

Goshen News

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What would you like to do for a Mission project in 2017-2018?

Our options are listed below. Please contact John Miller with your opinions by phone or email: 540.894.8440 or jtsre@yahoo.com

Ghana ~ Our support for the nine church planter missionaries continues through 2021, but we will also have the opportunity to participate in VBS teams, Construction teams, and evangelism teams.

Romania ~ Our 2018 Mission Project will be another Sleep Away Camp and a possible VBS type Camp. We will need to collect around \$18,000 for the Camps. If interested in being on a team you should sign up soon as teams will fill up quickly because they will be small.

Haiti ~ World Vision, the Haitian Baptist Convention, and the BGAV are cooperating to revitalize a neighborhood in Haiti called Delmas 19. Plans include building block homes, and in the future, possibly a school, church, and community store. Those interested in the building projects will help raise funds for materials and take part in the construction.

Panama ~ There are many opportunities in Panama. We can raise funds to build a kitchen onto a church to feed hungry children on their way to school in the morning and at noon. The estimated cost of this project is \$12,000. There is also a need for more "Temples" to be built. There are many more needs in Panama... all we have to do is volunteer and the leaders will find work for us to do there.

Agape Praise Fellowship ~ This Missionary works in Baltimore, Maryland. He works with all people but has a heart for the unreached muslims in the area. Prayer walking would be an excellent idea for this team as well as other acts of ministry. www.agapepraise.org

Cleveland Hope ~ This is a group of leaders who send out teams into the area to help paint and do minor repair work to the homes of seniors and the low income in order to get an opportunity to share the Gospel while working. www.clevelandhope.com

Bland Mission Center ~ Located in Bland, Virginia, this mission does construction projects for the needy and has a clothing closet which always needs volunteers and much more. They work with the poor in Southwest Virginia. www.blandministrycenter.org

Disaster Relief ~ Goshen's Disaster Relief team has drastically dropped from around 80 certified people to around ten who are able to go onto a disaster site and help with a variety of tasks from Chaplaincy, to Mud Out, Feeding Units, and Childcare. We need to be prepared and stay certified. To see when the next training is go to www.BGAV.org or contact Sherry Vick at Goshen from 9-1 on Thursdays. 540.894.8440

Our Heritage of Religious Liberty Quiz Question

What did the colony of Virginia require of any dissenter seeking a license to preach in 1768?

- 1) appearance before the General Court of Williamsburg
- 2) pass an examination given by a clergyman of the established church
- 3) subscribe to the Thirty-nine Articles of the Church of England
- 4) be licensed to preach only for a specified, previously licensed meeting house

Answer is on back page, below calendar.

Finding Jesus

Retreat for Youth and Adults with
Special Needs
October 20-22
Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center
Lynchburg, VA
Registration opens July 1
www.EagleEyrie.org

Celebrate God's Children

August 5
Second Baptist Church
9614 River Road, Richmond
www.BGAV.org/CWE

Thank You Note

Just a quick note to say thank ou for the two layettes (for twins - a boy and a girl). I am always overwhelmed by the generosity of the churches/members who put these together. I am back to work with CHIP and I am looking forward to partnering with you again to serve the families in Louisa! Thanks again for all you do!

Amy (CHIP Social Worker)

(CHIP ~ Children's Health Improvement Program)

Mission Opportunities

Projects for June: RuraLove Building Fund and Church planter support due
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, electric stoves, washing machines, dryers, good vehicles, 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
540.373.5165

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.

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:

- 17 families with financial needs
- 4 families with household needs
- 2 families with a layette
- 1 family with medical



Notice to Churches

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

2016-2017 Ministry Action Budget

Budget	\$152,505.00
Monthly Needs	12,709.00
Received April	9,378.00
Received Oct.-April	92,227.00
Budget	3,264.00

CHURCH NEWS

First Baptist will host the Louisa County Sunday School VBS June 26-30 from 8:30-noon, with adult classes each evening beginning at 7 p.m. For further information contact director Marilyn Winn at 202.500.4827. All are welcome to attend.

Gordonsville will hold VBS the week of June 26 with the theme "Galactic Starveyors."

Louisa will hold a Mega Sports Camp July 10-13 with dinner from 5:15-6:00 p.m. and classes from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The Mega Sports Camp will feature classes in karate, soccer, music, art, and more.

Mechanicsville will hold VBS June 11-15 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The theme this year will be Galactic Starveyors.

Mineral will hold VBS June 19-23 from 9 a.m. - noon. Mineral Ladies Ministry Team is having a BIG fundraiser on July 22 from 9-3. There will be crafters, yard sale tables, and church ministries will be represented. All are invited.

Mine Road is seeking a pianist. This is a paid position. Contact Hazel Perry at 540.287.8770.

Mount Gilead will hold VBS June 26-30 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The preschool is now registering for the 2017-2018 school year. Classes are available for 2, 3, and 4 year-olds.

