

# Goshen News

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## **Annual Missions Dinner**

***Saturday, January 21***

***5:00 p.m.***

***Mineral Baptist Fellowship Hall***

***Cost: \$6.00***

***Reserve your spot now at 540.894.8440.***

**Happy New Year!**

### ***Projects for January:***

*Goshen will be collecting change and dollars for Bethany Christian Services. This money will allow for everyone who comes in to get a sonagram to show them the reality of a child in their womb with the ultimate goal of saving the lives of the unborn.*

# Mission Opportunities

## 2017 Projects

The people of Goshen have three projects going on in the year 2017.

1) Support for six church planters in Yendi, Ghana to be working with the "More than Nets" project. It will cost \$360 each month to support all six. Churches and individuals are needed to volunteer to take a month each year until 2021 when the partnership ends. This is the same amount we were paying one church planter the past five years. Please note: Church planters on your check.

2) The people of Goshen are seeking to put two more concrete picnic tables at Leland-Madison Park. The cost for this project is about \$4000. Please note: Picnic tables on your check.

3) The volunteers of RuraLove have been overwhelmed by how much the ministry of RuraLove has grown and prospered. The volunteers are asking for a building fund to be set up for another building in which to house all the items which are for sale. And leave the items which go out to families in need in the current warehouse. This would allow more room to display items and make more money to go into helping the local families in crisis. So many local people come into RuraLove each week to shop and fulfill needs that they couldn't otherwise fill due to the reasonable pricing of the RuraLove Thrift Shop. RuraLove volunteers thank everyone for their support through prayer, donations of items, and monetary funds. Please continue to help this ministry grow. Please note: RuraLove building fund on your check.

**Projects for January: Baby Bottle Project - collecting change and dollars for Bethany Christian Services**

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

Refrigerators, can openers, mops and brooms, small kitchenettes, TWIN, FULL, or queen mattresses (separates or sets - we'll match), bed frames, electric stoves, washing machines, dryers, good vehicles, 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.**

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

## Save the Date

If you are a minister in Goshen (senior pastors, retired, associates, and youth ministers) then you are invited to the annual Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, February 18 at noon at Mineral Baptist Church's fellowship hall. This is now a luncheon on a Saturday instead of a Monday night dinner. There is no cost for the luncheon but you must reserve your spot by calling 540.894.8440.

## RuraLove Ministry Update

During the past month RuraLove helped churches minister to:

- 19 families with financial needs
- 13 families with household needs
- 1 family with whole house
- 12 families with clothes



## Used Bicycles

The employment Resource Council in Fredericksburg is seeking used bicycles and bicycle parts to train those in their vocational program to repair them. The refurbished bicycles are distributed to low-income families in the region. If you have a bicycle or parts that you would like to donate, contact Rod Kunkel at 540.854.7990. He is willing to transport the items to Fredericksburg.

## Notice to Churches

Please include [Goshenba@nexet.net](mailto:Goshenba@nexet.net) to your church's email list for prayer concerns and event news blasts.

## Guidestone Retirement

Jeff Cranford will be at Goshen Ministry Center at 10 a.m. on January 9 to talk to any church staff person interested in Guidestone Retirement Planning.

### 2016-2017 Ministry Action Budget

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| Budget             | \$152,505.00    |
| Monthly Needs      | 12,709.00       |
| Received Nov.      | 7,298.00        |
| Received Oct.-Nov. | 28,887.00       |
| <b>Budget</b>      | <b>3,469.00</b> |

# CHURCH NEWS

**Gordonsville** collected 218 shoe boxes from the congregation and the relay center processed 1,596 shoeboxes to send to the distribution center.

**Mechanicsville** 10200 Louisa Road, invites the community to a January Precepts Bible study of The Sermon on the Mount - How Can I Be Blessed? meeting Tuesdays starting Jan. 17 for 10 sessions. Choose either 12:30 or 6:30 p.m. The cost for materials is \$23. Please call the church office by Dec. 30 if you'd like to participate 540.832.3269. Everyone is welcome.

**Mineral** seniors brought 37 coats and some shoes to be distributed to the homeless. The shoe box drive was a major success.

**Mt. Gilead** collected 135 shoe boxes to send to children overseas as part of Operation Christmas Child. Pastor Ben Boyd and wife, Mary Beth, are to begin their ministry at Mt. Gilead January 1.

**Orange** celebrated ten years of ministry with pastor, Rev. Rick Clore, upon his retirement Dec. 31. Rev. Alan Miller has accepted the call as senior pastor effective January 1.

**Rhoadesville** pastor, Rev. Nancy McDaniel, announces her retirement from pastoral ministry as of January 31, 2017. She has served Rhoadesville for 16 years.

