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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."

50% of the Goshen Missions Offering this year will go towards Capital Improvements as the Goshen Ministry Center is in need of a new roof.

RuraLove Ministries

RuraLove is a ministry of your church through Goshen Association to local families in crisis and is funded by donations, the RuraLove Thrift Store, and this year, by **30% of the Goshen Mission Offering**. One hundred percent of funds collected go to local families in crisis. The warehouse and Thrift Store are completely manned by volunteers.

RuraLove needs churches who will keep their eye out for local families in crisis to minister to and **follow up** with the families 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-November. 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 540.894.8440.

RuraLove is in need of working **electric stoves,**



washers, AC units, wood stoves, twin, and full mattresses, bed frames, good vehicles. Also, can openers, cleaning supplies, crib sheets, kitchen towels and dish rags. We also 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 people having allergies. **All items are to be nice enough that you would be proud to give in Jesus' name.**

New email address: GoshenAssociation@hughes.net

Panama Ministries

20% of the Goshen Mission Offering will go towards ministries in the Panama partnership.

The partnership with Chiricana Association in Panama has been finalized and we have received twelve requests. Four of these have been prioritized for the

coming year: A Gangs and Drug Addiction Seminar; A WMU Conference in November; 5-6 Ministers to lead simultaneous Revivals; and, Simultaneous Bible Clubs (7 teams of 3-4).

GriefShare

Samantha Reynolds (of the Goshen Counseling Center), will soon be offering small group sessions on "GriefShare." The group is open to anyone experiencing the loss of a loved one. To sign up call 540.894.8440 and leave a message for her to call you back.

Deepest Sympathy

Sympathy to Pastor Kris Hutchinson, of Mineral, on the passing of his grandfather, George Hutchinson (Feb. 27, 1921-April 14, 2019).

Sympathy to Pastor Lee Bowers and wife, Melinda on the passing of Lee's mother, Barbara Bowers.

Sewing Day at Goshen

In March and April, the group welcomed new members and had another great day of fellowship and sewing for His Glory.

The next sewing day is planned at The Goshen Ministry Center for Saturday, **May 18** 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. Need: Sewing machine or serger, scissors to cut fabric, straight pins, pre-washed cotton fabric, thread. Bring about \$10 to get lunch or bring your lunch.

Need: new girls size 14 & 16 and women's small and medium COTTON underpants (briefs preferred-any color or print) to send with sani-pads; funds to help with shipping; cotton and flannel fabric and pillowcases; and at the Dollar Tree please pick up 12x15 lingerie bags. Pads are packed in them. They are hanging on the laundry aisle. Funds are also needed to mail the items to Michigan to the World Headquarters.

Joyce and Terry are planning their annual trip to Michigan to the World Headquarters for Little Dresses for Africa to deliver a year's worth of ministry sewing. They will work in the Distribution Center also. If you are sewing at home or church, or collecting underpants, please be sure to have them at the Goshen Ministry Center by June 15. They will be sharing their adventures with everyone on the July 20 sewing day.

For more information contact Terry Graham at 540.661.6268 or email mrsjrg@aol.com

Like our Facebook Page: Goshen Sewing Ministry. Check out: www.littledressesforafrica.org

2018-2019 Ministry Action Budget

Budget	167,029.00
Monthly Needs	13,919.00
Received Mar.	9,963.00
Received Oct.-Mar.	88,685.00
Budget	+ 5,171.00

RuraLove's Monthly Ministry Update

During the past month RuraLove helped churches minister to:

- 23 Families with financial needs (\$2,573.67) (Rent, Mortgage, Utilities)
- 11 Families with household needs
- 2 Families with a medical need

Thrift Store:

Served 215 families for clothing

Served 716 families for yardsale items

Total sales from the Thrift Store for clothing and other donated yard sale items for the month: **\$3,342.25**

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



CHURCH NEWS

Craigs 14123 West Catharpin Road, Spotsylvania. A Missionary Potluck will be held on May 19 from 6-9 p.m. Karen Lithgow, a former missionary with Kid's Alive in the Dominion Republic, and returning from a mission trip to Indonesia, will be the guest speaker. Contact the office to attend, 540.854.5284. Worship Sundays at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 11 a.m. Open gym and Bible study for teens ages 12-up on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. until September. Craigsbaptistchurch.org

Elk Creek will begin some renovations in May. They have a new program, "Neighbor Connecting with Neighbors," offering food items to passing boaters who come by their lakefront worship area. Lakefront services to resume soon.

First Baptist, Louisa—renovation of the sanctuary is currently in progress. Pastor Jones recently returned from a mission trip to El Salvador and they are entertaining the idea of adopting a child until 18 years, as a church project.

Gordonsville VBS will be held June 10-14. The theme will be "In The Wild-Amazing Encounters With Jesus."

