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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."

"And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news." Romans 10:15



Everyone is Invited...

The Goshen Missions Committee would like to invite you to the

Commissioning Service

of Goshen's Mission Team to Sisian, Armenia on

Sunday, August 13, at 2 p.m.

at Mineral Baptist Church.

The Team will be flying out on Thursday, August 17th.

A reception will follow the commissioning service.

Please be in prayer for the Mission Team:

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





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:

- 11 Families with financial needs **(\$3,954.82)**
(Rent, Mortgage, Utilities)
- 7 Families with household needs
- 3 Families with a medical equipment loan
- ◆ 800.75 volunteer hours were donated in June with the average of 10-12 volunteers on Mondays (sorting) and 18-22 volunteers each Wednesday (sale day).

In June volunteers made:

- ◆ 2 delivery of donated items
- ◆ 5 deliveries of purchased items
- ◆ 13 pick ups of donations
- ◆ 603 total miles driven for pick ups and deliveries
- ◆ Received \$135.66 for recycling metal
- ◆ Received \$275 in donations from our guests throughout the month and \$50 in delivery fees.

Have you ever considered being a driver or helper on one of the RuraLove vehicles? RuraLove has experienced increased requests for picking up donated items and deliveries and could use more volunteers. If you would consider this, it would help out tremendously. Please call 540.894.8440 and a coordinator will return your call.

In the past month the RuraLove Thrift Store sales have:

- ◆ Served 280 families with clothing
- ◆ Served 664 families with household items

Total sales from the Thrift Store for clothing and donated yard sale items for the past month: **\$6,219.00**

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.

Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Lee and Melinda Bowers on the passing of Melinda's Mom, Donna Hodges on July 13th. Lee is the pastor of Dogwood.

Attention Church Treasurers

Please remind all GMO funds this month.

Goal: \$12,000 Receipts as of 7-15-23: \$9,115.

All funds designated for 2022-2023 need to be in the office by 1 p.m. on September 30th to be credited to this year.

Family Estate Planning

The Virginia Cooperative Extension presents information provided by an attorney and clerk of the court for Louisa County. They will teach about wills & trusts, power of attorney, medical directives, probate and more. The meeting will be held at the Louisa County Administration Building on Wed., Aug 23 at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Crysti at 540.967.3422 or email: hcrysti2@vt.edu to attend.

Parkinson's Support Group

A Parkinson's Support Group for those with Parkinson's, their care partners, and friends will be starting in Louisa. It will meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Betty Queen Center. If interested in facilitating this group, email SJD3C@uvahealth.org

Fun Opportunity for Pastors

If you (a pastor) are interested in attending a Richmond Squirrels game vs. Akron Rubberducks on Thursday, Sept. 7th—please reach out to Jody Faig at 804.921.5177. The Ukrop family has donated box seats to the BGAV and they would like to pass this opportunity along to BGAV pastors. The BGAV will be providing food for the group.

The Journey Home Banquet

The annual fundraising banquet for The Journey Home will be held Sat., August 26 along with a silent auction. Doors open at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. \$30 per person or \$150 for a table of 6. Purchase tickets by Aug. 16 by calling 540.259.3627 or see www.journeyhomemineral.org to purchase online. The banquet will be held in the Mineral Baptist Church Family Life Center (51 Louisa Avenue, Mineral, VA 23117).

Mission Opportunities

Projects for August:

Color Composition books and 5x7 word search and puzzle books for Goochland Women's Correctional Center. (No black and white marbled composition books—all composition books must be color)

Disaster Response Baby Boxes: collect 4 ounce Desitin or store brand diaper rash cream. This is an ongoing project. More info, page 5.

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

Ministry Action Budget 2022-2023

<u>Church</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>GMO</u>
Antioch	737.70	3,194.10	570.00
Berea			
Blue Ridge Shores	197.45	1,731.72	
Craigs			
Crossroads CC		750.00	
Dogwood	295.00	2,511.00	275.00
Elk Creek	1,875.00	5,705.00	1,675.00
FBC, Louisa		200.00	
Gordonsville	2,036.27	17,264.88	
Louisa	594.23	6,941.60	765.00
Mechanicsville	1,003.92	8,727.20	1,869.00
Memorial of Columbia			
Mine Road	320.00	3,120.00	300.00
Mineral		11,404.00	
Mount Gilead	373.73	2,417.02	
Mount Hermon		550.00	200.00
Mountain View	100.00	200.00	
North Pamunkey	421.62	4,725.79	15.00
Oakland	1,059.00	5,054.00	
Orange	447.04	4,358.86	400.00
Perkins	434.00	3,468.00	
Rhoadesville	583.39	4,383.71	201.00
Shady Grove		1,000.00	
Smyrna		1,275.00	
South Anna			
St. Mark		250.00	
Trinity	100.00	900.00	85.00
Waldrops		1,161.00	200.00
Walters	1,045.56	4,591.70	320.00
Zoar	163.74	1,956.34	
Others	620.00	35,582.07	550.00
Total	12,407.65	134,440.38	7,425.00

2022-2023 Annual Budget Report

Budget for 2022-2023	174,384.00
Monthly Needs	14,532.00
Received June	12,408.00
Received Oct-June	134,440.00
Budget	+ 3,652.00

Totals as of **6-30-2023**

Mission Stitchers

All are invited on Sat, August 19, 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.

