

# Goshen News

*Goshen Baptist Association*

www.goshenassociation.com

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## ***Goshen's Annual Missions Dinner***

***Saturday, January 10***

***at 5 p.m.***

***in the old Fellowship Hall of  
Mineral Baptist Church***

***Call now to reserve your spot 540.894.8440***

***Tickets are \$6 each***

***Come visit with Brittany Garton!***

*Have a  
Blessed  
New Year!*

## 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.

## Samaritan's Purse

Right now, Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts packed by people like you and covered in prayer are on their way by air, land, and sea to more than 10 million children around the world. For the local churches and Christian partners who hand out shoeboxes in over 100 countries, every gift is a Gospel opportunity.

More than a million of these shoebox gifts are going to countries where Christians are being persecuted or oppressed for their faith. If not for Operation Christmas Child, these precious children might never hear about Jesus Christ. Pray that the Lord will use each and every gift to touch the heart of a child who needs to know that God loves them.

## Mission Opportunities

**Project for January:** Pregnancy Centers ~ Baby Bottle Project.

**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  
1616 Stafford Avenue, Fredericksburg 22401 540.370.1800

**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

### RuraLove Ministry Update

During the past month RuraLove helped churches minister to:

- 10 families with financial help
- 8 families with household needs
- 1 family with a whole house
- 8 families with clothing
- 3 families with food



## News from Project Ruth ~ [www.project-ruth.org](http://www.project-ruth.org)

Students of the Ruth School are often faced with a number of things that prevent them from learning as well as they should. Most of these barriers are aspects of their lives that we cannot control or prevent such as lack of parental involvement and poor living conditions. However, the barrier of poor eye vision is one that we can address. A caring Romanian optometrist performed the full eye exams at no-cost for three classes of our students and identified 12 of our students in need of glasses. With the financial support of several organizations, all of these students for the first time in a long time can see the blackboard in class, can read their textbooks without getting a headache and can experience a new dimension to life with their new glasses. These 12 pairs of glasses are the first of what Project Ruth hopes to be a long-term vision initiative, which will help eliminate poor vision as a barrier to learning for our students.

Editor's Note: 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 this 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.

# CHURCH NEWS

**Gordonsville** met their challenge and sent 237 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. They processed 1,172 boxes from Churches in our area through their relay center.

**Louisa** welcomes three new members. Louisa collected 87 shoe boxes.

**Mount Gilead** had a successful shoe box drive and are now collecting for Lottie Moon. During Nov. and Dec. the church collected warm clothes for Wade Butler's homeless ministry in Richmond. Mount Gilead reports the WEBS' children and youth did an awesome job on their Christmas play. They welcome Jim Riddell as interim pastor beginning January 1.

**Orange's** mission team is pleased to report that they filled 18 boxes with food for Thanksgiving families and two boxes for Christmas families.

**Rhoadesville** collected 214 shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child.

**Waldrop** is pleased to announce four new members. Three by letter and one by baptism.

## Deepest Sympathy

Deepest sympathy extended to Larry and Debbie Hoyle of Louisa Baptist on the passing of her mother.

Also to Tina and Wayne Collis of Gordonsville Baptist in the homegoing of Tina's father.

## Sanctity of Human Life

Celebrate Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, January 18, 2015

## Retiring

Mike Druham, pastor of Mineral Baptist, announced his plans to retire July 15, 2015

## From the Fredericksburg Pregnancy Center News

In commemoration of the Sanctity of human Life Sunday, January 18th, has been set aside as a special day Christians highlight and honor life.

This date coincides with the anniversary of Roe versus Wade, the landmark case responsible for 43 years of legalized abortion and over 54 million babies aborted in the United States.

Fredericksburg holds one of the highest abortion rates in the state. In our community (five surrounding counties), one out of every four births ends in abortion (2012 VA Dept. of Health statistics). These are sad facts and yet, we as Christians stand strong, united on behalf of the unborn and the parents. We are grateful for the opportunity to share a life-affirming, hope-filled and empowering message with a growing number of women and men who come to us for support.

Within your sphere of influence, we invite you to check with your pastor to see if your church will be participating in raising awareness of the Sanctity of Human Life this January.

[www.FredericksburgPregnancyCenter.org](http://www.FredericksburgPregnancyCenter.org)

## "Grist from the Mill"

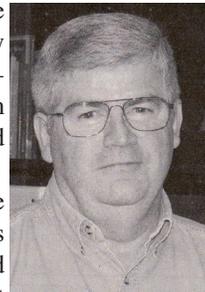
There is a sermon I really want to preach that is entitled, "God Hates Cookie Cutters." When I tell people the title they look at me as if I were a young child who has just proclaimed that the Easter Bunny laid an egg on their bed. It is a combination of pity and bemusement with more than a dash of suspicion.

The message isn't really about the kitchen device used to form shaped snacks. It is about the mindset of people that determines their local congregation must be just like the next church down the block as if somehow by mirroring their ministries, architecture, schedule or web site they have achieved a certain level of spiritual status. I really think God dislikes this sort of thinking.

We serve an infinite and infinitely creative God who has formed us in His image. He has instilled in us as individuals, gifts, talents, and skills. He calls us to serve Him in different locations that struggle with different needs, problems, and debts. So, if He creates us as individuals; gifts according to His desire and plan for our lives; sets us to be part of His Church in places that range across the spectrum; then how dare we settle for copying another congregation that is created for another place, need, and time rather than being the Church and people of God where He sets us?

Every church is a unique creation of God. He sends uniquely prepared people to these churches to do the works that are needed there. God's Church is never "one size fits all." And God Himself, tailors His people to meet the situation where He places them. When we understand this, we see one another as partners in ministry, and our church as our region's holiest gift.

John



## Bibles Needed

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

**India** - Bibles for Seminary Graduates in memory of Dr. Don Reid. \$25 purchases one study Bible. We still need \$600 to purchase needed Bibles.

**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.

### 2014-2015 Ministry Action Budget

Budget	\$146,577.00
Monthly Needs	12,215.00
Received Nov.	15,165.00
Received Oct.-Nov.	25,475.00
<b>Budget</b>	<b>1,045.00</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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*Newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month.*

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# January

## January Birthdays & Anniversaries

12/24-1 Office Closed for Christmas/New Year Holiday  
8 Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.  
10 Goshen Mission's Annual Dinner ~ 5 p.m.  
Mineral Baptist Church ~ Old Fellowship Hall  
12 Board of Directors GMC 7 p.m.  
18 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday  
26 Program Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m. GMC  
26 Council Meeting 7 p.m. GMC

04	Kurt Buchanan	Zoar
06	Linda Hartsfield	Retired
16	Rebecca Whetzel	Blue Ridge Shores
16	Charlene Williams	Mechanicsville
25	Steve Whetzel	Blue Ridge Shores

*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.