

# Goshen News

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## Recognizing the Volunteers of RuraLove



An awards ceremony was held during the month of April by the Volunteers of Louisa. Present were: (l-r) Bob Halsey, Linda Olinger, Doretha Halsey, Tommy Dickens, Joy Dickens, Bill Witt, Leslie Alford, Brenda Witt, June and Steve Duren. Tammy Wood took the picture of the group. Not present but also recognized were: Larry and Lynn Edwards, Nancy Emerick, Teal Johnson, Judy Lewis, Coral Losinski, Toni Miller, Pat Taylor, Sherry Vick, Tim Wilson, Samantha Wood and Wes Wood. We also thank our volunteers who just come once or twice a year. All our volunteers are valuable.

## Standing Rock 2016

The WMUV Mission Trip to Standing Rock will be held July 24-29 this year. For more info go to [www.wmuv.org](http://www.wmuv.org) They will be collecting the following items for the mission team to distribute:

- New athletic shoes, socks (no show and crew - no white)
- Underwear (boxers for boys, cute colorful ones for girls)
- Pillowcases - sewn or bought (you can also send money for pillows that will be given to children on the reservation - mark "pillow fund")
- Small stuffed animals, small balls, flip flops, hot wheels, other small toys

Items can be brought to the WMUV, Virginia Baptist Resource Center beginning June 15 until July 15. OR items may be brought to Goshen by June 30th at 1 p.m. and they will be taken to Richmond for you.

# Mission Opportunities

## Thank You Notes

A special thank you to all of our May RuraLove Yardsale volunteers. Your service was appreciated.  
Tammy Wood

A big thank you to Pat Taylor for five years of faithful service to RuraLove and Goshen with a whopping 896 hours of service. We are sad to see Pat and Steve leave Goshen but bid them much joy as they relocate.

Greetings:

On behalf of the female prisoners at the Virginia Correctional Center for Women I am writing to express my personal gratitude for your generous Christmas donations. The Christmas cards, 2016 calendars, correspondence items, puzzle books, and postage were enthusiastically received. Your commitment to helping provide these Christmas gifts for our incarcerated community is sincerely appreciated.

Once again you have overwhelmed VCCW with your generous monetary support of the chaplain's position at VCCW. Your generosity through financial resources helps provide the religious needs, services, pastoral care and volunteers continue to promote and build the Christian community behind bars. I am touched that you see the value of this ministry and are willing to help fund prison chaplaincy. I am extremely grateful. May God continue to bless the churches of Goshen with love and peace.

With gratitude

Chaplain Karen Powell

(We also received a thank you card signed by many of the inmates)

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$1,095.75 in support of the children and families we serve. Bethany envisions a world where every child has a loving family. Thanks to partners like you, each day we are one step closer to achieving this vision.

We are demonstrating the love and compassion of Jesus Christ around the globe as we work to keep families together and find families for children in need. Thank you for your partnership. One act of love can make a world of difference.

Anna M. Koehle

Branch Director

Bethany Christian Services

Thank you to Penny and Woody Jenkins for their service to the RITE Ministry as they have now resigned as co-directors.

### 2015-2016 Ministry Action Budget

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|--------------------|------------------|
| Budget             | \$149,703.00     |
| Monthly Needs      | 12,475.00        |
| Received April     | 14,693.00        |
| Received Oct.-Apr. | 83,072.00        |
| <b>Budget</b>      | <b>-4,253.00</b> |

## Project for June: RuraLove & baby boy summer layettes

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

Refrigerators, can openers, toasters, mops and brooms, small kitchenettes, TWIN, FULL, or queen mattresses (separates or sets - we'll match), bed frames, pots and pans, electric stoves, washing machines, dryers, good vehicles, sofas, etc. Please make sure all donations work properly and are clean with no holes.

