

# Goshen News

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## Celebrates 30 years



***Joy Dickens was surprised with a palque and check from a love offering during the July Council Meeting for her 30th anniversary of working as Ministry Assistant for Goshen Baptist Association.***

Joy Dickens, Ministry Assistant for Goshen Baptist Association, began 30 years ago in the basement of her home typing a newsletter, piecing it together and running it off on an old crank memograph machine. Technology has come a long way since then and so has Dickens as she works in the multiple ministries and aspects of the day-to-day life of the Goshen Association.

Volunteering almost as many hours as she works, she has an eye for organization and a heart for the Goshen Churches to thrive. She was also a major part of the creation of the RuraLove Ministry and continues to volunteer of its organization in many ways.

Joy gave her heart to the Lord as a young woman and has continually worked in His service since her conversion. She has been married to H. T. "Tommy" Dickens for 52 years and has four grown children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

## News from Romania



***Brittany Garton working with the Roma people at the Ruth School. Pray for Nicu and his brothers as he continues to recover from his surgery.***

Murphy Terry approached Brittany Garton at the age of 13 to ask if she would be interested in going on her first mission trip to work with the Roma (gypsy) people of Romania. This question changed her life. For the past eight summers she has been working with Roma children all over Romania through mainly VBS outreach ministries in collaboration with Project Ruth.

During her high school years, God began making it very clear that summer missions were not all He had in mind for her as He gave her a passion for the Roma children of Romania that filled her heart.

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## 2010-2011 Ministry Action Budget Receipts

# Mission Opportunities

Church	July	Year	GRIF 2011
Antioch	574.88	3,068.68	
Berea		450.00	
Blue Ridge Shores	166.19	1,939.02	
Craigs			84.00
Crossroads CC		25.00	
Dogwood		2,107.88	255.00
Elk Creek		4,850.00	391.00
FBC, Louisa		100.00	
Goldmine	85.05	798.92	100.00
Gordonsville	2,773.99	9,927.90	
Hebron	200.00	1,200.00	567.21
Louisa		5,888.31	120.00
Mechanicsville	944.22	8,389.44	
Memorial/Columbia		75.00	
Mine Road	150.00	1,500.00	32.00
Mineral		7,682.00	
Mount Gilead	336.55	4,286.95	145.00
Mount Hermon	80.00	220.00	
New Hope		3,000.00	
North Pamunkey	405.94	4,322.06	530.00
Oakland	1,306.26	5,550.93	200.00
Orange	216.66	2,166.60	370.00
Perkins		3,000.00	980.00
Rhoadesville	500.00	4,878.00	225.00
Servants of Christ	465.05	2,317.65	
Shady Grove		400.00	
Smyrna	141.66	1,294.80	
South Anna	200.00	400.00	
St. Mark		500.00	
Thornburg	236.00	1,650.00	
Trinity		600.00	
Waldrops	1,124.07	1,124.07	
Walters	612.26	6,631.37	50.00
Zoar		2,000.00	50.00
<b>Others</b>	<b>1,700.00</b>	<b>4,551.00</b>	<b>55.00</b>
<b>Total as of 7/31/11</b>	<b>12,218.78</b>	<b>96,895.58</b>	<b>4,849.21</b>

## Project for September: Homeless Shelters

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

URGENT: Silverware sets, mops, brooms, sofas, dressers, TWIN, FULL, QUEEN mattresses (separates or sets - we'll match), bed frames, pots and pans, electric stoves, washing machines, refrigerators, good vehicles, etc. Please make sure all donations work properly. **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 22401 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.

## Note of Thanks

Thank you! Thank you so very much for the marvelous surprise recognition for my 30 years of service to the Goshen.

The plaque is simply beautiful and I shall treasure your thoughtfulness. I am most appreciative of the monetary gift sent by the churches as well.

I love serving my Lord through the Goshen and it is such a pleasure to work along side you in ministry.

Thanks again and may we minister together many more years.

Joy

### RuraLove Ministry Update

During the past month RuraLove helped churches minister to:

- 10 families with financial help
- 19 families with household needs
- 6 families with a whole house
- 12 families with clothing
- 1 family with a project
- 3 families with medical equip.



## Music Notice

The Goshen Media Center has three Cantatas to loan. They also have several volumes of Hozanna music to lend.

# CHURCH NEWS

**First Baptist** held their annual Homecoming and Revival services in August.

**Mount Gilead's** Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 15 at 4:00 p.m. Fun, Food, and Fellowship for all ages.

**Servants of Christ** is seeking a pianist for Sunday services. Call David Anderson interested at 540.967.0789.

**Shady Grove** will be celebrating Homecoming and Revival Service on Sunday, Sept. 4 beginning at 11 a.m. The guests for the 3 p.m. service will be the Rev. Gary Harmon and the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church of Franklin County. Revival will be Mon.-Fri. at 7:30 nightly with Pastor Garmon Harmon being the evangelist.

