

Goshen News

Goshen Baptist Association

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**Merry
Christmas!**

**from all the
Goshen Ministry Staff
and Volunteers**



Partnership Missions Dinner

**Saturday, January 16
5 p.m.**

**Mineral Baptist Church
Old Fellowship Hall**

Make your reservations now.

540.894.8440

\$6 per person.

**Hear mission testimonies
and projects for 2016.**

Project for December

Goshen is trying to support Chaplain Karen Powell again this year for an extra month of ministry to the women incarcerated in the Goochland Women's Correctional Center. The goal is \$3000. Please send your donation to:

Goshen Ministry Center

P.O. Box 296

Mineral, Virginia 23117

with the memo "Chaplain Support" All Chaplains in the state of Virginia are supported by donations. They are not state funded. Deadline is December 17th.

Notice to Churches

Please include Goshenba@nexet.net to your church's email list for prayer concerns and event news blasts.

Musical

Louisa Arts Center will present a Bluegrass Gospel Musical "Smoke on the Mountain part II" Church groups of 15 or more get 15% off every ticket. Dec. 4-6 Purchase tickets 24/7 at LouisaArts.org or by calling 540.967.2200 Mon.-Fri. 12-2 p.m.

Used Bicycles

The employment Resource Council in Fredericksburg is seeking used bicycles and bicycle parts to train those in their vocational program to repair them. The refurbished bicycles are distributed to low-income families in the region. If you have a bicycle or parts that you would like to donate, contact Rod Kunkel at 540.854.7990. He is willing to transport the items to Fredericksburg.

Children's Ministry Project

Save the Date: February 13, 2016

Here's an idea... help children minister to the unchurched in your community! This year's theme "All for You" can help girls and boys recognize that everything they do - even no-glamour, heavy-lifting, just-plain-hard-work jobs - can be done in a way that focuses attention on the love of Jesus.

How can your church be involved in a way that will have eternal significance for your children, community, or association?

Start brainstorming now! Lead your church to plan a Children's Ministry Day. For more information email children@wmu.org or call 1.800.968.7301.

2015-2016 Ministry Action Budget

Budget	\$149,703.00
Monthly Needs	12,475.00
Received Oct.	19,226.00
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Budget	6,751.00

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.

Mission Opportunities

Project for December: Angel Tree Ministry (15 Angels to adopt); also collecting funding for 40 additional hours for Chaplain Karen Powell for 2016. Deadline Dec. 18. Goal: \$3,000.

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, sofas, etc. Please make sure all donations work properly and are clean with no holes.

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:

- 15 families with financial needs
- 12 families with household needs
- 2 families with a whole house
- 4 families with clothing
- 3 families with a layette and baby items
- 1 family with medication



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. We also have two RuraLove requests for vehicles for needy families.

RuraLove received a donation of five pulpit chairs. If interested in the chairs contact the Goshen Ministry Center at 540.894.8440.

RuraLove has a gas Jenair cook stove for sale. Nice. \$75. RuraLove is open Wednesdays from 9:30-1 or Sat., Dec. 5 from 8-1. Or call for appointment. 540.894.8440.

RuraLove would like to purchase some children's Bibles for ages 5-10. If you would like to donate please memo check "RuraLove Children's Bibles."

CHURCH NEWS

First Baptist Missionaries will conduct their Christmas Outreach Project during the week of December 20 delivering poinsettias, fruit baskets, and monetary gifts to the elderly and disabled members of their church and community.

Mechanicsville will have a Christmas Celebration Service at 11 a.m., December 20 with fellowship following. Everyone is invited. Mechanicsville took a 14 member missions team to the Bland Ministry Center in October for porch and deck construction, housework for the elderly, work in the clothing closet and food warehouse, moving books from the local library to storage, leaf raking, lawn care, and a harvest celebration for Head Start children. Consider this opportunity to minister in the state of Virginia as one of our BGAV ministries. The scenery is beautiful, the accommodations comfortable, and the ministry is a great blessing.

