

Goshen News

Goshen Baptist Association

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Pastor, Staff & Spouse Appreciation Dinner

The pastor, staff, and spouse appreciation dinner will be held Monday, February 10 at Mineral Baptist Church at 6:30 p.m. Call to make your reservation at 540.894.8440. There is no cost.



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.

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 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.

Standing Rock 2014

Training February 1 for new volunteers 9 a.m.-noon.
March 1 for all 2014 volunteers 9 a.m. - noon.
Virginia Baptist Resource Center. Register for training by calling 1.800.255.2428 ext. 8267. Lunch is \$6 per person.
July 27-Aug. 1. Cost \$125 (plust travel and lodging approximately \$1,200 per person) Volunteers are engaged in the following: Construction, Medical, VBS, Cooking, Adult Crafts, Recreation, Traveling Fair.

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

Tax and Compensation Seminars for 2014

To help church staff and lay leaders understand and comply with the tax laws, a series of free seminars will be held across the state.
Call Angela at 800.255.2428 ext 5293 to register or angela.house@vbmb.org

Richmond, VBRC February 13
Culpeper Baptist February 19

Mission Opportunities

Project for February: Underwear and Socks for Coeburn

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:

- 13 families with financial help
- 12 families with household needs
- 1 family with a whole household
- 6 families with clothing
- 3 families with loads of wood
- 3 families with prescriptions



Thank You Note

Dear Friends of Goochland Women's Correctional Center,

Please pass our thanks along to those who helped you with the tremendous outpouring we received through you in 2013. Because of you, we were able to distribute around 620 toiletry packages (9 items per package) and 611 correspondence packages (10 bundles or individual items each package) to the residents. That is a tremendous accomplishment and one that is just not possible without God's help and your support.

God bless you richly in the New Year,
Connie Beekman
on behalf of the GWCC Christmas Project

You're Invited

to the election and installation of Dr. Valerie Carter as Executive Director/Treasurer of Women's Missionary Union of Virginia on Saturday, February 8 at 1 p.m. at Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, 2111 Fairmount Ave., Richmond. Fellowship to follow.

CHURCH NEWS

Mechanicsville Youth will host a Valentine dinner February 9 at 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome and donations for dinner will support MBC's youth participation in Impact Virginia. 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 540.832.3962.

Mineral Baptist will hold Upward soccer evaluations for ages K4-6th grade February 15 & 22 for boys and girls at 10 a.m. February 24 from 4-9 p.m. MBC will hold its annual Gospel Sing. Food will be available for purchase. March 7 at 6 p.m., Mineral will hold a Women's Conference with guest speaker, Cynthia Renee Murray. The topic will be Women of Courage. All women are welcome. There will be refreshments.

Mount Gilead - a Winter Gala is planned for March 1. This will be an all you can eat dinner. The Sunday School emphasis this quarter is on "Personal Prayer Life" and our personal relationship with God. Mount Gilead Preschool will hold their annual Father's Night on January 30 and their Grandparents Day on February 24. 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

New Hope - as 2013 closes New Hope Church celebrates 26 additions over the year with five by baptism.

Wallers welcomed nine new members last year, had two salvations and three rededications and eight baptisms. Through God's blessings last year Wallers was able to collect 60 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child; assist eleven families through their Angel Tree; provide school supplies for a local school; and sent six youth to Impact VA! The Stitches of Hope Needlework Ministry is involved in many different missions at the same time. They have delivered 214 bereavement kits which contain an afghan, hat, prayer card, and ornament for a family mourning the death of their newborn baby. As part of the Mother Bear Project the WBC Stitches of Hope have made, sponsored and shipped 196 bears; 67 of which have found their new friends (African children living with AIDS). They have also made many afghans for the Veterans, and sponsored a US Military Police Unit in Afghanistan by sending cards, afghans, and goodies on the soldiers birthday.

Congratulations

to Jim and Trish Stone on the birth of their daughter, Hannah Grace Stone on December 21, 2013. She weighed nine pounds and three ounces and was 21 1/4 inches long.

Celebrating Our Heritage!

WMUV has four new books in print celebrating 125 years of mission action through the WMU. "We've a Story to Tell: 125 Years of WMU" by Rosalie Hunt; "Send the Light: The Story of Lottie Moon"; "Joining Hands: The Cross-cultural Story of WMU"; and "Go Forward: The Story of Annie Armstrong."

Purchase online at wmustore.com or call 1.800.968.7301

"Grist from the Mill"

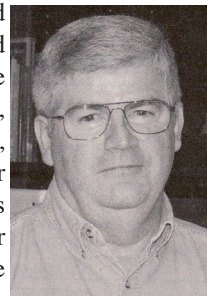
The young boy stood with his shoulders squared, his feet set apart and his head erect. He looked at his adversary with flashing eyes and with passion rising in his heart he boldly proclaimed, "I'm not going to and you can't make me!" Of course, the fact that his antagonist was his mother and the cause for his fury, eating his spinach, takes away somewhat from the heroic nature of his defiance.

The fact that the mother was trying to feed little Johnny (you knew it had to be him) food that was good for him did not impress the young lad who much preferred sweet corn, candied yams, and sugar beets to spinach. But, the little drama does bring to mind a singular fact about we strange humans. Often, it does not matter that something is good or good for us, there will be those times we refuse to have anything to do with it.

Unfortunately, the same is often true in our spiritual walk. Very few people will openly deny the existence of God, but most fail to live as if His existence had any meaning in their lives. We proclaim ideas such as brotherhood, acceptance and the desire for peace. But, we live as if our neighbors were out to get us and that person whose heritage is different from our own is somehow untrustworthy, or worse, dangerous.

All the while the Lord calls us to a life that seeks reconciliation as the norm; compassion as the rule; and love as the proof that what we say we believe has validity. No, we will never be forced to live by what we say is true, not even by our Lord, but when we fail to strive to prove our words with our lives we sin.

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

More Than Nets is also the 2013-2014 WMUV State Children's Project. View more information at <http://wmuv.org/children>

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

01	Riggins Anniversary	Retired
05	Linda Terry	Retired
13	Dickens Anniversary	Ministry Assist.
14	Amy Lester	Thornburg
19	Diane Hutchinson	Mount Gilead
20	Larry Hoyle	Louisa
22	Ellen Farrow	Mine Road
28	Danette Moen	Oakland
28	Jenkins Anniversary	Elk Creek



February

6	Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
9-16	Focus on WMU Week
10	Pastor, Staff & Spouse Appreciation Dinner Mineral Baptist Church 6:30 p.m.
15	Children's Ministry Day
24-25	Virginia Baptist Discussion Group

GMC = Goshen Ministry Center, 587 Mica Road, 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 December	20,193.00
Received Oct. - Dec.	41,900.00
Budget Shortfall	6,779.00

Newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month.

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