

Goshen News

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Goshen's Annual Partnership Missions Dinner

Saturday, January 14

5 p.m.

Mineral Baptist Church's Family Life Center

\$6.00 each

You will hear testimonies about the missions work carried out by our Associational members over the past year at places such as the Standing Rock Indian Reservation in the Dakotas, Panama, the Disaster Relief work following the hurricanes and floods and more. Please plan to attend. Reservations preferred. Call the Goshen Ministry Center at 540.894.8440.

2010-2011 Ministry Action Budget Receipts

Mission Opportunities

Project for January: Fill Baby Bottles with change or dollars for Bethany Christian Services.

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.**

Coming Soon at Eagle Eyrie:

www.eagleeyrie.org

www.vbmb.org

January 13-15 Divorce Recovery Workshop
 January 16-17 Virginia Baptist Male Chorale Retreat
 February 3-4 VA Bapt. Handbell Festival
 March 9-11 Senior High Weekend
 March 16-18 Becoming a Man - Father & Son Retreat
 March 30-31 VA Bapt. Library Workshop
 April 13-15 Shine Weekender for Teen Girls
 April 27-28 GA Mom and Me I
 April 28-29 GA Mom and Me II
 May 3-4 VNAW Annual Meeting & Missions Forum
 May 4 Interim Ministry Training Meeting
 May 4-5 The Leadership Gathering
 May 14-16 Interim Ministry for Today's Church

Church	November	Year	GRIF 2012
Antioch			
Berea	300.00	300.00	
Blue Ridge Shores	238.14	440.89	
Craigs			
Crossroads CC			
Dogwood	545.55	545.55	
Elk Creek			
FBC, Louisa	100.00	100.00	
Goldmine	129.70	314.45	
Gordonsville			
Hebron	200.00	400.00	
Louisa		667.00	
Mechanicsville	1,100.32	1,758.45	
Memorial/Columbia		250.00	
Mine Road	150.00	300.00	
Mineral			
Mount Gilead	403.52	797.09	
Mount Hermon	100.00	100.00	
New Hope			
North Pamunkey	447.02	977.16	
Oakland		751.77	
Orange			
Perkins			
Rhoadesville	500.00	1,000.00	
Servants of Christ		659.70	
Shady Grove			
Smyrna			
South Anna			
St. Mark			
Thornburg			
Trinity	200.00	200.00	
Waldrops			
Walters	1,267.28	1,267.28	
Zoar			
Others		2,205.00	
11/30/2011	5,681.53	13,034.34	

Bibles for India

Bibles for 36 India seminary graduates are needed. Each year a Thompson Chain reference study Bible is presented to seminary graduates in memory of Don Reid. Bibles cost \$25 each. Send your contribution to Goshen noting in the memo "Bibles-India" by January 15th. P.O. Box 296, Mineral, VA 23117.

RuraLove Ministry Update

During the past month RuraLove helped churches minister to:

- 13 families with financial help
- 10 families with household needs
- 3 families with a whole house
- 2 families with clothing
- 2 families with a project
- 2 families with wood



Tax and Compensation

Planning Seminars

- Feb 16 ~ VBRC, Richmond
- Feb 20 ~ Fredericksburg Baptist Church
- Feb 22 ~ Culpeper Baptist Church

For a complete listing of where these seminars will be held and more information contact Melody Fowler at 800.255.2428 ext. 5293 pr email melody.fowler@vbmb.org

Fresh Expressions National Gathering

The Good News: Every Person. Every Place. Every Church. March 16-17 at First Baptist Church Alexandria. freshexpressionsus.org

Give the Best!

By Felix Foronda, pastor of Cordero de Dios

On my last trip to Bolivia, I went to La Paz. La Paz is a very busy city. I tried to find some items. In order to find a place, I decided to ask someone, but whom? I had in mind three people to ask. One was a man waiting for a bus. The other was a shoe shining man. The last person was a drunkard sitting on the sidewalk. The drunken man definitely would not be able to give me direction. So, I decided to ask the man waiting for the bus. It turned out that he was not from La Paz. Finally, I asked the shoe shining man. He was very young, probably in his early twenties, rather raggedy-looking. As for me, I was wearing tennis shoes. I did not want to interrupt him since I did not have any shoes for him to shine. But, anyway I went ahead and asked him where I could find the items I was looking for. I was surprised that he could not speak. But he did well by signs.

CHURCH NEWS

Smyrna baptised 13 in the past month.

