



# Goshen News

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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."*

## **Goshen Partnership Missions Dinner**

*Saturday, January 19*

*5:00 p.m.*

*\$6 per person*

*Mineral Baptist Church Fellowship Hall*

Our intern, Meribeth Montenegro Gonzalez will share about herself for a few minutes. There will be others who talk about the camp in Romania and work in North Carolina. Felix Foronda will be coming so those who have worked with him will be able to visit with him at the dinner. Also, presentation of the 2018 Donald P. Reid, Sr. Servant Award. Reservations not required, but appreciated to make sure we have enough food.

Call 540.894.8440. *All are invited!*

## **Happy New Year!**

*New email address: [GoshenAssociation@hughes.net](mailto:GoshenAssociation@hughes.net)*

## MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

**Projects for January:** Pregnancy Centers—Baby Bottle Project

**RuraLove 540.894.8440** A ministry of Goshen Association to local families in crisis. Open year-round on Wednesdays 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month April-November.

RuraLove is low on working **refrigerators, good AC units, wood stoves, twin, and full mattresses, bed frames, good vehicles.** Also, can openers, crib sheets, bath linens, kitchen towels and dish rags.

We need churches who will **follow up** with families in crisis to let them get to know you and possibly get them into a church family.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer to work in the yard sales on Wednesdays and the first Saturday of the month from 7 a.m.-1 p.m. (to help set up and put away items) or deliver and pick up furniture please call 540.894.8440.

**Bethany Christian Services 540.373.5165** Christ-Centered Crisis Pregnancy Center and Adoption Services. 5610 Southpoint Centre Blvd., Fredericksburg 22407

**Fredericksburg Pregnancy Center 540.370.1800** Empowering those facing unplanned pregnancy with hope and life-affirming choices. 1616 Stafford Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401 [www.FredericksburgPregnancyCenter.org](http://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

Shelter for HELP in Emergency wish list: HE laundry detergent, HE dishwashing detergent, dishwashing liquid, toilet paper, paper towels, white full-sized sheet sets, white bath towels, CTS bus tickets (available at C'ville City Hall), gift certificates to area grocery, department, and drug stores, pre-paid calling cards (regular and international). For all other donations please call first due to lack of storage space.

### 2018-2019 Ministry Action Budget

Budget	167,029.00
Monthly Needs	13,919.00
Received Nov.	11,968.00
Received Oct.-Nov.	20,719.00
<b>Budget</b>	<b>- 7,119.00</b>

### Deepest Sympathy

Deepest sympathy to Terry Green and family, pastor of Antioch, on the sudden passing of his wife Eleanor.

## Sewing Day at Goshen

A sewing day is planned at The Goshen Ministry Center for Saturday, **January 12** from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. for anyone interested in learning to make the sani-pads, dresses, or shorts. Even if you don't sew you can help. Need: Sewing machine, scissors to cut fabric, straight pins, pre-washed cotton fabric, thread. Bring about \$10 to get lunch brought in from a local restaurant or bring your lunch.

Please collect new girls size 14 & 16 and women's size small and medium COTTON briefs to send with the sani-pads. Money is also being collected to help with the shipping costs. **Urgent need for the underwear!!!** Cotton and flannel fabric and pillowcases are always in NEED to make these projects of HOPE.

If you go to the Dollar Tree please pick up a few 3-packs of lingerie bags. We are packing pads in them. They are on the laundry aisle and hang on a hook. They are 12x15.

Like our Facebook Page: Goshen Sewing Ministry. Check out: [www.littledressesforafrica.org](http://www.littledressesforafrica.org)

Encourage your WMU, older youth, mission, or Sunday School group to get involved with a stitching project or collecting underwear or material. To learn how you can start your own sewing group contact Terry Graham at 540.661.6268 or email [mrsjrg@aol.com](mailto:mrsjrg@aol.com)

## Disaster Response

In the past 25 years Virginia Baptists have responded to 50 disasters; 37 in the last four years.

## More Than Nets Update

Sending final 15,000 nets to Ghana. There are 512 new congregations in Ghana; 22,000 professions of faith; 11,000 baptisms.

## RURALOVE MINISTRY UPDATE

During the past month RuraLove helped churches minister to:

- 20 Families with financial needs (\$3,538)
- 3 Families with household needs
- 1 Family with Christmas tree & decor
- 1 Family with a project

### Thrift Store:

Served 143 families with clothing

Served 378 families with household items



## CHURCH NEWS

**Gordonsville** donated 153 shoeboxes to Operation Christmas Child.

**Hebron** pastor, Bob Ellinger and wife Shirley concluded his ministry at Hebron on December 31 after 18 years.

**Mechanicsville** winter Precept Bible Study will begin Tuesday, January 22 at 12:30 and 6:30 p.m. The course of study will be II Peter, How to Keep from Falling: Learn How to Live Effectively and Grow in Spiritual Discernment. Workbooks are \$18.00 with eight sessions. Call Charlene Williams at 540.223.1443 to register or for more information. The deadline to register is January 6.