**Smyrna** called pastor Rev. John Shutlock.

**Waldrop** welcomes a new member.

**Walters** - In 2016 they had 20 baptisms, one re-dedication, 25 new members, and two returning members. The Nursery has been remodeled and a new Children's Church Program has been started. On Wednesday, January 11 at 5 p.m. everyone is invited to the community-wide Stone Soup Meal with a new adult Bible Study starting at 6:30 p.m. called "The Ministry of the Apostle Paul" written, and to be taught by James Thomas Lee, Jr.

## Thank You Note

A special thank you from Tuckahoe Baptist Association of Virginia's Women's Auxiliary

Sister Joy and Teresa of the Goshen Association;  
Again...Thank you for everything you do. It means so much to us that you joined us in our Nursing Home Mission Ministry, Goochland WCC Outreach. As we serve the community, let this be a building block to bigger and better Christian efforts.

Sister Mary Herbin, President  
Sister Marie Hewlett, Area President

## FISHING

The pond at Goshen Ministry Center is stocked and ready for your Sunday School class or church group to come fishing. Call 540.894.8440 to reserve a date. *All fishing (each and every time) must be cleared by the Goshen Ministry Center before you go for insurance purposes. NO swimming. NO boating.*

## "Grist from the Mill"

*"I wonder as I wander out under the sky, How Jesus the Savior did come for to die. For poor on'ry people like you and like I... I wonder as I wander out under the sky.*

*"When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's stall, With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all. But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall, And the promise of ages it then did recall.*

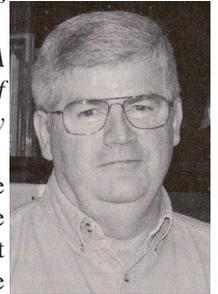
*"If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing, Or all of God's angels in heav'n for to sing. He surely could have it, 'cause he was the King."*

In its simple words and beautiful melody, the Appalachian song captures the sense of awe that Christmas should bring to all of us. It can also remind us of Mary's response to the events that had overtaken her life.

We read in Luke 2:19, that after the visit by Gabriel; after the birth of her Son' after the visit of the shepherds with news of their angelic visit; "...Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart." The word "ponder" comes from a Latin base meaning "to weigh." It implies a definite focusing of one's thoughts on something so as to understand it fully. To Mary, the circumstances surrounding Jesus' birth mattered enough for her to stop and dwell on their meaning and significance.

Christmas for most is a blur of shopping, wrapping, cooking, phone calls, and family. In an already hectic schedule I ask that you add one more thing. May we stop and ponder the meaning of the season. May we remember God's gift for us. And remembering, may we be, once again, in awe of His grace and love.

John



## Candy & Gum Bags

Goshen will be collecting candy & gum bags again this year for the Trucker and Seafarers Ministry along the Eastern Shore. They will be due at the April Mission Celebration. Here are some helpful hints to make packing easier on the volunteers. Use **ONLY** sandwich sized zipper bags packed with individually wrapped hard candy and two packages of gum.

## Iron Sharpens Iron

One day men's conference for men 13 and over

2-25-17 in Fredericksburg

3-11-17 in Roanoke

4-01-17 in Richmond

[Noblewarriors.org](http://Noblewarriors.org)

**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](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)  
**Arise Ministry Group - South Africa** [www.arisemg.org.za](http://www.arisemg.org.za)

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

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# January

## January Birthdays & Anniversaries

1-3/31 John on Sabbatical Jan. 1 until March 31  
5 Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.  
9 Guidestone Retirement Planning with Jeff Cranford  
10 a.m. GMC  
15 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday  
16 Board of Directors GMC 7 p.m.  
21 Annual Missions Dinner 5 p.m. Mineral Fellowship  
Hall  
30 Advisory Council Meeting 7 p.m. GMC

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|----|--------------------|----------------|
| 04 | Kurt Buchanan      | Zoar           |
| 04 | Gregory Washington | St. Mark       |
| 06 | Linda Hartsfield   | Retired        |
| 08 | Keith Wollenberg   | Mine Road      |
| 08 | Judy Bailey        | Oakland        |
| 08 | Paige Shutlock     | Smyrna         |
| 16 | Rebecca Whetzel    | BRS            |
| 16 | Charlene Williams  | Mechanicsville |
| 22 | Linda Kincheloe    | Trinity        |
| 25 | Steve Whetzel      | BRS            |

GMC= Goshen Ministry Center, 587 Mica Road, Mineral

If you're new to ministry in Goshen please let the office know the birthdays and anniversary of your family. [goshenba@nexet.net](mailto:goshenba@nexet.net) or call 540.894.8440.