

Goshen News

Goshen Baptist Association

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Goshen Missions Celebration

**Sunday, October 11
3 p.m.
New Hope Baptist Church
32250 Old Plank Road, Mine Run**

Goshen Fall Meeting

**Tuesday, October 27
10 a.m.
First Baptist Church
132 Meadow Ave., Louisa**



Both meetings above will have different speakers highlighting the missions efforts in Romania. This picture was taken at the July Vacation Bible Club with the team from Rhoadesville. Speakers will be talking about the camp we sponsored in June.

Thank You Notes

Dearest Goshen Team,

I just wanted to send a personal “thank you” for always being willing to help the families in the CHIP program. In particular, the “newborn layettes” are such a generous outreach program! The items are so appreciated by the mothers, and many times the items are the only new items that they will receive for their newborn baby!

With deep appreciation,
Amy Loveless
CHIP Nurse

Goshen Women’s Missionary Union,

Just a note to express my deep appreciation for the gracious donation of \$3,200. Your financial support of the Chaplain’s ministry at the Virginia Correctional Center for Women has enabled me to provide additional pastoral care, religious instruction, and services to the women at Goochland. The relationship between Goshen Baptist Association and VCCW is a long and special connection. We share a history of working in ministry together. Thank you for caring for the women in prison and supporting their pastor. God bless your beautiful hearts!

Gratefully,
Chaplain Karen Powell

An Update from GraceInside ~ We want to update you on your investment in GraceInside! In the past nine months, you have increased full-time positions from 5-13, added one part-time chaplain and additional hours for others! That means you have provided more care and hope - everything from baptisms to pastoral one-on-one time - to our incarcerated brothers and sisters. You are saving lives. Because of you, GraceInside is moving more powerfully in our prisons than ever before!

Retreat for Youth and Adults with Special Needs

October 16-18

Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center

Deadline for reservations is Oct. 1.

For more information contact Eagle Eyrie at

www.eagleeyrie.org or

434.384.2211

This retreat is for all persons with developmental disabilities age 12 and above, along with their families, Sunday School teachers and workers, pastors and church staff.

2014-2015 Ministry Action Budget

Budget	\$146,577.00
Monthly Needs	12,215.00
Received July	12,020.00
Received Oct.-July	112,845.00
Budget	- 9,305.00

Mission Opportunities

Project for September: Homeless Ministry; also collecting funding for 40 additional hours for Chaplain Karen Powell for 2016. Deadline Dec. 18. (See Thank You Note to the left of page.)

RuraLove - A ministry of Goshen Association to local families in crisis ~ 540.894.8440

Refrigerators, can openers, mops and brooms, small kitchenettes, TWIN, FULL, or queen mattresses (separates or sets - we’ll match), bed frames, pots and pans, electric stoves, washing machines, dryers, 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 Mon. 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:

- 18 families with financial needs
- 13 families with household needs
- 1 family with a whole house



RuraLove News

RuraLove is in need of a regular sized pick up or a small box truck for deliveries and pick ups. We have a larger box truck for bigger deliveries. If you have something to donate/sell, call the Goshen Ministry Center at 540.894.8440. We appreciate your support.

RuraLove recently received a donation of 64 1991 Baptist Hymnals in excellent condition and five pulpit chairs. If interested in the hymnals or chairs contact the Goshen Ministry Center at 540.894.8440.

RuraLove has a gas fireplace for sale. Nice. \$100. RuraLove is open Wednesdays from 9:30-1 or Sat., Sept. 5 from 8-1. Or call for appointment. 540.894.8440.

FISHING

The pond at Goshen Ministry Center is stocked and ready for your Sunday School class or church group to come fishing. Call 540.894.8440 to reserve a date.

CHURCH NEWS

Blue Ridge Shores will again host fellowship dinners beginning on Sept. 9 at 6 p.m. and thereafter the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, and ending Dec. 9. There is a charge of \$4 per person to cover food purchases. Harvest Fest will be held on Oct. 31, 3 p.m. to dark. There will be hayrides, bonfire, music, corn hole competitions, face painting, white beans and ham soup, hotdogs, drinks, and dessert. Also, a "Movie Night" has begun on the last Sunday evening of the month at 5 p.m. which begins with a light dinner at no charge.

First Baptist will celebrate the fifth anniversary of their pastor, the Reverend Bruce Jones with a banquet on Sat., September 26 at Double Tree Hotel in Charlottesville at 12 noon. The special event will conclude on Sunday, September 27 with two services, 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. For more information please call 540.967.1397 or 967.1994.

Mount Gilead Mary Eliza Bowles/Ettie Payne Mission Group will hold an "all you can eat hot dog dinner" on September, 26 at 5 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person. The Christmas-in-August mission project purchased and fill 20 backpacks with school supplies for the YMCA's "Bright Beginnings" backpack project. The preschool starts the 2015-2016 school year September 2 with a new director. They have also added a new teacher for the 2 1/2 year old program.

