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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 Spring Missions Celebration

Sunday, April 2
3-5 p.m.
Antioch Baptist Church
11484 Just Rd, Unionville 22567



- ◆ See how Project Ruth (Romania) is ministering to Ukrainians.
- ◆ Hear the tale of "Sally the Sad Shingle" and information of this July's ImpactVA!
- ◆ The Special Offering will go to purchase food boxes for Ukrainians.

Disaster Response Baby Boxes Packing Day

Saturday, May 20
9 a.m.

Mineral Baptist Church Family Life Center



Goshen Association Spring Meeting

Tuesday, April 25
2 p.m.
Shady Grove Baptist Church
21024 Piney Wood Road, Orange 22960

Doctrinal Message ~ Rev. Joe Moore
Mission Message ~ Dr. Dee Whitten
Special Music ~ Mrs. Nikisha Diggs

Leland-Madison Park Spring Clean Up Day

Saturday, April 29
9 a.m.—noon
10553 Clifton Road, Orange, VA 22960

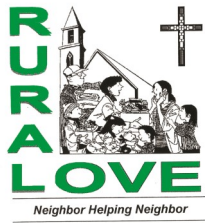
Bring your friends along with gloves, chain-saws, wheelbarrows and yard tools.

5 Voices Conference

This conference is on the subject of communication - based on Ephesians 4 concerning the five-fold ministry. Each church is encouraged to send their pastor/pastors, leadership and anyone else interested to Rhoadesville

Baptist Church on Saturday, May 6 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Rhoadesville is located at 26042 Lafayette Dr., Rhoadesville.

To register contact Jim Graham, 540.661.6269.



RuraLove Ministry

587 Mica Road, Mineral
540.894.8440

The RuraLove Thrift Store is open to the public to purchase clothing and yard sale items on Wednesdays (year-round) and the first Saturday of the month April-November from 8-12:30. In the past month (through your contributions and donations to RuraLove) you have helped local families in crisis by providing:

- 22 Families with financial needs (\$11,313.00)
(Rent, Mortgage, Utilities)
- 5 Families with household needs
- 2 Families with a whole household
- 6 Families with a medical loan
- 1 Family with a layette
- ◆ 652.5 volunteer hours were donated in February by volunteers including a Youth Group from Louisa Baptist led by their youth minister, Rudy Hornberger

In February volunteers made:

- ◆ 2 deliveries of donated items
- ◆ 2 deliveries of purchased items
- ◆ 9 pick ups of donations
- ◆ received \$97.80 for recycling metal
- ◆ 280 total miles driven for pick ups and deliveries
- ◆ Received \$218 in donations over and above purchases

In the past month the RuraLove Thrift Store sales have:

- ◆ Served 159 families with clothing
- ◆ Served 521 families with household items

Total sales from the Thrift Store for clothing and donated yard sale items for the past month: **\$4,828.50**

We are concentrating on focusing on better outcomes allowing the Lord to provide the income and for us to be good stewards of His income.

RuraLove is in need of:
bed frames (metal or wood in all sizes),
microwaves
electric stoves, refrigerators, washers & dryers
chest of drawers

*RuraLove is a ministry of Goshen Association churches to local families in crisis. Churches are needed to **follow up** with families in crisis to build a relationship with the goal of meeting spiritual needs.*

All items are to be nice enough to give in Jesus' name.

RE-Missioning Cohort

Awakening Your Established Church
Visit: thev3movement.org/training

Stewards of Children Training

A training opportunity is available to Goshen churches for child sexual abuse prevention and response. All church leaders, teachers and children's workers are encouraged to complete this training.

The training is being offered through the BGAV's partnership with From Darkness to Light and is entitled "Stewards of Children."

If you would like Richard to come and hold this training at your church, contact Rev. Richard Sandberg at

PastorRichardSandberg@gmail.com

Silent Auction

Fundraiser for Missions

The WMU of Hebron Baptist (11000 Hebron Church Road, Spotsylvania) will hold a Silent Auction on Saturday, April 1. Food will be available to purchase at 5 p.m. with the auction beginning at 6 p.m.

For more info call 540.895.5636

*Pray for our Goshen Churches:

~Pray for Craigs and Pastor John Swain

~Pray for Crossroads Community and Pastor Dave Shafferman

~Pray for Dogwood and Pastor Lee Bowers

~Pray for Elk Creek as they search for a pastor

MC2

"Signed, Sealed, Sent"

A missions week for all ages
(preschoolers through senior adults)
July 17-21 @ Eagle Eyrie, Lynchburg
www.eagleeyrie.org/MC2

Adventure Camps for children & teens ages 6-17

For Camp Piankatank see:
www.CampPiankatank.org
For CrossRoads Camp schedule see:
www.crossroadscamp.com

Visit sites for camps now hiring staff.
Various camps are offered year round.

