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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."

Free Christian Counseling

Goshen Counseling Center has made free Christian counseling available again through Christian counselor Samantha Reynolds, BS, MSW, PA-C of Orange.

Samantha earned her Bachelor of Social Work from Virginia Commonwealth University with a focus in Psychology, a minor in Sociology, and Social Work. She has worked for the University of Virginia Medical Center in Psychiatry, Carilion Giles Memorial Hospital in Social Work covering the Emergency Department and the Medical/Surgical Unit, and Director of Virginia Tech Adult Day Services Program overseeing the geriatric services and care.

She returned to school to earn her Physician

Assistant degree from Jefferson College of Health Sciences working in Urology and Interventional Pain Management.

Samantha has hours available on Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturday mornings (limited spaces open), accepting appointments in three different locations: Goshen Ministry Center in Mineral, Orange Baptist Church, and at the Christian Counseling Center in Lynchburg.

For more information or to schedule an appointment contact Samantha by leaving her a message at the Ministry Center 540.894.8440, Orange Baptist Church 540.672.2996, or email her at samtheuropa10@hotmail.com

Thank You for Your Generosity

An email was sent out last week by John Miller to the pastors of Goshen churches sharing a need of a bread ministry in Archita, Romania which fed families daily until their oven suddenly collapsed.

They were in urgent need of funds to rebuild the brick oven to keep the local families from starving.

Your response was overwhelming and the goal to build an oven under warranty was surpassed. Due to your generosity and timely response, this ministry will have enough to buy lots of flour and supplies.

We were able to send Florin Boruga and the people with the bread ministry a little over \$9,300.

New email address: GoshenAssociation@hughes.net

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Projects for March: Military Ministries (prayer quilts for VA hospitals, send care boxes, you can contact a VA hospital for more ideas). Also, Church Planter support due.

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 in need of working **refrigerators, 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.

We need churches who will **follow up** with families in crisis to build a relationship with the goal of meeting spiritual needs. 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. 5610 Southpoint Centre Blvd., Fredericksburg 22407

Fredericksburg 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

2018-2019 Ministry Action Budget

Budget	167,029.00
Monthly Needs	13,919.00
Received Jan.	23,069.00
Received Oct.-Jan.	67,033.00
Budget	+ 11,357.00

Sewing Day at Goshen

A sewing day is planned at The Goshen Ministry Center for Saturday, **March 16** 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, 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 briefs 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. We pack pads in them. They are hanging on the laundry aisle.

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

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

Goshen collected \$3,607 to fund a local prison chaplain in 2019.

RuraLove's Monthly Ministry Update

During the past month RuraLove helped churches minister to:

- 15 Families with financial needs (**\$6,613**) (Rent, Mortgage, Utilities)
- 10 Families with household needs
- 2 Families with a whole house
- 2 Families with a medical need
- 2 Families with a project

Thrift Store:

Served 154 families with clothing

Served 292 families with household items

Total sales from the Thrift Store for clothing and other donated yard sale items for the month: **\$1,741.25**

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



CHURCH NEWS

Louisa Drama Team is gearing up to present "Miracles and Judgement" on Thursday, April 18 and Friday, April 19 at 7 p.m. Theme: A three scene drama. The first scene focusing on some of Jesus' miracles, including Bartimaeus, leper, man crippled from birth, Jairus' daughter, Mary Magdalene and the woman with the issue of blood. The second scene is a court scene where the issue is, "Is Jesus the King of the Jews, the son of God?" The third and final scene takes place in The Great Throne Room where we find out whose names are in the Book of Life. Music inserted throughout the play. Louisa is also putting a Mission Team together to minister in Panama and collecting funds for work in Panama.

Mechanicsville welcomed D.J. Carter, president of Thrive Women's Healthcare of Central Virginia, to be the guest speaker February 3. The youth hosted the annual Valentine Dinner and will have a bake sale March 2. Everyone is invited to the Chili Cook Off March 31 at 6 p.m. to benefit this summer's Impact Missions trip to Bluefield, VA. Mechanicsville continues to search for a choir director.

