

Goshen News

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Project Youth Visions

We need to highlight and “advertise” the various mission ministries in the Goshen Association. These include ministries such as RuraLove, RITE, Partnership Missions, the WMU, our New Work Team (Latino Ministry), Disaster Relief, and more.

To do this we need your help! We ask that you get your technology savvy youth involved to create a short 1 to 3 minute catchy video showcasing one of the ministries of the Association. These will be combined on the new Goshen Association DVD and will be used to promote our Association to our affiliate churches and visitors across the globe.

We see this project as a way to involve youth who do not attend church as well as those who do attend or the ones who are looking for service projects for school, or other community based projects i.e. scouts, etc. It can be a wonderful way to learn about the Lord, His work, and the Goshen at the same time. To learn more about this idea, or to volunteer to assist in the creation of these videos please contact Tammy Wood at 540.894.4582.

Operation Inasmuch

Operation Inasmuch - Virginia is a statewide hands-on missions opportunity sponsored by the Virginia Network of Associational Workers. The purpose is for local churches to become involved in their communities and do general acts of kindness for the unchurched in your community on a designated day. Goshen is asking churches to hold an Operation Inasmuch day between September and October 2014. Contact John at the Goshen Ministry Center to learn how your church can get involved. or email goshenba@nexet.net.

Ideas for Inasmuch projects:

- Blood Pressure & Sugar Checks
- Blood Drive
- Letters to troops or inmates
- Pictures by children with a “God Loves You” theme to be delivered to a nursing home.
- Care packages for troops
- Prepare and deliver food items to shut ins in Community
- Car check up - oil change and tire pressure check
- Baby shower for local pregnancy center
- Car wash
- Pick up litter - contact VDOT for this one
- Home repair
- Card ministry
- Clean house for the elderly or handicapped
- Cut, split & deliver wood for the winter
- Do fingernails for those in a nursing home
- Laundrymat - provide coins and help fold clothing
- Do yard work, get up leaves, clean gutters for someone
- Thank Fire, Rescue, Police dept. with homemade treats

Operation Inasmuch Training Sessions:

March 22

Bealeton Baptist

Bealetonbc.org 540.439.3681

March 29

Richmond Association Office

office@rba.org 804.329.1701

March 31

University Baptist Charlottesville

universitybaptist.org 434.293.5106



Bibles Needed

How many new graduates would you like to support with a study Bible? Each year a Thompson Chain reference study Bible is presented to seminary graduates in memory of Don Reid. Bibles cost \$25 each. Send your contribution to Goshen noting in the memo "Bibles-India." P.O. Box 296, Mineral, VA 23117. Help us with the ongoing ministry in Kerala, India.

Yarn & Fabric

If you have leftover skeins of yarn, we have a request for them. Bring to the Goshen Ministry Center Monday - Thursday 9-1 or drop by the RuraLove Warehouse on Wednesdays from 9-1.

We are collecting quilting fabric for the Missionary Learning Center in Rockville. If you have some to donate bring to the RuraLove Warehouse on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-12 noon or call the Ministry Center to set up a delivery time. 540.894.8440.

FISHING

The pond at the Goshen Ministry Center is stocked and ready for your church group to come and have a fishing tournament. Just call the office to reserve your date. 540.894.8440.

Learn to Forgive

A free seminar featuring Gil Mertz

January 10-12

Mechanicsville Baptist

10200 Louisa Road, Gordonsville

This Biblical, practical and clinical presentation impacts every person, every family, every marriage, every relationship, every church. God brings revival when we humble ourselves and repent of our sin. (2 Chronicles 7:14) There is hardly any sin that is more prevalent in the church or more easily rationalized than when we refuse to forgive others. When we withhold forgiveness, we withhold God's blessings on our lives and on our church. When we forgive we experience true freedom, and unleash God's full power to bless our lives.

For more information call the church office at 540.832.3269

Questions about the Affordable Care Act?

Wondering about your insurance options? Central Virginia Health Services, Inc. is pleased to be able to provide a free community resource to help you better understand the insurance changes and your options.

For more information or to schedule a one on one meeting, please contact your local outreach and enrollment assistant, Rebecca Bullock at 434.581.3271 ext. 5555; cell: 434.960.6986, or at RebeccaBullock@cvhinc.org

For more info visit www.healthcare.gov. To learn more about Central Virginia Health Services visit www.cvhinc.org

Mission Opportunities

Project for December: Angel Tree Ministry.
Call the office to adopt your angel.
540.894.8440.

