



Goshen News

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**We need your
HELPING HANDS**

*at the
Goshen Spring
Missions
Celebration*

Mt Gilead Baptist Church
(4768 Shannon Hill Road, Columbia)
Sunday, April 11
3 p.m.

**Emphasis:
Stop Hunger Now
meal packing**

**Offering:
Food Bags for
local food
ministries**



**The
Hands
of
Christ**



*~growing
~serving
~cooperating*

**Goshen Associational
Spring Meeting**

Oakland Baptist Church
(2965 Oakland Church Road, Gum Spring)
Tuesday, April 27 at 3 p.m.

**Devotional:
Rev. Gregory
Washington**

**Doctrinal Message:
Rev. Wayne Collis**

**Special Music:
Miss Tiffany
Graves**



2009-2010 Ministry Action Budget Receipts

Church	February	Year	GRIF 2010
Antioch		1,087.77	
Berea		300.00	
Blue Ridge Shores	224.86	885.70	
Calvary		492.25	
Craigs			
Crossroads CC		197.24	
Dogwood	179.87	841.71	
Elk Creek		875.00	
FBC, Louisa		200.00	
Goldmine		394.26	
Gordonsville		1,504.05	
Hebron	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Louisa		2,250.00	
Mechanicsville	844.59	4,127.20	
Memorial/Columbia		150.00	
Mine Road	150.00	900.00	
Mineral		5,027.00	
Mount Gilead	341.21	3,192.66	
Mount Hermon		80.00	
New Hope		1,000.00	
North Pamunkey	347.98	1,957.65	
Oakland		2,388.83	
Orange		866.68	
Perkins		1,400.00	
Rhoadesville	458.00	2,416.00	
Servants of Christ		1,269.28	
Shady Grove		500.00	
Smyrna		600.00	
South Anna		200.00	
St. Mark		500.00	
Thornburg	194.00	976.00	
Trinity	100.00	200.00	
Waldrops			
Waller		1,899.71	
Zoar		600.00	
Others	100.00	730.00	40.00
Total as of 2/28/10	3,940.51	41,008.99	40.00

Thank You Notes:

Thank you for your assistance with my electric bill. It is very much appreciated and I hope to be able to "pay it forward" one day. May God bless you and your ministry.

Name withheld

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Goshen Association; We greet you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. We, the graduating students of India Baptist Theological Seminary send our gratitude for this precious gift you have given us - a copy of Wayne Gruedem's Systematic Theology and a study Bible. This will be a blessing for us throughout our ministry career, and we believe your prayers are with us. May the Lord bless you and reward you. Each of us are getting one copy each and that will be a reminder for us to pray for the Goshen Association.

Signed by all of the 27 graduates

Mission Opportunities

Project for April: Candy and gum bags. Place individually wrapped hard candy (no chocolate) and small packs of gum into a small zipper bag. Yes! It's that easy. Bring to the Spring Goshen Associational Meeting at Oakland April 27. These candy and gum bags will be given to the Seafarers and Truckers Ministry on the Eastern Shore of Virginia to be given out with Christian literature and Bibles.

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

URGENT: Dressers, ALL mattress sets! Also, summer clothes, sofas, cribs, pots and pans, can openers, mops, brooms, electric stoves, washing machines, refrigerators, good vehicles, etc. Please make sure all donations work before giving them to RuraLove. **Also NEED VOLUNTEERS** for pick-ups and deliveries, and to help sort Tues. 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
1616 Stafford Avenue, Fredericksburg 540.370.1800

Hope House

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

Safe House

For Battered and Abused Women and their children. P.O. Box 402, Culpeper, VA 22701 540.825.TURN

Sheltering Arms

A Christ centered homeless shelter ~ Orange 540.672.6210

Thurman Brisben Center

Homeless shelter - Fredericksburg 540.899.9853

***All ministries listed above are in need of:**

your prayers, financial support, volunteers, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, styrofoam cups and plates, cleaning & laundry supplies, baby formulas & foods, diapers (all sizes), towels, washcloths, dish detergent, bleach, toothbrushes & paste, shampoo, hair spray, hair care for African Americans, deodorant, combs, brushes, sanitary products for women, disposable razors, shaving cream, light bulbs, paper lunch bags, plastic sandwich bags, etc.

RuraLove Ministry Update

During the past month RuraLove helped churches minister to:

- 17 families with financial help
- 17 families with household needs
- 1 family with whole house set-up
- 12 families with clothing
- 1 family with medical
- 2 families with a baby layette



RuraLove is in desperate need of baby boy, girl, and neutral Layettes!

CHURCH NEWS

Berea held a building dedication in March for their new social hall.

Gordonsville will hold a Community Fun Festival Saturday, May 15 from 2-7 p.m. VBS will be held June 15-19 with the theme Saddle Ridge Ranch.

Mineral will hold a Sunrise Service on Jordan's Path at 6:30 a.m. with Sunday School from 9:15-10:15 and Easter Service at 10:30 in the Family Life Center. Also, Youth Bingo April 9th Mineral Fire House with dinner available starting at 5:30 p.m. for \$8 and Bingo at 7 p.m.. \$20 for 16 games. This is a fundraiser for the youth to go to Centerfuge and other youth activities. For more information contact the church 894.4234.

New Hope welcomes Rev. Dr. Dennis Martin and his wife, Susan. If you would like to contact Dr. Martin, call 540.308.5548 or email: dr-d@live.com

Orange welcomes a new member by profession of faith.

