

Goshen News

Goshen Baptist Association

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Goshen Spring Missions Celebration

**Sunday, April 12
3-5 p.m.
at Smyrna
1470 Rock Castle Road,
Goochland 23063**



Goshen Spring Meeting

**Tuesday, April 28
3 p.m.
at
North Pamunkey
15110 Pamunkey Lane,
Orange 22960**

Camp Counselors Urgently Needed!

Camp Counselors are urgently needed to sign up for the beautiful mountainside camp in Romania working with the Roma children of the Ruth School. Camp Counselors need to be at least 19 years old. The approximate cost will be \$2,000 per volunteer counselor. If interested contact John Miller for more information at 540.894.8440 or 540.229.5366. Please respond now! The camp will be held June 22-26.

Ruth School News

The Ruth School in Bucharest, Romania has a new teacher this year for the third grade. She is doing an excellent job. Each morning she begins her commute to school around 4:30 a.m. She commutes more than 3 hours each way from her home. Her family is from Bucharest and she hopes to move back one day but for right now she is living more than 150 miles away from the Ruth School.

She is also balancing her extended commute with advanced studies in children's psychology. Yet despite all of this, she never complains about leaving home before the sun comes up and arriving home after it has set. The school is excited that she is now part of the educational team as she is serving as classroom teacher and afterschool tutor.

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.

Local Needs

RuraLove has 2 requests for **wood stoves** that we cannot fill. If you have a good working wood stove you would like to donate please call 540.894.8440. RuraLove also has a need for **BOY layettes**... please mark "boy" and "summer" or "winter." To find out how to make a layette email Joy at goshenba@nexet.net or refer to the WMU Ideas handbook.

Thank You Notes

To the people of Goshen from a RuraLove recipient, It has been a cold winter. The pipes in our house froze solid just after Christmas. For a while we used bottles and buckets of water to wash our hands and brush our teeth but with no access to plumbing we were eventually forced to move temporarily into a small room at someone's house.

"Temporary" turned into more long term as the weeks passed. The pipes eventually thawed, revealing split, broken pipes. Water poured from behind walls and from ceilings flooding many rooms. Each time we fixed one pipe, another broke. We were excited - estatic even - when at last we finished repairing the last broken pipe and it looked like we would be going "home."

The happiness was short-lived when we turned the water flow on and water began to pour from the bottom of our old water heater. Discouraged, dissapointed and distraut, we found ourselves still unable to return home. We were so sad... depressed even.

Your organization's name came up in an overheard conversation. It stayed in my mind and I was able to find your number. You were so kind to me on the phone and a heater soon miraculously became available. I do not believe that any of this was coincidence. I know that God had a hand in it all along the way.

The contentment of being back in our own home among our own familiar things is indescribable. Thank you so very much for your kindness and willingness to help others in need. We are grateful to you. Please pass along to the family who donated the water heater our extreme thankfulness. May our Heavenly Father bless both of you as well as your organization.

Name Withheld

Mission Opportunities

Project for April: Candy and Gum bags for Chaplain Crawford (deadline April 30); Coeburn Lunch Supplies; Also, 2015 Moldova Church Planter support due - \$350 per year per church. **RuraLove - A ministry of Goshen Association to local families in crisis ~ 540.894.8440**

URGENT: wood stove, can openers, small kitchenettes, 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 Mon., 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:

- 5 families with household needs
- 1 family with a medical need



Thank You Notes

Women's Missionary Union,

We would like to Thank you so very much for the gift to the Bethany Christian Services of Virginia.

Your generosity is why we can continue to reach out and help these children.

Blessings,
Beth May
Bethany Christian Services

Goshen Association,

What a joy to receive your gift! We are so thankful for your support of Chaplain Powell and the ministry of Grace Inside. Because of you, Chaplain Powell will be able to serve additional time sharing Christ's love with the women of VCCW. We are grateful for your partnership as we change lives together from the inside-out.

With Great Appreciation,
Lynn Litchfield
Grace Inside
Virginia's Prison Chaplain Service

CHURCH NEWS

Elk Creek will hold Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30 p.m. Easter will begin with a Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. down by the lake. Breakfast will follow sunrise service. Please bring a dish to share. 11 a.m. Worship Service.

First Baptist will join several other churches at the Zion Travelers Baptist Church in Louisa on April 3 at 7 p.m. for a joint Good Friday Service. They will also observe their annual Women's Day Celebration on Sunday, April 12 at 3 p.m. For further information please call 804.658.8755.

Louisa Easter Drama, LIVE@CALVARY will be presented on Thursday April 2 and Friday, April 3 at 7 p.m. each night. All are welcome to attend.

Mechanicsville will hold Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service at 7 p.m. remembering the passion story. Easter Sunrise Service will be at 7 a.m. with breakfast to follow. Easter Service of Celebration will be held at 11 a.m.