Mineral youth raised \$2,252 from their Valentine's Banquet to benefit youth mission trips. The Women's Ministry Team is starting a Book Club with the first book on the list being, "30 Days to a More Dynamic Prayer Life." A meal packing venture was held to support, "Rise Against Hunger." A preschool open house was held. The youth are participating in a High School Retreat in Lynchburg March 8-10. Children's soccer practice has begun. "The Spirits" held their 15th annual Gospel Sing.

Oakland receives the resignation of their pastor, Nate Varnier. His last Sunday will be March 10. The Varnier family is relocating to Tennessee.

Orange welcomes a new member.

Wallers Homecoming 2019 Celebration date has been changed from May 19 until September 22. On September 22, Wallers will be celebrating 250 years of continuing service with a special Worship Service, music, luncheon, and much more. The Hillbilly Chili Cook Off will be Saturday, March 23. Everyone is welcome. Contact the church office for cost and more information, 540.582.5703.

Help Wanted

Organist/Pianist Needed: Rhoadesville Baptist is seeking a part-time organist/pianist. Responsibilities include providing music support for Sunday morning traditional worship, Wednesday night rehearsals, and special services throughout the year, including the possibility of funerals and weddings. Must have playing experience in a church setting. This position available February 2019. If interested, please contact the church office at 540.854.7527 or email: rbc1888@gmail.com

Deepest Sympathy

Deepest sympathy to John and Barbara Ellington (John is the pastor of Goldmine) on the passing of his mother.

"Grist from the Mill"

Valentine was a priest who lived in Italy during the 3rd century. He died at the hands of Emperor Claudius II, sometimes called Claudius the Cruel, in about the year 269 AD. Beyond that, all we have are stories and legends about the man. The Catholic Church honors Valentine for his miracles and his martyrdom, but, in reality, their records contain very little that is concrete about this good man whose name inspires sweethearts across the world to give gifts, cards and other expressions of their devotion to one another.



Although the stories vary as to specifics, there are certain things that are consistent. Valentine lived at a time when the authorities opposed the teachings of our faith. They denied the doctrines about marriage, public witnessing and the allegiance of Believers to God above any secular ruler or authority. In his life, Valentine consistently refused to surrender these principles and, in the end, died clinging to them.

I find it odd that we equate this faithful saint with boxes of chocolate, candy hearts with cutesy messages and tons of paper given over to what often is quasi-romantic drivel. Valentine endured arrest, beatings and ultimately martyrdom not to promote the love between couples but to emphasize the love between the Lord and each of us. His acts to protect couples and to teach them about love were intended to show Christ's love for them and not to elevate human love above all else.

In our day, Christians are being challenged to deny or soften our stances on marriage, evangelical witnessing and our allegiance to God over any secular state or group. Perhaps February 14th should be a day when Christians reflect upon the life of a man who refused to do those things, even at the cost of his own life. ~John

RA Family Weekend

May 31-June 1 at Kings Dominion

www.wmuv.org/RAevent

Mom & Me Camp

April 26-27 or April 27-28

www.wmuv.org/momandme

Dad & Me Camp

Camp Piankatank June 28-30

CampPiankatank.org

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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 many unwanted babies)
www.holeinthewall.org.za

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

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7	Nancy Swain	Craigs
11	Swain Anniversary	Craigs
15	Joy Dickens	Ministry Assistant
16	Susan Wilson	Perkins
17	Ashton Sandberg	Louisa
18	Steve McClary	South Anna
24	Alan Miller	Orange
26	Fran Chancellor	Retired
27	Lydia Hart	Waldrop
27	Pam Robertson	Elk Creek

3	Day of Prayer for VA Baptist Churches
3-10	Week of Prayer for North American Missions
7	Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
16	Mission Stitchers GMC 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

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disasters go to**

www.bgav.org or call

1.800.255.2428

**100% of money donated goes to help
people in crisis**