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

Mission Opportunities

Projects for April:

1. **Disaster Response Baby Boxes:** Collect *Name Brand Diapers in sizes 4, 5 & 6 (we have mostly smaller diapers so far)* For more info see page 5.
2. **Candy & Gum Bags** ~ pack a sandwich sized zipper bag with 2 packs of gum and the rest with individually wrapped hard candy (no chocolate). The bags are for Tidewater Transportation Ministries to give to those who come into port in Norfolk along with Christian literature. **Pastor Hal called to say he had used the last candy & gum bags and was looking forward to receiving more.** In 2022, we only received around 300 bags (about half of what we have collected in previous years). So, please consider packing some Candy & Gum Bags this year. Deadline is April 30.

Southwest Virginia Partnership Inc. based in Nickelsville, VA and ministering in Clinch Valley, Powell River and Wise Counties. Register a team of volunteers or get info at www.swvpartnership.org

Hope for Appalachia <http://hfavateam.com> ~ make "Hope Boxes" for students age 4-18 to be given out with salvation message at schools in Kentucky in the spring and fall. See website for info.

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.

Paul Stefan Home (Pro-Life Maternity Housing & Educational Center) www.paulstefanhome.org ~ 120 Caroline St., Orange. 540.854.2300 See website for current needs. **Volunteers also needed!**

International Mission Opportunities

Romania: Ministry to Roma People at Ruth School
Brittany Garton: Brittany.garton@project-ruth.org or see: www.project-ruth.org

Little Dresses for Africa: littledressesforafrica.org

Door of Hope South Africa www.doorofhopesa.com & facebook.com/doorofhopeSA

Collecting

~Old prescription eye glasses and reading glasses (found in stores) for a missionary in Guatemala.

~Old prescription bottles and non-prescription bottles (aspirin, vitamins, etc.) for Doctor's Without Borders. Labels do **NOT** have to be removed. Bring to the Goshen Ministry Center.

Collecting Completed ~ Please, **NO** more ties.

See www.WMUV.org

For: Summer Camps; Mission Trips and see the qualifications to receive Grants for certain ministries.

Ministry Action Budget 2022-2023

<u>Church</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>GMO</u>
Antioch	384.00	1,451.04	
Berea			
Blue Ridge Shores	242.05	827.96	
Craigs			
Crossroads CC	250.00	500.00	
Dogwood	359.00	1,327.00	
Elk Creek		1,955.00	
FBC, Louisa			
Gordonsville		9,728.29	
Louisa	795.49	4,195.55	
Mechanicsville	833.36	5,499.62	
Memorial of Columbia			
Mine Road	320.00	1,520.00	
Mineral		4,646.00	
Mount Gilead	142.49	1,124.80	
Mount Hermon		300.00	200.00
Mountain View			
North Pamunkey	707.52	2,556.58	
Oakland	864.00	3,126.00	
Orange	436.23	2,512.04	
Perkins			
Rhoadesville	583.39	2,633.54	
Shady Grove	500.00	500.00	
Smyrna		850.00	
South Anna			
St. Mark		250.00	
Trinity	100.00	500.00	
Waldrops		1,161.00	200.00
Walters	610.48	1,797.22	
Zoar	288.39	1,232.02	
Others	2,390.00	9,882.00	
Total	13,653.82	64,385.57	400.00

2022-2023 Annual Budget Report

Budget for 2022-2023	174,384.00
Monthly Needs	14,532.00
Received Feb.	13,654.00
Received Oct-Feb.	64,386.00
Budget	- 8,274.00

Totals as of 2-28-2023

Mission Stitchers

All are invited on Sat, April 15, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Bring a lunch or about \$10 for lunch. Bring your machine and tools or fabric scissors to cut out the patterns to the Goshen Ministry Center (587 Mica Road, Mineral).

Needs: Flannel by the yard (new), flannel bed sheets and pillowcases (new or gently used), 100% cotton quilt batting or 80% cotton/20% polyester quilt batting, cotton pillowcases (new or used-no stains, no microfiber), cotton fabric by the yard (new), girls underwear sizes 14, 16 & 18 (new), modern white wedding dresses (gently used). For more information on this ministry contact Terry Graham, 540.661.6268 or email mrsjrg@aol.com.

CHURCH NEWS

Elk Creek continues to serve the community as the Woodchuckers this month added another customer to their growing list of firewood deliveries. They are grateful for the blessings of men and equipment to not only deliver this winter but the availability of wood (now storing) in preparations for next year. The street and roadway cleanup is continuing with pick ups on Routes 652 and 700.

