



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."

Special Called Business Meeting Results

During Goshen Baptist Association's Special Called Business Meeting February 21st, the messengers unanimously voted to accept the application for membership from Mountain View Community Church. Mountain View will be under watch care for one year before a vote for full membership. Next, messengers heard from the DoM search committee, then the candidate before messengers unanimously voted to extend a call to Dr. Dee Whitten as Goshen's Director of Missions. He will begin his ministry with Goshen on March 1, 2023.

Ministering to Ukrainians

The Goshen Missions Team asked Betsy McGuiness of Rhoadesville Baptist to represent Goshen on a team of Virginia Baptists to go to Romania and witness Project Ruth's ministry to the Ukrainians. The Virginia mission team visited the Odessa Baptist Church Refugee Center in Ukraine along with a few of the Romanians from Project Ruth responsible for providing the 4:7 care boxes. Come to the Spring Missions Celebration in April for her story.



Deadline approaching for Armenia Mission Team sign up

The Goshen Missions Committee is seeking volunteers who are feeling the leading of the Lord to go to Armenia on a Mission Team this August 17-27 or 29.

The Team will be working with one of our three church planters, Pastor Vardan and his wife Lusine.

There will be four parts to the team:

1. Holding a VBS with children & youth;
2. Ladies who will work with the local women;
3. Pastors/teachers to hold conferences for the pastors and doing some outreach;
4. Construction team to work on small repair projects.

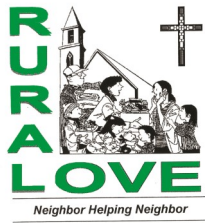
The cost of the trip is estimated at \$2,000.

The team will be staying in a hotel in Sisian. There are no special shots required for entry into the country. You will need a current passport.

Please pray the Lord would build this team and Goshen people would be receptive to His calling. If the Lord is calling you, He will provide and work everything out for His glory.

The Missions Committee has set the deadline of March 31 to sign up so that airline tickets may be purchased at a better rate.

If you would like more information or are interested in being on one of the four parts of this team, please contact the Goshen Ministry Center at 540.894.8440 or email goshenassociation@hughes.net



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:

20 Families with financial needs (\$7,190.49)

(Rent, Mortgage, Utilities)

- 1 Family with household needs
- 4 Families with a medical loan
- 5 Families with clothes
- ◆ 696.5 volunteer hours were donated in January by volunteers including a Youth Group from Louisa Baptist led by their youth minister, Rudy Hornberger

In January volunteers made:

- ◆ 3 deliveries of donated items
- ◆ 3 deliveries of purchased items
- ◆ 15 pick ups of donations
- ◆ received \$98.00 for recycling metal
- ◆ 395 total miles driven for pick ups and deliveries

In the past month the RuraLove Thrift Store sales have:

- ◆ Served 173 families with clothing
- ◆ Served 565 families with household items

Total sales from the Thrift Store for clothing and donated yard sale items for the past month: **\$5,886.25**

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:

**twin & full-sized mattress sets, bed frames (metal or wood in all sizes), toasters & microwaves
electric stoves, refrigerators, washing machines
& 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

Thank You Notes

Thank you so much. This is truly a blessing for me and my little family. Please let me know of a church in the area that we could attend. I would love to join a church.

*RuraLove recipient of help with rent
to save them from eviction.*

Thank you everyone at RuraLove. I appreciate all the helpful people I have encountered while shopping at the yard-sale. Thank you for all the help and assistance given to me in my time of need. I love my scooter. I can now get out of my house and run errands.

RuraLove shopper and client

RuraLove,

On behalf of the Louisa Arts Center, I sincerely thank you for your generous In-Kind donation of craft supplies equivalent to \$300.00. Your donation will help us continue our mission to deliver successful arts programs to the Louisa and Central Virginia community. Your contribution is most appreciated.

Karen Welch, executive director

Thank you so much! You don't know how much I appreciate it! I didn't know what I was going to do! Thank you again!

RuraLove recipient of help with rent

Thank You

for all your hard work!

Thank you to the youth and youth leaders and chaperones of Louisa Baptist Church for working at RuraLove for the past two Louisa County Asynchronous Learning Days. Thank you for working in Jan.: Emma, Laney, Melissa, Lizzie, Colleen, Jonas, Mikey, Tabatha, Rudy, Tucker and Josué. And thank you for working in Feb.: Cameron, Melissa, Lizzie, Kayla, Jonas, Emma, Laney, Linda, Rudy and Josué.