RuraLove - A ministry of Goshen Association to local families in crisis ~ 540.894.8440

URGENT: small kitchenettes, microwaves, dressers, TWIN, FULL, QUEEN mattresses (separates or sets - we'll match), bed frames, pots and pans, electric stoves, washing machines, dryers, refrigerators, good vehicles, etc. Please make sure all donations work properly and are clean.

Also **NEED VOLUNTEERS** for pick-ups and deliveries, and to help sort Tues. or Wed. mornings or another by appointment.

REMINDER: Requests should come from the church to help meet the needs in the community in the name of Jesus. Thus our motto "Neighbor Helping Neighbor" - meeting physical needs, developing trust through relationships and ministering spiritually. **PLEASE make sure to FOLLOW UP with families after they have been helped. This is key to making the most of opportunities to minister spiritually to families in crisis.**

RuraLove Ministry Update

During the past month RuraLove helped churches minister to:

- 24 families with financial help
- 15 families with household needs
- 1 family with a whole household
- 15 families with clothing
- 3 families with prescriptions
- 1 family with wood



Impact! VA 2014

- Impact! Virginia has June and July Dates available
 - Impact! International will be held in June and July for the Brazil World Cup
 - Impact! Metro will be held in April
- Early Registration is now open on a first-come, first-served basis. Details may be found at www.vbmb.org/impact
One week assignments. International cost is \$350 plus airfare, Metro and Virginia are \$175 a person

Help Wanted

Cornerstone Christian Church (jesusisourcornerstone.org) in Henrico, is seeking candidates who are energetic and passionate about seeing children and youth develop a fervent, biblically grounded, mission-oriented spirituality that is enthusiastically reflected in all aspects of their life. Qualified candidates will have a passion for Jesus and God's Kingdom, solid biblical knowledge with the ability to connect the biblical truths to every day life, be committed to the equipping team model of ministry, able to creatively connect with others in the community, and some experience with children and youth. Resumes may be sent to Les Redfern at ccpastorles@verizon.net

CHURCH NEWS

Antioch made 68 shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse Ministry.

Berea has nominated a new deacon. An ordination service will be held January 12 with a dinner to follow.

Gordonsville will hold "Breath of Heaven" Cantata on Sun., Dec. 15 at 11 a.m.

Louisa will hold their Adult Cantata on Dec. 8 at 11 a.m.

Mechanicsville The outreach committee is giving away coats and winter clothing Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. - noon. The Christmas Cantata, "Breath of Heaven" will be held at 11 a.m. on Dec. 15 with refreshments to follow. A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is to be held at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to each event.

Mineral held a dedication of the Historic Mineral Baptist Church on Sunday, November 10. Mineral will have a Christmas Carol Sing n Ring on Wed., Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m. "Go Tell It!" Christmas Cantata will be held Sat., Dec 14 at 7 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 15 at 11 a.m. "Three Wise Men and a Baby" Children's Choir Musical will be held Sun., Dec. 22 with a Covered Dish at 12:30 p.m. and program at 1:30 p.m. A Contemporary Christmas Eve Service will be held on Tuesday Dec. 22, at 5 p.m. with a Traditional Candlelight Service at 7:30 p.m.

Mine Road welcomes five new members. A Sunday School Christmas Program will be held December 15 at 6 p.m. with a dessert fellowship to follow. The choir's Christmas musical will be held Dec. 22 during the 11 a.m. service.

Mount Gilead will hold a Pancake Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 7 from 8-10:30 a.m. The church baptized two new members; held Thanksgiving lunch on Nov. 24; Hanging of the Greens on December 1. Team Kid Program to be held on Dec. 3; the Christmas Cantata on Dec. 8; church-wide Christmas caroling on Dec. 10; and Christmas Vespers on Dec 24 at 7:30 p.m. The church filled over 75 shoe boxes, and continues to fill Inmate bags for the prison. The youth volunteered at Shalom Farms, and will present their Christmas Program on Dec. 8 at 7 p.m.; and will have their annual "Lock-In" on Dec. 31. The Preschool had a visit from Smokey the Bear who helped put their bears into hibernation, held their Thanksgiving Feast, will sing at the Meadows Nursing Home, and will present their Christmas Program on Dec. 19. For more info on any of the activities, 804.457.2938.

Orange Singing Christmas Tree will be held Sat., Dec. 7 at 5 & 7:30 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m. No tickets required.

Rhoadesville will hold their Christmas Cantata at 11 a.m. on December 22. On Oct. 12, 51 missionaries gathered to make blankets for children in crisis. Since their last workshop 451 blankets have been made to comfort children in need. They are partnering with Project Linus.

