

Goshen News

Goshen Baptist Association

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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.



Happy New Year!

Notice to Churches

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

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.

Thank You Note

RuraLove

Thank you for all your help. It's holiday time all throughout the land. Here's hoping that yours is wonderful and grand. Merry Christmas.

RuraLove Client

2015-2016 Ministry Action Budget

Budget	\$149,703.00
Monthly Needs	12,475.00
Received Nov.	9,330.00
Received Oct.-Nov.	28,556.00
Budget	3,606.00

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 January: Baby bottles for crisis pregnancy centers (collect change and bills in baby bottles to go to help fund crisis pregnancy centers in our area). If you send the funds to Goshen it will go to Bethany Christian Services.

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.**

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
1616 Stafford Ave. Fredericksburg, VA 22401 540.370.1800.

RuraLove Ministry Update

During the past month RuraLove helped churches minister to:

- 16 families with financial needs
- 13 families with household needs
- 1 family with a whole house
- 4 families with clothing
- 3 families with medical
- 1 family with wood



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 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." We would also like people to donate younger books and Bibles for children under five.

CHURCH NEWS

Gordonsville collected 211 shoe boxes to Operation Christmas Child.

Louisa collected 105 boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Mount Gilead collected 139 shoe boxes and is now collecting for Lottie Moon. The church helps feed the homeless in Monroe Park and is collecting a blanket for each person. The Developing Disciples class adopted two families for Christmas and the preschool has adopted a family also.

Wallaers Puppetz4Jesus Ministry celebrated Christmas by spreading the Word of God in song during the Spotsylvania Christmas Parade, and along with the children's ministry at the annual Christmas play. Due to the donations of many local businesses, the Puppetz4Jesus now have a new trailer. If you would like to Puppetz4Jesus to come to your church event please contact the Wallaers church office at 540.582.5703.

Handbell Festival

February 12-13 ~ Eagle Eyrie ~ 434.384.2211 for more info.

2016 Camp Dates

Summer camp is shaping up with lots of exciting new activities. Mark your calendars you won't want to miss it.

Summer Camp Dates at CrossRoads

June 13-18	CoEd Week
June 20-25	Girls GA/Acteens Week
June 27-July 2	Girls Week
July 4-9	CoEd Week
July 11-18	CoEd Week

www.crossroadsccc.com

Impact VA!

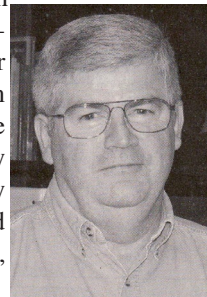
We need volunteers to sign up for Impact VA! in Orange area for July 10-16. We will need volunteers to lead construction teams, drivers, churches to provide lunches at job sites and more. If interested contact John Miller at 540.894.8440. We also need funds to pay for construction materials.

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"

One Christmas my wife and I purchased for our daughter a battery-powered snoring bear. The bear reacted to sound or vibration and when activated, would begin to snore loudly with his chest rising and falling. Our daughters were not allowed to wake us on Christmas morning before sunrise, partly because I was putting their toys, bikes and whatever together which often lasted way past the Jolly Old Elf's visitation period and partly because no one has ever accused me of being a morning person. On that Christmas Eve, I put batteries into the bear, turned it on, wrapped it and then carefully laid it on the floor. Informed of my actions my beloved wife simply rolled her eyes, muttered something about having four children to raise, not three, and went to sleep.



Shortly before dawn we heard the sound of footsteps carefully walking in the hall. It was still dark so they were not headed toward our room but to the tree where the bear awaited. Before long we heard my daughter gasp and then the sound of her running, not to us, but to her sister to warn her of the animal loose by the Christmas tree. I must admit, it is one of my favorite Christmas memories.

By the time you read this the Holy Season (not holidays) will be past. New memories of joyful mornings, presents, food, family love, and more will have been formed. Many will look back on this Christmas as a time of rejoicing, family, and blessing. And may it be more. May it be a time when the Nativity was not just a display on the lawn. May it be when the presents were less important than being together. And may it be a time when we realized the Holy is among us.

John

Recent Monthly Projects

17 Angels were adopted in the month of December!

Items collected for Goochland Womens Correctional Center:

	Churches Participaing	Total
Cards	12	7 1/2 trays
Calendars	10	205
Stamps	5	835
Comp. Books	8	149
Pencils	6	382
Puzzle Books	7	75

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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Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 New Year's Day ~ Office Closed
7 Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
11 Board of Directors GMC 7 p.m.
16 Partnership Missions Dinner Mineral Baptist 5 p.m.
17 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
25 Program Committee GMC 6:15 p.m.
25 Council Meeting GMC 7 p.m.

04	Kurt Buchanan	Zoar
06	Linda Hartsfield	Retired
16	Rebecca Whetzel	Blue Ridge Shores
16	Charlene Williams	Mechanicsville
25	Steve Whetzel	Blue Ridge Shores

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.