

Goshen News

Goshen Baptist Association

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Human Trafficking focus at Celebration

Did you realize that 500 children and teens are disappearing every month in Atlanta? Human trafficking is no longer confined to Overseas and has become a real threat here in the United States. Come learn about Human Exploitation and what our churches can do about it. Experience choices and consequences through an interactive exercise. For more information, please contact the Goshen Ministry Center at 540.894.8440 or Teresa Groome, WMU Director.

Men, Women, and children are invited to:

Goshen's Spring Missions Celebration

Sunday, April 7

3 p.m.

South Anna Baptist Church

9071 Cross County Road, Mineral

OPERATION INASMUCH

Training Session

April 27 from 9 a.m. til noon

Oakland Baptist Church

2965 Oakland Church Road, Gum Spring

Annual Goshen Spring Meeting

"Church Communication" Emphasis

Blue Ridge Shores Baptist Church

1230 Firehouse Drive, Louisa

Tuesday, April 23

3 p.m.

Keep Saving Funds for "More Than Nets"

Virginia Baptist have entered into a two year agreement with the Ghana Baptist Convention to complete the "More Than Nets" project. Our goals are simple yet significant. We want to significantly reduce the cases of malaria in a northern region of Ghana known as Yendi. We will do so by distributing 100,000 chemically treated mosquito nets within the Yendi municipality. We will also provide vital education for the proper use of the mosquito net as well as additional education on health, awareness, and prevention of malaria.

At the same time we will assist the Ghana Baptist Convention in meeting one of their visions by planting a church in each village in the Yendi municipality. There are approximately 454 communities in Yendi with 145 already having a church - so we would need to plant 309 new churches. For the low cost of \$10, you can provide an entire family safety from deadly malaria and help plant churches. This is a great project for Sunday School classes (young to seniors) or any other mission groups you may have. Collect your change and dollars and see how many nets you can purchase.

For more information contact the Goshen Ministry Center at 540.894.8440.
We will have an ingathering of funds at the Spring Missions Celebration in April.

2013 IRS Mileage Rates

The Internal Revenue Service has issued the 2013 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating a car, van, pickup, or panel truck for business, charitable, medical, or moving purposes. Beginning January 1, 2013, the standard mileage rates will be 56.5 cents per mile for business miles driven, 24 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes, and 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations. Visit www.irs.gov for details.

Note of Thanks

Goshen Association,

We greet you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. This letter is to thank the Goshen Association for the graduation gifts you sent us - a copy of Matthew Henry - one volume commentary. What a precious gift for our ministry. You have given us the very best and we are grateful to every person in the Association who made it possible.

We graduated Feb. 15 and we go into the mission field. Please continue to pray for us as we serve our Master. We will pray for you and remain grateful to you.

signed by all 25 of the graduates of
India Baptist Theological Seminary

Baby Bottle Ministry

for Bethany Christian Services

Blue Ridge Shores	\$197.11
Craigs	\$440.31
Louisa	\$28.60
Servants of Christ	\$160.43
Total as of 2/12/13	\$826.45

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.

Quilting Fabric

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.

Mission Opportunities

Project for March ~ Military Ministries... prayer quilts, care boxes, cell phones

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:

- 21 families with financial help
- 13 families with household needs
- 1 family with a project
- 10 families with clothing
- 2 families with wood



Plant a Row for the hungry

Plant a Row (PAR) is a national organization that encourages gardeners to grow an extra row of produce for their local food bank. Locally, PAR has expanded this mission to empower individuals with the knowledge, resources, and skills to garden.

Facets of this program include a PAR teaching garden, which serves as a hands-on garden education center, where there is led free gardening workshops and weekly workdays for aspiring gardeners, clients of the food bank, and those looking to improve their gardening techniques.

Plant an extra row in your garden and at harvest time... donate to the Louisa Community Cupboard at 147 Resource Lane, Louisa, VA 23093

Questions? Contact darla@southernexposure.com or call 540.967.1510.

CHURCH NEWS

Berea - Jerry and Novella Riggins announce their retirement after nine years as pastor of Berea. They will continue to attend Berea and are open to occasional pulpit supply.

First Baptist ladies are excited about their upcoming Women's Day Celebration on Sun., Mar. 3 at 10:45 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The theme is Women of Integrity Striving for Excellence, and the color scheme is blue and white. Dinner will be served immediately following the morning service. For further information, please call First Lady Letha Jones at 804.658.8755. All are welcome to attend.

Louisa welcomes three new members.

