



Goshen News

Goshen Baptist Association

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ANGEL TREE

a part of the Chuck Cholson Prison Ministry

If you would like to participate in this ministry to children of a parent who is incarcerated... call the Goshen Ministry Center at 540.894.8440.

DEADLINE: December 17

INMATE BAGS

We need 600 plus inmate bags to make sure every inmate gets one this Christmas. Please use a one gallon size bag, they are easier to pack. Please include:

Shampoo & Hair conditioner (full sized)

(With some bags include hair grease for African American women)

Hand & Body Lotion

Bar of Soap

Solid Deodorant

Pair of White Socks

Wash Cloth

Tooth Paste

Tooth Brush (wrapped)

Baby Powder

Other items allowed:

Stick pens and a package of note cards

Small address books

Enclose a Christmas Card with your Church's name on it. No personal addresses.

DEADLINE: December 14 at GMC

CALENDARS

Please save 2010 calendars that you receive but have enough already. We will be sending along with inmate bags to the Women's Prison.

GOSHEN WEBSITE

NOW has the newsletter and monthly calendar on site. If you would like to NOT receive a hard copy of the Goshen news call 894.8440.

see page 3 for more information on website

PARTNERSHIP

MISSIONS DINNER

Saturday, January 9

5 p.m.

Mineral Baptist Church

Make your reservations now for the annual Partnership Missions Dinner. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Dinner is followed by a program highlighting the mission opportunities of the coming year. Dinner is \$6 per person. Under 12 eat free. If childcare is required please request when you call in your reservation. To reserve your seat call the Goshen Ministry Center at 540.894.8440.

HISPANIC CHURCH

CHOOSES NAME

Goshen's Hispanic Church plant has chosen a name based on John 1:29b:

Iglesia Cristiana Cordero de Dios

translated Lamb of God Christian Church

Merry Christmas
to You!

John & Toni

Joy & Tommy

and all the Goshen & RuraLove Volunteers

2009-2010 Ministry Action Budget Receipts

Church	October	Year	GRIF 2010
Antioch	253.24		
Berea			
Blue Ridge Shores			
Calvary			
Craigs			
Crossroads CC	197.24		
Dogwood			
Elk Creek			
FBC, Louisa			
Goldmine	46.28		
Gordonsville			
Hebron			
Louisa	775.00		
Mechanicsville	926.68		
Memorial/Columbia			
Mine Road	300.00		
Mineral			
Mount Gilead	1,750.00		
Mount Hermon			
New Hope			
North Pamunkey	369.27		
Oakland	1,129.89		
Orange			
Perkins	700.00		
Rhoadesville	750.00		
Servants of Christ	628.80		
Shady Grove	500.00		
Smyrna			
South Anna	200.00		
St. Mark			
Thornburg	177.00		
Trinity			
Waldrops			
Walters	917.20		
Zoar			
Others	100.00		
Total as of 10/31/09	9,720.60		

Study Bibles Needed

If you would like to provide a McArthur Study Bible for a graduating student at the Seminary in South India, send contributions to Goshen with the memo "Bibles for Seminary Grads." Each Bible will cost \$30. There are 25 students graduating at the end of this semester.

Stop Hunger Now

\$143.05	Servants of Christ
\$100.00	Other
\$334.00	Fall Missions Celebration

Please continue to collect funds for Stop Hunger Now and have into the Goshen Ministry Center by March 1st.

Mission Opportunities

Project for December: Angel Tree & Inmate Bags: regular sized shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, individually wrapped toothbrush, solid deodorant, hand lotion, hair grease, comb (no handle), 2 pencils, note paper, pair of white socks, bar soap, washcloth. Place in a ONE gallon bag.

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

URGENT: Dressers, ALL mattress sets! Also, cribs, pots and pans, can openers, mixers, mops, brooms, laundry baskets, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, 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:

- 15 families with financial help
- 3 families with prescriptions
- 19 families with household needs
- 2 family with whole house set-up
- 17 families with clothing
- 10 Boxes of summer childrens clothes to El Salvador
- 2 families with a medical loan
- 4 families with baby items



CHURCH NEWS

Antioch will present "The Birth of Our Deliverer" on Sun., Dec. 13 during the 11 a.m. service.

Blue Ridge Shores hosted a Harvest Festival with hayrides, BBQ, and live music.

Craig's has opened its child day care and preschool center. They held a Harvest Festival on Oct. 31 with brunswick stew, games, and candy for the children.

Elk Creek will present "Welcome, Baby Jesus" on Sun., Dec. 13 at 6 p.m.

First Baptist Missionaries sponsored their annual pre-Thanksgiving dinner, the Saturday before Thanksgiving, for the sick, disabled, shut-ins, and senior citizens of the community.

Goldmine welcomes six new members to their congregation.

Gordonville will present the musical "The Ornament" on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m. with reception following and Sun., Dec. 13 at 11 a.m.

