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"The purpose of this Association shall be to proclaim Christ as Lord, to expand the Kingdom of God, and to assist our affiliate churches to carry out their mission before God."

Partnership Missions Dinner

Goshen Baptist Association's annual Partnership Missions Dinner will be held Saturday, January 11 at Mineral Baptist Church in the fellowship hall at 5 p.m. The cost is \$6.00 per person. Reservations are helpful so there is enough food. Please call 540.894.8440 to reserve your seat.

You will hear speakers from two different Panama mission trips, pray for two more teams going to Panama just days away, celebrate the 25th year of ministry for RuraLove, and learn about mission opportunities coming in 2020 and 2021. You won't want to miss it.

Give \$10 and send a youth to camp!

In the latter part of February of 2020, our Partners in the Chiricana Baptist Association will hold a five day camp for young people. The camp will be held on a farm, and those who attend will stay in tents. Each young person is asked to pay \$10 for the opportunity to camp out, eat meals prepared in a rural "kitchen" and learn about Jesus. The price seems small by our standards, but it is large enough to prevent many young people from being able to attend.

importantly of all, will provide scholarships for those young people who cannot afford to go. At this camp, our friends in Panama intend that their youth will grow in Christ and grow into leaders in both Church and secular life. They are not inviting a select few, but hope to bring together the largest number of young people gathered at any meeting in the Republic of Panama.

The Goshen has agreed to raise \$1,000 for this camp. The money will help with the cost of leasing the property, purchasing food for the five days the camp runs, and perhaps most

In order for our contribution to this work to be received in time to help, all money must be received at the Ministry Center no later than **January 15th**. Please consider how the Lord might use you to make this camp a brilliant success.

Merry Christmas!

Email address: GoshenAssociation@hughes.net

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Project for December: Angel Tree Children; Chaplain Willett Financial Support ~ Chaplain Support Goal is \$4,000. If you would like to purchase a Christmas present for a child with an incarcerated parent, call the Goshen Ministry Center, 540.894.8440.

RuraLove 540.894.8440 A ministry of Goshen Association to local families in crisis. We need churches who will *follow up* with families in crisis to build a relationship with the goal of meeting spiritual needs.

The Thrift Store is open year-round on Wednesdays 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month April-Nov. Needs (to go to local families in crisis): Refrigerators, electric stoves, washers, dish rags, dish towels, electric can openers, crib sheets, blankets, sofas, recliners, lift recliners, brooms, twin & full mattresses, good vehicles.

We accept a wide variety of items not listed such as building supplies, household goods, decorations, and much more. To find out if your items are needed, call 540.894.8440. Donations may be brought to the warehouse on Wednesdays 7 a.m. until noon or by appointment. Volunteers may also be **scheduled** to pick up items on a Wednesday morning.

RuraLove does not accept TVs, entertainment centers, sleeper sofas, desks, appliances which have issues (we do not have funds for repairing and neither do our clients) also, no torn, damaged, moldy, or dirty items. If you have pets, we cannot accept upholstered items or mattresses due to allergies. All items are to be nice enough to give in Jesus' name.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer to work in the Thrift Store on Wednesdays and/or the first Saturday of the month from 7 a.m.-1 p.m. (to help set up and put away) or to pick up or deliver furniture please call.

Bethany Christian Services 540.373.5165 Christ-Centered Crisis Pregnancy Center and Adoption Services. www.bethany.org/Fredericksburg 5610 Southpoint Centre Blvd. #107, Fredericksburg 22407

Fred. Pregnancy Center 540.370.1800 1616 Stafford Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401 www.FredericksburgPregnancyCenter.org

Hope House 540.371.0831 Battered women's shelter for abused women and their children, 902 Lafayette Blvd., Fredericksburg

Shelter for HELP in Emergency 434.963.4676 Working to end domestic violence. Charlottesville

2019-2020 Ministry Action Budget

Budget	170,833.00
Monthly Needs	14,236.00
Received Oct.	13,340.00

Budget - 896.00

The Journey Home Open House

Praise God for the mighty things He has done! Please join us for **The Journey Home Ribbon Cutting and Open House on Sunday, January 5 from 2-5 p.m. at 75 Albemarle Ave., Mineral.**

See www.journeyhomemineral.org for guest applications for this Christ-centered transitional home. TJH is seeking a house manager couple who will live at the home, build relationships, and supervise. Journeyhomemineral@gmail.com for more info.

