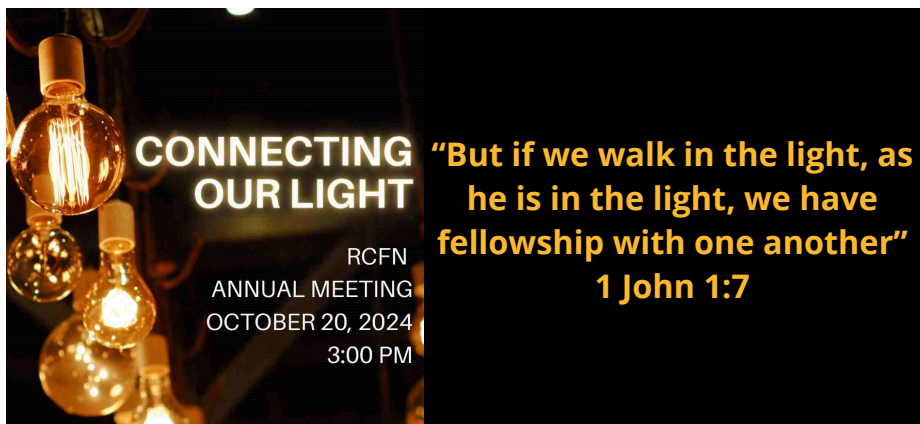


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**CONNECT AT THE RCFN ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH 3PM-5PM
CHAPEL A T THE RCFN OFFICES 2828 EMERYWOOD PARKWAY**

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

Just as Matthew 5:14 tells believers that we are the **"Light of the world - like a city on a hill that cannot be hidden"**, it is our collective light, the fellowship among us and shared ministry through us, that is a witness to our city.

*Our time together at the Annual Meeting will focus on **rekindling the connections among our RCFN churches.***
Following the brief business portion of our meeting, we will gather in **Connection Groups** to share our church mission efforts and collaborate to create new stories of mission and ministry.

Connection Group Topics

based on Jeremiah 29: 4-10

- **Build Houses:** Unhoused People, Habitat for Humanity
- **Settle Down:** Youth Mental Health First Aid
- **Plant Gardens:** Food Pantries, Community Gardening
- **Multiply Generations:** Young Adult and Senior Ministry
- **Seek Peace & Prosperity of our City:** Prayer, Advocacy

We hope you'll join us! Register:

richmondbaptist.org/events or office@rbaonline.org or 804.329.1701

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER 2024

- 10/ 1 Staff Mtg. 10am
CAST Mtg. 6:30 pm
- 10/2 Facilities Mtg. 3pm
- 10/7 Golf Tournament
- 10/19 LEAD's HALT Training
- 10/20 Annual Mtg. 3pm
- 10/21 Office Closed
- 10/26 Alkulana RVA Event



Get Ready for the 2023 RCFN Annual Meeting!

Elect your messengers to represent your church, vote on RCFN business, and bring information from the Annual Meeting to share with your congregation. Our office will mail details to each church about affiliation status and number of messengers..



ALKULANA GOLF TOURNAMENT

A DAY OF GOLF = THE SUMMER OF A LIFETIME
Monday, October 7, 2024

12:00 pm Lunch, 1:00 Shotgun Start
 Richmond Country Club (12950 Patterson Ave, 23238)
 Individual Golfer: \$125/Foursome: \$440
 Sponsorships: from \$50-\$500
 Visit alkulana.org to register or scan the QR code.

SCAN TO REGISTER




CAMP ALKULANA GOLF TOURNAMENT

Enjoy some time with your friends on the golf course & raise money for kids to connect with God at Camp Alkulana!

Monday, October 7th

Richmond Country Club

Register at alkulana.org or by calling Beth Wright at 804-329-1701 ext. 114

Registrations must be received by October 1, 2024!

Tournament Sponsors are Needed

Consider becoming an event sponsor! We have sponsorship levels from \$50-\$500. Every bit of your support helps to cover the cost of the event so that all event proceeds go directly to supporting summer camp opportunities at Camp Alkulana!