**Also NEED VOLUNTEERS** for pick-ups and deliveries, and to help sort Mon. 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.**

### RuraLove Ministry Update

During the past month RuraLove helped churches minister to:

- 14 families with financial needs
- 13 families with household needs
- 1 family with a whole house
- 1 family with medical
- 1 family with clothes
- 1 family with a baby layette



## RuraLove June Project

Needs (also list from above):

Electric and manual can openers

Toasters

Silverware

Window fans and table top fans

Small electric heaters

Toilet paper and paper towels

Laundry detergent

Light bulbs

Brooms, mops, buckets, cleaning supplies

Femine supplies

Diapers, pull ups (size newborn, 1, 3, 4, 5)

Towels

## Notice to Churches

Please include Goshenba@nexet.net to your church's email list for prayer concerns and event news blasts.

# CHURCH NEWS

**Blue Ridge Shores** is holding a raffle to help a wheelchair bound community member get a handicapped van. Purchase a \$20 raffle ticket for a chance to win a 1995 Buick Century with only 50,000 miles. For Fund Info call 540.967.0796. Drawing will be held July 3 at 12:30 p.m.

**First Baptist** will again host the Louisa Sunday School Union's annual VBS on June 13-17 from 8 a.m. - noon. For more information call the director, Marilyn Winn at 202.500.4827. All are welcome to attend.

**Louisa** pastor, Larry Hoyle, has submitted his resignation and will continue his ministry in Maryland. VBS will be held June 13-16 with the theme "Willie's Redneck Rodeo." You're sure to be HAPPY, HAPPY, HAPPY with dinner at 5:45 p.m. and VBS starting at 6:30 p.m.

**Mechanicsville** VBS will be June 26-30 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. with the theme "Submerged."

**Mount Gilead** youth held a carwash and a spaghetti dinner to raise money to go to "Thousand Trails" Camp this summer. The Purple Heart Group took part in the Goochland Relay for Life event. The church is gearing up for VBS June 20-24 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The theme will be "Surf Shack, catch the wave of God's amazing love." Everyone is welcome! The preschool held their 6th annual Golf Tournament and their annual yard sale. Registration for the 2016-2017 year is now open.

**New Hope** has broken ground for their new fellowship hall.

**Oakland** VBS will be June 20-24 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. with the theme "Cave Quest." Thanks to everyone who helped with the Children Consignment Ministry. They were able to sell over 2,500 items For more info on how to consign and be part of this ministry go to [www.oakland-baptist.com](http://www.oakland-baptist.com)

**Orange** VBS will be Sun., July 24 - Thurs., July 28 with the theme "Cave Quest."

**Perkins** VBS will be June 20-24 from 8:45 a.m. til noon with the theme "Submerged." Perkins has a FREE Hammond Organ to give away.

**Rhoadesville** VBS will be July 11-15 from 9 a.m. - noon. They also welcome a new member. Chip and Nikki Headley will present a Country Gospel Concert as a Youth Fundraiser on June 17 at 7 p.m.. For tickets or more info call 540.854.7527.

**Shady Grove** will hold a Women's Conference June 18 from 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. with the theme, "Laying It All Out at His Feet." Guest speaker, Rev. Kay Monroe from Kingdom Harvest Worship Center in Charlottesville. Registration fee is \$15.00. Arrive by 8 a.m. if registering at the church. Continental Breakfast, Classes, Lunch, Fashion Show. For more info 540.748.2979 or [smetyree@aol.com](mailto:smetyree@aol.com). Shady Grove recently celebrated their 145th anniversary.

**Trinity** receives resignation of pastor, Bill Catlett, effective May 15th.

**Waldrop** rejoices in receiving a new member by baptism.

**Waller**s has been blessed with eight new members since March and on April 17 they baptized six. Three attended the Walk to Emmaus. On June 5 they are having a free Pancake breakfast from 7:30-8:30 a.m. VBS will be August 5-7 with the theme Pets Unleashed from Group Publishing. For more info 540.582.5703 or [walleroffice@aol.com](mailto:walleroffice@aol.com)

## "Grist from the Mill"

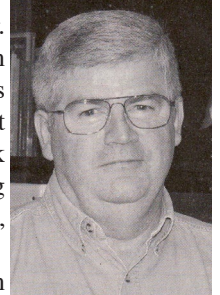
"I know. You want facts. But I don't have any for you, Indy. At my age I'm willing to accept a few things on faith. I can feel it more than I can prove it."

