

# Goshen News

Goshen Baptist Association

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## Roma Sleep-Away Camp



Camp Counselors are urgently needed to sign up for the beautiful mountainside camp in Romania working with the Roma children of the Ruth School. Camp Counselors need to be at least 19 years old and able to do some stairs. The approximate cost will be \$2,000 per volunteer counselor. If interested contact John Miller for more information at 540.894.8440 or 540.229.5366. Please respond now! The camp will be held June 22-26.

The Sleep-Away Camp is a reward for students who have good attendance, good grades, and good behavior at the Ruth School. Help these children realize a dream for a week this summer by giving to Goshen's 2015 project of the Roma Sleep-Away Camp. \$175 sends one child to camp. All donations are tax deductible. Send your check to Goshen Baptist Association, P.O. Box 296, Mineral, VA 23117 with Sleep-Away Camp in the memo. Due March 25

### ***Goshen Spring Missions Celebration***

***Sunday, April 12  
3-5 p.m.  
at Smyrna***

### ***Goshen Spring Meeting***

***Tuesday, April 28  
3 p.m.  
at North Pamunkey***

## Yarn & Fabric

If you have leftover skeins of yarn, we have a request for them. Bring to the Goshen Ministry Center Monday - Thursday 9-1 or drop by the RuraLove Warehouse on Wednesdays from 9-1.

We are collecting cotton quilting fabric for the Missionary Learning Center in Rockville. If you have some to donate bring to the RuraLove Warehouse on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-12 noon or call the Ministry Center to set up a delivery time. 540.894.8440. The Missionary Learning Center invites groups who would like a tour to call and schedule one. They thank everyone who donated material for the center.

## Local Needs

RuraLove has 2 requests for **wood stoves** that we cannot fill. If you have a good working wood stove you would like to donate please call 540.894.8440. RuraLove also has a need for **BOY layettes**... please mark "boy" and "summer" or "winter." To find out how to make a layette email Joy at goshenba@nexet.net or refer to the WMU Ideas handbook.

## Free Pews

We know of a church that is converting from pews to chairs. They are padded, light blue grey and very comfortable.

Raymond H. Klein, Jr.  
Love INC  
434.293.6060  
raymond@loveinccville.org

## Baby Bottles

We have three churches reporting in on their January Baby Bottle Project for Christian Crisis Pregnancy Centers.

Blue Ridge Shores	286.57
Craigs	321.77
Louisa	87.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>696.14</b>

## Impact! Virginia Summer 2015 Dates

<i>Bluefield</i>	<i>June 14-20</i>
<i>Averett</i>	<i>June 21-27</i>
<i>Alexandria</i>	<i>July 12-18</i>
<i>Fluvanna</i>	<i>July 19-25</i>

Cost: \$275 per person.

Registration is now open at [BGAV.org/Impact](http://BGAV.org/Impact)

## Mission Opportunities

**Project for March:** Military Ministries: Prayer Quilts, Boxes, Cell Phones. Also, 2015 Moldova Church Planter support due - \$350 per year per church.

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

URGENT: wood stove, can openers, small kitchenettes, dressers, TWIN, FULL, QUEEN mattresses (separates or sets - we'll match), bed frames, pots and pans, electric stoves, washing machines, dryers, refrigerators, good vehicles, etc. Please make sure all donations work properly and are clean.

Also **NEED VOLUNTEERS** for pick-ups and deliveries, and to help sort Mon., 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  
5610 Southpoint Centre Blvd., Fredericksburg 22407  
540.743.5165

### Fredericksburg Pregnancy Center

Empowering those facing unplanned pregnancy with hope and life-affirming choices.

1616 Stafford Ave. Fredericksburg, VA 22401 540.370.1800.  
[www.FredericksburgPregnancyCenter.org](http://www.FredericksburgPregnancyCenter.org)

### 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

### Thurman Brisben Center

Homeless shelter - Fredericksburg 540.899.9853

### RuraLove Ministry Update

During the past month RuraLove helped churches minister to:

- 8 families with financial help
- 9 families with household needs
- 1 family with clothing
- 3 families with a medical need



## Chaplain Powell Support

The goal for Chaplain Powell Support was \$3,200. We have received \$3,200 to date. If you haven't sent your donation in, please do so as this would add an additional month of ministry for Chaplain Karen Powell. Congratulations on meeting our goal.

# CHURCH NEWS

**First Baptist** is pleased to announce the recent election of the Rev. Larry E. Lewis as pastor elect to Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Bumpass. Also, the missionary ministry will celebrate its 95th anniversary on Sunday, March 22 at 2:30 p.m. Guest speaker is Mrs. Cassandra Perrell of the Mattaponi Women's Missionary Convention, Fredericksburg. Dinner will be served at 1 p.m. with a Prayer and Praise at 2 p.m. All missionaries will wear white.

**Louisa** welcomes six new members. Louisa's Easter Drama, LIVE@CALVARY will be presented on Thursday April 2 and Friday, April 3 at 7 p.m. each night. All are welcome to attend.

**Mineral** will begin a Christian K-12 School this fall in addition to their preschool.

**Mount Gilead** had a mission project for Febuary of collecting funds for the Ruth School's Sleep-Away Camp in Romania. The Baptist Men and the Cornerstone Mission Group sold Brunswick Stew with all proceeds going to the Building Fund; and the church made soup for Wade Butler to take to the homeless in Richmond. The preschool had Grandparents Day. Registration for the 2015-2016 school year has begun.

