing** to RIVER CITY FAITH NETWORK **Sub-groups** such as:
 - Budget Sub-group
 - Endowment/Planned Giving
 - Affiliation
 - Human Resources
 - Facilities
 - Member Placement (Nominating)
- must have reported to the Network through the Annual Church Profile in the previous calendar year
- complete or renew a **Covenant of Intentions** with the Network annually

What has just been outlined is a concept in the making! It is a concept that includes vision, structure and identity! The numbers included in the concept are, at this point, suggestions which will be further evaluated in the Constitutional process and subject to the approval of the Association in business session.

The Visioning and Priorities Task Force is grateful for the opportunity to have worked on this concept on behalf of the RBA. The next step is the detailed work of creating a CONSTITUTION. It is the prayer of the Task Force that at the RBA Spring Celebration on Thursday evening, April 24th at 7:00 PM, at Patterson Avenue Baptist Church, the full Association during our business session will grant permission for the Constitution Committee to move forward with creating a CONSTITUTION and OPERATIONAL HANDBOOK that will put flesh to the concept, spelling out the details of how it will all work. It is our goal to complete the CONSTITUTION and OPERATIONAL HANDBOOK by late summer to provide time for critical review before the Annual Fall Meeting in October. The Association, in the meantime, will operate under its current Constitution and By-Laws. During the process there will be numerous opportunities for questions, explanations and review.

Please prayerfully consider granting affirmation to further shape this concept during the months ahead so that we may advance the possibility of entering 2015 with a solid plan for sustaining, strengthening and expanding the mission and ministries of our three centers and our camp to the underserved of our city.

Thank you very much for the assistance you have already given through the recent Town Hall Listening Sessions. You have strengthened this work with your comments, questions and suggestions.

Gratefully,

The RBA Visioning and Priorities Task Force

Cecil Chambers
Kimberly Ridley

Melissa Fallen
Mike Robinson

Paige Peak
Rupert Rose

Herbert Ponder
Heather Tiller

CHURCH NEWS FOR MAY 2014 TRANSFORMED!

CARLISLE AVENUE will have a Family Game Night on Friday, April 25, 6:30-9:00 pm. **DERBYSHIRE** will have Roger Day in Concert on Sunday, May 4, at 4:00 pm. **FIRST** is having "Come Away, Rest Awhile", a Ladies Only Retreat featuring Karen Alexander Doyel Friday, May 16, 6:00-8:30 pm and Saturday, May 17, 8:30 am-Noon. For more information, please contact Bev Carroll at bev.carroll@verizon.net or 282-7878. **GAYTON** will offer the Spirit of Baseball Camp again this year on May 3rd, 9:30am-5pm at John Marshall High School. This sports outreach will provide instruction on baseball fundamentals to inner-city kids while introducing them to Christ's unconditional love for them. **GRACE** will have their next "Music From Grace" Concert on Friday, May 9, at 7:00 pm featuring Anne O'Byrne (soprano) and David Fisk (concert pianist). **GRAVEL HILL** will have a Spring Revival on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 - Friday, May 16, 2014 with Prayer & Praise at 7:00 PM and Revival Service at 7:30 PM nightly, featuring Evangelist Rev. Charles Johnson of Florence, SC. **HUGUENOT ROAD** is sending a team of volunteers to Camp Alkulana April 18-19 to help prepare the camp for a summer full of fun and hope. **MONUMENT HEIGHTS** held a Community Wide Health Fair on April 12 with visits from: Massey Cancer Center, VCU/MCV Dental School, Sheltering Arms Physical Rehab, Virginia Blood Mobile, Lifeline Screenings and much more! **PINE STREET's** Youth raised \$1,432.73 to help fight hunger around the world! That is enough to feed, clothe, and educate 1 child for 3 1/2 years. **RIVER ROAD** will host the Virginia Baptist History Celebration, "300 Years! Worship", on Friday, May 16 at 7:30 pm. The church will host **CARITAS** May 31 - June 1. **WESTHAMPTON** will prepare and serve a meal to about 75 homeless individuals on April 24 at the Oregon Hill Center.

STAFF NEWS

HATCHER MEMORIAL celebrated the 5 year anniversary of their Music Minister, Dr. Gerald "Gerry" Robinson in March. **THE MOUNT CARMEL** will celebrate the 10th Pastoral Anniversary of their Senior Pastor, Dr. Stephen Greene Howard, starting with an Anniversary Banquet on Friday, April 25, and continuing throughout the weekend with an Anniversary Worship on Sunday, April 27, at 10:00 am with Dr. Michael Turner and ending later that day with an Anniversary Celebration at 4:00 pm with Dr. Kenneth Hammond.



