

# Goshen News

Goshen Baptist Association

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## ***Missions Celebration***

**Sunday, April 6**

**3 p.m.**

**Perkins Baptist Church**

3146 Hadensville Fife Road,  
Goochland, VA 23063

Missions Unlimited in Moldova and Switzerland  
will be a featured topics.

An offering will be collected for the Coeburn Lunch Ministry.



## ***Goshen Spring Meeting***

**Tuesday, April 29**

**3 p.m.**

**St. Mark Baptist Church**

4596 Factory Mill Road, Maidens 23102

“The Hands of Christ: Serving, Growing, Cooperating”

From 1:30-2:30 there will be a time of learning about evangelism to the Muslims.

## ***The Differences in Christianity and Islam***

Before the Goshen Spring Meeting on Tuesday, April 29 at St. Mark Baptist Church a one-hour seminar will be held on the differences in Christianity and Islam between 1:30-2:30 p.m. with the Goshen Spring Meeting beginning at 3 p.m.

The Beckett Center for Christian Understanding of Islam will be conducting the seminar. The center will speak on

the differences and how to befriend the Muslims around us and related topics. They will be coming on an honorarium, so we ask those attending to contribute to the cost.

Contact John will numbers attending seminar at 540.894.8440. To learn more about the Beckett Center go to [www.christiansandislam.org](http://www.christiansandislam.org). The center is located in the VBRC in Richmond. 1-800-255-2428

## 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 cotton 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. The Missionary Learning Center invites groups who would like a tour to call and schedule one. They thank everyone who donated material for the center.

## Moldova Update

It's time to renew your 2014 commitment of support of \$350.00 for Gheorge Rudie, our Indigenous Church Planter in Moldova.

## 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](http://www.vbmb.org/impact)  
One week assignments. International cost is \$350 plus airfare, Metro and Virginia are \$175 a person

## Thank You Note

Dear WMU Friends,  
Thank you for the delicious Pastor Spouse Appreciation Dinner that you served the pastors and their spouses. It is such a thoughtful and kind gesture that you extend to us each year. We appreciate you and thank you for your kindness.

Sincerely,  
Lowell and Una Wright

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

## Mission Opportunities

### Project for April: Candy and Gum bags for Chaplain Crawford & Coeburn Lunch Ministry

### 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:

- 14 families with financial help
- 11 families with household needs
- 2 families with a whole household
- 5 families with clothing
- 1 family with a layette
- 6 families with medical



## Thank You Note

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Goshen Baptist Association;

We greet you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. This letter is to thank the Goshen Association for the graduation gift you sent us - a copy of Believer's Bible 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 on Friday the 14th of February and we are now on the mission field. Please continue to pray for us as we serve our Master. We will pray for you and remain grateful to you.

With respect and regards,

Master of Divinity graduates: Anilo Rengma, Moyithung M. Humtsoe, Santhal S. Sangma, Do Sian Kap, Ring Lian, K. A. Nay Lah, Abraham Kul Lai, Bobin Babu, Benjamin, Joshua, Atoka V. Sumi, K. Kahuto Sumi, Poremo Tso-poe, Micah Sein Aung, C. Bethlehem, Rewardson, Beinglachhie, Alemnungla, Moses Uk Liang Mang, Wiliangliu Newmai, Me-hailo Kath, Thotchihan Kashung.

M.Th. Counseling graduates: Chanthungo W. Ngully, Hekani K. Awami, Illika H., Hotoyl Aomy, Tokugha V. Awomi, Nikhui Achumi, Lechito, Tep, Lovi L. Zhimo, Thungchamo E. Tungoe, Lungsuniba Newmai, AS. Phungning, V. H. Stephen, S. R. Salem, Jushna Diamari, A. Loli, Yehoto S. Sumi.

And Dr. Sabu T. Thomas, Principal

# CHURCH NEWS

**Dogwood** - The fellowship hall at Dogwood is completed and lunch was served in honor of six new members. A dedication and open house will be held on April 6 from 3-5 p.m. for everyone to see the new building.

**Elk Creek** is pleased to announce that Susan Hayes has agreed to join them as the new Director of Music. Susan brings over 30 years of church music experience in a variety of worship styles. She is a classically trained pianist and vocalist with an amazing heart for the Lord and the local church. Susan began playing piano at Zoan Baptist Church, her home church in Spotsylvania.

**Mechanicsville** - The Heart Of Worship Women's Retreat will be held April 25-26. Friday, 6:30 p.m. and Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Cost \$25 - includes snacks on Friday, continental breakfast and lunch on Saturday. For a preview of Passionate Heart Ministries go to the website [passionateheartministries.com](http://passionateheartministries.com). Contact the church office for more info or to register 540.832.3269. Everyone is invited. The annual Don Reid Fish Fry will be May 3 with plenty of fish prepared by the men with side dishes prepared by the ladies. Everyone is welcome! For more information call 540.832.3269. A Yard Sale to benefit Children & Youth will be held May 17 at 8 a.m. at the church's pavilion.

