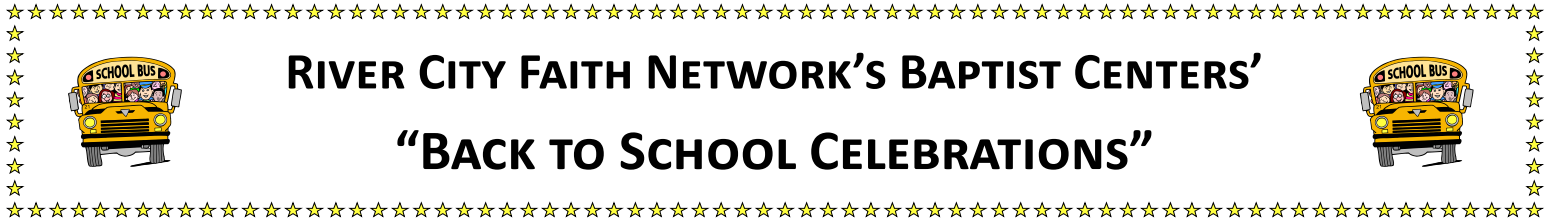


# TRANSFORMED!

*News of Richmond area churches...together...changing lives—July 2015*



## RIVER CITY FAITH NETWORK'S BAPTIST CENTERS' "BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS"



**NEEDED: Backpacks ❖ School Supplies ❖ Underwear ❖ Socks ❖ Toiletries**  
 Items to be included in each backpack are listed below.

**BACKPACK (sturdy, large enough for notebooks and textbooks.)**



- 1 three-ring binder and divider tabs
- 1 or 2 packs loose-leaf paper (wide or standard rule)
- 4 black-and-white composition books
- 2 one-subject notebooks
- 1 three- or five-subject spiral notebook
- 5 to 8 No. 2 pencils (no mechanical)
- 5 to 8 black or blue ink pens (erasable/no gel)
- a Christian bookmark or something similar, appropriate for children



**ADDITIONAL ITEMS (DO NOT PUT IN BACKPACKS)**

- |                       |  |                                    |
|-----------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| 2" three-ring binders | pocket folders (with or w/out brads) in solid colors | rulers (12 inch/metric)            |
| colored pencils       | tissues, large box & pocket                          | crayons (pack of 16 or 24)         |
| highlighters          | markers (washable, 8/10 pack, wide/thin)             | 3 x 5 lined index cards & file box |
| blank CDs             | pencil sharpeners (small hand-held)                  | protractors, clear                 |
| Elmer's glue-4 oz.    | scissors (pointed or blunt, metal)                   | erasers, pencil top & block        |
| glue sticks           | calculator, 4-function                               | water-color paint kits             |
| pencil boxes          | zippered pencil pouches for 3-ring binder            | dictionary, pocket-size            |
| red pens              | zip-lock bags (quart and gallon size)                | hand sanitizer, regular size       |

***Socks and Underwear for children, kindergarten through high school age.***  
*(Boys prefer boxers and Girls prefer bikini underwear!)*

***For Church Hill Only—TOILETRY BAGS*** (approx. 500) to include with backpacks.  
 In 1 gallon zip-lock bag: travel size shampoo, lotion, hand sanitizer, mouth wash, tooth paste, tooth brush, dental floss, deodorant, regular size bar soap, and wash cloth.



**Questions? Contact WMU Mission Involvement Co-Consultants,  
 Barbara Swann 804-272-5150 or Wyatt Heisler 804-741-9320.**

**For Center Celebration dates, times, and assigned churches, turn the page! →**

**WHERE AND WHEN TO DELIVER THESE SUPPLIES**

**AGAIN, THIS YEAR WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU TAKE YOUR BACKPACKS AND SUPPLIES DIRECTLY TO ONE OF THE CENTERS** (check the list below for the suggested recipient center of your church's supplies.)