Iglesia Cristiana Cordero de Dios celebrates another convert this month.

Louisa dedicated their new ministry center on Oct. 24. This ministry center will be the home of many outreach programs and in addition be the home of the Iglesia Cristiana Cordero de Dios. The Ministry Center is located on Main Street in Louisa on the opposite side of the flower shop as the church building.

Mechanicsville will present "The Gift Goes On" on Sunday evening December 20 at 7 p.m.

New Hope has called Dennis and Susan Martin.

Oakland has called Co Interim Pastors, Judy and David Bailey.

Orange welcomes two new members by profession of faith. Their singing Christmas tree will be held Dec. 12 & 13 at 5 & 7:30 p.m.

Rhoadesville welcomes three new members. They recently completed 180 quilts for the Linus Project.

Zoar has extended a call to Rev. Tim Kirby to be their pastor. His first Sunday will be December 6. The church has baptized two new believers in October.

Yard Sale

Lots of tools, nuts, bolts, wood, and man junk as well as Christmas items, household goods, and clothing. Stuff for everyone in the family! 100% of proceeds benefit local families in crisis.

Where: RuraLove Warehouse
587 Mica Road, Mineral

When: Saturday, December 5 from 8-1

"Grist from the Mill"

I am writing this article on Veteran's Day. Today there will be speeches, parades, ceremonies at our National Cemeteries and flags flown on porches and worn on our lapels. Today old men and women will recall a time in their youth when they heard a call to act and responded. Today young boys and girls will see a different look in the eyes of their parents and grandparents as if they were somehow far away, seeing sights that young eyes cannot behold.

My father served in the Second World War. As a nineteen year old waist gunner on a B17 he flew thirty missions over France and Germany. His plane, the "Hard Luck," was forced down in Belgium and his crew was able to return to England after three days only because the Belgian underground found them before the German soldiers did. They arrived back at their base on the same day the telegrams were scheduled to go out declaring them missing in action.

Like most veterans, my father rarely speaks about the war. The stories I did learn were about the friendships and the silly acts of young men far from home. He never shares a story of combat. He never speaks about his actions or the awards he and his crew received. He never asks to be praised for doing what he knew needed to be done. In this way, he is typical of the veterans of our country.

The men and women of our military do not seek glory, honor, and praise. They do not demand to be treated as special. They serve so that young children who see that faraway look in their parent's and grandparent's eyes will never have to learn what placed that look there. For this reason we honor, praise, and thank them.

John

Thank You Notes:

"Thank you very much for the gift basket (Layette). It was wonderful and very helpful. I really loved the beautiful blanket also. Again, thank you very much."

Name Withheld

"Thanks for the copy of Goshen Minutes! Reading the contents was akin to a "return home" visit after a 50 year absence (I'm 94).

The "all inclusive record" reflects a broader vision and heightened activity compared to the program of yesteryears due in a large part to the "hands on" ministry rendered beyond financial support.

May even greater accomplishments await the Association's future!"

With Appreciation
Orene D. Todd

GOSHEN BAPTIST WEBSITE

We want the Goshen website to be you one stop shop! Our website needs YOUR help. Stop by and have a look at our current site at www.goshenassociation.com, our design, and our content. Send us your articles, activities, corrections, updates, publicity articles, etc. We even want your constructive criticism on how to improve the site or what you'd like to see on the site. Your input for this will be a valuable tool and resource to all our sister churches in the association, to those looking for a home church, or just exploring what it means to be a Christian. Email suggestions or updates to oaklandsherry09@yahoo.com. Thank you for taking the time to review the site.

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

04	Rick Mitchell	
08	Eric Pelter	(Mt. Hermon)
15	Pelter Anniversary	(Mt. Hermon)
17	Karen Clore	(Orange)
18	Burgess Anniversary	(Retired)
20	Jerry Riggins	(Berea)
21	Hartsfield Anniversary	(Retired)
22	Wright Anniversary	(Trinity)
28	Mitchell Anniversary	
30	Jim Graham	(Waller)
31	McClary Anniversary	(South Anna)

December

Nov. 29-Dec. 6 Week of Prayer for International Missions

- 1-2 VMBB Board Meetings
- 3 Minister's Breakfast 9 a.m. GMC
- 6 WMU Leadership Meeting 3:30 p.m. GMC
- 12 Hispanic Christmas Fiesta 2-5 p.m. Louisa BC
- 14 Deadline: Inmate Bags
- 17 Deadline: Angel Tree
- 24-Jan 3 Office Closed for Christmas

GMC = Goshen Ministry Center 587 Mica Rd., Mineral

Living Hope Community Centre - South Africa Prayer Requests

~Please pray that God will supply their need for \$300,000 annually as their US AID has ceased.

~Please pray for funding for a second chaplain.

~Please pray for a Christian Registered Nurse.

www.livinghope.co.za

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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