Sewing Ministry At Goshen

A sewing day for the Mission Stitchers is planned at The Goshen Ministry Center for Saturday, **December 14** from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. for anyone interested in learning to make sani-pads, dresses, or shorts. Even if you don't sew you can help. Bring about \$10 to get lunch or bring your lunch.

The Mission Stitchers will not meet in January or February and ask that you sew at home. They will start back on March 21. (Terry Graham 540.661.6268)

RuraLove's Monthly Ministry Update

During the past month RuraLove helped churches minister to:

- 14 Families with financial needs (**\$1,662.00**) (Rent, Mortgage, Utilities)
- 14 Families with household needs
- 2 Families with a whole house
- 9 Families with clothing
- 4 Families with a medical need
- 3 Families with baby needs
- 1 Family with a vehicle
- 1 Family with a project

Thrift Store:

Served 383 families with clothing

Served 647 families with household items

Total sales from the Thrift Store for clothing and other donated yard sale items for the month: **\$4,536.00**

One hundred percent of all sales and donations go to local families in crisis.



CHURCH NEWS

Craigs is located at 14123 West Catharpin Road in Spotsylvania. TEAMKids, a new ministry at Craigs just for kids began in November. This ministry is for grades 6 and below and will meet every Monday from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Each segment of the program is six weeks. The next Centershot's 8 week program begins February 6. Registration begins soon. Worship, 9:30 a.m. Sundays with Sunday School at 11 a.m. A ladies Bible study is every Sunday evening from 6-8 p.m. [Www.craigsbaptistchurch.org](http://www.craigsbaptistchurch.org)

Gordonsville Baptist's adult choir presents, "Hallelujah, Jesus is Born!" on Sunday, December 15 during the 11 a.m. worship service.

Louisa's live nativity, "The Timeless Gift," will be Dec. 14 from 7-9 p.m. On Dec. 15, both services will be filled with Christmas music. During the 8:30 a.m. service, the Praise Band will lead the service; and at 11 a.m., the adult choir will perform a cantata. Christmas Caroling will be on the 22nd at 4:30 p.m.; and a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be at 6 p.m. [Www.louisabaptistva.org](http://www.louisabaptistva.org)

Mechanicsville's [Www.mechbaptist.com](http://www.mechbaptist.com)

Mineral "Journey of Faith" Christmas Cantata is Dec. 7 at 3 p.m. and Dec. 8 at 11 a.m. On Dec. 18: a Christmas Carol Hymn Sing at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 24: a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5 & 7 p.m. Upward Basketball coming soon. The Women's Ministry hosted a Soup and Blanket making Social and made Linus Blankets for Project Linus.

Orange welcomes three new members. The Singing Christmas Tree Dec. 14 & 15 at 5 and 7:30 p.m. A Christmas Bazaar is scheduled to be held Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9-2 in the Pine Room. The youth will also hold a yard sale during this time. The Christmas Eve service will be at 5:30 p.m.

Smyrna ladies sewing group is completing a quilt for a member with cervical cancer. They are very active with Goochland Cares Food Bank as well.

South Africa Update

Goshen Baptist Association has supported a church planter in the past in South Africa. Through this partnership we learned about, and supported several ministries started by Don and Cheryl Allen such as "The Door of Hope," "Arise Ministry Group," and a village for abandoned children who have not been adopted and are over the age of two.

South Africa has had many violent uprisings against people visiting or living in South Africa who were not born there. There are ministries and churches in the cities for foreigners who are at risk. The Allen family has assured us they are safe and continuing their ministries.