Louisa welcomes six new members – three by statement and three by baptism.

Mechanicsville Bible Study meets 2 p.m. Tuesdays, with the study of Acts. Palm Sunday the children will celebrate in a procession with palm branches; Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service—April 6 at 7 p.m.; Easter Celebration and Communion begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by a flowering of the cross. The annual Don Reid Fish Fry is May 6th at 5 p.m. and is free. All are invited! The 2023 Vacation Bible School is July 17-21 for ages 0-12 with commencement after Sunday worship, July 23 with a picnic after Sunday School. www.mechbaptist.com

Mineral ~ The Easter Sunrise Service will begin at 6:30 a.m. and worship at 10 a.m. An Easter Celebration will be led by the Unity Choir Praise Team. Mineral Christian School recently celebrated Grandparents Day with an enjoyable program which was well attended. For Upward Sports information and events see www.mineralbaptistchurch.org

Mount Gilead's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 8. Mount Gilead Preschool is now registering for the upcoming school year. For information on these and other spring events see www.mountgileadbc.net or the church Facebook page.

Orange will hold their Easter Egg Drop on the Rt. 15 North property on Saturday, April 1 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.. Children 0-12 years are welcome to participate. Food trucks, live music, hayrides, bouncy houses, games, and the Easter story. Bring a blanket or chairs.

Perkins will have an Easter Sunrise Service at 8 a.m. with breakfast following. Easter Worship Service will begin at 10 a.m. A baptism will be held April 16.

St. Mark is celebrating 150 years in June of 2023 with the theme, "Building on 150 Years of Faith" Luke 6:48. The celebrations begin on June 4 at 3 p.m. at St. Mark in Maidens with an all-choir reunion concert. On Saturday, June 10 at 4 p.m., a Sesquicentennial Celebration Banquet at the Claude G. Perkins Living and Learning Center at Virginia Union University, Richmond will be held. Tickets are \$50 per person. Contact the church office for tickets. The month of celebration will conclude with an Anniversary Worship Experience on Sunday, June 18 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Mark. If anyone would like to place an ad in their Commemorative Journal, contact the office. For more info see www.stmarkbaptist.me

Waller's annual Resurrection Story & Egg Hunt with lunch is April 1. On April 9, Sunrise Service with light breakfast following and traditional Easter Service. Waller's Blessing Box is accepting donations. For more info, email: walleroffice@gmail.com

"A word with Dee"

Jesus had these powerful words to say to Simon Peter at Caesarea Philippi: *"And now I'm going to tell you who you are, really are. You are Peter, a rock. This is the rock on which I will put together my church, a church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell will be able to keep it out (Matthew 16:18, The Message).* So, the church will be able to overcome the forces of evil in the world with the love and grace of Jesus Christ.



Dee Whitten

Rick Warren recently retired from being the pastor of Saddleback Church in southern CA. This past year Rick claimed that the COVID pandemic didn't hinder the ministry and growth of his church... in fact, his church experienced dramatic growth during this time period. Even though they had to close down their Sunday worship services for over a year, Saddleback Church became the major food distributor for southern CA.

Typically, Saddleback Church feeds about 2000 families per month in their food distribution ministry. However, during the first week of the COVID shut-down, the church fed 45,000 families. Rick Warren said that during the shut-down, Saddleback Church had 13,000 volunteers serve over 3.5 million pounds of food to over 300,000 families. So, Saddleback Church was very engaged during the pandemic. Not only that, but Saddleback used their food distribution program to share the Gospel (over 16,000 people came to faith in Jesus) - That's over 80 people a day coming to faith in Christ. A genuine revival was taking place in southern CA during COVID due to the ministry of Saddleback...and this revival took place while their in-person Sunday worship was shut-down. This is proof that the church can overcome the forces of evil in the world with the love and grace of Jesus.

This past week Pastor Keith Wollenberg provided me with my first "official" tour of the RuraLove facility. The Goshen Association began this ministry to the community in 1995, and there is no doubt that this ministry is flourishing. The scope of this ministry is impressive! Over 7,500 people in the community are served by RuraLove on Wednesday mornings during the course of a year. Volunteers dedicate over 4,000 hours of ministry on Wednesdays throughout the year (about 20-25 people per week). This doesn't include the 12-15 volunteers who gather on Mondays to prepare for the Wednesday crowds. RuraLove Ministry also takes needed supplies and financial support to families in the community during times of emergency. Of course, volunteers are always ready to provide prayer support to families who are in need.

RuraLove is definitely a powerful illustration of the church overcoming the forces of evil in the world with the love and grace of Jesus Christ! ~ Dee

Please continue to pray for our Church Planters in Armenia...

