



Goshen News

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Happy New Year!

Goshen's Annual Partnership Missions Dinner

Saturday, January 12

at Mineral's Family Life Center

5 p.m.

\$6 per person

Brittany Garton
on Ruth School

Mission Panel on
• Trinidad
• Disaster Relief NY
• Bland Co. VA
• Goshen Local Missions

Call 540.894.8440 to reserve your seats!

Mission Pictures Needed!!!

On January 12th we will hold our annual Partnership Dinner. The members of our Goshen Churches have been involved in many mission trips and projects, some near to home and others far away during the last twelve months. We want to celebrate that and at the Partnership Dinner we have a chance to share how the Lord has used us to work with our hands and voices in His Name. If you have any pictures of the work your church has done in 2012 please share them with us. The pictures will help us rejoice in the many ways the Father has been praised by the members of our Association.

You can send your pictures to me as email attachments, on a flash drive, or CD. I will then put together the video presentation for the evening. If you have any questions please contact me at the Goshen Ministry Center at 540.894.8440 or by email at jtsre@yahoo.com. I look forward to hearing from you all.

John

Moldova Church Planter Update

Several churches and couples have pledged and begun support for Gheorge Rudie, our Indigenous Church Planter in Moldova. Mineral, Smyrna, Louisa, Mechanicsville, North Pamunkey, Oakland, Trinity, Elk Creek, Zoar VBS, Waldrop, Wallers, Craigs Sr. Men's Sunday School, Kerns, Hart, McGinnis, and Dickens. If you or your church would like to pledge to support our church planter or would like more information, call the Goshen Ministry Center at 540.894.8440. We now have 13 churches or individuals to commit to \$350 a year for the next five years. Although donations still accepted for future travel expenses.

Leftovers

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.

Oxygen Request

RuraLove has a request for a small portable oxygen maker. If you have one available that is not in use call the Goshen Ministry Office. All donations are tax deductible. 540.894.8440.

Special Thanks

A big THANK YOU to the volunteers who have worked so diligently on the new tool shed for the disaster and construction tools from Louisa, Elk Creek, and Mineral Churches. Special thanks to lead carpenters John Bevard (5 days) and Tucker Swanson (1 day). Every volunteer is greatly appreciated. Your time has been a real blessing to many in need.

Tommy Dickens and John Miller

Operation Inasmuch Virginia

Operation Inasmuch is a national nonprofit that employs proven models to motivate, train, and equip churches to move more congregants out of the sanctuary seats and into the streets to serve the neediest in their communities.

Operation Inasmuch is also a movement of churches across America, a Compassion Revolution. Over 1600 churches in 21 states have joined the revolution. Four hundred and five of these churches reported that they collectively sent out more than 22,000 volunteers in 2011 to minister to 116,000 people in their communities, representing \$3 million in labor hours and material costs. Lives within and without these churches changed!

Operation Inasmuch - Virginia is a statewide hands-on missions opportunity sponsored by the Virginia Network of Associational Workers. The goal is for 80% of Associations to have 80% of their churches committed to involving 80% of their average Sunday School attendance across Virginia. These Inasmuch Day events will serve more than 300,000 people in need.

When is it happening? Between September 13 and October 11, 2014. How does my church get involved? Contact the Goshen Ministry Center at 540.894.8440 or email goshenba@nexet.net. We can help you maximize your potential to impact your community as the hands and feet of Jesus.

A training session will be held April 27, 2013 from 9 a.m. - noon at Oakland Baptist Church, 2965 Oakland Church Road, Gum Spring, Va. 23065. To learn more go to www.operationinasmuch.org

Mission Opportunities

Project for January ~ Baby Bottle Project. Save your coins and dollars in a baby bottle and support Bethany Christian Services (a Christ-centered crisis pregnancy center and adoption services ministry). Collect through January.

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:

- 19 families with financial help
- 9 families with household needs
- 3 families with a whole house
- 17 families with clothing
- 2 families with a layette
- 3 families with food
- 6 families with a medical item



CHURCH NEWS

Louisa welcomes two members.

Mineral is pleased to announce the overwhelming success of their AWANA/Youth Blood Drive. They were blessed by many for their outreach to touch so many in our communities by giving the gift of life.

