

# Goshen News

Goshen Baptist Association

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## Goshen Missions Celebration



Sunday, October 13  
3-5 p.m.

Orange Baptist Church  
123 West Main Street, Orange  
featuring:

- Impact Virginia - Louisa
- Missions Unlimited in Panama
- Offering collected for Ghana Net Project - "More Than Nets"



October  
is  
Pastor  
Appreciation  
Month



## Goshen's Annual Fall Meeting

10:00 a.m.



Waller's Baptist Church  
4001 Partlow Road, Partlow



Angel Tree Ministry

"It starts with a gift"

Sign up now at the Goshen  
Ministry Center for your  
Christmas Angel.  
540.894.8440

## 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.

## 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 throughout the 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](mailto:goshenba@nexet.net).

## Standing Rock

Over 200 people traveled to the communities of Standing Rock Reservation to visit and share with our Native American friends in the Dakotas. They visited nine communities, served 7,000 meals, distributed over 1,500 pairs of shoes, lots of socks and underwear with a tote bag for everyone! A special horse camp was held for some teens. Next year's dates are July 27 - August 2. For more information go to [www.wmuv.org](http://www.wmuv.org).

## Mission Opportunities

**Project for October ~ Christmas and All Occasion Cards; Forever Stamps; 2014 Wall Calendars for GWCC. Deadline: October 29 - Fall Meeting**

**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:

- 15 families with financial help
- 11 families with household needs
- 2 families with a whole household
- 5 families with a medical need
- 7 families with clothing
- 1 family with a project



## Inmate Bag directions

(Deadline December 16)

**2013 list of items to place in GALLON zip lock bag:**

- 1 14 oz shampoo/conditioner
- 1 14 oz lotion
- 1 solid deodorant
- 1 individually wrapped toothbrush
- 1 reg sized toothpaste (in box)
- 1 flat comb - no rat tail combs
- 1 chap stick
- 1 bar soap
- 1 small pack of tissues
- Christmas scripture card with name of your church or your name.
- Liquid items not to exceed 14 ounces (NO travel sizes)
- Also Collecting:
  - colored marble comp books
  - #2 pencils
  - blue or black bic pens
  - puzzle books
  - forever stamps
  - 2014 wall calendars
  - Christmas, All Occasion, and Note Cards with envelopes.

# CHURCH NEWS

**Antioch** extends call to Rev. Terry Green as pastor. He is to begin pastorate January 1.

**Dogwood** will hold a Fall Harvest Festival on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 11 a.m. til 2:30 p.m.

**First Baptist** recently welcomed four new members. Two as candidates for baptism and two by Christian experience. Also the Missionaries will celebrate their 93rd Anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 13 at 10:45 a.m. as part of the regular morning worship service. The theme is "Growing Churches for 23 Century Ministries." All Missionaries are asked to wear white.

**Gordonsville Baptist** is looking for a pianist/organist for three hours a week/three Sundays a month. 540.832.2075

**Mechanicsville** 10200 Louisa Road, Gordonsville - On Sunday, October 6, Mechanicsville will celebrate its 185th Homecoming. Everyone is welcome to our combined worship service at 11 a.m. and to lunch following. They welcomed 3 new members in September and celebrated 9 baptisms. MBC is hosting a Mexican Dinner and Gospel Sing October 20 at 5 p.m. The event is free, all donations will fund missions projects.

**Mine Road** will hold its Homecoming on Sunday October 13. Worship at 11 with dinner following. You are invited to wear old fashion attire. Every third Sat. of the month Mine Road is having a breakfast fundraiser to purchase a furnace. Breakfast will be served 8:30 until it's gone. Cost is \$8 for age 12 and over; \$5 for 5-12 years; under five free. All are invited. Mine Road has recently welcomed five new members.

**Mount Gilead** at 4768 Shannon Hill Road, Columbia, will hold their annual Fall Festival on Oct. 19 from 2-6 p.m. There will be a silent auction, chili cook off, Willow Creek Bluegrass Band, bouncy houses, games, Virginia State Police/Children's ID finger printing, and much more. Brunswick Stew will be sold for \$5 a quart. To reserve your quart call 804.457.2938. Mount Gilead is also planning a "Pancake Breakfast with Santa" on Dec. 7 at 8 a.m. The WMU collected backpacks and school items for Bright Beginnings and is actively collecting items for the "Operation Christmas Child" and various mission programs. The church's preschool offers a 2-day, 3-day, and 4-day program for children ages 3-6. For more info call the church number above.