Pastor Avo, Pastor Svin, and Pastor Vardan depend on our prayers and support.



DISASTER RESPONSE BABY BOXES

As a part of the BGAV's new disaster response program for supply distribution, Goshen is collecting supplies for baby boxes so families can have the essentials to care for their baby during a crisis. This is a brand new idea and Goshen is the first to put together these needed supplies.

The boxes (we will provide) are to contain:

- a 4 ounce tube of Desitin or store brand version (*which is much cheaper*)
- 1 pacifier (*sealed in packaging*)
- 1 bottle (*8-ounce sealed in packaging*)
- 1 blanket
- 1 sm. box of disposable diaper sacks **or** 4 gal trash bags (*any dollar store has the sm. trash bags for only \$1*)
- 3 packs wipes (*unscented 50-100 count each*)
- 2 packs of name brand diapers (*25-35 count*)

We have purchased 240 boxes and 240 "Hope" New Testaments to put in each box. Save items until a packing is scheduled or bring to Goshen Ministry Center during office hours. For any questions, call, 540.894.8440. You may also donate funds and we will shop for you - the cost is approximately \$50 per box.

Important Side Note

If you are saving your items to bring on packing day—please note that the baby blankets need to be laundered in baby-friendly detergent, then sealed in a zipper bag, and labeled "Laundered in ____ and ready to use." Substitute the blank with whatever detergents & softeners you used. Thank you for your consideration to these young families which may have no access to laundry facilities during their crisis. If you bring the blankets earlier than the packing date—they will be laundered and packed for you.

We plan to pack Baby Boxes Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m. at Mineral Baptist Family Life Center. *If you are saving items until the packing day—Please let the office know how many of each item you have collected beforehand.*

Mountain View Community Church is under watch care during the application process to become a full member of Goshen Baptist Association. Mountain View is located in Orange County just off Route 522. Rev. Josh Bowen is the pastor.



Impact Virginia!



Impact VA!, the mission camp for youth to do mission projects in Jesus' name, is scheduled to work in our community

July 9-15, 2023

While Louisa Baptist will be the official sponsor, all churches in Goshen are encouraged to participate.

NEEDS:

Project coordinators, Hospitality teams, and Goshen Youth groups to join in.

If you or your church are interested in participating please contact the camp's director Rev. Richard Sandberg for more info: **540.223.5840 or PastorRichardSandberg@gmail.com**

Pray for Goshen churches in search of a pastor:

Elk Creek, Gordonsville, Mt. Gilead, & Zoar



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April Calendar

Birthdays & Anniversaries

1	Pam Lloyd	Retired
4	Nelson Anniversary	Smyrna
9	Jim Stone	Berea
10	Melinda Bowers	Dogwood
11	Kendall Hutchinson	Mineral
13	Novella Riggins	Retired
21	Gibson Anniversary	Zoar
23	Tim Jarrell	North Pamunkey

Events

1	RuraLove Yardsale	8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
2	Goshen Spring Missions Celebration - Antioch	3 p.m.
3	Goshen Missions Committee	GMC 10:30 a.m.
3	Board of Directors Meeting	GMC 7 p.m.
6	Minister's Breakfast	GMC 8:30 a.m.
7-8	SHINE—Eagle Eyrie	
9	Easter	
10	Office Closed	
15	Mission Stitchers	GMC 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
17	Advisory Council Meeting	GMC 7 p.m.
19-22	NAMA National Association of Ministry Assistants Meeting	
21-22	GA Mom & Me I	Eagle Eyrie
22-23	GA Mom & Me II	Eagle Eyrie
25	Goshen Spring Meeting, Shady Grove,	2 p.m.
25	Deadline for Candy & Gum Bags	
29	Spring Clean Up work day at Leland-Madison Park	9 a.m.—noon

Planning Ahead

Mark Your Calendars

Saturday, May 20 ~ Baby Boxes Packing, Mineral Baptist in the Family Life Center 9 a.m.

May 21-28 ~ Week of Prayer for Associational Missions

March Corrections

On the March Calendar, I accidentally left off two birthdays: Please wish
(March 26) Jan Campbell, Rhoadesville
(March 27) Lydia Hart, Waldrop
a very Happy Birthday! My sincerest apologies.
Tammy Wood, editor

Notice to Churches

Please include:

GoshenAssociation@hughes.net in your church's email list for your newsletter, prayer concerns, and event news blasts.

Christian Counseling

Daystar Pastoral Counseling, Samantha J. Reynolds, BS, MSW, PAC, LCSW.

Reasonable fees. For appointment availability call 540.308.7500 or

Email: DaystarPastoralCounseling@gmail.com

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