Richmond Baptist Centers
VOLUNTEERS' BANQUET
June 21, 2014 @ 6:00 PM
St. Paul's Belt Campus Fellowship Hall
700 E. Belt Boulevard, 23224
(Hull & Welton Avenue)



If you have ever volunteered, given donations, or prayed for the ministries of our three Baptist centers, you are warmly invited to our Volunteers' Banquet. . . . To allow us to say, "Thank You!"

WMU workers, Pastors, Ministers, Sunday School workers, Church members are all invited to come as guests of our three centers at no charge!



RSVP by June 15 to Wesley Garrett WITH THE NUMBER COMING from your church (804) 232-0174 or email wesley.garrett@rbaonline.org, glinda.ford@rbaonline.org, or jennifer.turner@rbaonline.org!

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- To submit an article-must be received by the 7th of each month
- To be added or deleted from the mailing list
- To submit a change of address in a timely manner so that the RBA will not incur "postage due" costs for returned newsletters

**Help the RBA Save Return Postage Costs
Give us your Change of Address!**

If you are on our newsletter mailing list and will be moving, please let Amy Sowder know you Change of Address in advance. You will be helping us to direct \$.49 "postage due" to more important missions efforts. Thank you so much!

Making a delivery to the RBA Office?

Please call before making a delivery to ensure someone will be at the office. There are times during the day when everyone may be away, so it will save time and gas by calling ahead. The RBA Office is open 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, WEST POINT

PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

P. O. BOX 490, WEST POINT, VA 23181

SEEKING FULL-TIME PASTOR: We are a small town church located in eastern Virginia between Richmond and Williamsburg. We are affiliated with SBC, BGAV and Dover Association. Master of Divinity and experience is preferred. For more information, instructions and an application (required), visit our website at <http://www.fbcwestpoint.org>.

Executive Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 27, 2014
12:00 noon



River Road Church Baptist
8000 River Road

There is still time to do something really important for Camp Alkulana before the 2014 Camping Season opens!



Annual Fix-up and Clean-up Days
Saturdays

May 17 and 31, 2014

Yard Work Spring Cleaning Light Carpentry

Arrive at Camp by 10:00 am, work until 4:00 pm with a lunch break. Stop on the way home for special Dinner Fellowship! For more information and to let us know you are coming, call Beth at 329-1701 ext. 206 or email

The S.A.L.T Plan

The S.A.L.T. Plan provides a practical guide into Biblical principles and concrete tools for surviving and even thriving regardless of the state of the economy.

The S.A.L.T. Plan will give insights into Biblical principles for saving time and investing. This book can be used in a six-week Sunday school format. A complementary discussion guide is available. Are you ready to commit to being salt and light in a darkening world?

You can order **The S.A.L.T. Plan** via the Crown Financial Services website: www.crown.org. Use the promo code rrowekamp, for a 5% discount. Contact **Randy Rowekamp, Area Manager, Crown Financial Services** for the discussion guide.

Call 804-683-1595.

Pray for RBA Churches of the Week!

May 4	Monument Heights
May 11	Morning Star
May 18	Mount Carmel
May 25	Mount Sinai
June 1	Mount Tabor

March 2014 RBA Budget Report

Budget Amount:	\$ 43,748
Budget Receipts:	\$ 45,492
Budget Expenses:	\$ 27,392

YTD Budget Amount:	\$131,244
YTD Receipts:	\$ 84,953
YTD Expenses:	\$110,354

2014 Camp Alkulana Offering

*Formerly known as the
RBA Week of Prayer for Associational Missions Offering*

As of 3/31/2014

Offering Goal:	\$148,335
YTD Receipts:	\$ 9,867
YTD Expenses:	\$ 20,693

The RBA Office will be

CLOSED

Monday, May 26, 2014

To observe

MEMORIAL DAY!



Pray for Churches Seeking a Pastor

Bethlehem (Penick)

Grace

First Union



Support CAMP ALKULANA

with your PRAYERS!

May 17 and 31 June 1	Volunteer Work Days at Alkulana Director Beth Wright moves to Camp for the summer
June 4 - 14	Staff Training
June 18 - 29	OLDER Boys (Ages 12-14)
July 3 - 10	YOUNGER Boys (Ages 9-11 & CIT's)
July 15 - 16	Staff Training
July 17 - 28	OLDER Girls (Ages 12-14)
August 1 - 8	YOUNGER Girls (Ages 9-11 & CIT's)
August 8 - 9	Staff Wrap Up

May Events Calendar

May 4

Virginia Baptist Homes Sunday

May 5 @ 10:00 AM

RBA Staff Meeting, RBA

May 6 @ 9:00 AM

Raceway Ministries CORE Team Meeting, RBA

May 9

Deadline to Submit Material for "Transformed!"