**NOTE: Each Center has scheduled their celebration for a different date.**



**OREGON HILL CENTER - JENNIFER TURNER (648-1353)**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 11 (6 PM-7:45 PM)**



**Deliver supplies on MONDAY, AUGUST 10 (9 AM-4 PM) AND TUESDAY, AUGUST 11 (9 AM-2 PM)**



First  
Patterson Avenue

Ginter Park  
Pine Street

Grace  
Skipwith

International Community Church

*Oregon Hill Center prefers empty backpacks with supplies grouped by type.*

*Church Hill and South Richmond Centers prefer pre-filled backpacks.*

**CHURCH HILL WELLNESS CENTER - GLINDA FORD (780-0053)**



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 22 (10 AM-3 PM)**

**Deliver Supplies to Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1920 Fairmount Ave**

**on August 19 & 20 from 9 am to 12 pm and 1 to 3 pm.**

**Set-up will be August 21 from 10 am until finished.**

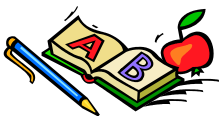


Bethlehem (Fairmount)  
Bethlehem (Penick)  
Broadus Memorial  
Carlisle Avenue  
Chamberlayne  
Community Mission  
Derbyshire

Disciples for Christ  
Fairmount Memorial  
Gayton  
Hatcher Memorial  
Lakeside  
Leigh Street  
Life-Line for Jesus

Mount Carmel  
Mount Sinai  
Mount Tabor  
River Road  
Sandston  
Second  
Westhampton

**SOUTH RICHMOND CENTER - WESLEY GARRETT (232-0174)**



**FRIDAY, AUGUST 28 (1-3 PM)**

**Deliver supplies on Aug. 24, 25 and 26 from 10 am to 1 pm.**



Bethany Place  
Bon Air  
Community of Grace  
First Union  
Friendship Memorial  
Gravel Hill  
Huguenot Road

Jahnke Road  
Korean  
Lighthouse of Hope  
Morning Star  
New Canaan  
Shalom Fellowship  
Southampton

St. Paul's  
Stockton Memorial  
Swift Creek  
Trinity  
Weatherford Mission Group  
Westover  
Woodland Heights

## Executive Director Notes



### CAMP ALKULANA

The two Camp Alkulana Clean-up Days for 2015 are history! The turn out was good and much work was accomplished in preparation for the four camper sessions as well as the pre- and mid-season staff training sessions for this year. Jimmy Landrum, Site Director pictured on the left, was on hand to offer tremendous help and guidance even though he has had double knee replacement surgery this spring. He did an

amazing amount of work and helped all of the teams to maximize their achievements toward full operational preparation for camp.

Beth Wright, Camp Director, along with husband Art and son Julian, seen on the right, moved to camp on Friday, May 29th, where they will essentially take up residence until camp closes from the summer on Saturday, August 8th! Staff has been hired, necessary background checks completed and is now in training for their leadership roles this summer. The older boys' session for ages 12 through 14 begins June 17 and ends on June 24th.. Younger boys, ages 9 through 11, along with Counselors in Training (CIT's) will go to Camp Alkulana from July 2nd through 9th.



Please pray for the powerful work that God will be doing in the lives of each of the campers. Pray for a genuine openness to His Spirit for each of them. Pray for the counselors and other members of the leadership team, many of whom will be leaders in the Christian community for the first time. May they serve wisely and compassionately with real sensitivity to the needs of each of the individual campers who come from very varied situations.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the River City Faith Network of the Richmond Baptist Association has been meeting monthly since the beginning of the year. It is a very healthy working group that celebrates at each meeting as it hears reports from the directors of two of our vital ministries on a rotating basis. These reports from our Camp Director and Community Missionaries help us to focus on

what we are about and why we need to do our work well. Plans are being made for a 2015 Annual Meeting to be held in October. We are very close to determining a date and have been working with Pine Street Baptist Church and the Oregon Hill Baptist Center, which turns 75 years old this summer, toward that end. We are excited about doing the Annual Meeting a bit differently this time with a focus upon actually participating in ministry as a part of our time together. We anticipate several important recognitions, a brief business session, an emphasis upon the Center's anniversary, an open house, and then several opportunities to actually be involved in a ministry with folks whom we regularly serve in the Name of Christ! We are also intending to provide a nursery for younger children for all or a portion of the time so that parents and families can be full participants. I am excited about the direction that the Board is willing to take to be creative and mission oriented, focusing on what we do well as a network!

### PLANTING RVA

In our city the needs are great and there are many partners seeking to meet those needs! There are many churches of all stripes in the city. Some are doing well while some have been plateaued for some time and others are simply failing! PLANTING RVA is a movement that is beginning to pick up momentum in the city and is made up of churches and Christian organizations with both a great heart for the River City and for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

While there are many churches of all sizes, shapes and conditions in our city, there are still many, many people who have been untouched by the Good News of Christ and His hope. PLANTING RVA met in our headquarters building on June 9 and is attempting to bring to the table a diverse group of believers who want to start new churches in depressed areas of our city and among pockets of people of common ethnic origin who are not currently being reached by any of our churches. Revs. Glinda Ford and Jennifer Turner along with Mrs. Margaret Bargatze, member of Second Baptist and member of the Church Hill Support Team, met with PLANTING RVA and we will debrief together next week to begin to discern what involvement in this movement might mean for one or more of our centers located strategically in these depressed areas of our city. Pray for us to hear from the Holy Spirit to guide our thinking and involvement to reach the unreached of the River City!