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

MC2

"Signed, Sealed, Sent"

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

Mission Opportunities

Projects for March:

1. **Disaster Response Baby Boxes:** Collect *baby wipes (unscented in packs of 50-100 each)* For more info see page 5.
2. **Church Planter Support** ~ send in your church planter support for the 2023 year please.

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!** For more info contact Evelyn at 540.379.9924.

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:
www.littledressesforafrica.org

Door of Hope South Africa (*Saving unwanted babies*)
www.doorofhopesa.com or [facebook.com/doorofhopeSA](https://www.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 men's neck ties. More than enough have been received. Thanks!

See www.WMUV.org

For: Mom & Me; SHINE; Sisters Who Care; Summer Camps; Mission Trips for Kenya (*Medical*), Peru, and Standing Rock Reservation (*located in the Dakotas*), etc.

Grants for Ministry: Must be a WMU participating church and have a ministry in areas such as: feeding, financial assistance, mental health or abuse prevention training, outreach ministries, etc. See qualifications at www.wmuv.org

Ministry Action Budget 2022-2023

<u>Church</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>GMO</u>
Antioch		1,067.04	
Berea			
Blue Ridge Shores	189.96	585.91	
Craigs			
Crossroads CC		250.00	
Dogwood	196.00	968.00	
Elk Creek		1,955.00	
FBC, Louisa			
Gordonsville		9,728.29	
Louisa	952.48	3,400.06	
Mechanicsville	2,210.57	4,666.26	
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	368.78	1,849.06	
Oakland	573.00	2,262.00	
Orange	685.06	2,075.81	
Perkins			
Rhoadesville	583.39	2,050.15	
Shady Grove			
Smyrna	425.00	850.00	
South Anna			
St. Mark		250.00	
Trinity	100.00	400.00	
Waldrops	1,161.00	1,161.00	200.00
Walters	379.26	1,186.74	
Zoar	194.34	943.63	
Others	1,960.00	7,492.00	
Total	10,442.33	50,731.75	400.00

2022-2023 Annual Budget Report

Budget for 2022-2023	174,384.00
Monthly Needs	14,532.00
Received Jan.	10,442.00
Received Oct-Jan	50,732.00
Budget	- 7,396.00

Totals as of 1-31-2023

Mission Stitchers

All are invited on Sat, March 18, 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

Blue Ridge Shores ~ Recently the Women's mission emphasis has been providing blankets for animal shelters (25) and a local women's shelter (17). They are currently collecting donations for Trevilians Elementary with their need of children's shoes and earbuds.

Elk Creek continues to serve the community through the work of the Woodchuckers. In February, deliveries of firewood were made, free of charge, to 5 needy families. In addition, the Card Ministry send greeting cards of support to the Goochland Women's Correctional Facility.

Louisa welcomes three new members. The Mission Trip to The Way of Salvation Church in Panama was successful. The VBS had over 100 children in attendance by the end of the week with 17 children making professions of faith as well as 2 adults. The construction part of the team reports laying block walls half way up.

Mechanicsville Bible Study meets 2 p.m. Tuesdays, theme: "Growing in Christ" through March 21 with the study of Acts following. The Youth Valentine Dinner raised money for local missions projects. Two new members were welcomed by transfer and another by baptism. Rev. Allan P. Smith begins his ministry at Mechanicsville March 15, coming from Haymarket Baptist. Youth Movie Night is March 17, 5:30 p.m. at the church. Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service—April 2 at 7 p.m. 2023 Vacation Bible School is planned for July 17-21 for ages 0-12. The annual Don Reid Fish Fry is scheduled for May 6th. www.mechbaptist.com

Mineral ~ A fundraising banquet will be held March 12 to benefit youth summer mission trips. An Easter Celebration will be held April 9 led by the Unity Choir Praise Team. After services Jan 29, over 80 volunteers filled food packages for Rise Against Hunger after collecting \$7,000 to finance the project. For Upward Sports information and events see www.mineralbaptistchurch.org

Mount Gilead will host a St. Patrick's Day Bluegrass Jam on Friday, March 17 from 7-9 p.m. All are invited. The 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.

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Trinity welcomes four new members, one by baptism, one by transfer, and two more to be baptized.

