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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."

Disaster Response Baby Box Packing

See July's Goshen News for the full story and more pictures



RuraLove volunteers share

"I love the people and the giving back aspect of our ministry. I also am the resident manager at The Journey Home and have seen how a community of believers can make a big difference in the lives of others. I am 100% glad to be able to serve"

Logan L.

(one of RuraLove's newest volunteers)

"This is an awesome place to serve the Lord and help others. I love the family of volunteers and know it makes a difference to others in our communities"

Brenda P.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with RuraLove, contact 540.894.8440.

Goshen's Mission Team to Armenia has grown: Rev. Kris Hutchinson

(Mineral Baptist), Team Leader; Tucker Swanson (Louisa Baptist), construction; John Bevard (Mineral Baptist), construction; Kelly Taylor (Mineral Baptist), ladies conference & construction; Kim Rosson (Oakland Baptist), VBS; Catherine Young-Turgal (Antioch Baptist), VBS; Mindy Poland (Mineral Baptist), VBS and Upward Sports; Diane Ragland, (Mineral Baptist), VBS and Upward Sports.

Please commit to holding this team up in prayer as they plan and prepare for their trip this August. Pray that hearts would be prepared to hear the Gospel and the Armenian Christians will be encouraged and blessed.



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:

15 Families with financial needs (\$6,392.15)

(Rent, Mortgage, Utilities)

4 Families with household needs

2 Families with a medical loan

3 Families with clothes

- ◆ 713 volunteer hours were donated in April with the average of 10-12 volunteers on Mondays (sorting) and 18-22 volunteers each Wednesday (sale day).

In March volunteers made:

- ◆ 1 delivery of donated items
- ◆ 6 deliveries of purchased items
- ◆ 14 pick ups of donations
- ◆ 664 total miles driven for pick ups and deliveries
- ◆ Received \$150.00 from Planet Aid for clothing pickups
- ◆ Received \$295.60 for recycling metal

In the past month the RuraLove Thrift Store sales have:

- ◆ Served 241 families with clothing
- ◆ Served 551 families with household items

Total sales from the Thrift Store for clothing and donated yard sale items for the past month: **\$7,274.25**

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:

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.

Pray for Goshen churches in search of a pastor:

Elk Creek, Gordonsville, Mt. Gilead, & Zoar

Thank you notes!

Thank you very much for the loan of the knee scooter during my recovery. God bless you for all your work.

~ RuraLove client

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I just wanted to tell you and everyone you work with thank you so so very much. You all are a great blessing.

~ RuraLove client

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Thanks so much for your assistance in helping me maintain electric service to enable me to continue working from home. It is greatly appreciated. ~ RuraLove client

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Dear friends of Goshen Baptist;

On behalf of our staff, I want to thank you so very much for your kindness, compassion, thoughtfulness, and generosity! Because of your generosity, as well as other sponsors, I will be able to provide backpacks through the end of the school year. Also, funds will be available for summer assistance. Again, many thanks!!!

Mrs. Donna was overjoyed with your thoughtfulness and generosity. She goes to the University of Kentucky tomorrow to meet with her doctors to see what the next steps will be. Please continue to keep her in your thoughts and prayers as well as all our students and staff. Especially those who have endured the flood. God continues to move and bless us!!

~ From Cowan Elementary School (KY) representative, Ms. Bates, regarding \$900 sent to them from Goshen with the spring Hope for Appalachia Missionaries to assist students in need with Backpack Meals and also assist a teacher, Mrs. Donna, who is fighting cancer. Please remember Mrs. Donna in your prayers.

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Greetings!

"Thank You" on behalf of Project Ruth for your generous donation that enables Project Ruth to provide food boxes to desperate Ukrainian families! We have surpassed 10,000 food boxes since last May! God bless!

Ralph Stocks

Editor's note: A special offering for the 4:7 Boxes was collected at the Spring Missions Celebration following Betsy McGinnis' testimony of her February Mission Trip to Project Ruth and into Ukraine with a team from the BGAV to witness first-hand the ministry to the Ukrainians. A total of \$880 was sent to send 20 boxes of food and each will feed a family of four for seven days (the purpose of calling them 4:7 boxes).

Mission Opportunities

Projects for June:

RuraLove ~ Please collect toasters, blenders, non-scratch cooking utensils, cutting boards, and hand held mixers.

Disaster Response Baby Boxes: collect all sizes of name brand diapers (25-35 Count) and pull ups (17-25 count). This is an ongoing project. More info, page 5.