Nuts and Bolts

Building Effective Youth Ministry

May 20-21, 2013

Virginia Baptist Resource Center,
Richmond, VA

It is often said that most construction jobs go so much easier if you use the right tools. Having the right tools and using them correctly can mean you don't have to come back later to fix it again. That's the focus this year at Youth Ministry forum. They'll focus on some of the basic "nuts and bolts" of youth ministry; help you diagnose some of the critical components in youth ministry today; and identify some of the newest tools to build your youth ministry to last. Join them for this two-day conference with special tracts for professional youth ministers, volunteer youth leaders, summer youth workers, and summer youth interns. Register online at www.vbmb.org/YMF

Infant and Perinatal Death Ministry Conference

On March 8th, the Dover Baptist Association will host an Infant and Perinatal Death Ministry Conference at one of the Dover churches. The site has not been finalized at this time. The conference will be held from 9 a.m. that Friday morning until 4 p.m. It is expected that bereavement counselors and others involved in working with families who have experienced such tragic deaths will lead sessions in the conference. More information and details on the conference as they become known. This conference is for the counselors who work with the bereaved.

Bethany Christian Services asks that you...

Pray more women choose life for their unborn children and consider the benefits of adoption. 2013 marks the 40th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Since then, in the United States, we've suffered 50+ million abortions with less than one percent of women choosing adoption.

Please consider hosting a Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, January 20 and join Bethany Christian Services in raising awareness that ADOPTION is a great choice and another way to choose life. www.bethany.org

This year, Bethany is providing free electronic resources instead of printed materials. This allows churches more options to honor Sanctity of Human Life 2013. The resources are print ready for

"Grist from the Mill"

I grew up watching cartoons every Saturday morning. In my early years, many of the cartoons that I saw were created during the Second World War and they featured Daffy Duck, Bugs Bunny, and many other humiliating the Teutonic Goose-stepping midgets and the little Japanese characters with the exaggerated eyes and cruel mouths that were supposedly a trait of those people. It was propaganda, pure and simple, but as a young boy, I laughed and enjoyed seeing the enemies of my nation depicted in that way.



I remember the caption on so many of those cartoons telling us to "Know Your Enemy." Of course, if we had looked for our enemies based upon those caricatures we never would have found our real enemy. The German soldiers didn't all wear black and goose-step down the block. The Japanese soldiers may have seemed different but no one can pick out someone of Japanese descent based solely upon facial evidence. So, that which is external, evident, commonly believed and more commonly taught rarely if ever will point out the true enemy of my nation, or my soul.

Like so many I felt my heart clench at the news about the murders of the little children and adults at Sandy Hook. I thought of my own daughters, now grown, and of my grandson who is the same age as many of those slain. My thoughts called for vengeance and cried out for "something to be done" to stop this insanity. But then, in a small corner of my mind, I remembered those cartoons from long ago. "Know Your Enemy." Then, I remembered Ephesians 6:12: "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."

Hating the troubled and ill young man who entered the school with evil in his heart solves nothing. Arguing about the weapons used, the system we live in and all the rest only keep us from focusing on the true issue. We must know our enemy. At Sandy Hook, he appeared in the form of a twenty year old young man. But we must know, that young man was not our enemy, he was another victim of the Enemy.

John

your convenience.

For free bulletin inserts, videos, sermon ideas, and more, please visit www.bethany.org/sohl

Our January project is to help with funding their ministry of ministering to women with a crisis pregnancy by providing them with free sonograms so they can see there is a child in their womb. Collect your change and dollars and place in a baby bottle along with the other members of your church and turn into Goshen the first week in February. Checks also accepted for a tax deduction. Make payable to Goshen Baptist Association and put in memo "Baby Bottle Project."



January

Birthdays & Anniversaries

06	Linda Hartsfield	Retired
09	Pelter Anniversary	Mt Hermon
16	Rebecca Whetzel	BRS
16	Charlene Williams	Mechanicsville
25	Steve Whetzel	BRS

January

3	Minister's Breakfast 8:30 a.m. GMC
12	Partnership Dinner 5 p.m. Mineral Family Life Ctr.
14	Coordinating Committee GMC 7 p.m.
20	Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
26	HOPE 2 Richmond or CCC
28	Program Committee Meeting 6:15 GMC
28	Council Meeting 7 p.m. GMC
31	21C Conference

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.

2012-2013 Ministry Action Budget

Budget	\$141,496.00
Monthly Needs	11,791.00
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Budget 2012	-5,855.00

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