Waller's is saddened by the loss of their oldest member in January. Wallers celebrated Sanctity of Human Life Sunday January 22 with a speaker from the Fredericksburg Pregnancy Center and collected over \$950 for the Baby Bottle Campaign. The annual Valentines Banquet was successful. The annual Hillbilly Chili Cookoff is March 25. The 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

***Pray for our Goshen Churches:**

~Pray for Antioch and Pastor Heather Saunders

~Pray for Berea and Pastor Jim Stone

~Pray for Blue Ridge Shores and Pastor Steve Whetzel

"A word with Dee"



Dee Whitten

Let me say an enthusiastic word of thanks for your vote on February 21 to call me as your Director of Missions at the Goshen Baptist Association. I have had the opportunity to meet your staff, your search team members, and your Board of Directors. It is obvious that the Goshen Association has a very positive core of leadership.

Now, I am very excited about meeting with each pastor and with as many regular church members as possible within all the churches throughout this Association.

The past three years have presented a huge challenge to churches throughout the country. The COVID pandemic caused in-person worship services to be closed, church programs and Bible studies to be restricted, and church attendance to be decreased. Most churches have not fully recovered from these restrictions. However, I fully believe that the time is at hand for a spiritual awakening within our churches and our country.

We have all heard the reports about the "revival" breaking out at Asbury University in Kentucky. As of this writing, over 5,000 students from all over the country have participated in the on-going revival services in the chapel. Also, there are at least seven other larger universities around our country that have experienced spiritual renewal as a result of the Asbury awakening. Many, many people are asking "what is going on?" "Is this a genuine spiritual awakening?"

We can only hope and pray that this is the beginning of a Third Great Awakening in our country! The first two "great awakenings" created a massive change in the culture of our country as many people turned their lives over to Jesus Christ. Maybe another great awakening is on the horizon for our country. Also, maybe the Goshen Baptist Association can play a role in the pouring out of God's Spirit throughout our land. Let's pray that we will be open to the leadership and power of God's Spirit!

Pray for Goshen churches in search of a pastor:

Elk Creek, Gordonsville, Mt. Gilead, & Zoar

Help Wanted Part-time Pianist

Berea Baptist in Louisa is seeking a part-time pianist. This role requires an 11 a.m. Sunday Worship Service and one choir practice during the week. Occasionally there may be special events throughout the year. The congregation uses traditional hymns as well as contemporary music.

If you would like more information, please message our church page or call Lou Fuller at 540.748.5159.



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. We plan to pack boxes in the spring (depending on donations) to be prepared for hurricane season.

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. This is an ongoing project as long as it is supported by your donations.

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

5 Voices Conference

Recently, the Discipleship Team of the Association sponsored a conference on the subject of communication. This was to be a pilot program that involved four of our churches' leadership, in which 35 people attended. Their written critique of the session was overwhelmingly positive. It is now our intent to present this subject again to anyone in the Association this spring.

The Scriptural foundation of the conference is Ephesians 4 concerning the five-fold ministry. The simplest way to explain the subject's concept is that whether or not we are a part of our church's leadership; as a disciple we should be conveying the same message of the Gospel even though it might be understood somewhat differently based on how we personally communicate.

We encourage each of our churches to consider sending their pastor and leadership and anyone else who might be interested. Be on the lookout for the soon-to-come information, cost, date, and location.

Jim Graham
Discipleship Team Leader

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 invited 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**



Orange Baptist will hold their annual Easter Egg Drop on Sat., April 1 from 10 a.m. -1 p.m. at 731 James Madison Hwy, Orange. The eggs are dropped by helicopter.

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

Notice to Churches

Please include:

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

Email address: *GoshenAssociation@hughes.net*

March Calendar

Birthdays & Anniversaries

5	Marilyn Gibson	Zoar
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

Events

2	Minister's Breakfast GMC	8:30 a.m.
5-12	Week of Prayer for North American Missions	
13	Goshen Missions Committee GMC	10:30 a.m.
18	Mission Stitchers GMC	9 a.m.-2 p.m.

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Tammy Wood, Editor

Newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month.

Mark your calendars....

Goshen Spring Missions Celebration

Sunday, April 2

3-5 p.m.

Antioch Baptist Church

11484 Just Rd, Unionville 22567

Goshen Spring Meeting

Tuesday, April 25

2 p.m.

Shady Grove Baptist Church

21024 Piney Wood Road, Orange 22960