

# Goshen News

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## Servant Award honors Bob Foster

The Donald P. Reid Award for Servanthood went to Don's cousin, Bob Foster of Mineral Baptist Church. Bob was born in Louisa County, January 24, 1938 to the proud parents, Nellie and Lewis Foster. He was the youngest of

six children and the only son. His five sisters were Hazel, Thelma, Edith, Mildred, and Joyce. Edith is the only other surviving sibling.

He attended school in Mineral and graduated from Louisa County High School. He attended Virginia Tech for three years and then enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1963. He served his country in the Air Force for 25 years before retiring with rank of a Colonel in 1988. During his time in service, he earned his Bachelors Degree from the University of New Hampshire and a Masters at University of South Carolina.

While in the Air Force, Bob met his future wife, Shirley who was also serving in the Air Force as a Registered Nurse. Bob and Shirley have two children, a son and daughter. They are also blessed with two wonderful granddaughters.

Following his military retirement, Bob and his wife Shirley returned to Virginia. The resided in Richmond while repairs were being made to the homeplace and moved back to where he and his siblings grew up in 1989.

Upon returning to Mineral, Bob founded the Lake Anna Security Company which he operated for ten years before retiring again and selling his business. Shirley returned to



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## Attention Pastors

You and your spouse are invited to attend the  
18th annual Pastor Spouse Appreciation Banquet

Monday, February 9

6:30 p.m. at Mineral Baptist Church

There is no cost for the meal.

Reservations are required by Feb. 5th.

Goshen Ministry Center 540.894.8440.

## 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.

## Deepest Sympathy

Deepest Sympathy to Tim and Susan Wilson, pastor of Perkins Baptist in the passing of Susan's mother.

Also our Deepest Sympathy to Wayne and Tina Collis, pastor of Gordonsville Baptist, in the passing of Wayne's mother.

## Celebrate Recovery

Thursday Meeting Times:

6 p.m. Free fellowship meal

7 p.m. Large group

8 p.m. Small group

9 p.m. Crosstalk Cafe

Abundant Life Christian Fellowship [www.alcf-orange.com](http://www.alcf-orange.com)

19103 Brick Church Road, Orange, VA 22960

Billy Isenhour 434.465.1772 [billysffs@gmail.com](mailto:billysffs@gmail.com)

Fran Isenhour 804.337.3237 [iouna90@gmail.com](mailto:iouna90@gmail.com)

## Tax and Compensation

Tax and Compensation Planning Seminars

Free Seminars available to Pastors and Lay People to understand and comply with tax laws.

9 a.m. until Noon in February and March in various locations.

Go to [BGAV.org/Tax\\_Seminars](http://BGAV.org/Tax_Seminars) for more info or call

1.800.255.2428 ext. 5293.

## Mission Opportunities

**Project for February:** Hannah and Jochebed Ministries; Children's Underwear and Socks for Appalachia - Coeburn; 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.**

**Bethany Christian Services**

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

**Fredericksburg Pregnancy Center**

Empowering those facing unplanned pregnancy with hope and life-affirming choices.

1616 Stafford Ave. Fredericksburg, VA 22401 540.370.1800.

## RuraLove Ministry Update

During the past month RuraLove helped churches minister to:

- 14 families with financial help
- 7 families with household needs
- 3 families with clothing
- 2 families with a medical need



## Thank You

RuraLove,

Thank You. You have certainly mastered the art of thoughtfulness. Thank you for your help!

name withheld

## Chaplain Powell Support

The goal for Chaplain Powell Support was \$3,200. We have received \$2,800 to date. If you haven't sent your donation in, please do so as this would add an additional month of ministry for Chaplain Karen Powell.

## Roma Sleep-Away Camp ~ [www.project-ruth.org](http://www.project-ruth.org)

The Sleep-Away Camp is a reward for students who have good attendance, good grades, and good behavior at the Ruth School. Help these children realize this dream for a week this summer by giving to Goshen's 2015 project of the Roma Sleep-Away Camp. \$175 sends one child to camp. All donations are tax deductible. Send your check to Goshen Baptist Association, P.O. Box 296, Mineral, VA 23117 with Sleep-Away Camp in the memo. Due March 25

# CHURCH NEWS

**Blue Ridge Shores** has begun fellowship dinners again on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month through May.

**Crossroads** pastor Bruce Hunter retired December 31. Jeff Cranford will be serving as Interim.

**First Baptist** recently welcomed three new members by baptism and observed installation of officers. They are also participating in a 21 day fast for the new year.

**Louisa** welcomes four new members, two by baptism and two by letter. Louisa collected \$3,250.40 for Lottie Moon and are presently collecting for the Roma Sleep-Away Camp.

