

# Goshen News

Goshen Baptist Association

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## Special offerings report

### 2015-2016 Ministry Action Budget Receipts

Church	Year	GMO	July	GMO
Antioch	624.50			
Berea		100.00		185.00
Blue Ridge Shores	1,366.40			
Church of Comforter	939.80			75.00
Craigs	750.00			
Crossroads CC	708.04			
Dogwood	2,027.00			25.00
Elk Creek	2,250.00			
FBC, Louisa				
Gordonsville	7,568.62			
Hebron	1,200.00			
Louisa	11,057.72			690.00
Mechanicsville	6,808.01			
Memorial Col.	265.00			
Mine Road	1,800.00			
Mineral	7,840.00	1,642.03		
Mount Gilead	3,117.79			50.00
Mount Hermon				
New Hope	3,000.00			
North Pamunkey	3,935.69	1,240.00		
Oakland	5,735.00	260.00		
Orange	1,014.77			
Perkins	4,200.00	349.00		
Rhoadesville	5,687.50			780.00
Shady Grove	1,000.00			
Smyrna	850.00			
South Anna	1,500.00			
St. Mark	500.00			
Thornburg				
Trinity	800.00			
Waldrops	1,128.00	300.00		
Walters	1,852.30			505.00
Zoar	4,750.65			
Others	5,886.00			
6/15/16				
	90,162.79	3,891.03		6,201.03

**Goshen Missions Offering Goal  
\$12,000**

**50% goes to RuraLove  
and  
50% goes to Impact VA! Orange**

### Bibles for Panama

as of 5/24/16

**\$6,040.00**

given by 3 individuals

1 WMU circle

1 Baptist Men's group

and 4 Goshen Churches (Berea, Louisa, Oakland, and North Pamunkey)

**Deadline: Have funds to the Goshen Office by June 30**

### Stop Hunger Now

as of 5/30/16

Goshen Fall Mission Celebration	\$791.80
Louisa	\$120.00
North Pamunkey	\$500.00
Walt Barker	\$100.00
North Pamunkey	\$431.50
Orange	\$765.00
B. Witt	\$50.00
Spring Mission Celebration	\$970.00
Louisa	\$646.42
Antioch	\$137.30
Louisa	\$401.76
First Baptist	\$50.00
Dogwood	\$265.00
Louisa	\$30.81
<b>Total so far</b>	<b>\$5,259.59</b>

**DEADLINE 8/31/16**

**Goal \$16,000**

**Packing Event for Stop Hunger Now will be held Sunday, October 9 at 3 p.m. at the Mineral Baptist Church Family Life Center.**

**Keep up the good work!!!**

# Thank You

A heartfelt Thank You. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated!  
RuraLove family

## “Still in the Game”

Ephesians 5:15-16  
Better than Ever (Fifty Plus Retreat)  
October 24-26, 2016  
Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center  
Lynchburg, VA  
For information or to register online go to  
[eagleeyrie.org/BTE](http://eagleeyrie.org/BTE)

# GRACEINSIDE UPDATE

### Numbers! in one month

- 933 weekly religious services with 32,628 attending
  - 626 weekly studies with 9299 attending
- 289 “special classes” with 1678 attending
- 1585 special events with 1954 attending
  - 1365 pastoral counseling sessions
  - 1273 religious volunteers
  - 75 inmate assistants
- 32 chaplains (10 full-time) make it happen

### Prayer Requests for GRACEINSIDE:

- Uplift the ten full-time and 22 part-time chaplains as they serve challenging mission fields
- The incarcerated as they seek a new path, especially those being prepared for baptism, and the families, and friends they represent
- The Department of Corrections employees as they seek to serve
- With waiting lists for religious activities, funding to increase our services inside the prison system

To Contact or donate to GRACEINSIDE:

2828 Emerywood Parkway  
Richmond, VA 23294  
804.358.7650  
[www.graceinside.org](http://www.graceinside.org)

Don't forget to schedule “Hope” to come visit your church.

# Mission Opportunities

**Project for July: Christmas in July ~ backpacks and school supplies for local students in need and given to the school to distribute.**

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

Refrigerators, can openers, toasters, 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:

- 12 families with financial needs
- 11 families with household needs
- 4 families with medical
- 1 family with a project



## 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. **All fishing (each and every time) must be cleared by the Goshen Ministry Center before you go for insurance purposes. NO swimming. NO boating.**

### 2015-2016 Ministry Action Budget

Budget	\$149,703.00
Monthly Needs	12,475.00
Received May	7,091.00
Received Oct.-May.	90,163.00
<b>Budget</b>	<b>-9,637.00</b>

## Notice to Churches

Please include [Goshenba@nexet.net](mailto:Goshenba@nexet.net) to your church's email list for prayer concerns and event news blasts.