Shady Grove - The Education Wing of Shady Grove will be dedicated in the memory of the late Mrs. Esther Hardman Jubilee on Sunday, Dec. 1 during the 11 a.m. worship service. Communion and a repast will follow the morning service. The Reverend Dr. Youtha Hardman-Cromwell, her daughter, and the Reverend Debra Whitten, her granddaughter, will preach a sermon dialogically. That will be a new experience for many.

Deacon John Otis Tyler will preach his sermon to be licensed as a minister on Sat., Dec. 7 at 3 p.m. at Shady Grove. Following the service will be a repast. Your presence is welcomed to support him.

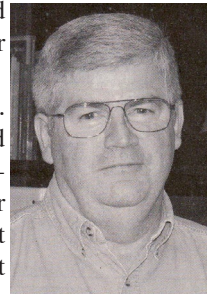
"Grist from the Mill"

On November 9, 1943, Creed and Leuna climbed the steps to the second floor office of the Justice of the Peace for Maryville, Tennessee. They had decided to get married as Creed was in the Air Corps and was due to ship out for training in preparation for his crew joining their unit in Ipswich, England. The war was nearly two years old at that time. Both had lost friends and had seen the stars in the windows, both blue and gold. So like many young people, he 19 and she 23, they decided to marry and hope and pray for a life together after his time in combat was finished.

Theirs was never a storybook relationship. They were strong people unafraid of hard work, long hours, or difficult times. Coming out of the Depression, they took little for granted and chose to work through the difficult times and rely upon the promises given in that small second floor office on a dreary November day so long before. And they prospered together. Strong wills can and do lead to arguments, hurt feelings, and the rise of emotions. But stronger commitment to one another moved them past those moments. They were never the perfect couple, as they would acknowledge. They were simply imperfect people who loved and enjoyed each other.

On November 9, 2013 Creed and Leuna marked seventy years of marriage together. There was no party, nor the desire for one. They simply passed that day as they had so many others, without fanfare and simply content to be together. To their friends and family they are reminders of what the Lord meant when He called for the two to become one. To many they serve as a blessing and a joy. To me, it is a privilege to be their son.

John



Partnership Mission Dinner
Saturday, January 11
5 p.m. \$6.00 each
Mineral Baptist Church Family Life Center
Reserve your seat at 540.894.8440.

More Than Nets

Keep collecting for the ongoing project of More Than Nets. We have entered into a two year agreement with the Ghana Baptist Convention. Our goal is to distribute 100,000 chemically treated nets within the Yendi municipality; provide vital information into the proper use of the mosquito net; and plant over 300 churches. The nets are \$10 each. The goal is to raise one million dollars in the two year time frame. Support the More Than Nets project by sending in your donation now. Make checks payable to Goshen Baptist Association and write "More Than Nets" in the memo line and send to Goshen Baptist Association, P.O. Box 296, Mineral, VA 23117. As of the first of Oct., 46 churches have been planted and 1 of the 8 districts have had nets distributed to over 7000.

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

13	Sylvia Moore	Shady Grove
17	Karen Clore	Orange
19	Williams Anniversary	Mechanicsville
19	James Eure	Mt. Hermon
20	Jerry Riggins	Retired
21	Hartsfield Anniv.	Retired
21	Debbie Hoyle	Louisa
22	Wright Anniversary	Trinity
30	Jim Graham	Walters
31	McClary Anniversary	South Anna

December

1-8	International Missions Emphasis
5	Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
18	Angel Tree Deadline 1 p.m.
23-1/5	Office Closed for Christmas and New Year Holidays

GMC = Goshen Ministry Center 587 Mica Rd., Mineral

Websites for Ministries

Door of Hope - South Africa (Christian Orphanages which place abandoned children) www.holeinthewall.org.za

Living Hope Community Centre News - South Africa (Living Hope makes a difference in the lives of those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS in the deep south of Cape Town in the Name of Jesus Christ.) www.livinghope.co.za

South India - Dr. & Mrs. Kunjumon Chacko, P.O. Box 11, Vadavathoor P.O, Kottayam, Kerala, India 686010
email: chackos@sancharnet.in www.preciouschildren.org

Goshen Counseling Center

Dwight Boston, LCSW, M.S.W. 540.894.8814

Member: American Association of Christian Counselors. Fees are covered by most insurance plans. Those with no insurance may be seen with an adjusted fee based on finances if funding allows. Counselor is trained to provide counseling to children, adolescents, adults, couples, and families. Dwight is available to provide educational seminars on specific topics of interest. Confidential.

2013-2014 Ministry Action Budget

Budget	\$140,486.00
Monthly Needs	11,707.00
Received October	15,292.00
Budget Shortfall	-3,585.00

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