**Mount Gilead** raised \$2495 for Lottie Moon; the Developing Disciples SS Class adopted a family for Christmas; the Cornerstone Mission Group provided soup for Wade Butler to take to the homeless in Richmond; and the Mary Eliza Bowles/Ettie Payne Mission Group made a donation for Chaplain Karen Powell who works at the Women's Prison. Preschoolers filled cabinets and freezer with food and supplies for a needy family at Christmas; held Father's Night in January, and will hold Grandparent's Day in Feb. Mount Gilead has called Jim Riddell, and his wife Charlotte, as Interim.

**New Hope** calls Pastor Shaw Henson. They welcome 13 new members in January.

**Trinity** calls Bill Catlett, and his wife Anne, as pastor.

**Smyrna** will hold a Love Bug Bingo and Chili Cook-Off at 6 p.m. All are invited. They have received the resignation of pastor Mike Walter as of January 1.

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nursing at St. Mary's Hospital in Richmond.

Bob's whole life has centered around his faith and the church he grew up in, Mineral Baptist Church. In his childhood, his father was a faithful deacon and his mother the church organist. They raised their children to love the Lord and serve Him wherever God took them.

Bob has served Mineral Baptist these many years in numerous positions and various committees such as property and grounds, Jordan's Path, Sunday School teacher, and deacon for 20 years. Hardly a day passes that Bob is not at the church doing some task to keep the building in good repair.

In the community he has served many years on the Electoral Board and the Industrial Development Authority Board.

Since returning to Mineral, Bob has been very active in the life of Goshen as well as Mineral. He began volunteering to go on short term Mission Trips through Goshen and the Virginia Baptist participating in over 20 mission trips including Mexico, Slovicia, Czech Republic, Moldova, South Africa, Hungary, Germany, San Blas Islands of Panama, Romania, Switzerland, and India. With the Virginia Baptist, he and Shirley served four months in South Africa as the Virginia Baptist Coordinators in Johannesburg, hosting and receiving numerous volunteer mission teams as well as coordinating various projects.

He is also a valued RuraLove volunteer, picking up and delivering furniture and household items.

To know and serve with Bob is to know a true servant of Christ. He never complains but looks at the positive side and carries out the task before him.

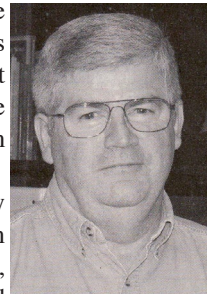
# "Grist from the Mill"

In the movie "Schindler's List," is a scene where Oskar Schindler and his wife are preparing to escape the approaching Russian Army. Schindler, a member of the Nazi Party, had operated factories using slave labor and so, if captured, faced prison, if not executed outright. The Jewish men, women, and children who were alive because he had acted to save them, now encouraged him and his wife to flee. In the scene, Schindler is struck by the fact that the car he drove, the pin on his lapel, and the ring on his finger could have bought the lives of a few more people. He realizes that what he has pursued all his adult life, things like money and prestige, have no real value when compared to human life.

That scene causes me to reflect upon my own value system. I am a Christian, but even Christians can pursue false idols. New cars, nice clothes, vacations, gifts for children and grandchildren, and more call to us and we can at times seek these as rewards for hard work and long years of toil. In and of themselves there is nothing wrong with these unless we desire them more than other things of greater worth. We can have these things and be completely in the will of the Lord, unless we sacrifice the better, perhaps holier, things to obtain them.

In the New Testament Jesus does not ever mention tithing. Instead, He talks about sacrificing so one may worship God. He demands we seek the Kingdom first at all times. He reminds us that the things we possess must never be allowed to possess us. The challenge I, and you, face is to see that our limited wealth meets these three guidelines every day we live. To God be the glory.

John



## Bibles Needed

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

**India** - Bibles for Seminary Graduates in memory of Dr. Don Reid. \$25 purchases one study Bible. We still need \$600 to purchase needed Bibles.

**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 Dec.	17,190.00
Received Oct.-Dec.	42,666.00
<b>Budget</b>	<b>10,780.00</b>

**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](http://www.livinghope.co.za)

**Door of Hope - South Africa** (Christian Orphanages which place abandoned children) [www.holeinthewall.org.za](http://www.holeinthewall.org.za)

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# February

5 Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.  
8-15 Focus on WMU Week  
9 Pastor Appreciation Dinner Mineral BC 6:30 p.m.  
23-24 Virginia Baptist Discussion Group

*GMC = Goshen Ministry Center, 587 Mica Road, Mineral*

# February Birthdays & Anniversaries

01	Riggins Anniversary	Retired
04	Anne Catlett	Trinity
05	Linda Terry	Retired
09	Terry Green	Antioch
13	Dickens Anniversary	Ministry Assist
14	Amy Lester	Thornburg
20	Larry Hoyle	Louisa
28	Jenkins Anniversary	Elk Creek

## **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.