The Door of Hope has rescued over 1,700 abandoned infants since 1999 through a special door in the wall which allows people to anonymously give up their baby. (This ministry has recently been copied in Indiana by an adopted child, now an adult, from The Door of Hope.)

The Arise Ministry meets physical needs of the destitute and then shares Christ. The Arise Ministry Group and The Door of Hope's websites are listed on the top of the back page or [Facebook.com/doorofhopeSA](https://www.facebook.com/doorofhopeSA)

"Grist from the Mill"

In the movie, "The Sound of Music", the song "So long, Farewell" is sung twice; once by the children as a light-hearted way of leaving as they head to bed and the second as a cover for a daring escape from Nazi controlled Austria. In the song, the children use seven words or phrases of parting. They sing, "so long", "farewell", "auf Wiedersehen", "good night", "adieu", "au revoir" and "goodbye".



I always thought the children used so many words simply to delay leaving the party. As I was twelve when I first saw the movie, I understood the tactic well. When you look up the origins of these words and those from other languages, you notice certain ideas recurring in every language. There is a sense of giving the person you are leaving to God, as in the French "adieu" which comes from a phrase meaning "I commend you to God" or the English "goodbye" which expresses the hope "God be with you".

There is also the hope of reunion as the German "auf Wiedersehen" comes from a phrase which means "until we see each other again" and "au revoir" expresses the expectation if not the certainty of seeing one another again in the future. Of all the words of parting I suppose the one that most closely expresses my feelings now is "farewell". The word itself is a wish, or perhaps stronger, a desire for well-being at parting.

At the end of December my ministry with the Goshen will close and I will move into retirement, in whatever form that may take. In our time together, I have seen miracles of salvation and growth, times of surrender and blessing. For that and for our time as servants, I will always be grateful. And now, to you, my family in the Goshen, farewell.

~John

January VBS Mission Trip

A Vacation Bible School Mission Trip to Panama is seeking volunteers to do VBS in January when the Panamanian children are out of school.

Time is VERY short.

Call John Miller for more info, 540.894.8440.

The dates are January 24-Feb. 1.

Deadline to sign up is December 1.

A passport is required.

Parkinson's Support Group

A Parkinson's Support Group will meet the first Monday of each month at Louisa Baptist Church at 1 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The group is for caregivers, family, and friends. Call Cathy Collins for more info, 540.894.3973.

[Www.Parkinson.org](http://www.Parkinson.org)

Goshen Counseling Center: 587 Mica Road, Mineral, VA 23117
Samantha J. Reynolds, BS, MSW, PA-C phone: 540.894.8440
email: samtheuropa10@hotmail.com

Ministry to Roma People at Ruth School—Romania contact
Brittany Garton: Garton.Brittany@gmail.com or check out Ruth
School's website at : www.project-ruth.org

Living Hope Community Centre News—South Africa
(Ministering to those living with HIV/AIDS).
www.livinghope.co.za

Door of Hope—South Africa (Saving unwanted babies)
www.doorofhopesa.com or facebook.com/doorofhopeSA

Arise Ministry Group—South Africa www.arisemg.org.za

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December

1	White Anniversary	Waller
13	Sylvia Moore	Shady Grove
15	Shaw Henson	New Hope
17	Karen Clore	Interim
18	Everett Anniversary	Mineral
19	Williams Anniversary	Mechanicsville
20	Jerry Riggins	Retired
21	Hartsfield Anniversary	Retired
22	Wright Anniversary	Retired
30	Jim Graham	Retired
31	McClary Anniversary	South Anna
31	Brown Anniversary	Mechanicsville

December

1-8	Week of Prayer for International Missions & Offering
5	Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
7	WEATHER PERMITTING ~ RuraLove Benefit Yardsale 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
12	Financial support for Chaplain Willett DUE
16	Angel Tree Deadline GMC 1 p.m.
20-1/1	Closed for Christmas Holidays

To donate and help people effected by disasters go to:

www.bgav.org or call 1.800.255.2428

100% of money donated goes to help people in crisis

**RuraLove Urgent NEED: Good, working
washing machine for elderly lady**