## Holy Land Experience

November 26-December 4, 2012

Would you like to have a life-changing and never to be forgotten experience? It is our joy to invite you to join us on a trip to the Bible Lands where you will find a new dimension in understanding Christian history and the life of our Lord. We will visit places where Jesus walked, lived, taught, performed miracles, where He was crucified and raised from the dead. We will take a boat ride on the Sea of Gallilee, worship in the Garden of Gethsemane, and much more. Contact Mike Durham for more information at 540.894.4234.

## Garton continued from page 1...

After graduating from Bluefield College in May, Brittany moved to Bucharest, Romania to work full-time with Project Ruth. Project Ruth is a ministry that was founded by a Romanian Baptist Church in Bucharest in response to the poverty, illiteracy and the need for the hope of Jesus Christ of the Roma people, especially the children.

It has been just over two months since Brittany said goodbye to her home church, family and friends. Since moving, she has been working alongside Project Ruth staff as summer volunteer teams come to work with the children and office work has kept her busy. In addition to the activities that Garton is expected to be doing, God has thrown a few curveballs. One of the children, Nicu, that she has watched grow up over the years recently had leg surgery to correct a birth defect similar to club foot in both legs.

God has used this surgery as opportunity for Brittany to show His love to Nicu and his family through meals at the hospital, bags of food, home visits, and hugs. Visiting with Nicu and his family every few days and building lasting friendships firm in the love of Christ with them has been an unexpected blessing.

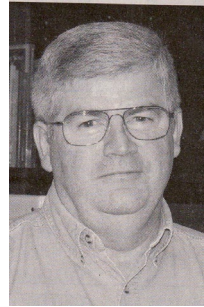
Please pray for the Roma children that attend the Ruth School (one of Project Ruth's Ministries) as they return for another year of school in the fall and Nicu and his family as he continues to recover from his surgery.

NOTE: New Vonage # 434.227.4808.

## "Grist from the Mill"

I was at the BP Station using my children's inheritance to fill my gas tank when a car pulled up next to me and asked if I knew where a particular church was. It was one of our Goshen churches and I said, "Sure, I have been there many times." I proceeded to give them the directions I would follow to the church. Only later did I realize that I had sent them on a path that was far longer than they needed to go to reach the church. I sent them the way I was accustomed to travel, not the most direct or best way to go from where we were at that moment.

It seems to me that we as an Association often find ourselves doing this same thing. We have done the work of the Lord as His Association for many years and have been very blessed in our labor. But have we neglected to notice that the ways we operate, think and plan may no longer be the best way, the most successful or the one our God would have us to use? It is our way, the way we do things and yet, it may not be the way we need to do things today.



The Gospel of the Lord is eternal and unchanging, this we believe and proclaim. But in a world of flash mobs, Kindles, and iPhones are we sending people the message of God's forgiveness using methods and technologies that are outdated or of little value? At the BP Station, I knew where I wanted that couple to go, but, stuck in my patterns, I failed to share the most direct and simplest route there. If I continue in that habit, people will quit asking me for directions, even to God and His salvation.

*John*

## Stop Hunger Now

Stop Hunger Now. Only one quarter per meal!! Goal is \$10,000 for 40,000 meals. We will be packing meals again at the fall Missions Celebration October 9 at 3 p.m. at Craigs Baptist Church.

It takes many hands, both young and old, to bag and prepare for shipping 40,000 meals. So mark your calendar and become a part of this effort which will touch lives around the world.

**Turn in your donations during the month of September so we can order the materials necessary for the packing. Urgent need for food in Somalia!!! Help Stop Hunger Now feed these starving people!**

## Town Hall Meeting

There will be a Town Hall Meeting on September 18 at 3 p.m. at the Goshen Ministry Center. We are asking that every church be in attendance and please bring at least one person from your church between the ages of 25-45. If you have any questions please call John at 540.894.8440.

# September Birthdays & Anniversaries

17	Paige Green	Louisa
20	Hoyle Anniversary	Louisa
22	Jean Ann Ferguson	Retired

# September

1	Minister's Breakfast 9 a.m. GMC
3	RuraLove Yard Sale 8-1
5	Labor Day - Office Closed
9-10	WMUV Advisory Board CCCC
11-18	Alma Hunt Offering and Week of Prayer for Virginia Missions
18	Special Town Hall Meeting with Pastors and young leaders in each Goshen church 3 p.m. GMC
20	Ministers New to VA - VBRC
23	Baptist Ministry Assistants of VA Training
24	Hispanic Fall Fiesta 2-5 p.m.

*GMC = Goshen Ministry Center 587 Mica Rd., Mineral*  
*VBRC = Virginia Baptist Resource Center, Richmond*  
*CCCC = Crossroads Camp and Conference Center*

## Websites for Ministries

**Door of Hope - South Africa** (Christian Orphanages which place abandoned children) [www.holeinthewall.org.za](http://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](http://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](mailto:chackos@sancharnet.in) [www.preciouschildren.org](http://www.preciouschildren.org)

## 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.

## LOST

"The God Makers" is lost from the Goshen Media Center. If you have it call the Goshen Ministry Center at 540.894.8440.

## Need a pulpit supply?

See the website for an updated list of supply preachers at [www.goshenassociation.com](http://www.goshenassociation.com) or call the Goshen Ministry Center at 540.894.8440.

*Newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month.*

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