

# Goshen News

Goshen Baptist Association

www.goshenassociation.com

September 2016

Volume XXXVII Number 9

## ***Goshen's Fall Missions Celebration***

*Sunday, October 9*

*3-5 p.m.*

*Mineral Baptist Family Life Center*

*51 Louisa Ave.*

*Mineral, Virginia 23117*

Youth and adults of all ages to pack, seal, and box meals for ***Stop Hunger Now***. Some jobs require muscles and some don't. Some jobs are standing and some jobs are sitting. There is something for everyone to do. Mark your calendar now!

## ***Goshen's Annual Fall Meeting***

*Tuesday, October 26*

*10 a.m. - 3 p.m.*

*Elk Creek Baptist Church*

*5616 Kentucky Springs Road,*

*Mineral, Virginia 23117*

*Missions Speaker ~ Dr. Valerie Carter  
Executive Director  
Virginia WMU*

*Lunch provided*

***Make It Count*** *Ephesians 5:15-17*

***"Make the most of every chance you get."***

***September 11-18***

***Alma Hunt Offering and Week of Prayer for VA Missions***

To donate to the flood victims of Louisiana or West Virginia go online to [www.bgav.org](http://www.bgav.org) or mail to:

Treasurer BGAV

2828 Emerywood Parkway

Richmond, Virginia 23294

# Mission Opportunities

## Thank You

Thank you for your devotion, It's the hottest week of the year, I'm cooking dinner and it's 79 degrees in my kitchen, even with the AC on. As I'm reading the Goshen Newsletter, in my kitchen, I get chills. Chills because even though it's so hot, his words always ring true and he is an inspiration to me, even still each month when I read "Grist from the Mill." John Miller's monthly incursion shows what Goshen is all about. His story on Impact VA! was so very touching, especially because I have served alongside him and Goshen on several occasions. Although I'm not as active now as I have been, it truly warms my heart and gives me such pride and joy to be a small part of the Goshen. Prayers, funds, and feet are what Goshen means to me, and I thank you, John Miller, for continuing to lead Goshen and showing God's love by example. "Changed lives really do change lives."

Much love and blessings,  
Amy Bowles  
Smyrna

## Journey Home

A fundraiser for Journey Home will be held at Louisa Baptist Church on Saturday, September 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the form of a **YARD SALE**. There will be food, music, and a silent auction. Here's more about Journey Home:

God has given the Journey Home volunteers a calling to come alongside of those people in Louisa County who need a temporary place to live. The Journey Home is being built in the town of Mineral and will provide Christ-centered transitional housing (for 12-18 months) to residents who will receive support in rebuilding their lives and find hope for the next step in their journey to being independent members of the community. Please go to [www.journeyhomemineral.org](http://www.journeyhomemineral.org) to view the website and learn of opportunities for you and your church to be involved.

## Candy and Gum Bags

Five churches participated in the collection of Candy and Gum Bags for the Seafarer and Trucker's ministry along the Eastern Shore of Virginia. We received 172 bags to give to that ministry which also gives out tracts, Christian material, and Bibles to the truckers and seamen they minister to from around the world. This small gift often opens the door to spiritual ministry. A big thank you to all who gave. Please keep this ministry in your prayers.

## Free to a church

If your church is in need of an organ contact David and Betty Porter at 540.297.0371.

## 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.

**Project for September: Homeless Ministry - Richmond Parks - Contact Wade Butler through Mount Gilead Church.** See Church News for Mount Gilead contact info.

**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.**

### Bethany Christian Services

Christ-Centered Crisis Pregnancy Center & Adoption Services  
5610 Southpoint Centre Blvd., Fredericksburg 22407  
540.743.5165

### Fredericksburg Pregnancy Center

Empowering those facing unplanned pregnancy with hope and life-affirming choices. [www.FredericksburgPregnancyCenter.org](http://www.FredericksburgPregnancyCenter.org)  
1616 Stafford Ave. Fredericksburg, VA 22401 540.370.1800.

### Hope House

Battered women's shelter for abused women and their children  
902 Lafayette Blvd., Fredericksburg 540.371.0831

### RuraLove Ministry Update

During the past month RuraLove helped churches minister to:

- 10 families with financial needs
- 12 families with household needs
- 1 family with a whole house
- 4 families with a clothing
- 1 family with medical



**Thank you to those who sent money to RuraLove to buy children's Bibles. We were able to purchase three cases to be given out to families in crisis.**

### 2015-2016 Ministry Action Budget

Budget	\$149,703.00
Monthly Needs	12,475.00
Received July	11,484.00
Received Oct.-July	117,509.00
<b>Budget</b>	<b>-7,241.00</b>

# CHURCH NEWS

**Antioch** will hold OctoberFest 2016 on October 29. For more info see [www.antiochbaptist-unionville.org](http://www.antiochbaptist-unionville.org)

**First Baptist** welcomed seven new members, one by Christian experience, six candidates for baptism. On Sept. 25, they will honor Rev. Bruce Jones for six years of dedicated and faithful service as pastor. On Nov. 6, they will celebrate their 150th anniversary of the church.