**Oakland** will hold their fall consignment sale on Thursday, October 3 and Friday, October 4 from 6:30-9 p.m. On Saturday, October 5 the Fall Festival will be held in addition to the Consignment sale from 9 a.m. to noon with items marked "discount" being half price.

**Orange** welcomes two new members. One by profession of faith and one by letter.

**Smyrna** welcomes 10 new members; 7 by baptism and 3 by letter.

**South Anna** will hold its fall festival on Oct. 12 from 10 a.m. til 5 p.m. Old equipment; games for kids; food; and music at various times of the day will be featured. The True Spirit Gospel Band will sing at 2 p.m. A yard sale with all proceeds going to mission projects will also be held.

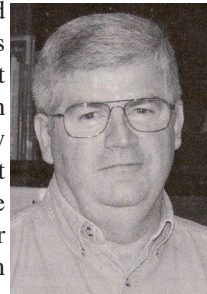
## "Grist from the Mill"

Every now and then someone informs me that the sky is falling. Although I appreciate the warning, I am not ready to don a hardhat or to stand staring up into the heavens so as to avoid the next precipitous acorn, or as in the more recent movie version, the hexagonally shaped malfunctioning camouflage device from the hovering alien space ship. Perhaps I should explain their concern.

In any bookstore that has a "religion" section, you will find books that proclaim that churches, associations, and denominations, have the same usefulness and life expectancy as a dinosaur looking at the great meteoric ball about to collide with the earth low those many years ago. Many proclaim that instant communication, internet contacts, and the ability to work globally have empowered people to work with whomever they believe will best help them accomplish their particular task without regard to labels, tags, or previous loyalties. As their loyalties shift, so does their support both personal and financial.

Before you reach for your football helmet, remember these truths. The Church is the Bride of Christ and the visible representation of His Kingdom on the earth. It will outlast its critics and survive its faults. It is beloved of God and is the Spiritual, if physical, home to all His Children. The association and denomination were begun under the guidance of the Holy Spirit in keeping with the Lord's teachings that more can be done together than separately. Shown by the Father that needs both near and far away, God's people join together to act upon those needs. The tools which many see as threatening to destroy these bodies rather are God-given means by which these same groups will better carry out the work in the future. These methods will be different, the goal the same.

*John*



## Learn to Forgive

A free seminar featuring Gil Mertz

January 10-12, 2014 at

Mechanicsville Baptist Church

(10200 Louisa Road, Gordonsville)

<http://www.learn2forgive.com/index.html>

For more information call the church office at 540.832.3269

## 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

## October Birthdays & Anniversaries

06	Joseph Moore	Shady Grove
08	Marshall Burgess	Retired
08	Una Wright	Trinity
12	Smith Anniversary	Antioch
14	Joyce Childs	Retired
15	Boschen Anniversary	Ch of Comforter
16	Billy Hutchinson	Mt. Gilead
20	Hoyle Anniversary	Louisa
21	Kevin Moen	Oakland
28	Bea Bess	Retired

## October

3	Minister's Breakfast 9 a.m.	GMC
5	RuraLove Clothing & Yardsale	GMC 8-1
7	Coordinating Committee Meeting	GMC 7 p.m.
8-9	VBMB Board Meeting - Eagle Eyrie	
10	ACP Deadline to Office	
12	New Work Team 10:30 a.m.	GMC
13	World Hunger Day	
13	Fall Goshen Missions Celebration 3-5 p.m.	Orange
14	Audit Committee	GMC 10:30 a.m.
21	Associational Council	GMC 7 p.m.
27	Consider Your Call	
29	Goshen Fall Meeting - Wallers	10 a.m.

*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](http://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](http://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](mailto:chackos@sancharnet.in) [www.preciouschildren.org](http://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 August	4,904.00
Received Oct.-August	102,473.00
<b>Budget Shortfall</b>	<b>-27,228.00</b>

*Newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month.*

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