

Goshen News

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Duerson earns Donald P. Reid, Sr. Servant Award

James E. Duerson, a member of Elk Creek Baptist Church, was named the recipient of the Donald P. Reid, Sr. Servant Award during the annual Partnership Mission Dinner this past January. This honor was bestowed upon him for his faithful service to his church, Goshen Association, and the community.

He was described in his nomination as a “man of his word.” If he tells you that he is going to do something, he follows through. Duerson is an incredibly hard working man who is always looking out for those less fortunate. He is always the last to let you know about any of the amazing things he has done for years and years for his church, the association, community and for individuals who have crossed his path in his 87 years.



Dr. Woody Jenkins, pastor of Elk Creek Baptist Church and John Miller, DOM, present the award to James E. Duerson.

Missions Celebration

Sunday, April 6

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

St. Mark Baptist Church

4596 Factory Mill Road, Maidens 23102

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

Irinel Cazacu pastor of Emanuel Baptist Church in
Ploesti, Romania will have a time to share a word from
the people of Romania.

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

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

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

Thank You Note

Dear Goshen Baptist Association,
What a blessing you are to us at the Missionary Learning Center and especially to the Quilt Quad. It was wonderful seeing you Fran and Gerald, yesterday. We look forward to you coming back again...hopefully for a longer visit. As I mentioned to you that you may like to bring a group from your church or association for a tour and lunch. You would need to call Donna Feat at 804.749.3030 ext 3814 for reservations.

It is always so interesting to see what our people can do with the fabric and sewing items you send, and to think the things they make go all over the world! One of our ladies sent us a picture of herself standing in Red Square holding up a quilt she had made with us! And then we hear from some who have started sewing or quilting groups on the field. So we want to say "thank you" for your help and support.

Sincerely,
Kathi Householder
Missionary Learning Center
Rockville, VA

Mission Opportunities

Project for March: Precious Children's Home in South India/ 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:

- 10 families with financial help
- 12 families with household needs
- 1 family with a whole household
- 7 families with clothing
- 1 family with a load of wood
- 3 families with medical



Thank You Note

Dear members of Goshen Association,
On behalf of the female prisoners at the Virginia Correctional Center for Women I would like to thank you for your generous Christmas donations. The packages of hygiene products, Christmas cards, 2014 calendars, correspondence items, puzzle books and postage were enthusiastically received. Your commitment to helping provide these Christmas gifts for our incarcerated community is sincerely appreciated.

Each year the Chaplain's ministry continues to advance the mission of providing packages of hygiene and Christmas correspondence materials to the women housed at VCCW. Through this distribution many lives are touched by the joy of the season and changed for the better.

Your donations have served as an important resource for helping these women maintain a connection with their families while in prison. This is a major factor contributing to the successful transition of prisoners into society. It goes without saying that the personal hygiene products are luxury items that this community looks forward to receiving each year.

The goal of the Chaplain's ministry is to continue to make a difference in the lives of women in prison. With the help of donations from supporters such as your group we are accomplishing this goal.

Chaplain Karen Powell

CHURCH NEWS

Berea will hold a silent auction on March 15 at 6 p.m. to benefit the roof fund. VBS is planned for June 23-27 from 6-8:30 p.m.

Craigs invites you to join them for a Pancake Breakfast Fund-raiser in their Community Life Center on Saturday, March 1 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. 14120 W. Catharpin Road, Spotsylvania, VA 22553. For questions contact lt_mccullough@yahoo.com or call 540.854.5284. All funds used to support the Teen Ministry at Craigs. Donations are greatly appreciated.

First Baptist will sponsor its Annual Women's Day Celebration on Sunday, March 2 at 10:45 a.m. and 3 p.m. Guest preachers and singers are from Richmond and vicinity. Dinner will be served between services. All women are asked to wear green and white.

Louisa welcomes four new members.

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. 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.

Mineral Baptist - 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 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

Oakland will hold an Auction and Bake Sale with their Annual Fish Fry on Saturday, March 1. Adults 11 and up are \$11 at the door and children 4-10 are \$4. 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. Pastor Kevin Moen has accepted a call to a church in Caroline County and resigned his position at Oakland.

Orange will be holding Mission Madness Friday, March 7 - Sunday, March 9.

Corrections to new annual

- 1) Pastor Bryan Harris of North Pamunkey's phone number is 434.465.7019
- 2) New Hope pastor... Rev. Eddie Haynes.

Baby Bottle Money

Needs to be turned in!

So far we have BRS \$269.42; Craigs \$10; and Louisa \$32.07

"Grist from the Mill"

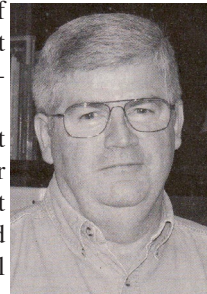
On Valentine's Day two math majors at Reed College in Portland, Oregon began creating a snowball. There must have been a lot of snow on the ground because, encouraged by the crowd that gathered to watch them, the young men eventually created a massive snowball that estimated to weigh 800 pounds. Things seem to be going well as they rolled the ball along the sidewalks to increase its girth and I am certain both they, and the on-looking group of people were enjoying the process of starting with something small and having it grow to such enormous size. But then, something went wrong.

It is not entirely clear what happened, but at some point the two fellows lost control of their creation and it began rolling along without their support or guidance. As an 800 pound snowball might do, it continued moving until it met something capable of stopping it, which happened to be the wall of one of the school dorms. The predictable results are estimated to cost between \$2,000 and \$3,000/ Fortunately, as it was an accident, the college is not demanding the math majors pay for the repairs.

Three ideas jump to my mind as I think about this story. First, just because you can do Euclidean geometry does not make you overly bright. Second, never start something you are not certain you can control at the finish. Third, at times events, perhaps started in innocence or with good intentions, can "snowball" out of your control and the result is devastating.

I have watched in dismay as the definition of family as one man and one woman brought together by God for life has been challenged and rejected. I do not know where this particular "snowball" will end. I do believe however, it cannot end well.

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

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.

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

07	Nancy Swain	Craigs
11	Swain Anniversary	Craigs
15	Joy Dickens	Ministry Assistant
20	Bill Bess	Retired
26	Fran Chancellor	Retired
26	Patti Walters	Smyrna
27	Lydia Hart	Waldrop
27	Rebecca Harris	No. Pamunkey

March

6	Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
9-16	Week of Prayer for North American Missions
9	Day of Prayer for VA Baptist Churches
28-29	Fresh Expressions National Gathering - Alexandria

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 January	14,171.00
Received Oct. - Jan.	56,161.00
Budget	9,333.00

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