Mineral will begin a Christian School this fall in addition to their preschool and are now accepting applications for Kindergarten enrollment for the 2015-2016 school year. At Mineral Christian School's approach to instruction is different from that which is offered in public schools or in other private schools in this area. To request an application or to get a video sent to you about the school call Tammy Trice at 540.894.8210.

Mount Gilead is collecting for the Sleep Away Camp in Romania and for Annie Armstrong. The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held March 28 at 11 a.m. Everyone is invited. Registration for the 2015-2016 school year has begun.

Oakland will hold their spring Consignment Sale Thurs., April 16 and Fri., April 17 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and Sat., April 18 and 25, 9 a.m. until noon.

Orange will hold Maundy Thursday Service at 7 p.m. Easter Sunrise Service will be at 7 a.m. on the Route 15 property.

South Anna collected \$110 for the Baby Bottle Project making Goshen's total go to \$810!

Wallers welcomed a new pastor, Rev. Jojuan White. They welcomed two new members and have licensed two ministerial candidates. On April 4 a Resurrection Egg Hunt will be held from 10 a.m. - noon. Easter Sunrise Service will be held at 6:30 a.m. with breakfast to follow. On May 9, they are sponsoring a Mission Spring Fling from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Interested vendors should call the church office at 540.582.5703.

Community Extravaganza

May 2 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Betty J. Queen Intergenerational Center
522 Industrial Drive, Louisa, VA

Free admission food and activities! Healthcare vendors.
Car and Bike Show. Wrestling. Basketball Contest. Free
Mammograms with advanced registration

For more info: Pastor Mike Crawley 804.439.2159
Jerome Lindsay 434.962.7158

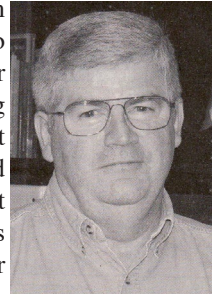
Sponsored by Louisa area churches.

This event is well worth any church attending to see how a community comes together for a great family event. See how your church might do this in your community.

"Grist from the Mill"

Last Saturday evening I hit a deer while returning home from Richmond. My car, with its high mileage and advanced years, did not survive the confrontation. Neither, sadly, did the deer. In the past six years, my wife and I have had encounters with deer three times, in three different counties. It seems that not only are we doing our part to thin the herd, so to speak, but we do not discriminate as to where we do this.

The death of that deer bothers me more than the loss of my car. Deer represent things to me that my car, or any machine, cannot. Deer represent beauty, as I find them to be among the most beautiful of animals. They represent freedom as they roam across the fields and woods which surround us. And they represent the love of God, as I contemplate passages from the Scripture that speak of God's care for all within His created world.



The death of one deer will not deplete their population and in many areas deer are truly a nuisance. But when I see one outlined on a ridge, or watch a buck guarding the does around him, I feel a sense of wonder that the God Who could create such creatures, could then demand that I serve Him as a steward of this, His, world. Included in that time of accounting will be my report on how I acted to protect and maintain His world. If I am willing, that deer, so financially costly, can become a blessing as it reminds me of my responsibility for the welfare of this entire planet on which you and I live.

John

Bibles Needed

Through the years we have reached people around the globe by giving Bibles. Again we have major requests:

Romania - Bibles for the Ruth School, the church, and outreach.
Panama Kuna Indians - Mission teams distributed 60,000 copies of the Gospel of John and many New Testaments in the jungles, San Blas Islands, and the mainland. They now have the whole Bible translated into their language and have requested assistance in purchasing some. Several churches have been started since the initial distribution. We need to continue to hold up this work in prayer and give so that we can have a part in world evangelism.

2014-2015 Ministry Action Budget

Budget	\$146,577.00
Monthly Needs	12,215.00
Received Feb.	5,469.00
Received Oct.-Feb.	62,754.00
Budget	1,679.00

Ministry to Roma People at Ruth School - Rominia
 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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April

2	Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.	24-25	GA Mom and Me I Eagle Eyrie
4	RuraLove Yardsale at GMC warehouse 8 a.m.-1 p.m.	25-26	GA Mom and Me II Eagle Eyrie
5	Easter		
6	Office Closed for Easter	26	VOL Recognition of volunteers - Betty Queen Center
6	Board of Directors GMC 7 p.m.		2-4 p.m. (All RuraLove Volunteers are encouraged to participate)
10-11	Acteen Weekender 8-10 Eagle Eyrie		
12	Goshen Spring Missions Celebration 3-5 p.m. Smyrna	28	Goshen Spring Meeting 3 p.m. North Pamunkey
13	Association Council Meeting GMC 7 p.m.	30	Deadline for Candy and Gum Bags
14-15	VBMB Meeting in Richmond		
22-25	National Southern Baptist Secretaries National Conference - Branson, MO		<i>GMC = Goshen Ministry Center, 587 Mica Road, Mineral</i>

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

07	Kathryn Buchanan	Zoar	10	Melinda Bowers	Dogwood
09	Jim Stone	Mineral	13	Novella Riggins	Retired

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.