# CHURCH NEWS

## “Grist from the Mill”

**Craigs** is currently hosting its second 8 week session of their new Centershot Archery Program. Tentative plans are in the works to hold the next 8 week session starting Thursday, August 4th. Anyone interested in participating can contact the church office for details. Every Tuesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. the teens meet for open gym/Bible study. This is through the summer. Kids from grades 1-6 will be “Submerged” at VBS from 9 a.m. - noon July 18-22. Craigs will also offer a three-day basketball camp August 17-19 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for grades 1-6. Kids will learn fundamentals while leaders share the Gospel. Plans are underway for the 249th celebration Sunday on September 11. Craigs is now accepting applications for craft show vendors for the Oct. 15th Harvest Fest/Craft Show. Info and applications can be found at [www.craigsbaptistchurch.org](http://www.craigsbaptistchurch.org)

**Mechanicsville** teens and chaperones participated in a Walk-a-thon to raise money for funds to participate in Impact VA! Orange. The teens walked ten miles.

**Oakland** welcomes a new member. Oakland receives resignation of Pastor Randy & Bette Rains effective June 30. They will be moving to Costa Rica to be with their missionary son and daughter-in-law.

**Orange** VBS will be Sun., July 24 - Thurs., July 28 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. with the theme “Cave Quest.”

**Rhoadesville** VBS will be July 11-15 from 9 a.m. - noon. Rhoadesville welcomes four new members. Homecoming will be held Sunday, August 14 at 11 a.m. celebrating 128 years of ministry! Revival Services will be Monday, August 15-Wednesday, August 17 at 7 p.m. nightly with Dr. Jim Somerville, pastor of Richmond’s First Baptist Church as guest speaker.

**Waller** VBS will be August 5-7 with the theme Pets Unleashed from Group Publishing. For more info 540.582.5703 or [walleroffice@aol.com](mailto:walleroffice@aol.com). Waller welcomes three new members. In June they had live praise and worship music for the contemporary service and a Saturday night Jam. Waller will honor their volunteers on July 31 with a special service and picnic. On July 30 the church is sponsoring a free community movie night and VBS registration starting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to bring a picnic dinner or for a small fee you can purchase dinner from the church.

## Bibles

Goshen is collecting \$800 for Bibles in memory of Dr. Don Reid to be given to each seminary graduate. This year there are 32. This is an on-going project.

## Impact VA!

We need volunteers to sign up for Impact VA! in Orange area for July 10-16. We will need volunteers to lead construction teams, drivers, churches to provide lunches at job sites and more. If interested contact John Miller at 540.894.8440. We also need funds to pay for construction materials.

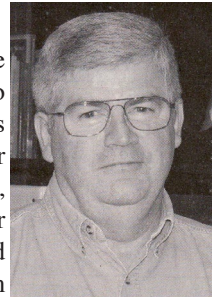
In 1792, 15 churches located in Caroline, Goochland, Hanover, Louisa, Orange, and Spotsylvania counties came together to form the Association of churches that we call the Goshen. The driving reasons for their action were to provide fellowship for the churches and members who were a religious minority among the ministers and to evangelize the lost who surrounded them.

Things have changed a great deal over the past 224 years. A non-Baptist commented to me that in our area “Baptists are as thick as thieves.” I did not ask if he referred to our numbers, moral qualities, or increasing girth, but the fact remains, Baptists are no longer a troubled minority. Numerous schools and education opportunities are available to learn about Baptist doctrine, polity, and history. But, one issue remains unchanged, we are still surrounded by the lost.

In everything we do as an Association one motivation is constant. People need to hear the Good News brought by Jesus. It is why we send people to do a retreat in Romania. It is why we bring people to work on homes during Impact VA! It is why we created the RuraLove Ministry, raise funds for Stop Hunger Now and provide financial support for church planters across the globe.

Notice this. For 224 years the Goshen has existed to spread the Gospel by any means that gave us the opportunity to do so. It might take the blistered hands of a teenager or weeping with someone in sorrow before we will be heard, but our message remains. We are here, serving, helping, guiding, and loving because we are the graced of God, called and blessed to share His grace with those who need Him.

*John*



## Goshen Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for our associational churches who are without a pastor. Please pray for the Pastor Search Committees and prepare the way for the pastor God has already chosen for each church. Strengthen all of our churches and unify them in the cause of Christ.
- Continue to lift up our brothers and sisters in Christ at Memorial of Columbia as they grieve the passing of their pastor, Bill Bess.
- Remember Dwight Boston as he changes the direction in life’s work. Please pray for the Goshen Counseling Center and the direction God wants it to take.
- Remember in prayer for our 120 Impact VA! youth and leaders, as well as the homeowners they will be ministering to the week of July 10-16. Please pray for safety, guidance, and for the spiritual needs of all involved. May hearts and lives be touched.

**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](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)  
**Arise Ministry Group - South Africa** [www.arisemg.org.za](http://www.arisemg.org.za)

*Newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month.*

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### Birthdays & Anniversaries

2 Clothing & Yardsale RuraLove Warehouse 8-1  
4 Independence Day - Office Closed  
5 Property and Grounds Meeting GMC 7:00 p.m.  
7 Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.  
10-16 Impact VA! Orange  
16 Clothing & Yardsale RuraLove Warehouse 8-1  
18 Board of Directors GMC 7:00 p.m.  
25 Advisory Council Meeting GMC 7:00 p.m.

18	Lowell Wright	Retired
24	Buchanan Anniversary	Zoar
25	Gerald Chancellor	Retired
26	Rachel Green	Louisa
26	Lester Anniversary	Thornburg
29	Mabel Holmberg	Retired
31	Sarah Reid	Retired

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.