May 11

Baptist World Alliance Sunday

May 11

Mother's Day

May 12 @ 10:00 AM

CVBM Leadership Development Conference
Planning Meeting, RBA

May 13 @ 6:00 PM

C.A.S.T. Meeting, RBA

May 16 @ 7:30 PM

Heritage Celebration "Evening of
Remembrance and Thanksgiving," River Road

May 17 @ 10:00 AM—4:00 PM

Camp Alkulana Clean-up Day #1

May 17 @ 10:00 AM—4:00 PM

"Bapt. Historical Society Heritage Festival," UofR

May 18 - 25

Week of Prayer for Associational Missions
"Camp Alkulana Offering"

May 20 @ 10:00 AM

RBA WMU Leadership Team Meeting, RBA

May 26

RBA OFFICE CLOSED
MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

May 27 @ 12:00 noon

Executive Council Meeting, River Road

May 31 @ 10:00 AM -4:00 PM

Camp Alkulana Clean-up Day #2

The Leadership Gathering

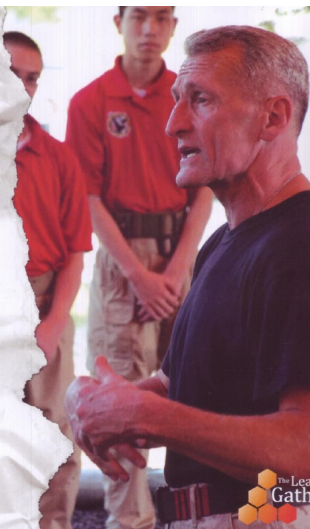
RIGHT NOW!

— 2 Corinthians 6:2 —

featuring Lt. Col. Joseph "Joe Marine" Shusko

May 2-3, 2014

Eagle Eyrie



Now is the time of God's favor,
now is the day of salvation.

Over 20 breakouts Friday covering everything from church leadership and ministries to church finances and organization. Three tracks on Saturday:

- Leadership Track
- Sunday School Track
- Deacon Track

Registration: \$49 (weekend) or \$29 (Saturday only)
plus lodging and meals

Visit www.vbmb.org/LG for more information or to register or contact Gwen Payne at 800-255-2428 ext. 6265 or gwen.payne@vbmb.org

Celebrate 300 Years of Baptists in Virginia

300 Years!

Baptists will gather from all over Virginia to celebrate at a once-in-a-lifetime event which will appeal to all ages and groups but especially to the women of your church! In May 1714 English Baptists appointed a "messenger" to Virginia—Robert Norden— who planted the first Baptist church in the Commonwealth. And we have been here ever since!!

The celebration begins on Friday evening, May 16, at 7:30 p.m. with a special 300 Years! Worship Celebration held next to the UR campus at River Road Baptist Church. It will be a time of remembrance and thanksgiving for all the Lord has done through Virginia Baptists.

AN EVENING OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING

7:30 pm, Friday, May 16, 2014

River Road Church Baptist
8000 River Road, Richmond

A time of worship, reflection and anticipation!

The celebration will continue as Virginia Baptists gather for a Heritage Festival on Saturday, May 17, from 10 'til 4 on the campus of the University of Richmond—the same campus which Virginia Baptist built exactly 100 years ago. It will be a fun time for Baptists! There will be tents, booths, exhibits, tours! There will be banners, balloons, flags, music, entertainment, and something for children of all ages! The doors of the Virginia Baptist Historical Society will be wide open to receive visitors to see special historical exhibits in the building that was a gift of Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia in 1955!

HERITAGE FESTIVAL

10:00 am—4:00 pm, Saturday, May 17, 2014

University of Richmond

A fun day of music, entertainment, exhibits and special activities for all ages!

Plan a group trip from your church. For information visit the "News" pages at www.baptistheritage.org or call (804) 289-8434.

Events sponsored by Virginia Baptist Historical Society
and the Center for Baptist Heritage & Studies

A COMEDY ABOUT ~~CHAOS~~ Life
MOMS' NIGHT OUT
WHAT COULD GO WRONG?



HONEY, YOU DESERVE A
MOMS' NIGHT OUT

Get ready for **YOUR** fun night out
at the movies with
MOMS' NIGHT OUT
on Mother's Day Weekend!

TOP SECRET:
FOR DAD'S EYES ONLY

Your wife is a superhero!
So, celebrate her and
her superhero-ness this
Mother's day!

IN THEATRES MAY 9!