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Goshen Association recognizes Deacon Franklin Brice

Best known for a song in his heart reflecting his love for his Lord, Deacon Brice has served the Savior faithfully for over 55 years. He is a founding member of several choirs, including the St. Mark's Men's Choir, the second Union Men's Chorus, and the Deacon's Conference Choir of Goochland.

Actively involved in the life and ministries of Second Union Baptist Church for 30 years, the Brices have been members of St. Mark Baptist Church for the past 25 years. Deacon Brice suffered a stroke in 2008 which has greatly curtailed his activities. Prior to his illness, he was an active deacon, sang in the Senior Choir and the Men's Chorus, taught and served as superintendent of the Sunday School, drove the church van, and contributed to and volunteered for numerous other church ministries. He has been very active in the life of his



Deacon Franklin Brice (right) is pictured with his wife Irene, daughters Helene and Adeene; and granddaughter.

local community, government, and NAACP. Known throughout the community as a person who has always been willing to lend a helping hand to all in need.

A native of Goochland, Deacon Brice is the youngest of nine children. He was a hard worker on the family farm in Fife and left school to help support his family, delaying his education. He earned his GED after serving two years in the U.S. Army. Always the entrepreneur, Brice was a cattle farmer, hauled pulp wood, bailed hay, was a part-time bus driver, and owned a vanpool business. He retired as superintendent of housekeeping with the Medical College of Virginia and Virginia Commonwealth University after 25 years of service. In retirement, Brice bought, sold and worked on cars. He was one of the first black members of the Goochland Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Together, the Brice's have seven children, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. They currently reside in Maidens.

This is our (Goshen's) first effort to identify and recognize laypersons in Goshen churches that have made a difference in their church and community for Christ.

Pastors (retired and active), Associates, Staff, and Spouses

*You are cordially invited to attend the 13th annual
Pastor Appreciation Banquet
Monday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m.
Mineral Baptist Church*

*There is no cost, but reservations must be made
by February 10. 540.894.8440.*

2009-2010 Ministry Action Budget Receipts

Church	December	Year	GRIF 2010
Antioch	259.93	809.80	
Berea			
Blue Ridge Shores	261.91	493.60	
Calvary		492.25	
Craigs			
Crossroads CC		197.24	
Dogwood	289.69	466.07	
Elk Creek			
FBC, Louisa			
Goldmine		328.71	
Gordonsville	1,504.05	1,504.05	
Hebron			
Louisa		1,525.00	
Mechanicsville	1,511.97	3,282.61	
Memorial/Columbia		75.00	
Mine Road	150.00	600.00	
Mineral		2,633.00	
Mount Gilead	474.28	2,538.75	
Mount Hermon			
New Hope	1,000.00	1,000.00	
North Pamunkey	410.57	1,138.77	
Oakland		1,129.89	
Orange	433.34	433.34	
Perkins		700.00	
Rhoadesville	375.00	1,500.00	
Servants of Christ		628.80	
Shady Grove		500.00	
Smyrna	300.00	300.00	
South Anna		200.00	
St. Mark			
Thornburg	236.00	634.00	
Trinity		100.00	
Waldrops			
Walters	546.37	1,463.57	
Zoar			
Others		310.00	40.00
Total as of 12/31/09	7,753.11	24,984.45	40.00

Mission Opportunities

Project for February: Children's Hygiene and Activity Packs/Duffel Bags.

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.

Stop Hunger Now

\$150.60 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.**

RuraLove Ministry Update

During the past month RuraLove helped churches minister to:

- 12 families with financial help
- 6 families with household needs
- 1 family with whole house set-up
- 2 families with clothing
- 3 family with firewood
- 3 families with fuel oil
- 1 family with a baby layette
- 2 families with baby items



CHURCH NEWS

Berea gave a CD changer to the chapel at McGuire's. Gift bags were sent to the injured vets being treated at UVA and 50 movie tickets given to the vets in Charlottesville. Berea sent 48 shoe boxes for Samaritans Purse. They elected two new deacons.

Craigs distributed 63 crocheted hats and scarves to the needy in the Fredericksburg area.

Oakland welcomes two new members by baptism.

COOKIE CAPER ALTERNATIVES

Berea sent 1,200 cookies (100 dozen) to the homeless Vets at McGuire Hospital in Richmond.