Hebron is starting the Christian archery program, Center-shot, which will begin soon. Pastor Jim Stone of Spotswood is serving as interim.

Louisa VBS, for children through 6th grade, is June 9-13 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. with dinner at 5:45. The theme is "The Incredible Race" by Answers in Genesis. Louisa surpassed the goal of \$3,000 for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Pastor Richard recently returned from a week of Disaster Response to Nebraska floods where he worked and ministered as a chaplain.

Mechanicsville—FREE outdoor concert May 4, 2-4 p.m. with free refreshments. VBS is June 2-6, 6:30-8:30 p.m. with the theme, "The Incredible Race."

Mineral VBS is June 24-28 with the theme, "Roar! Life is Wild, God is Good." Upward Soccer has 188 kids playing. Mineral welcomes 5 new members. Mission volunteers have returned from Kenya and Costa Rica. The Women's group is sewing for the Appalachia Sewing Project. They participated in "Rise Against Hunger" (formerly Stop Hunger Now), raised over \$7,000, and packed 24,000 meals.

Mine Road reports the children are baking cookies and visiting in the community as "Cookies for Christ." Four people were baptized on Easter Sunday.

North Pamunkey will be seeking a new Christian Pre-school Director as the current one is retiring. The WMU has been rejuvenated and just completed blankets for the Appalachia Ministry and a local hospital.

Oakland calls Dennis Barton as their interim pastor and began the last Sunday in April. He is a former IMB missionary to France. VBS will be June 17-21, 6:30-8:30 p.m. A Disaster Response Rebuild Team recently returned from North Carolina.

Orange welcomes two new members.

Smyrna's Revival May 2-3 at 7 p.m., May 4 at 12 p.m., 3 p.m., picnic, 4 p.m. at 1412 Rock Castle Road, Goochland. Guest Speaker will be Pastor Peter Tuito Gunn and his wife, Sylvia, founders of JEM Church in Kiserian Nairobi.

Wallers Homecoming is Sunday, Sept. 22.

"Grist from the Mill"

Who was Mattithiah? He was a Levite, the eldest son of Shallum the Korahite. We find him in 1 Chronicles 9:31, where we learn that he had oversight of the bread that was prepared for the sacrifices in the Temple. So, I guess, that would make him a baker.



The inclusion of Mattithiah brought back to me a question I have pondered for many years. Why are certain people mentioned in the Bible? To the best of our knowledge, he was not a warrior fighting the enemies of the Lord or defending Jerusalem. He is not listed as a writer of proverbs or psalms. He does not figure into the genealogy of the kings and heroes of Israel. He was not a martyr, poet or prophet. He was, to our knowledge, a baker.

I have no idea how many times I have read 1Chronicles, yet, I cannot remember thinking about Mattithiah before this week. In my defense, the first ten chapters of 1 Chronicles are full of names I cannot pronounce, much less remember, but as I read through those chapters this time for some reason his story struck me. Why would this baker be listed and not the thousands of other people who carried out tasks that may have been just as necessary to the function of the Temple? Particularly, when he otherwise has nothing to distinguish him?

Perhaps the point is that he is not "distinguished". He apparently was a man who did his job well and was given this behind-the-scenes responsibility because he was a good baker and conscientious person. In our world many only serve if they are recognized and praised. Mattithiah challenges us to serve well without proclaim or notice. That example may be what makes him worthy of being mentioned in the Lord's Word. ~John

Help Wanted

Kindergarten teacher: Mineral Christian School, a Christ-centered private school founded by Mineral Baptist Church, is looking for a kindergarten teacher. Applicants should have a passion for teaching and delight in seeing children experience learning. For information email June Duren at juned344@gmail.com

Organist/Pianist: Rhoadesville is seeking a part-time organist/pianist. Responsibilities include providing music support for Sunday morning traditional worship, Wednesday night rehearsals, and special services though out the year. Playing experience in a church setting is preferred. If interested, contact the church 540.854.7527 or email rbc1888@gmail.com

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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 many unwanted babies)
www.holeinthewall.org.za

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

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8	Bruce Hunter	Retired	2	Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
15	Danny Lester	Vertical Life	2	National Day of Prayer
19	Robertson Anniversary	Elk Creek	4	RuraLove Benefit Yard Sale 8a.m.-12:30 p.m.
20	Whetzel Anniversary	BRS	12	Mother's Day & Undies Sunday for Standing Rock
			18	Mission Stitchers 9-2 GMC
			19-26	Week of Prayer for Associational Missions and Goshen Missions Offering
			27	Memorial Day, Office Closed

Focus on Associational Missions the month of May and the Goshen Missions Offering

Why an Offering?

To help fund projects not paid for by the operations budget.

Goshen Mission Offering Goal: \$13,000

Partnering together through Associational Missions