Perkins will have VBS June 21-25 from 9 a.m. til noon. The theme is Saddle Ridge Ranch.

Rhoadesville will hold VBS July 12-16.

Zoar will hold VBS June 7-11 from 6-8:30 p.m. The theme is Saddle Ridge Ranch.

Stop Hunger Now

Antioch	\$1,350.00
Berea	90.00
Blue Ridge Shores	160.00
Craigs	456.50
Dogwood	416.52
FBC, Louisa	325.00
Hebron	200.00
Louisa	50.00
Mechanicsville	895.15
Mine Road	317.00
Mount Gilead	274.91
Mount Hermon	250.00
New Hope	124.00
North Pamunkey	126.50
Oakland	88.00
Perkins	794.00
Servants	150.60
Thornburg	176.00
Trinity	290.00
Zoar	1,127.00
Others	1,110.00
Fall Meeting Offering	334.00
Total	9,105.18

2010 Baby Bottle Project

Antioch	\$100.00
Blue Ridge Shores	153.58
Perkins	92.60
Servants	299.83
Total	646.01

"Grist from the Mill"

Diane Chiles became a volunteer for the RuraLove Ministry of the Goshen as part of Louisa Baptist's Forty Days of Service. She and Wilson, her husband, volunteered during that time to fulfill their pledge to be of service to their God in their community. Even after the forty days passed, they remained as volunteers for the ministry. Wednesday mornings, Diane sat at the receptionist's desk answering the phones, greeting people, filling out forms and in various other ways helping the work of RuraLove and of the Goshen get done. Many were touched by her calm demeanor, her soft but professional tone and her desire to see people helped if possible.

Diane died unexpectedly and her loss will be felt by more than her family and friends. She had accepted a role in the Association most would never desire. The people she spoke with were often worried, even frightened, because they were in such need of help. And yes, she spoke with those in our area who wished to take advantage and to receive money others more truly needed. But to each one Diane showed herself a Christian woman whose compassion was unsullied by the remarks anger and frustration of those who sought relief from our Ministry.

RuraLove will be closed this week to allow her friends and co-workers to attend her funeral service. But it will be open again next week to continue the work of helping those in our community whose lives are at a low point. Some people come to the warehouse looking for a bargain while others come seeking something they can afford. But they come looking for more than that. They seek people with compassion, a welcoming hand and an open heart. In Diane and the other RuraLove volunteers they found all these and more.

John

Diane began volunteering in October 2007 at RuraLove. Then continued January 2008-March 2010. She will be dearly missed. A contribution was made in her memory to RuraLove. If you would like to make a donation in Diane's memory to RuraLove, send it to Goshen, P.O. Box 296, Mineral, VA 23117 and in the memo write "Diane - RuraLove."

Urgent

We are urgently seeking volunteers for our Children's Ministry Team, July 7-17, 2010 during the Summer Conference of the International Baptist Convention in Interlaken, Switzerland. We provide Bible teaching and discipleship training for the children of the church leaders from all over Europe and the Middle East. We are seeking 35 volunteers for babies through 7th grade. There are opportunities to serve in Missions, Music, Worship, Recreation, Nurses, and Floaters. For additional information: <http://home.comcast.net/~sj.phillips01/Interlakeninfo.html>

Craig Waddell

Craig.Waddell@vbmb.org

Renew Your Support

It is time to renew your support to Benford, our South Africa church planter. This is the last year of our pledged support for him. We need 13 churches again this year at \$360 per church. So far we have Calvary, Dogwood, Goldmine, Gordonsville, Louisa, North Pamunkey, Orange, Perkins WoM, Rhoadesville, Smyrna, and Wallers. Please mail your check in soon.

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

01	Pam Lloyd	Servants of Christ
02	Dixie Boschen	Goldmine
03	Vickie Howell	Smyrna
07	Farrow Anniversary	Mine Road
08	Carmen Williams	Retired
09	Jim Stone	Mineral
10	Melinda Bowers	Dogwood
13	Novella Riggins	Berea

April

- 1 Minister's Breakfast 9 a.m. GMC
- 3 RuralLove Yardsale 8-1 at the warehouse
- 4-5 Office Closed for Easter
- 11 Goshen Spring Missions Celebration 3-6 p.m.
Mount Gilead ~ 4768 Shannon Hill Road, Columbia
- 12 Coordinating Comm. 7 p.m. GMC
- 13-14 VBMB Meeting - VBRC, Richmond
- 16-17 Acteen Weekender Eagle Eyrie, Lynchburg
- 19 Associational Council GMC 7 p.m.
- 23-24 Mom and Me 1 Eagle Eyrie, Lynchburg
- 24-25 Mom and Me 2 Eagle Eyrie, Lynchburg
- 27 Goshen Spring Meeting 3 p.m. Oakland Baptist
2965 Oakland Church Road, Gum Spring
- 30-1 Empowering Church Leaders, Eagle Eyrie
GMC = Goshen Ministry Center 587 Mica Rd., Mineral

Need a pulpit supply?

Brian Miller	804.883.7351
Bob Graver	540.972.8610
Rick Mitchell	540.854.6723
James Eure	540.842.9287
Charlie Chilton	540.972.9497
Ed Jordon	804.556.2122

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.

Websites for Ministries

Door of Hope - South Africa (Christian Orphanages which place abandoned children) www.holeinthewall.org.za

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

South India - Dr. & Mrs. Kunjumon Chacko, P.O. Box 11, Vadavathoor P.O, Kottayam, Kerala, India 686010
email: chackos@sancharnet.in www.preciouschildren.org

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