Louisa sent 71 dozen cookies to South Korea. Rusty Massie, a member of Louisa Baptist Church is stationed there; so they sent cookies to his flight group.

Oakland reported that they supported one of their own soldiers; Gabe Edwards is a member of the US Navy. His ship returned to Norfolk Naval Base in December. Oakland sent over 100 dozen cookies to Gabe's squadron, The Sea Knights. Gabe and his wife personally delivered the cookies to the base. The men and women were very surprised and thankful for the cookies.

Perkins' newsletter reports 160 dozen cookies sent to an Army unit in Afghanistan.

Servants of Christ sent gift cards to injured soldiers recuperating in a Marine Hospital in Texas.

Zoar's newsletter reports homebaked cookies collected for the Wilderness Food Bank.

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, Goldmine, North Pamunkey, Perkins and Wallers. Please mail your check in soon.

Need a pulpit supply?

Brian Miller	804.883.7351
Bob Graver	540.972.8610
Charles Hardie	804.556.9010
Rick Mitchell	540.854.6723
James Eure	540.842.9287
Charlie Chilton	540.972.9497
Ed Jordon	804.556.2122

"Grist from the Mill"

While a student preparing for the ministry, I heard the story of the statue of Christ with no hands. The story has many versions. One involves a bombed-out church in England, another an equally destroyed church in Germany, and a third tells of a discovery by an American soldier in Italy. All speak of a statue damaged by either conflict or the cruelty of man with the hands of the statue missing. The details vary according to the story but all end with a plaque or inscription being placed by the statue that reads: "I have no hands but your hands..."

Those words are from a poem by Teresa of Avila that speaks about the need for Believers to work for our Savior. As a young man I found these words compelling. Today, I find them humbling. The Lord of the Universe, in an act of great love and trust, calls us to serve Him by reaching out to serve those around us. To think that He trusts me and folks like me to see His work accomplished overwhelms me.

Last Saturday, the Goshen celebrated this trust and call upon our lives with our annual Partnership Missions Dinner. There we heard how the Lord called the people of the Goshen to go as the hands of Christ to feed the hungry, teach the unlearned, bless the hurting and tell the unloved of a love they could never imagine. The Partnership we celebrated ultimately is one between our Lord and each of us. Working together, we reach out to our neighbors, nation, and world.

During the dinner we looked back at all the ways the Father had called us to serve. Now, let us look forward to the calling of our God to be His hands in this new year.

John

Feedback Wanted

On January 9th, we had a wonderful Partnership Missions Dinner. It included pictures from our missions works, testimonies about how the Lord has called us to serve Him, a recognition of one of the Lord's great servants, and a fine meal. Now, a question for those who attended: How can we do it better? What would you like to see and hear at our annual celebration of God's working in and through us? Please email your comments, suggestions, and critiques to the Goshen Ministry Center office at goshenba@nexet.net or call us at 540.894.8440. We look forward to hearing from you all.

Partnership Recap

The annual Partnership Missions Dinner had 22 churches in Goshen represented with 118 in attendance including 7 Goshen pastors.

Speakers included:

Lesley Alford, speaking on her mission trip to Moldova
Mary Millsaps, speaking on her mission trip to Bremen, Germany and Paris, France

Barry Jacobs, speaking on his construction mission trip to South Africa

Ginger Garton, speaking on her mission trip to Switzerland
Brittany Garton, speaking on her mission trip to the gypsies in Romania

and Jim Graham speaking about his evangelism mission trip to South Africa

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

01	Riggins Anniversary	Berea
02	Herman Williams	Retired
05	Linda Terry	Retired
10	John McKay	Retired
13	Brian Harfst	Antioch
13	Dickens Anniversary	Ministry Assist.
14	Amy Lester	Thornburg
22	Ellen Farrow	Mine Road

February

4	Minister's Breakfast	GMC	9 a.m.
4-5	VA Missions Forum,	Rosylh	
14-21	Focus on WMU		
15	Pastor/Spouse Appreciation Dinner	Mineral BC	6:30 p.m.

GMC = Goshen Ministry Center 587 Mica Rd., Mineral

GOSHEN WEBSITE

The Goshen Website: www.goshenassociation.com
NOW has the newsletter and monthly calendar on site. If you would like to download your own copy from the internet and NOT receive a hard copy of the Goshen news call 894.8440 to be removed from our mailing list.

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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