

Goshen News

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Goshen's Annual Missions Dinner Program

Saturday, January 11, 2014
Mineral Baptist Church's Family Life Center
5 p.m.
\$6.00 per person
Call 540.894.8440 to reserve your spot.

Happy New Year!

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.

Minister's Breakfast

The minister's breakfast has been changed from January 2 to January 9 due to the office being closed until Monday, January 6 for the holidays.

Pastor 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.

Volunteer Opportunities:

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.

Crossroads Volunteer Events:

Spring Event: May 9-11 and Fall Event September 19-21.
For more information www.CrossRoadsCCC.com

Mission Trip to Philippines

March 6-17

Construction & Evangelism - roof on church building
Sports and Rec Plus - Rick Mitchell
1.800.251.4078
Sportsrecplus@cs.com

Mission Opportunities

Project for January: Baby Bottle Project for Crisis Pregnancy Centers.

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.**

Bethany Christian Services

Christ-Centered Crisis Pregnancy Center & Adoption Services
1616 Stafford Avenue, Fredericksburg 22401 540.370.1800

RuraLove Ministry Update

During the past month RuraLove helped churches minister to:

- 25 families with financial help
- 14 families with household needs
- 2 families with a whole household
- 8 families with clothing
- 1 family with a baby item
- 1 family with a project
- 2 families with loads of wood



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

Goshen welcomes:

Zoar extends by unanimous call to Rev. T. Kurt Buchanan and wife, Kathryn. They begin serving Zoar on January 1. The Buchanan's have four children: Collin (17), Nicholas (13), Natalie (12), and Kallie (10).

Goshen welcomes two pastors on January 1. Rev. Terry Green returns to Antioch and Rev. Kurt Buchanan to Zoar.

CHURCH NEWS

First Baptist will host Louisa County Sunday School Unions' final service of the year on Sunday, Dec. 29 at 10 a.m. It will include Bible classes for all ages, the preached Word by Pastor Bruce Jones, and music by First Baptist Mass Choir. The service will conclude with a meal in the fellowship hall.

Gordonsville collected 171 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Louisa collected 91 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Louisa welcomes two new members.

Mount Gilead will hold a Christmas Eve Vespers service at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited. The pancake breakfast with Santa was a huge success. The youth and children presented a wonderful Christmas program. The youth's theme was a western one while the Team Kid's was a traditional. The WMU will have a leftover brunch on Dec. 28 at 10 a.m. with a planned mission program. The Youth will have a lock-in on Dec. 31. January will bring the annual women's Sunday and the preschool's father's night.

Rhoadesville collected 272 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Smyrna welcomes two new members - one by transfer and one by baptism. Saturday, January 25 at 6 p.m. Smyrna will have a soup, beans, and cornbread night. Following the meal, *Just Us* Country Gospel Band from Powhatan will perform. A love offering will be collected for the group. All are invited.

Project Ruth

"Brother Oti, I need to learn to read. Can you help me?"

It's been over twenty years since Providence Baptist Church youth group and church identified the need for education, the need for home, the need for a better life in the Ferentari community. All these years later, it is still a need in this community. One Sunday in September after morning worship at Project Ruth's founding church, a young man came to me with the deep desire to learn. He has been attending our church here for many months. Every Sunday he keeps to himself in the balcony, Bible in hand. Even though he cannot read a word of it. He expressed his desire to learn, to read God's Word, and to improve his life chances. With the help of the transitional care program and a Project Ruth social worker, this 20 year-old man began his first day of first grade at a local second chance program this month. This is his first step in his journey towards literacy and achieving his dreams of being able to read God's Word for himself.

This young man has provided Project Ruth and I with much encouragement and I wanted to pass this on to our prayer advocates and supporters. Project Ruth and Providence Baptist Church have a strong reputation in this community for its ministries. Project Ruth is still valid and needed in this community; while the quality of life here is slowly improving, the ministries have not become antiquated. Project Ruth is truly working to make a real life difference, it isn't just a theory. This 20 year-old is now learning to read thanks largely to the efforts of Project Ruth!

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"Grist from the Mill"

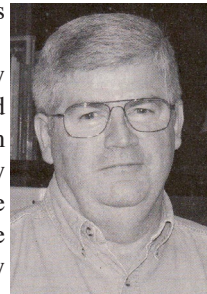
This weekend I was able to talk with the oldest moneber of my family and the youngest. My mother is 93 years old and we speak by phone on Saturday mornings. Our conversations are never long, less than four minutes, and as her hearing has gotten worse, they have become increasing, well, interesting. She may acknowledge or even agree with what I say during our talk, but that does not mean she has understood any of it. When she tries to tell my father what we talked about, the result often is another phone call for clarification.

The youngest member of my family is my five month-old grandson, Lex. He and I had some fine conversations Sunday afternoon during the Redskins' game. Technically, they were not conversations as all he did was stare at me with a quizzical expression. I think he will make a wonderful Baptist as he already knows how to look at the preacher when he is speaking.

When I think about the time spent talking with my mother and my grandson I realize that the actual conversation is not the most important part. Yes, I want to be able to communicate and desire to be understood. But, more than those, I want to spend time with them and have them as part of my life.

I believe our Lord seeks the same with us. It is neither the depth of our conversations nor the subject matter that primarily concerns Him. The Lord desires that we desire to be with Him. Our prayers can be thoughtless repetitions of phrases learned in childhood. They can be nothing more than words intended to placate an angry God. Or, our prayer can be a time shared, a love expressed, between two who desire nothing more than to be together.

John



Thank You Note

Dear Goshen,

Just a brief note to express our gratitude to the association for your support of the Pillowcase Drive for Haiti Project. It is because of generous mission minded people like you that we are able to expand our ministry. Again thank you for your kindness and may God bless you all real good!

Tuckahoe Baptist Association Women's Auxiliary

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.

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

06	Linda Hartsfield	Retired
16	Rebecca Whetzel	Blue Ridge Shores
16	Charlene Williams	Mechanicsville
25	Steve Whetzel	Blue Ridge Shores



January

- 12/23-5 Office Closed for Christmas and New Year Holidays
- 9 Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
- 11 Partnership Missions Dinner 5 p.m. Mineral BC
- 13 Coordinating Committee 7 p.m. GMC
- 19 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 24-25 21C Conference - Gayton Rd. Church, Richmond
- 27 Program Committee 6:15 p.m. GMC
- 27 Council Meeting 7 p.m. GMC

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 November	6,506.00
Received Oct. - Nov.	21,798.00
Budget Shortfall	-1,616.00

Newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month.

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