New Hope welcomes seven by baptism at Lake Anna plus three new members by letter or statement. The VBS had 79 in attendance and two decisions for Christ. Revival was held with 13 decisions made. Also, donated 20 pair of socks to the "Sock it to me" project.

Orange welcomes four new members.

Rhoadesville welcomes three new members by profession of faith.

Waller will have a Sunday School picnic in September. In Oct. a Apple Butter Fall Festival on the 10th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. John Waller (Fred Anderson) will be in the pulpit to kick off the revival on Oct. 11 at 11 a.m. and Rev. Dan Carlton from Culpeper Baptist will be the guest preacher from the 12-14. Wallers will be hosting their annual Thanksgiving celebration with a service on Nov. 23 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Free Wills for Seniors

Sponsored by JABA and the law firm of Williams Mullen. You must apply and receive an appointment. Spaces are limited. You must be 60 years old or older, or 18 or older with a disability; live in Albemarle, Charlottesville, Fluvanna, Green, Nelson or Louisa; and meet income eligibility. To apply call Jess at 434.817.5253.

Stop Hunger Now

Start saving your change and dollars for Stop Hunger Now. We will be packing meals again in 2016 on World Hunger Day. Our goal is to purchase and pack 60,000 meals. To meet this goal we will need to collect \$15,000. You've all proven you can do it with the Sleep Away Camp donations so let's get geared up for Stop Hunger Now ~ our 2016 project.

"Grist from the Mill"

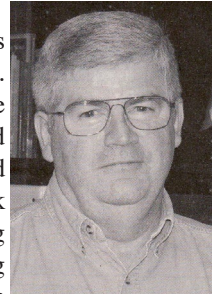
On my computer I get regular messages telling me that the next, newest, greatest and most whatever is ready to be downloaded. Now I am receiving messages telling me that I am ready to receive Windows 10. First of all, how do they know I am ready? Second, what happened to Windows 9? Perhaps Windows 9 is like that uncle we all have that no one mentions or like the cousin who, when his name is mentioned, all the adults have that certain look in their eyes.

Like many people my age, I view the changes in technology with at least a whiff of suspicion. I acknowledge that the advances in medicine have allowed doctors to diagnose, treat and cure diseases that in my youth were beyond human hope. I have enjoyed being able to talk with my family when far from them by using Skype or FaceTime. And, the NFL on a big screen with 1080p is every cave man's dream come true.

But I miss front porches and waving at people as they walked by on the road. I miss watching children playing baseball in vacant lots and having rules like, "If you hit it into the yard next door you have to get the ball yourself." I miss handwritten notes from friends and the wonder of a world pictured in *National Geographic* that seemed so big and distant when I was a child.

Like most things, technological advances are neither blessing nor curse. Our use of them will determine that. What they bring to us is opportunity and following opportunity is always choice. What will we choose to do with the time they save us or the possibilities they bring? Perhaps we can talk about that as we swing on our front porches and churn some ice cream.

John



Moldova Update

These churches and individuals have sent in their 2015 \$350 contributions to the Moldova church planter, Gheorge Rudi: North Pamunkey, Louisa, Mineral, Orange, Rhoadesville, Antioch HS Circle, Smyrna, McGinnis, Waldrops, Trinity, Zoar, and Oakland.

Media Center News

Goshen is closing the Media Center. If you are interested in Sheet Music for your choir; VHS tapes for children and adults; and some books... please come by the media center before October 31. Office hours are Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. or by appointment. For an appointment call 540.894.8440.

Ministry to Roma People at Ruth School - Romania
www.project-ruth.org or contact Brittany Garton:
email: Garton.Brittany@gmail.com

South India - Dr. & Mrs. Kunjumon Chacko, P.O. Box 11,
Vadavathoor P.O, Kottayam, Kerala, India 686010
email: chackos@sancharnet.in www.preciouschildren.org

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

Door of Hope - South Africa (Christian Orphanages which place abandoned children) www.holeinthewall.org.za

Newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month.

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September

- 3 Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
- 5 RuraLove Yardsale at GMC warehouse 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 7 Labor Day ~ Office Closed
- 11-12 WMUV Advisory Board CCCC
- 13-20 Alma Hunt Offering and Week of Prayer for Virginia Missions
- 18 Bapt. Ministry Assistants of VA Training EE
- 22 Ministers new to VA VBRC

GMC = Goshen Ministry Center, 587 Mica Road, Mineral
CCCC = Crossroads Camp and Conference Center, Lowesville
EE = Eagle Eyrie, Lynchburg
VBRC = Virginia Baptist Resource Center, Richmond

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 05 | Stone Anniversary | Mineral |
| 06 | Ted Williams | Mechanicsville |
| 17 | Paige Green | Louisa |
| 20 | Hoyle Anniversary | Louisa |

**Compensation Planning Seminar
for church staff and financial committee
sponsored by Guidestone. Sept. 10 at
VBRC, Richmond and Sept. 17 Fairview at
Riverclub, Fredericksburg. 9:30 a.m. til
noon. For more info or to register con-
tact: angela.house@bgav.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.