Mount Gilead's Mary Eliza Bowles/Ettie Payne Circle has made comfort crosses and all proceeds will go to support Pure Water, Pure Love Mission. A \$5 donation is suggested. December 9 will be the WEBS Christmas Program and December 13 during the 11 a.m. service will be the Christmas Cantata. Mount Gilead received one new member in November. 804.457.2938

Orange Singing Christmas Tree times: Sat., Dec. 12 & 13 at 5 and 7:30 p.m. A craft bazaar will be held Sat., Dec. 5 from 9-1.

Waller's welcomed a new member last month. On December 20 during the 11 a.m. service the children of Wallers and the Puppetz4Jesus Ministry will perform our annual Christmas play. Everyone is invited.

Help Wanted

Rhoadesville Baptist Church is searching for a person to fill the Ministry Assistant position. This is a part-time (15 hours per week) position which requires basic computer skills and good people skills. Interested persons should call 540.854.7527, Pastor Nancy McDaniel. Deadline is December 6.

Moldova Update

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

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. We collected \$791.80 during the Fall Missions Celebration. That's a great start. Keep saving.

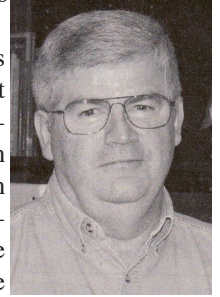
"Grist from the Mill"

Directly in front of my desk is a map of the world, one of those flat maps that shows all the nations in different colors. Looking at it, I am impressed by how large our world is and by how small it is. In physical distance the United States is a long way from Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria. Emotionally, particularly for our military families, those nations are as close as our own heart beats.

Seeing the countries portrayed in various colors reminds me of the many things that separate us one from another. We have differences in language, culture, and religion and even between areas that share common borders and history there are distinctions a casual glance may miss. Often we look at those nations where our military is engaged and see the people as Muslim. We know little about and perhaps care even less that the people in those nations might identify more as Sunni or Shi's or perhaps in some instances Sufi. Yet, we may not understand their failure to recognize Orthodox, Catholic, and Protestant as variations in our faith. The colors on the map remind me that we are not a single, harmonious species, but rather are the product of thousands of years of travel, argument, speculation, progress, and war.

The attacks in Paris mark France's greatest loss of life due to an attack since the end of the Second World War. Calls are being made for retaliation and revenge. People will die as a result of these attacks including "innocents" on both sides. The colors on my map remind me that even when legally defensible and supported by the vast majority, killing rarely ends killing. It may serve only to separate even more people Jesus died to bring together across our troubled world.

John



Deepest Sympathy

to Rick (Orange Baptist) and Perry (Buckingham Baptist) Clore on the homegoing of their father, Rev. Earl Clore and to Trish Stone (Mineral) in the loss of her grandfather.

Church Calls

Mine Road extends a call to Keith Wollenburg as pastor. He and Lisa will begin their ministry the first of December.

Church of the Comforter (formerly Goldmine) calls Rev. John Ellington as Interim pastor.

Crossroads Community Church welcomes D.W. Anderson as their new pastor.

Bibles for India

Goshen is collecting \$800 for Bibles in memory of Dr. Don Reid to be given to each seminary graduate.

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

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December

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

11/29-6	Week of Prayer for International Missions	13	Sylvia Moore	Shady Grove
3	Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.	17	Karen Clore	Orange
5	RuraLove Yardsale at GMC warehouse 8 a.m.-1 p.m.	19	Williams Anniversary	Mechanicsville
17	Financial support due for Chaplain Powell	19	James Eure	Mt. Hermon
21	Angel Tree Deadline 1 p.m.	20	Jerry Riggins	Retired
24-1/3	Office Closed for Christmas Holidays	21	Hartsfield Anniversary	Retired
		21	Debbie Hoyle	Louisa
		22	Wright Anniversary	Retired
		30	Jim Graham	Berea
		31	McClary Anniversary	South Anna

GMC = Goshen Ministry Center, 587 Mica Road, Mineral

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.