**Blue Ridge Shores** recently welcomed four new members. BRS baptized five candidates in the lake on August 14.

**Craigs** - every Tuesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. the teens meet for open gym/Bible study. The 249th celebration Sunday will be on September 9-11. Friday and Saturday evening at 7 p.m. and Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. Pastor Bobby McClintic from Alvon United Methodist Church in White Sulphur Springs will be speaking. He and his church have had a great daily impact for the Lord since the recent floods in WV. 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)

**Louisa** is planning an Operation Inasmuch Day Sept. 17.

**Mechanicsville** - Eleven youth participated in Impact VA! Orange. Precepts Bible study will begin Sept. 6 with 6 sessions at 12:30 or 6:30 p.m. All are welcome. Call the office to register, 540.832.3269. The Don Reid Dinner is Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. No cost. Everyone invited. Bible study focusing on Romans will begin Sept. 14 from 7-8 p.m. If you are interested in joining a mission team to Bland Ministry Center for a week in October call the church office and leave your name and contact information and you will be informed of the next organizational meeting. You're invited to join the men and boys have a free breakfast at the church the second Sat. of the month at 7 a.m. Homecoming will be held Oct. 2 at 11 a.m. followed by lunch.

**Mine Road** will have a Gospel Sing on Sept. 10 with John Sines Jr. at 6 p.m. and a BBQ dinner at 5 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under.

**Mineral** - In observance of high attendance Sunday, Sept. 11, gift boxes are being assembled by individual classes to be presented to new members as a welcoming gesture. An on-going project is the writing of letters and greeting cards to our college students and military.

**Mount Gilead** Ladies Sunday School class is collecting money for flood victims in WV and the Mary Eliza Bowles/Etta Payne WMU group is holding an all-you-can-eat hot dog supper on Sept. 24 at 5 p.m. to benefit Pure Water Pure Love. That night there will be an auction and a bake sale. A four week book study on Share Jesus Without Fear begins Sept. 8 at 12:30 p.m. New equipment is being added to the playground and should be ready for the 2016-2017 school year. For more info call 804.457.2938 or email [mountgileadchurch@aol.com](mailto:mountgileadchurch@aol.com) or visit their webpage: [mountgileadbc.net](http://mountgileadbc.net)

**Oakland** called Judy and David Bailey as Intern Co-Pastors. For information about their fall consignment sale go to [www.Oakland-Baptist.com](http://www.Oakland-Baptist.com)

**Orange** - Sun., Sept. 25 Greg and Sue Smith and Cindy and Eddy Ruble will be at Orange as they sign the Encourager Church Covenant with them. Orange will celebrate their 160th anniversary on Sun., Oct. 16. Orange welcomes two new members.

## "Grist from the Mill"

I have just finished reading Elie Wiesel's book "Night." At the age of fifteen, Wiesel's family, Jews, were transported to Auschwitz where he and his father were separated from his mother and three sisters. Wiesel and his father went to the Buna work camp and later were sent to Buchenwald when the Russian army approached. It is a small book, but one in which the pain of family separation, physical abuse, and death are palpable. It is not just the story of how people he loved died, but of how his faith in a loving God died as well.

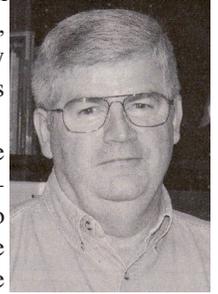
As I read the book I wanted to challenge his conclusions about God's absence and perceived indifference. I desperately wanted to tell him that God was present even with those who were marched to the gas chambers, the ovens, and the burial trenches. But as I read, I realized that nothing in my life experience allows me to truly relate to what he experienced in the months before Buchenwald was liberated.

We would like to believe that the actions of the Nazis were an aberration, something peculiar to that people, place, and time. But remember the horrors of Nanking, the killing fields of Cambodia, the death squads of Nicaragua and Chile, and the genocide in the Middle East. In every account about these shameful acts one question rises. How could such things happen?

I have an answer. They happened because people allowed other people to be seen as less. Less advanced. Less important. Less than human. Once someone becomes less, it is not so difficult to see eliminating them as an acceptable act.

We have but one hope. See all people as Jesus did. As worth more than we are. As valued just because they exist. As beloved of God and us.

John



## Update

Stop Hunger Now ~ \$11,768.19 as of 8/15/16.

Goshen Missions Offering ~ \$11,423.11 for RuraLove and Impact VA! Orange. Also, the Goshen was awarded a \$10,000 grant from BAMA (Dave Matthews Band) for Impact materials. RuraLove was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Bazzanella Louisa Community Fund.

## 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.

## 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.**

**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.*

## Goshen News

Goshen Baptist Association  
587 Mica Road  
P.O. Box 296  
Mineral, Virginia 23117

Rev. John Miller, DoM  
Cell: 540.229.5366  
Joy Dickens, Ministry Assistant  
Phone: 540.894.8440  
Fax: 540.894.8442  
Email: [goshenba@nexet.net](mailto:goshenba@nexet.net)  
website: [www.goshenassociation.com](http://www.goshenassociation.com)

Tammy Wood, Editor

**ADDRESS  
SERVICE  
REQUESTED**

**Non Profit Organization  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Permit Number 1  
Louisa, Virginia 23093**

---

# September

## September Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m  
3 Clothing & Yardsale RuraLove Warehouse 8-1  
5 Labor Day - Office Closed  
9-10 WMUV Advisory Board CCCC  
11-18 Alma Hunt Offering and Week of Prayer for  
Virginia Missions  
20 Ministers New to VA - Virginia Baptist Resource Center  
22-23 VA Baptist Ministry Assistants - Eagle Eyrie

05	Stone Anniversary	Mineral
06	Ted Williams	Mechanicsville
09	Henson Anniversary	New Hope
17	Paige Green	Louisa

If you're new to ministry in Goshen please let the office know the birthdays and anniversary of your family. [goshenba@nexet.net](mailto:goshenba@nexet.net) or call 540.894.8440.

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