**New Hope** called Shaw Henson and his wife Shelley as pastor. They received 13 new members in January.

**Oakland** is receiving items for their consignment sale in April. If you would like to consign some children's clothes visit [www.oakland-baptist.com](http://www.oakland-baptist.com) and click on Children's Consignment Sale Ministry link. Questions: email us at [consignment@oakland-baptist.com](mailto:consignment@oakland-baptist.com)

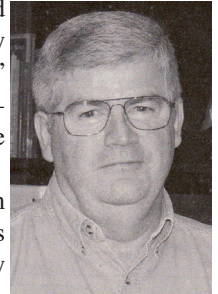
**Rhoadesville** held a Project Linus Workshop in January with 77 sewing missionaries attending. They finished 169 blankets that day which brought the total since September to 609. Before the day was over six blankets went out to the two families that had a fire and lost not only everything but also loved ones. In 2014, Project Linus workers produced 2,042 blankets and distributed 2,200.

**Smyrna** will hold a Baked Potato and Salad Bar lunch on Palm Sunday, March 28 after the 11 a.m. service. An egg hunt for the children will follow the meal. On Thursday, April 2, a Maundy Thursday Communion Service will be held. Praise God for the return of Pastor Mike Walters and his wife, Patti. Romans 8:28.

**South Anna** collected \$4000 for Lottie Moon; delivered a pick up load and a car load of toys and clothes to the Mattaponi Indians to be distributed at Christmas; and prepared 61 shoe boxes. In January the WMU contributed \$595 to the International Mission Board to be used for refugee work in the Middle East. This money was raised from the sale of quilts made by members.

## "Grist from the Mill"

Ash Wednesday begins the observance of Lent, the traditional period of fasting and repentance lasting forty-six days before Easter in the Western Christian calendar. Both events are more commonly celebrated by the Roman Catholic, Lutheran, and Episcopalian churches than by Baptists and I remember hearing in my youth that, "We" meaning Baptists and therefore, true Christians, "don't do those things." I soon learned that "those things" generally referred to anything that smacked in the least of Catholic influence. We boldly proclaimed ourselves the "people of the Book" and since Lent and Ash Wednesday and several other things were not in "the Book" we didn't do such things.



But before you think Baptists are free from tradition or do not have our own list of things we do simply because we are "Baptist," try moving a pew in your sanctuary sometime and, as the Bible does say, gird thy loins" for the battle that is about to begin. We may not use the church calendar or hold the services our more formal brethren follow, but in many of our churches we are as traditional as St. Peter's in Rome, just in our own way.

Which brings me back to Ash Wednesday. Christians are called by God to be set apart from the world. When we celebrate Ash Wednesday and then go to work, school, or home bearing a cross of ashes on our foreheads, we bear a witness that our beliefs, hopes, and goals are not those of the world which surrounds us. If we will use Lent as a time to purposefully focus on God, we give ourselves an opportunity to rededicate ourselves and our families to He who loves us most. By choosing to act in ways that marks us as His, we show we truly are His.

*John*

## Bibles Needed

Through the years we have reached people around the globe by giving Bibles. Again we have major requests:

- Romania** - Bibles for the Ruth School, the church, and outreach.
- Panama Kuna Indians** - Mission teams distributed 60,000 copies of the Gospel of John and many New Testaments in the jungles, San Blas Islands, and the mainland. They now have the whole Bible translated into their language and have requested assistance in purchasing some. Several churches have been started since the initial distribution. We need to continue to hold up this work in prayer and give so that we can have a part in world evangelism.

## Community Extravaganza

May 2 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Betty J. Queen Intergenerational Center  
522 Industrial Drive, Louisa, VA

Free admission food and activities! Healthcare vendors.  
Car and Bike Show. Wrestling. Basketball Contest. Free  
Mammograms with advanced registration

For more info: Pastor Mike Crawley 804.439.2159  
Jerome Lindsay 434.962.7158

### 2014-2015 Ministry Action Budget

Budget	\$146,577.00
Monthly Needs	12,215.00
Received Jan.	14,620.00
Received Oct.-Jan.	57,286.00
<b>Budget</b>	<b>8,426.00</b>

**Ministry to Roma People at Ruth School - Rominia**  
www.project-ruth.org or contact Brittany Garton:  
email: Garton.Brittany@gmail.com

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

**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)

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

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### Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 5 Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
- 6 African American Fellow Pastor and Friends Conf.
- 7 Latino Team Meeting 10:30 a.m. GMC
- 8-15 Week of Prayer for North American Missions
- 8 Day of Prayer for VA Baptist Churches

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| 07 | Nancy Swain       | Craigs               |
| 08 | Eleanor Green     | Antioch              |
| 11 | Swain Anniversary | Craigs               |
| 15 | Joy Dickens       | Ministry Assistant   |
| 16 | Susan Wilson      | Perkins              |
| 20 | Bill Bess         | Memorial of Columbia |
| 24 | Bill Catlett      | Trinity              |
| 26 | Fran Chancellor   | Retired              |
| 27 | Lydia Hart        | Waldrop              |
| 27 | Rebecca Harris    | North Pamunkey       |

*GMC = Goshen Ministry Center, 587 Mica Road, Mineral*

## **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.