More details available at alkulana.org



CLERGY BOOK DISCUSSION

The After Party

October 22nd 10am

RCFN Office or on Zoom

Daryn Henry, Assistant Professor in the Dept. of Religious Studies at UVA, recently made a presentation, Hopeful Discipleship in a Politically Divisive Age, to Virginia Baptist pastors. His presentation invited us to consider "To what extent are the fruit of the Spirit manifest in our public interactions/political engagement?" Henry challenged pastors to encourage discipleship that allows the Spirit to guide political conversations in family relationships and beyond. RCFN Clergy are invited to join a discussion of the book recommended by Henry, "The After Party: Toward Better Christian Politics" by Chang and French.

Register at office@rbaonline.org.



Virginia Church Library Association
 Fall 2024 Conference

Renewing the Future of VCLA

October 18 & 19, 2024
 Monument Heights Baptist Church
 5716 Monument Avenue
 Richmond, VA

vacla.org /
vachurchlibrary@gmail.com



**River City Faith Network
Ministry Centers
CHRISTMAS JOY!!!**

Bring JOY to our city this Christmas!

We are excited about this year's Christmas JOY events and hope you are as well! Each year our RCFN churches are generous in sponsoring children through our Ministry Centers and Camp Families blessing them with a few of their favorite things.

We are grateful for your generosity and support of our Ministry Centers.

IMPORTANT DATES & NOTES

Church Hill Christian Wellness Center

Rev. Glinda Ford 804.329.1701 ext 104

- Dec. 3-4 Deliver gifts to CHCWC at Mt. Tabor BC**
- *Gifts should be wrapped and labeled with the names of the items and placed in a large plastic Christmas bag with the child's name on the outside of the bag.*

Dec. 6 Gifts are distributed

Oregon Hill Baptist Center

Rev. Jennifer Turner 804.329.1701 ext 103

- Dec. 4-5 Deliver gifts to OHBC at Pine Street BC**
- *Gifts should unwrapped and place in a large black trash bag with child's name on the outside.*

Dec. 6 Gifts are distributed by appointment

South Richmond Baptist Center

Rev. Wesley Garrett 804.232.0174

- Dec. 2-4 Deliver gifts to St. Paul's Belt Blvd. 9am -1pm**
- *Gifts should be wrapped with the child's name on each gift. Gifts should be placed in a large plastic Christmas bag which has he child's name and family group number on the outside.*

Dec. 5 Gifts are distributed between 9am - 1pm.

CHRISTMAS JOY PROCEDURE

1. Contact a Center Director and let them know how many children your church would like to sponsor.
2. Your church contact person will then receive a list of Children's Names and Wish Lists to share with your congregation.
3. Sponsors then shop online or in stores for the child assigned to them. If an individual has limitations on being able to shop for the child's full wish list, they can partner with other family members, friends, Sunday School Class to fulfill the requests.
4. Deliver gifts to the Center Director on the days indicated for delivery.
5. Prayers and volunteers are always welcome to help with preparing the gifts for distribution to the families!



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RCFN CENTER CORNER

- **Church Hill CWC**- Your group can help provide a covered dish lunch for the "Best Bible Study in the World!" that meets in the Church Hill community every Friday.
Contact Glinda at 804.329.1701 ext. 104
- **Oregon Hill**- Help serve a Thursday meal to the Oregon Hill Community!! Available dates are: November 21, December 12 & 19.
Contact Jennifer at 804.329.1701 ext. 103
- **South Richmond**- Donate new & gently used clothing for the children and youth and furniture for the families of South Richmond!
Contact Wesley at 804.232.0174

Thank you for your support of our Centers!

MINISTRY AND TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Tour the Celtic Treasures of Ireland

Dublin, Galway, Cliffs of Moher, Ring of Kerry, & Blarney among others.

**with Rev. Mark and Beth Holland,
July 8 - 17, 2025.**

**For more information contact
Mark at 804.301.6536**