This quote is part of a conversation between Indiana Jones and Marcus Brody, two characters in the movie, "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade." The plot of the movie follows Indy's search for his kidnapped father. But along with that line is the story of a man who searches to believe in more than what his intellect and experience have given him. It is a search for faith. While we may not seek the Holy Grail, our lives are lived searching for faith to bring us hope and, by extension, purpose.

When asked what faith is, most rely upon illustration rather than definition. Perhaps it is easier to tell of things we trust or to list doctrines we believe than to attempt to define a calling upon our life we have never fully understood. Many rely upon creedal statements or confessions to explain and strengthen their faith. There is comfort in these and they teach us about our God and our religion. But, reciting doctrinal truths while holding the hand of one dying who looks for assurance of heaven is cold comfort and may even be an act of cruelty.

Faith exists to move us beyond the totality of human experience and learning.. Faith is that which, if it does not always open the door to another realm, reminds us that such a realm exists. Faith is choosing to live by the rules of a game we only partly understand, and yet we base our hopes upon the game's outcome. Faith is saying, "I believe" and then everyday living to prove those words are true.

*John*



## Stop Hunger Now

Start saving your change and dollars for Stop Hunger Now. We will be packing meals again in 2016 on World Hunger Day. Our goal is to purchase and pack 60,000 meals. To meet this goal we will need to collect \$16,000. You've all proven you can do it with the Sleep Away Camp donations so let's get geared up for Stop Hunger Now ~ our 2016 project.

## Bibles

Goshen is collecting \$800 for Bibles in memory of Dr. Don Reid to be given to each seminary graduate. This year there are 32. Funds for Bibles are also being collected for Panama. They are \$75 per case. Deadline July 1.

## Impact VA!

We need volunteers to sign up for Impact VA! in Orange area for July 10-16. We will need volunteers to lead construction teams, drivers, churches to provide lunches at job sites and more. If interested contact John Miller at 540.894.8440. We also need funds to pay for construction materials.

**Ministry to Roma People at Ruth School - Romania**  
 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**

**Door of Hope - South Africa** (Christian Orphanages which place abandoned children) **www.holeinthewall.org.za**  
**Arise Ministry Group - South Africa** **www.arisemg.org.za**

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### Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
- 4 Clothing & Yardsale RuraLove Warehouse 8-1
- 5 WMU Leadership Annual Planning Mtg GMC 3 p.m.
- 12-13 National WMU Annual Meeting
- 14 SBC Annual Meeting
- 16-17 National CBF Meeting
- 19 Father's Day - "Sock it to me" Collecting socks for children at Standing Rock

GMC= Goshen Ministry Center, 587 Mica Road, Mineral

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|----|--------------------|---------------|
| 01 | Green Anniversary  | Louisa        |
| 02 | Susan Hunter       | Retired       |
| 05 | Nancy Emerick      | Retired       |
| 06 | Bowers Anniversary | Dogwood       |
| 07 | Deborah Durham     | Retired       |
| 08 | John Swain         | Craigs        |
| 09 | Nancy McDaniel     | Rhoadesville  |
| 11 | Mike Durham        | Retired       |
| 11 | Lee Bowers         | Dogwood       |
| 17 | Rick Clore         | Orange        |
| 19 | Green Anniversary  | Antioch       |
| 21 | Bess Anniversary   | Memorial Col. |
| 22 | Mike Walters       | Smyrna        |
| 26 | Wilson Anniversary | Perkins       |
| 27 | Tim Wilson         | Perkins       |

## **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.