Rejoicingly,

*Mike*

River City Faith Network of the Richmond Baptist Association's

## 2015 MISSIONS INVOLVEMENT EXTRAVAGANZA!

All churches are invited to send representatives from their missions organizations to the 5th Annual Extravaganza on:



**Saturday, July 25, 2015**

**9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.  
at the RBA Building  
3111 Moss Side Avenue, 23222**



This is a great opportunity to learn about missions involvement in the River City Faith Network of the Richmond Baptist Association. The WMU Missions Involvement Program provides support to the three inner-city Baptist Centers (Oregon Hill, Church Hill and South Richmond), Camp Alkulana, the campus ministries at VCU and UR, and the after-school and summer children's programs of the African Christian Community Church. You will be able to meet staff, learn about programs, and discover ways you and your church can be involved with these inner-city social ministries.

The WMU Missions Involvement Extravaganza is sponsored by the RCFN and the RBA WMU. The Missions Involvement Assignments for 2015-2016 will be distributed to churches during the event.

*Coffee and refreshments will be served.*



**Questions? Contact  
Missions Involvement Co-Coordinators:  
Barbara Swann at 804-272-5150 or  
Wyatt Heisler at 804-741-9320**



### May 2015 RCFN Budget Report

May Budget Amount:	\$42,709
May Budget Receipts:	\$18,916
May Budget Expenses:	\$47,130
YTD Budget Amount:	\$231,545
YTD Budget Receipts:	\$125,282
YTD Budget Expenses:	\$190,626

2015 Camp Alkulana Offering  
RCFN Week of Prayer Network Missions Offering

As of 5/31/2015

Offering Goal:	\$148,335
YTD Receipts:	\$ 44,259

RIVER CITY FAITH NETWORK

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

No meeting in June! That is a change to be noted!

**Next Meeting**

**JULY 21, 2015 - 7:00 PM**

Richmond Baptist Building, Large Conference Room  
7:00 PM



**GOLFERS SAVE THE DATE!**

**OCTOBER 2, 2015**

*to help Richmond's kids go to camp!*

*11th Annual*

**Alkulana Golf Tournament**

**Belmont Golf Course,  
1600 Hilliard Road, Henrico, VA, 23228**

**Lunch @ 12 noon • Shot Gun start @ 1 pm.**

*All proceeds go to fund Camp Alkulana.*

**FEES (same as last year!):**

Individuals—\$80 ♦ Foursomes—\$300  
Foursome + Hole Sponsor—\$380



**TYPES OF SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE:**

Bright Eyes Sponsor: \$500.00  
Hole Sponsor: \$100 per hole

For more details about Sponsorships and to Register On-Line visit the Alkulana website: [www.alkulana.org](http://www.alkulana.org) or call the RBA at 804-329-1701.

## CHURCH NEWS

**BON AIR @ THE VILLAGE** will have "Thailand Trek" VBS, July 13-17, 9:00 am—12:00 noon. **CARLISLE AVENUE** participated in the May 16 Camp Alkulana Work Day and will send a Missions Team to ACCC to provide Lunch and activities for the children on June 23. **DERBYSHIRE** has welcomed **WESTHAMPTON** to use their Chapel for worship and some rooms for Sunday School classes. They are also welcome at their Wednesday night dinners. Derbyshire will host **CARITAS** (Congregations Around Richmond Involved To Assure Shelter) men the week of July 11-18. **FIRST** will host **CARITAS** women during the week of July 4-11. **GINTER PARK** will join **GRACE** for a joint Vacation Bible School with a theme focusing on prayer, exploring praise, thanksgiving, confession, and supplication at Grace July 13-17, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. **HUGUE-NOT ROAD** will offer "Journey Off the Map" VBS July 6-10, 9:00 am—12:00 noon. **RIVER ROAD** will offer "Watering Malawi: Water U Doing?" VBS July 13-17, 9:00 am—12:00 noon. **SKIPWITH** will have a Yard and Bake Sale Saturday, July 18 beginning at 7:30 am with the proceeds going to help a family make their home more wheel chair accessible. **WOODLAND HEIGHTS** will have Gospel Light's "Son Spark Labs" VBS July 27-31, 9:30 am—12:30 pm.