The Holiness of God

Author: R.C. Sproul

Tyndale House Publishers, Carol Stream, Illinois

Reviewed by Rick Mitchell

In our modern day world, it is often forgotten that God is holy. "Encountering God's holy presence is a terrifying, awesome, joyful, and exciting experience." writes R.C. Sproul. He further states that it is the only way to cure our propensity to take God lightly, and to trust in our efforts for our own success and salvation.

In "The Holiness of God" you will gain a better understanding of what is meant by God's holiness. The reader will also become aware that a Biblical picture of God's holiness is foundational to God-honoring theology and God-honoring Christian living. With chapters on the call of Isaiah and another entitled, "Holy Justice: in which Dr. Sproul explains the striking down of Uzziah because he touched the ark of God, the reader will learn much about the 'set-apartness' of God.

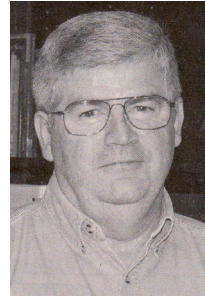
This book grips your attention. When I finished reading it, I wanted to call the publisher and see if there was a volume two. I wanted more and you will too.

I thought of giving him a peso (Bolivian money). That is when I remembered an anecdote from Dwight L. Moody illustrations, "When a young Christian man struggles to give a big portion to a poor man, the tempter say, 'Give him the smallest one you have.' The young man struggled all the way as to whether he would give a large one or a small one. In order to overcome his selfishness, he took down the large one and gave it to the poor man. The tempter said, 'You are a fool!' But he replied, 'If you do not keep still I will give everything I have in the smokehouse.'"

I felt in the same position. I ended up giving him enough for his dinner. How much is enough to give in the name of our Savior? Not just with money, but also with our time, talents, etc. helping others in the name of our Lord! Each year we make new resolutions, I hope we can give to the Lord as He deserves. He gave it all for us - John 3:16.

"Grist from the Mill"

Years ago I met a fellow who worked as an orderly in the emergency room of a hospital in west Texas. He was a nice enough guy but I saw nothing extraordinary about him. That is, until a nurse began talking about him. Three days before, the hospital had been swamped with patients as a tour bus had been involved in a very bad traffic accident. About thirty people came into the emergency room from that accident and the staff was overwhelmed. One of the victims went into cardiac arrest and this orderly started CPR on him. He performed CPR on that man for four hours with no break and no help. Everyone else was busy and no one could relieve him. Later, that orderly was asked why he kept it up, why he had just not quit when after all that time there was no response. He shrugged his shoulders and said, "If I quit, he dies."



I am asked, occasionally, why God delays His judgment of the earth. Why, with misery, hatred and greed so prevalent and with the majority of people denying His existence, doesn't God destroy this sin-infested globe and start fresh? I like telling those calling for the Lord's justice that story. I don't use it to illustrate the possible heroic quality of some around us. I use it to remind them of the Lord's love for us.

Peter said it eloquently when he wrote, "*He is patient...not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*" I am astonished, continually, at a love that is so desperately seeks for our salvation, that God would withhold His own announced judgment, to give just one more person one more moment, one more chance, to repent. After all, if His love ever quits, we all die.

John

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

06	Linda Hartsfield	Retired
09	Pelter Anniversary	Mt. Hermon
16	Rebecca Whetzel	Blue Ridge Shores
25	Steve Whetzel	Blue Ridge Shores

January

- 1-2 Happy New Year - Office Closed
- 5 Minister's Breakfast 9 a.m. GMC (Following the Breakfast, at 10:30, all ministers who would be interested in taking part in a conference in Panama working with church leaders are invited to discuss topics to be taught, dates, and other related ideas.)
- 9 Training for Vision Team - (ministers are invited to attend for informational purposes) 7 p.m. GMC
- 14 Partnership Missions Dinner - 5 p.m. Mineral BC
- 15 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 16 Coordinating Committee 7 p.m. GMC
- 28 First Sat. Breakfast for ministers 9 a.m. GMC
- 30 Program Committee 6:15 p.m. GMC
- 30 Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. GMC

GMC = Goshen Ministry Center 587 Mica Rd., Mineral

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

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.

Need a pulpit supply?

See the website for an updated list of supply preachers at www.goshenassociation.com or call the Goshen Ministry Center at 540.894.8440.

Minister/Spouse Appreciation Dinner

Monday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the old fellowship hall of Mineral Baptist Church.
There is no cost. Sponsored by the Goshen WMU team. Mark your calendar.

Newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month.

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