Mechanicsville Baptist Men host a men's breakfast on the second Saturday of each month at 7 a.m. A time of fellowship often turns into local missions projects. Over the past few months, these men have cut and delivered more than 20 truckloads of firewood to area families and are continuing to build their "wood pile" for continued ministry. Spring Revival will be held April 21-24, 7 p.m. each evening with guest evangelist Rev. Dr. Ed Bonniwell. MBC recently baptized two.

Oakland will hold their annual Fish Fry, Auction and Bake sale on Saturday, March 2 from 3:30-6 p.m. Auction starts at 6. Donate \$1 to missions and you could take home a handmade quilt or a \$100 gas card. For more information visit www.Oakland-Baptist.com. Also their Spring and Summer Consignment sale for children's clothing will be held Thursday 4/18 from 6:30-9 p.m., Friday 4/19 6:30-9 and Saturday 4/20 9-noon with a half price sale. For directions or how to consign go to www.Oakland-Baptist.com.

Waller's has joined forces with knitters and crocheters around the world and has made 15 hats for children and teachers at Sandy Hook Elementary; 80 bears shipped to Africa to be given to the orphans of the HIV/AIDS epidemic; 20 Cancer chemo hats for a local Hope Center; 10 afghans to McGuire's and local nursing homes; 178 hats and scarves; 12 lap robes for soldiers with head tramas in Charlottesville and are currently making afghans to ship to Afghanistan.

Zoar ordained two men to the deacon ministry. The church hosted the February community First Wednesday service, and continues its Soup Supper every fourth Saturday.

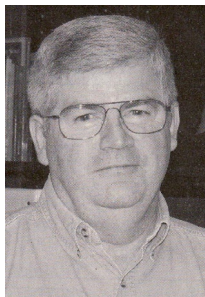
Moldova Church Planter Update

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.

Reminder: Please send in your 2013 support for our church planter. Thank you.

"Grist from the Mill"

About a month ago I reached across my sofa to pick up my daughter's cat, Precious. As I lifted her, sudden sharp pains hit my lower back. My first thought, well actually my second but we will not discuss my first thought, was a saying told me many years ago by an older friend. "Growing old is not for wimps." When a cat that weighs at most six pounds can cause me to sit for two weeks with a heating pad, it causes me to believe my friend to be



a prophet.

Growing older I have discovered has both advantages and disadvantages. People hold doors for me and allow me to have the remaining seat in a room. Young people carry things for me that they believe are too heavy, even without knowledge of my cat adventure. People offer to come to see me rather than have me drive a long distance to see them. And, in a few years, I am told, I will merit certain discounts at my favorite, or soon to become favorite restaurants.

But there are problems that go with aging as well. Getting down is not a problem but rising to my feet requires more strategy than previously. Those activities which were done without thought now may be left for others. Time management takes on a whole new meaning. My father told me on his eightieth birthday, "I can do everything now that I did when I was forty. It just takes twice as long." You seniors will understand that perfectly.

But, there are some things that have not changed. The joy of holding my wife's hand. The pride in my daughters. The love of the smell and feel of wood in my hands. And the peace that comes from living in the grace of God.

John

Nurse Notes

We all remember our Bible stories of how our Lord healed the sick and the lame, and we know He wants us to be as healthy as possible. As we look to our churches in the Goshen Association to feed our souls and promote spiritual well-being, it is important to note that our churches can also serve to promote physical well-being in regards to health issues. Information about health maintenance, disease prevention, and good health habits is available on-line, and it is incorporated in all nurse's training. Every church is encouraged to ascertain if there are any nurses in their congregation, and if these nurses would agree to provide some sort of health teaching and reminders for their congregations.

March is national colorectal cancer awareness month. For information, go to www.preventcancer.org/colorectal. Please be encouraged to try any health information sharing that suits your congregation, and contact me if I can be of any assistance in accomplishing this. Thank you.

"Beloved I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in Health, even as thy soul prospereth." 3 John 1:2

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March Birthdays & Anniversaries

07	Nancy Swain	Craigs
11	Swain Anniversary	Craigs
15	Joy Dickens	Ministry Assistant
16	Susan Wilson	Perkins
20	Bill Bess	Retired
26	Fran Chancellor	Retired
27	Lydia Hart	Waldrop

March

1	African American Fellowship Pastor & Friends Conf.
2	Standing Rock Training
3	Day of Prayer for VA Baptist Churches
3-11	Week of prayer for North American Missions
7	Minister's Breakfast 8:30 a.m. GMC
9	Hispanic Team Meeting 10:30 a.m. GMC
15	CBF VA Meeting
29	Good Friday
31	Easter Sunday

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
Received Dec.	9,055.00
Received Oct.-Jan.	33,611.00
Budget Shortfall	-13,553.00

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