## STAFF NEWS

**BON AIR** celebrated the 10 Year Anniversary of Rev. Norman Burnes.



**GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH** has called Rev. Courtney E. Allen to be their 21<sup>st</sup> Senior Pastor. She will begin her ministry at Grace Baptist on July 1, 2015.

## CENTER NEEDS

Each Center has some currently needed items. Please look these over to see if you can help with any of these needs.

Thank you for your help with this!

### OREGON HILL

1. 4 or 5 medium size Rubber- Maid "like" tubs with secure lids
2. Renuzit Air Fresheners
3. Volunteer mechanics to assist in labor with emergency car repairs for families we serve
4. A used reliable car for a family of 4 (automatic)

### CHURCH HILL

1. Sheets (king, queen, full)
2. Towels
3. Pots and Pans
4. Paint or Gift Card for Lowe's or Home Depot to purchase paint
5. Bus Passes (\$5.00 each)

### SOUTH RICHMOND

- \*Easel, for classroom, Bible Study and teaching
- \*Leather NIV presentation Bibles (10-15)
- \*Food Ministry is in need of non-perishable food (please, no #10 cans.): Green Beans, Corn, Canned Tuna, Canned Pasta Dinner, Canned beans, Rice, Spaghetti, Dry Milk, Oatmeal, Box Cereal, Paper bags (Doubled or tripled together.)
- \*Clothing for Closet. Summer clothes requested, with a special need for Men's dress clothes for job interviews.
- \*Volunteers needed for "Hoop Dreams" Basketball Ministry this summer. Friday evenings twice a month, adults are needed to help chaperone and/or offer basketball instruction.
- \*Plans are underway for an Adult learning ministry called JASON Ministry. Starting in July and continuing for five months. It will teach adults:
  - a. Resume writing
  - b. Finding and keeping jobs
  - c. Writing skills, computer skills, etc.
  - d. For Men Only Bible Study



The idea for the film SHOOTING THE PRODIGAL began during a season of prayer, and the prayers continue as the project progresses from script to film. Your prayers will be a significant part of this project.

**Prayer Requests for the Week of June 1st:** As the saying goes, it's getting to be 'crunch time' on a number of fronts. Your prayers remain crucial in these last weeks of preparation. Please pray for success in casting the remaining roles. And, for all the actors as they prepare for their performances. Pray that the last of the site locations will be secured. The last of the crew positions need to be filled - pray for the remaining hires. And speaking of cast and crew, please pray for the continued health of all. The movie website is due to be launched this week - pray that it be successful. Finally, a prayer of thanks for the abundance of blessings we have received from Him.

**Prayer Gathering:** Plan on joining us at the next prayer gathering - **only days before production starts** - on **Wednesday, June 20th at 5:30 p.m.** at \*First Baptist Church Petersburg, 235 W Washington Street, (804) 733-7484. (\*Note the street address; there is another FBC on Harrison Street.)

[Read more about SHOOTING THE PRODIGAL.](#)

Many thanks,  
*The Belltower Pictures Prayer Team*

## DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEED AN ORGAN?



This is a Hammond Commodore Model 328314 Console, Serial number 1102712 bought December 17, 1981. The original sales price was \$8,995.00. The Hammond dealer here in Richmond (Plumm Audio Co.) has checked out the organ. He said everything was in excellent condition, no tuning needed and today's value would be around \$3,500.

It is about 4' wide x 4' deep x 3'6 height that is including the pedals and bench in the depth. The pedals are removable, making it easier to move.

For additional information, please call Lee Smith at (804) 306-3862 cell or email [Lsmith5471@aol.com](mailto:Lsmith5471@aol.com).

### River City Faith Network BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### awards one-time gift to Belltower Pictures

Belltower Pictures is a local 501(c)3 non-profit Christian film company founded by Mr. David Powers, long-time staff member of First Baptist Church, Richmond, as their Minister of Media Services. For about five years David has been writing the script and putting flesh to the dream of creating a Christian film that will appeal to those outside of the traditional church community who may never be inclined to attend a church anywhere but would go to a movie that is both funny and impactful, a film that will bring them face-to-face with the Good News of Jesus Christ in a way that they may hear and respond.