Warm Clothes for Roma Students at The Ruth School in Romania. We are collecting now to ensure the very poor Roma students get the warm clothes and shoes needed for the coming winter.

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.swvppartnership.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 (finding homes for unwanted children) www.doorofhopesa.com & [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 ties.

See www.WMUV.org

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

Ministry Action Budget 2022-2023

<u>Church</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>GMO</u>
Antioch	263.82	2,019.00	
Berea			
Blue Ridge Shores	223.82	1,244.98	
Craigs			
Crossroads CC		500.00	
Dogwood	269.00	1,875.00	
Elk Creek		3,830.00	
FBC, Louisa			
Gordonsville		15,228.61	
Louisa	763.30	5,558.50	
Mechanicsville		6,330.44	
Memorial of Columbia			
Mine Road	320.00	2,480.00	
Mineral		9,404.00	
Mount Gilead		1,821.98	
Mount Hermon		550.00	200.00
Mountain View			
North Pamunkey		3,055.89	
Oakland	204.00	3,995.00	
Orange	433.81	3,351.43	
Perkins	434.00	3,034.00	
Rhoadesville	583.39	3,800.32	
Shady Grove		500.00	
Smyrna	425.00	1,275.00	
South Anna			
St. Mark		250.00	
Trinity	100.00	700.00	
Waldrops		1,161.00	200.00
Walters		2,881.14	
Zoar	216.71	1,575.39	
Others	4,174.73	14,321.73	500.00
Total	8,411.58	91,743.41	900.00

2022-2023 Annual Budget Report

Budget for 2022-2023	174,384.00
Monthly Needs	14,532.00
Received April	8,412.00
Received Oct-April	90,744.00
Budget	- 10,980.00

Totals as of 4-30-2023

Mission Stitchers

All are invited on Sat, June 17, 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 is currently having a Family Movie Night at 7 p.m. each Friday evening. The church's 49th Anniversary and Homecoming was held May 7 with guest speaker, Rick Merryman and family.

Elk Creek continues their search for a pastor and asks for prayers for patience as they wait for the Lord's appointed pastor. Elk Creekers continue their roadside clean up efforts. Volunteers continue to work with Louisa Resource Center to deliver and set up food pantries within elementary schools to benefit needy students. In the fall, they expect to expand into elementary schools county-wide.

Gordonsville's Graduate Recognition Sunday is June 4 at the 11 a.m. worship service. Vacation Bible School for June 5-8 from 9 a.m.-noon, for ages 4 through 6th grade, with the theme: "Twists & Turns—following Jesus changes the game!, Psalm 25:4." Please pray for Gordonsville as they continue the search for a pastor.

Louisa is holding Vacation Bible School from July 24-28, with the theme: "Stellar—Shine Jesus' Light" from 5:30-8:00 p.m. for ages 3 through upcoming 5th graders. Dinner provided for participating children. Register online www.louisabaptistva.org

Mechanicsville 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. Men of all ages are invited to the monthly Men's Breakfast each second Saturday at 7 a.m. The Bible Study on Tuesdays, 2 p.m. at the church, continues with the study of Acts. www.mechbaptist.com

Mineral A musical concert is held at 4 p.m. the first Sunday of each month in the historic church—June 4, The Jones Family Singers. A youth mission team is going to Mfuge June 5-10 with 11 youth and 4 adults to Ridgecrest, NC. CrossPoint Archery is registering (better hurry...almost full) for all ages (even adults) on the website. VBS will be held June 26-29 with the theme, Armor of God. For Upward Sports information and events see www.mineralbaptistchurch.org

Mount Gilead will host Bingo on June 3 at 6 p.m. with proceeds going towards church mission projects. A Spring Sing-Along Bluegrass Jam will be held on June 9 from 7-9 p.m. VBS will be held June 19-22 for children in preschool-5th grade with the theme, Hero Hotline: Called Together to Serve God. Everyone is invited to all events.

Perkins has scheduled their Vacation Bible School for June 19-23 from 8:45-noon with the theme: "Twists & Turns—following Jesus changes the game, Psalm 25:4."

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

"A word with Dee"

During our Goshen Association Spring Meeting in April, I had the opportunity to preach a message which I entitled "Four Keys to Church Revitalization." There is no doubt in my mind that this is a vital time in the history of our country for our churches to find specific ways to bring about revitalization for their congregation and for their community. Maybe a spiritual awakening can break out in the Goshen Association and spread throughout Virginia and the United States.