Oakland calls Pastor Nate Varnier and wife Julie to begin June 15. Oakland will hold VBS June 19-23 with the theme Galactic Starveyors. They will have classes for ages 3 to adult.

Orange will hold VBS July 23-27

Waller's opportunities: Sisters of Strength meets twice a month for Bible Study and fellowship; The Men's Ministry meets once a month with a guest speaker at the Men's Breakfast on July 15 at 8 a.m.; The children and youth ministry will have a "Color Blast Story Time" for ages 3-high school on June 28 at 6:30 p.m.

With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Pastor Kurt Buchanan on the passing of his father, Roger. Kurt is the pastor of Zoar.

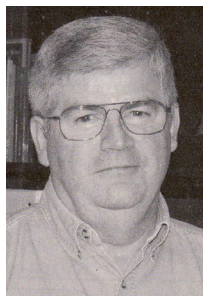
October Mission Celebration

Please begin collecting the following items to bring to the Fall Mission Celebration:

- motel/hotel shampoo, lotions, soaps
- deoderant - men and women's
- toothbrushes - individually packaged
- toothpaste
- travel size tissues
- chapstick
- disposable razors
- comb or small hair brush

"Grist from the Mill"

People have asked me what I did for the three months I was on sabbatical. Some pictured me swinging on a hammock, sipping mint juleps, or whatever you sip while on a hammock, being gently rocked by warm semi-tropical breezes. Others pictured me sleeping until noon then rising, showering, and laying down for my early afternoon nap. Still others pictured my time away as an



extended world tour, visiting various historical/archaeological sites with lecture notes in hand. I wonder if I should be concerned that not one vision had me actually working at anything.

During my time away I visited with my father in Tennessee. I attended a discussion group session about humor in the Scripture. I took part in a seminar on coaching, an interest I have developed over the past few years, and another seminar on the importance of having a vision from God if the individual, church, or Association is to be healthy and in His will. I also spent a lot of time trying to keep up with my wife's ever growing to-do list. She thoughtfully did not want me to be bored.

Mostly though, I spent time thinking. I reflected on my 38 years in the Gospel ministry. I looked at my family and the changes time has brought. I considered tomorrow and the tomorrows after that and wondered what life will bring my grandsons. And I thought a lot about the Goshen.

In the next weeks and months you will see some of the results of my musings. You will see questions about Baptists in Virginia history; thoughts on how vision will empower and challenge any congregation and about what it means to say, "I am a Baptist" in today's world. Perhaps all that the time on the hammock was not a complete waste.

John

Ghana Church Planters

Thirteen Goshen churches will have the opportunity to support nine village church planters in Yendi, Ghana for five years (ends in 2021). The cost is \$360 per year. Not for each planter... but altogether which means the planters are receiving about \$40 a month to support themselves. The following churches have signed up: Antioch, Berea, Louisa, Mine Road, North Pamunkey, Oakland, Smyrna, and Waldrop.

This ministry was begun by the More Than Nets Program where mosquito netting is given to each family in the village, as well as training on how to use it, and the Gospel is presented.

Hundreds of churches have been planted as a result of the ministry and thousands of people have come to know the Lord.

Please ask your church in the next business meeting if this is something your church would like to participate in.

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
Arise Ministry Group - South Africa www.arisemg.org.za

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June

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m
- 3 RuraLove Yardsale GMC 8-12:30
- 4 WMU Annual Planning GMC 3:00 p.m.
- 11 Goshen Missions Meeting GMC 2:00 p.m.
- 11-12 National WMU Annual Meeting Phoenix, AZ
- 13-14 SBC Annual Meeting Phoenix, AZ
- 18 Father's Day - Sock it to Dad (Socks and Tennis Shoes for Standing Rock)
- 26-30 CBF General Assembly Atlanta, GA

GMC= Goshen Ministry Center, 587 Mica Road, Mineral

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| 01 | Green Anniversary | Louisa |
| 02 | Susan Hunter | Retired |
| 05 | Nancy Emerick | Retired |
| 06 | Bowers Anniversary | Dogwood |
| 07 | Deborah Durham | Retired |
| 08 | John Swain | Craigs |
| 09 | Nancy McDaniel | Retired |
| 09 | Beth Andersen | Crossroads |
| 11 | Mike Durham | Retired |
| 11 | Lee Bowers | Dogwood |
| 11 | John Shutlock | Smyrna |
| 12 | Miller Anniversary | Orange |
| 17 | Rick Clore | Retired |
| 19 | Green Anniversary | Antioch |
| 21 | Wollenberg Anniversary | Mine Road |
| 26 | Wilson Anniversary | Perkins |
| 26 | Jarrell Anniversary | No Pamunkey |
| 27 | Tim Wilson | Perkins |

Answer from page 2 Quiz ~ All are true. The General Court granted such licenses twice a year. Many Separate Baptists refused to undergo what they perceived as an humiliating experience. They believed their commission to preach came from God alone, not by man.