To support this important effort that has come out of one of our churches and has the full endorsement of First Richmond, the Board of Directors on behalf of the River City Faith Network of the Richmond Baptist Association voted in May to award a one-time gift of \$1,000 to Belltower Pictures to further the spread of the Gospel of Christ.

# Camp Alkulana

The Camp recently created a Wish List on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com). Here's the link:

<http://amzn.com/w/1L96ZFZBBE0SZ>

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There is also still time to order merchandise from the 100th Anniversary of Camp Alkulana! Everything below is still available but in limited quantities. Make sure to buy your copy of the book before inventory runs out. It costs \$30 and can be purchased by calling the River City Faith Network of the Richmond Baptist Association or online at this link:

<https://squareup.com/market/Alkulana100>.

## ALKULANA 100 MERCHANDISE



*Come Along, Join Our Song:  
Camp Alkulana's First One Hundred Years  
A book on our camp's history: \$30*



*Alkulana 100 Shirts  
Short-sleeve t-shirt: \$10  
Long-sleeve t-shirt: \$15  
Hooded sweatshirt: \$20*



**Come along,  
join our song...**  
[alkulana.org](http://alkulana.org)

**Bumper Stickers: \$1 each**

*Photo notecards with envelopes  
Assorted 6 pack: \$5 each*



*Proceeds from merchandise sales will benefit Camp Alkulana.  
Purchases can be made with check, cash, or credit card. Quantities are limited.*

# July Events Calendar

JULY 2

YOUNGER BOYS LEAVE FOR CAMP ALKULANA  
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JULY 3

THE RBA OFFICE  
WILL BE CLOSED  
FOR THE



INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY  
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JULY 8

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT MATERIAL FOR TRANSFORMED!  
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JULY 9

YOUNGER BOYS RETURN FROM CAMP ALKULANA  
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JULY 14 - 15

STAFF TRAINING, CAMP ALKULANA  
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JULY 16

OLDER GIRLS' LEAVE FOR CAMP ALKULANA  
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JULY 21 @ 10:00 AM

WMU LEADERSHIP TEAM-ANNUAL PLANNING, RCFN  
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JULY 21 @ 6:00 PM

OREGON HILL SUPPORT TEAM MEETING, OREGON HILL  
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JULY 25 @ 9:30 AM

WMU MISSIONS INVOLVEMENT EXTRAVANGANZA, RCFN  
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JULY 27

OLDER GIRLS' RETURN FROM CAMP ALKULANA  
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JULY 28 @ 7:00 PM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, RCFN  
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JULY 31

YOUNGER GIRLS' LEAVE FOR CAMP ALKULANA  
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**CREATE FOR CHRIST**  
Congratulations to our 2015 winners!

**Small Category:** Westhampton Baptist Church & Chesterfield Community Church

**Medium Category:** Sandston Baptist Church & Second Baptist Church

**Large Category:** Gayton Baptist Church & Cornerstone Assembly of God

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

**Making a Delivery to the RCFN/RBA Office?**

Please call before you plan to arrive to make sure that someone will be at the office. There are times during the day when everyone may be away, so it will save time and gas to call ahead. The RCFN Office is open from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Thursday.

**Pray for the Church of the Week**

- July 5 Mount Tabor
- July 12 New Canaan
- July 19 New Life of Richmond
- July 26 Patterson Avenue
- August 2 Pine Street

**HELP THE RBA SAVE RETURN POSTAGE COSTS  
 GIVE US YOUR CHANGE OF ADDRESS!**

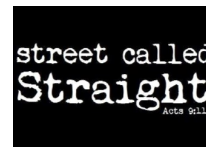
If you are on our newsletter mailing list and will be moving—please let Amy Sowder know your *Change of Address* in advance! You will be helping us to direct \$0.46 “postage due” to more important missions efforts. Thanks!!

**PRAY FOR CHURCHES SEEKING A PASTOR**  
 Bethlehem (Penick) Bon Air  
 Chamberlayne Disciples of Christ

**FAITH NIGHT  
 AT THE DIAMOND**

**AUGUST 6, 2015**

**GATES OPEN @ 5:30 PM  
 GAME TIME @ 7:05 PM  
 PREGAME MUSIC BY: PLAYER  
 TESTIMONIES:**



**TICKET PRICES:**

GENERAL ADMISSION: \$5.50 TERRACE LEVEL: \$8  
 FIELD LEVEL: \$11  
 (GROUPS OF 20 OR MORE)

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP CONTACT:  
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 GARRETT.ERWIN@SQUIRRELSBASEBALL.COM



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