Dee Whitten

So, I focused on four specific things that churches can do to help bring about this spiritual awakening. In case you were not able to attend that meeting, I thought that it would be good to reiterate those four points in my newsletter article. So, here is the Reader's Digest version. My text for this message was Matthew 28: 18-20:

Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations,[a] baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age

1. Church Revitalization always focuses on Jesus.

In his "great commission" Jesus emphasizes that he has been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, we need to teach people to have faith in Jesus and to follow all the commands he has given to us. In other words, our churches need to make sure and keep the focus on Jesus. It is all about Him! It is so easy for churches to start putting their focus on social issues of the day, political concerns, and self-help practices. However, if we want to revitalize our church, we must keep the focus on Jesus! He is the One who provides eternal life and fulfilment and hope.

2. Church Revitalization always focuses on the mission of your church.

The "great commission" of Jesus should be the mission of every church. However, there are a variety of methodologies for putting this mission into practice. Decide what your specific method should be in your church, and then focus like a laser on carrying out that mission. Make sure that every major decision helps to fulfill your church's mission. Make sure that your church is involved in "tearing down the gates of hell" in your community and/or around the world with the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

3. Church revitalization always focuses on evangelism.

Evangelism is simply sharing the Good News of Jesus and encouraging folks to put their faith and trust in Him. Church revitalization cannot occur without evangelism. Every Christian should be about the business of reaching out to friends and neighbors with the Gospel. You build the foundation for evangelism by praying for friends and neighbors and by sharing God's love with them in practical ways. If every member of a church is actively reaching out to at least one person at a time with the Gospel, that church can reach its whole community for Christ in just a few years.

4. Church revitalization always focuses on discipleship.

There are many, many discipleship plans available for churches to utilize. However, the best plan and the easiest plan is to simply encourage all your church members to read their Bible every day. Research indicates that nothing encourages spiritual growth more than reading your Bible every day. Find a way to make sure that this happens with folks in your congregation. ~ Dee

Impact Virginia! Join the Prayer or Cooking Teams



Disaster Response Feeding Unit volunteer training



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**

How you can be involved...

Would you like to be a part of a Prayer Team? Contact Richard for more info.

Are you interested in helping to feed the Impact VA teams from a Disaster Response Feeding Unit (either breakfasts or dinners at Louisa Baptist Church) while being certified for the BGAV's Disaster Response Feeding Unit? Go to:

<https://impactmissionsmovement.org/event/impact-mission-camps-feeding-louisa/>

Rev. Richard Sandberg: 540.223.5840 or PastorRichardSandberg@gmail.com



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*)
- Or 2 packs of Pull-Up type diapers (*17-25 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.

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

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

***Pray for our Goshen Churches:**

~Pray for First Baptist Church of Louisa and Pastor Bruce Jones

~Pray for Gordonsville as they search for a pastor

~Pray for Louisa and Pastors Richard Sandberg and Rudy Hornberger

~Pray for Mechanicsville and Pastor Allan Smith

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May Corrections

The editor would like to apologize for missing the May birthday and anniversary list and skipping straight to June's. Wish the following a very happy anniversary:

20	Whtezel Anniversary	Blue Ridge Shores
28	Daniels Anniversary	St. Mark

June Calendar

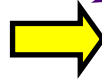
Birthdays & Anniversaries

2	Susan Hunter	Retired
5	Nancy Emerick	Retired
6	Bowers Anniversary	Dogwood
7	Deborah Durham	Retired
7	John Swain	Craigs
9	Nancy McDaniel	Retired
11	Mike Durham	Retired
11	Lee Bowers	Dogwood
12	Miller Anniversary	Orange
15	Hutchinson Anniversary	Mineral
17	Rick Clore	Retired
21	Wollenberg Anniversary	Mine Road
26	Wilson Anniversary	Perkins
26	Jarrell Anniversary	North Pamunkey
27	Tim Wilson	Perkins
27	David Nelson	Smyrna
30	Jojuan White	Waller's

Events

1	Minister's Breakfast GMC	8:30 a.m.
3	RuraLove Yardsale	8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
4	WMU Annual Planning GMC	3 p.m.
5	Goshen Missions Committee GMC	10:30 a.m.
11-12	National WMU Annual Meeting, New Orleans	
12-13	SBC Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA	
17	Mission Stitchers GMC	9 a.m.-2 p.m.
18	Father's Day—Sock it to Dad. Collect new children's socks in all sizes	

Adventure Camps



for children & teens ages 6-17

For Camp Piankatank see:

www.CampPiankatank.org

For CrossRoads Camp schedule see:

www.crossroadscamp.com

Various camps are offered year round.

RE-Missioning Cohort

Awakening Your Established Church

Visit: thev3movement.org/training

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.

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