**Mineral**—The Christmas tree lighting service was held at the Historical church. Various groups including Mineral Christian Preschool, youth, seniors, held parties. The Mineral Christian School pupils had a float in the Christmas parade. The church packed 292 shoeboxes.

**Smyrna** collected over 500 pounds of non perishable food items for the Goochland Food Pantry. The ladies made 22 blankets for Thailand Ministry.

**Walters** will be collecting baby bottles for the Pregnancy Center in the month of January. On January 9 & 23 they will hold Stone Soup Dinners from 5-6.15 p.m. at Walters where soup, bread, and dessert will be served free to the community. On Sunday, January 27 a combined 11 a.m. special Baptist Men's Day worship service will be held.

**Zoar** pastor, Kurt Buchanan has accepted a call to Remington Baptist Church and concludes his ministry at Zoar on December 31.

## Help Wanted

Mineral Christian School, a ministry of Mineral Baptist Church, is in its second year of providing a classical Christian education. Currently, they offer full day classes for kindergarten and first grade. Each year another grade level will be added. The school is seeking a godly person to join the staff in the role of an assistant beginning on January 3rd. This person will help in administrative and/or classroom tasks according to their God-given skills and abilities: such as working with social media, completing office tasks, tutoring students, and helping with arts and crafts. This position will be 15-20 hours weekly during the school year, arranged in conjunction with current staff and availability. To learn more about the heart of the school, visit the website: [www.mineralchristianschool.com](http://www.mineralchristianschool.com)

Please send inquiry to June Duren at [juned344@gmail.com](mailto:juned344@gmail.com)

## "Grist from the Mill"

My father and I played golf together for many years. In fact, about the only time I played was when I was with him. We always walked the course, because, according to my father, "golf is meant to be walked". Our games normally took between four and six hours to cover eighteen holes. The time was largely dependent upon how many balls I would hit into the woods, lakes, streams etc. My Dad was pretty good at golf and enjoyed the game tremendously. I have never been accused of being good at golf but I still had fun on those beautiful courses walking and talking about the events of life, the humorous and sad things and our mutual dislike of course marshalls. I considered them abominations before God and my father's opinion was somewhat lower than that.



I cannot begin to count the lessons he tried to teach me while we walked the fairway, or more often, combed through the rough. There were lessons on patience and on not quitting because golf, or life, was hard. He taught about facing up to troubles and on the value of friendships. He showed me that time spent with someone was more important than time spent earning money or honors. Pop taught me that love needs to be spoken, but is only believable when demonstrated by our lives.

People who have known my father or heard me speak about him often tell me that I was "lucky" to have a father like him. No, people, luck had nothing to do with it. One of the lessons he taught me was that there is no such thing as "luck". There is mathematical probability and there is the will of God. I was not "lucky" to have him as my father. I was blessed.

~John

## Thank You Notes

RuraLove,

You helped me last month with a propane bill. I just wanted to make doubly sure that you received my thank you. I just wanted to thank you again. What a wonderful ministry you have there. Thank you so very much. I will think of you these cold days—my age (82) and with the illness I have—cold causes me great distress. Thank you all and God Bless. I really appreciate your assistance and hopefully one day I can help someone else or your ministry.

Client

RuraLove,

Last week you provided 100 gallons of propane for me. I am most thankful to you all. My tank was empty and when the truck came I was so happy. What a blessing to be warm now these cold days. Thank you again.

Client

**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

**South India—Dr. & Mrs. Kunjumon Chacko: Seminary ~**  
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Kottayam, Kerala, India 686010

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

**Door of Hope**—South Africa (Saving many unwanted babies)  
www.holeinthewall.org.za

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

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## January

6	Linda Hartsfield	Retired
8	Keith Wollenberg	Mine Road
8	Paige Shutlock	Smyrna
16	Rebecca Whetzel	Blue Ridge Shores
16	Charlene Williams	Mechanicsville
25	Steve Whetzel	Blue Ridge Shores

## January

1	New Year's Day—Office Closed
3	Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
7	Board of Directors GMC 7 p.m.
12	Mission Stitchers GMC 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
19	Partnership Missions Dinner—Mineral Fellowship Hall
20	Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
20	Stewardship Mtg for Church Leadership 3 p.m. GMC
28	Advisory Council Meeting GMC 7 p.m.

**Happy  
New  
Year!**

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disasters go to**

**www.bgav.org or call**

**1.800.255.2428**

**100% of money donated goes directly  
to help people in need**