



# 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."*

## Merry Christmas!

*The future, after the Prayer Triplet's three goals are met:*

### *The Goshen, Tomorrow*

In the Goshen, people talk to one another. They listen and when there is a question or a hint of misunderstanding, they ask for clarification. Conversations flow from churches to other churches. Groups within the Association are continually in contact with one another. The staff for the Goshen shares information with all these bodies and receives it from them. The variety of methods and means used for these conversations grows constantly. Everyone is encouraged to find new ways to share, while holding to the successful patterns already in place.

People need a reason to be together, so time and effort are expended telling and then retelling the purpose of the Goshen. Understanding the purpose allows people to buy into the mission, give the funds needed and agree to be part of something larger than any one piece.

But this conversation is not one-sided or top-down. The Goshen exists to enable the churches to fulfill their mission before the Lord. And so, we talk. And we listen. We consider each church's and each person's mission as important and move to help complete it. This demands constant communication from the church or group to their sister churches and individuals within the Association. Each church has a role to play, a ministry or work to carry out. When others learn about these ministries, people from this body volunteer to be a part of that work and to help accomplish it for the Lord's Glory.

Fulfilling the purpose the Lord has given the people in our Association and churches demands continual training. The Goshen emphasizes trainings in the common needs of the churches such as leadership,

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

## Deepest Sympathy

Sympathy to John and Toni Miller on the passing of his father, Creed Miller (95) in Marysville, Tenn.

## MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

**Projects for December:** Chaplain Powell financial support, **URGENT: 10 ANGEL TREE KIDS left 894.8440.**

**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 Oct.	11,968.00
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<b>Budget</b>	<b>- 1,951.00</b>

## Sewing Day at Goshen

What a great sewing day was had in November. There were eight folks and one new member. The stitchers completed 200 pads and ten dresses. The "cutters" were busy staying ahead of the machines. In December one member is bringing a crockpot of soup to share for lunch. Bring a finger food to share if you can to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Cotton and flannel fabric and pillowcases are always in NEED to make these projects of HOPE.

A sewing day is planned at The Goshen Ministry Center for Saturday, **December 15** 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!!!**

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)

## RURALOVE MINISTRY

### UPDATE

During the past month RuraLove helped churches minister to:

- 18 Families with financial needs
- 15 Families with household needs
- 2 Families with a whole house
- 3 Families with medical
- 1 Family with wood

### Thrift Store:

Served 235 families with clothing

Served 457 families with household items



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stewardship, Bible study and Baptist doctrine. These courses, whether held by the Association, a local church or another group in our area, prepare Goshen Baptists to carry out God's ministries. The trainings are open to all churches and not only to those within the Goshen.

Leland-Madison Park hosts seminars that are open to all people on topics dealing with religious liberty, First Amendment issues and the concept of the separation of church and state. The historic Leland Oak tree, located at the park, provides focus for discussions on the creation of the Bill of Rights and the role Baptists and other groups played in its creation. It continues to serve the people of Orange County as a place for family gatherings, picnics and rest.

Our Christian counselor offers aid to the people of this area at the Goshen Ministry Center. Using best practices and Christian faith and values, our counselor anchors our efforts to provide for the mental, emotional and physical health of our region. In cooperation with social service agencies and mental health professionals, seminars are held that deal with the problems the people of the Goshen face every day of their lives. These are coupled with the work of our pastors and church leaders to promote health in all parts of a person's life; physical, mental and spiritual.

The motto for the RuraLove Ministry is "Neighbor Helping Neighbor". RuraLove does more than meet material and financial needs of families and individuals. It is a spiritual ministry that seeks to bring people into a loving relationship with Jesus. The ministry is a place where people are accepted and blessed by neighbors who are happy to see them. It is church to many without a home church. It is where all are welcome and find people who care about them, and not just about giving them things. RuraLove is the Great Commandment in action, neighbor loving neighbor in Christ's Name.

But these are not just words for our social ministry to remember, they are the standard by which all the mission work of the Goshen is judged. Our local ministries, the covenant with Panama, the teams who travel to Romania, Central Europe and the villages of Honduras are all guided by our desire to be good neighbors. Success in all our ministries is measured by the quality of the relationships established and maintained. We care because we are neighbors. We serve because we are neighbors. Neighbors build friendships and from there become families. The mission of the Goshen allows us to find parts of our family in Christ we did not know before but will never forget.

Some of our neighbors speak a different language in their homes than we do. Some live across the road from us, while others many miles away. We continue to look for new people to love and new neighbors to bless. The Goshen serves them all, as the neighbor God intends us to be.

## CHURCH NEWS

**Louisa** prepared 100 shoeboxes; exceeded their Alma Hunt goal of \$1000 and collected \$2,900; and will hold a Hanging of the Greens musical Dec. 2 at 7 p.m.

**Mechanicsville** will hold a Children and Youth Christmas Pageant December 9 at 10:55 a.m.

**Mineral** celebrated Pastor appreciation with cake, video, and sweatshirts. Football finalized, basketball on the horizon. 25 Seniors enjoyed the play "Jesus" in Lancaster, PA. Youth raised \$2,300 for NC Summer Trip. Disaster Relief teams have been to NC (an ongoing endeavor). World Hunger banks collected. Samaritan Purse shoeboxes collected. Local nursing home visitation with singing by senior group. Children's church puppet show dramas. Oct. fall festival carnival featured four game booths, hot dog dinner, candy and prizes. Prayer service at noon each Tuesday. Chili cook-off to benefit Mineral Christian Preschool.

**Oakland** filled 9 Flood Buckets for Virginia Baptist Disaster Relief.

**Orange** will celebrate Christmas again this year with their Singing Christmas Tree on Sat., December 8 and Sun., December 9 at 5 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. both evenings.

**Waller's** Children's Ministry and Puppetz4Jesus will have a float in the Spotsylvania Christmas Parade on December 1. Waller's will hold a Remembrance Service for those who passed away this past year on Friday, December 7 at 7 p.m. Anyone who would like to attend and have a time of remembrance for those in their lives they have lost, you are welcome. All are invited on Sunday, December 23 to the Christmas program put on by Kidz4Jesus and Puppetz4Jesus at a combined 11 a.m. worship service.

*There is a new Christian  
Counselor at Goshen Ministry  
Center on Tuesdays.*

**Goshen has received for  
Chaplain Karen Powell:**

3 trays of Christmas cards

2 trays of all occasion cards

1 tray of blank note cards

For a total of 4,600 cards

Also 170 colored marble comp. books

81 5x7 puzzle books

8 churches participated

**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 ~**  
**email:** chackos@sancharnet.in P.O. Box 11, Vadavathoor P.O,  
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

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

## *Goshen News*

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## December

11	John Shutlock	Smyrna
13	Sylvia Moore	Shady Grove
15	Shaw Henson	New Hope
17	Karen Clore	Retired
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

## December

1	RuraLove Clothing and Yard Sale 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
2-9	Week of Prayer for International Missions
6	Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
13	Support for Chaplain Powell due
17	Angel Tree deadline 1 p.m. GMC
21-1/1	Closed for Christmas Holidays

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hurricanes go to**

**www.bgav.org or call**

**1.800.255.2428**

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