**Mine Road** welcomes 5 new members. Imran Manzoor, visiting from Pakistan, provided his testimony during a recent worship service. An Easter Social will be held April 19. Michael Hoover will be bringing Elvis Gospel music at 11 on April 27.

**Mount Gilead** - The church Easter Egg Hunt will be held April 19th from 11-1. A Sunrise Service will be held at 6:45 a.m. They have added another WMU group that meets the last Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. - noon. The Fourth annual golf tournament is scheduled for May 3rd at the Royal Virginian Golf Course in Hadensville. For more information call 804.457.2938 or visit [Mountgileadbc.net](http://Mountgileadbc.net)

**Oakland** 2965 Oakland Church Road, Gum Spring 23065. Oakland's annual Spring Children's Clothing sale will be held Thurs., March 27 from 6:30-9 p.m.; Fri., March 28 from 6:30-9 p.m.; Sat., March 29 & Sat., April 5 from 9 a.m. - noon with all items marked "discount" selling for 1/2 price. For more info go to [www.oakland-baptist.com](http://www.oakland-baptist.com).

## Highlights of Italy

hosted by Dr. Michael Durham

Visiting Venice • Pisa • Florence • Sorrento

• Amalfi Coast • Pompeii • Rome

\$3,199 per person from Washington DC

for brochure with complete details contact Michael Durham, 540.894.4234 or email [mdurham@mineralbaptistchurch.org](mailto:mdurham@mineralbaptistchurch.org)

## Baby Bottle Money

BRS	\$269.42
Craigs	\$540.64
Louisa	\$32.07
Mine Road	\$238.80
<b>Total as of 3/11/14</b>	<b>\$1,080.93</b>

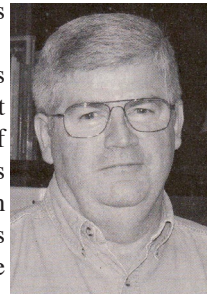
# "Grist from the Mill"

My devotional readings have me in Mark's Gospel at this time. This morning, I read these words from the fifteenth chapter and the twenty-fifth verse: "It was the third hour when they crucified Him." Stark, simple and haunting, Mark's words do not glorify the moment, nor do they try to elaborate. His first readers, and we today, have no need to multiple words, beautiful phrases or memorable prose. Jesus was crucified and that was the culmination, or perhaps, the logical conclusion of His all too brief life.

During the season of Lent, Christians across the world voluntarily surrender things that matter to them so they will have a reminder of the cost of God's love for them. We Baptists rarely observe Lent, associating it too much with the Catholic Church, I suppose. But, this is intended to be a time of reflection upon the grace which sent Jesus to die for us, and upon how we choose to respond to that grace. Somehow, jokes about our own sacrifice do not seem to be quite so funny or appropriate when we read the Gospel accounts of Christ's brutalization and death.

Maybe that is something we could all "give up for Lent." Maybe we could stop just for the next days, overlooking or ignoring the results of our own free will and remember that because the Father loved us, the world, so much, that He sent His only begotten Son to die the perfect sacrifice for us. Perhaps this Lenten season we could put away our business and take the time to thank Him for our life and the possibility of a life eternal with Him. Perhaps we could stop going our own way, to praise Him for choosing to come our way. Perhaps we could remember that love is never without cost.

John



## 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.

Follow the progress at [www.facebook.com/MoreThanNets](http://www.facebook.com/MoreThanNets)

After hearing from the DOM John Miller the children at No. Pamunkey are collecting loose change. To date they have collected \$686. Keep collecting until October of this year.

## April Birthdays & Anniversaries

07	Farrow Anniversary	Mine Road
09	Jim Stone	Mineral
10	Melinda Bowers	Dogwood
13	Novella Riggins	Retired
17	Haynes Anniversary	New Hope

## April

3	Minister's Breakfast	GMC 8:30 a.m.
5	RuraLove Clothing and Yard Sale	- 8-1 - Warehouse
6	Missions Celebration	- 3p.m. - Perkins
7	Coordinating Committee	7 p.m. GMC
11-12	Shine for Teen Girls	- EE
14	Council Meeting	7 p.m. GMC
15-16	VBMB Board Meeting	- Richmond
18-19	Women's Silence Retreat	- CCCC
20	Easter	
21	Office Closed	
25-26	Mom & Me 1	- EE
26-27	Mom & Me 2	- EE
29	Goshen Spring Meeting	- St Mark - Group 2
29	Deadline for Candy and Gum Bags	

*GMC = Goshen Ministry Center, 587 Mica Road, Mineral*

*EE = Eagle Eyrie Conference Center, Lynchburg*

*CCCC = Crossroads Camp and Conference Center*

## 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.

### 2013-2014 Ministry Action Budget

Budget	\$140,486.00
Monthly Needs	11,707.00
Received February	6,095.00
Received Oct. - Feb.	62,256.00
<b>Budget</b>	<b>3,721.00</b>

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

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