Craigs ~ Pastor John Swain has announced his retiring.

Elk Creek is blessed with a lakefront location for Sunday morning services which attracts many visitors to hear God's message for the day. Elk Creek opened its doors as a voting site for the primary in June, staffed by several Elk Creekers. Volunteering at RuraLove, the Resource Center & Food Bank and trash pickup along the highways continue to draw Elk Creekers to serve their local community.

First Baptist in Louisa will observe their Homecoming Service on Sunday, August 20 at 11 a.m. followed by a three-night revival August 21-23 (prayer time, 7 p.m.; worship, 7:30 p.m.). Guest choirs will render music each evening. For more info contact Pastor Bruce Jones 804.658.8782. The community at large is cordially invited to attend.

Mechanicsville ~ Men of all ages are invited to a Men's Breakfast (free) Saturday, July 8 at 7 a.m. www.mechbaptist.com

Mineral ~ For Upward Sports information and events see www.mineralbaptistchurch.org

Mount Gilead will celebrate Christmas in August on Wednesday, August 9 at 6:30 p.m. Christmas activities and goodies will be provided. All are invited! The mission focus will be supplies for high school students in Nickelsville, Virginia. Items to be collected include school supplies and hygiene products.

Orange welcomes 3 new members. Orange's Bazaar and Yardsale will be held August 12 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Commons and Pine Room areas.

Perkins will have a Food Truck Sunday following worship service on Sun., Aug. 6. Along with the picnic, there will be games, ice cream, and a concert by "Free Spirit."

Trinity ~ Homecoming will be held the third Sunday in August. Tom Sutterfield will be preaching during worship service, dinner following, then a Gospel Sing with the Jerusalem Ridge Band.

Wallers ~ Pastor Jojuan White has announced her retirement.

"A word with Dee"

One of my favorite places to visit in the Washington, D.C. area is the **Museum of the Bible (MOTB)**. During the nine years that I served as the Executive Director of NorthStar Church Network, I had the opportunity to participate in a variety of special tours of the Museum, including one private tour led by the founder of the Museum, Steve Green. This Museum is an awesome resource for our churches and our country, and it is located a couple of blocks from the Smithsonian Museums in D.C. In fact, the MOTB is probably the most high-tech museum in the world, and its sole focus is the Word of God, the Bible.



Dee Whitten

Jane and I moved to a community called Regency at Chancellorsville in May, 2022. One year later we decided to charter a bus and take our new neighbors on a tour of the MOTB. It was a great way for us to get to know our neighbors, and it was an awesome opportunity to introduce them to this outstanding resource. We filled up our 55-seat bus almost immediately, and none of the participants had ever previously visited the museum. Needless to say, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the trip and many of them expressed their appreciation to me for leading this trip.

In fact, this trip went so well that I decided that it would be a great idea to treat our **Goshen pastors, staff members, and spouses** to a tour of the Museum of the Bible. I began making the arrangements this past week and a date has been set: **Thursday, September 28**. A charter bus will leave from Rhoadesville Baptist Church at 8:00 a.m. We should arrive at the Museum at 9:45 a.m. Then, we will depart from the Museum at 2:30 p.m. and arrive back at Rhoadesville Baptist at 4:15 p.m. Box lunches will be prepared for us at the Museum. The total cost will be close to \$75 per person (bus fee, MOTB admission, two added special attractions, and a box lunch). The Goshen WMU has graciously volunteered to cover half of the cost. So, the fee for each person will only be \$37.50.

Some of the key highlights at the Museum include:

Washington Flyover (*virtual reality experience*)

The Hebrew Bible Experience (*interactive walk through of the Old Testament*)

The World of Jesus of Nazareth (*first century village of Nazareth*)

Tour of Israel (*virtual reality event of the major Biblical sites in Israel*)

The Impact of the Bible floor (*see how the Bible has made an impression on the world throughout history*)

The History of the Bible floor (*Bible artifacts, archeology, Gutenberg Bible and Press, ancient manuscripts*)

Dynamic view of D.C. (*from the Capitol to the Washington Monument*)

Please call the Goshen office (540-894-8440) for reservations.

Reservations are limited to 55 people (first come-first served). Payment must be received in order to hold your spot. ~ Dee

Teens make an IMPACT in Louisa

The Impact Missions Camp hosted by Louisa Baptist Church in July completed three planned projects to help people be able to stay in their homes by building ramps, decks, steps and some painting. Two other projects that were unplanned, were also completed.

The teens built relationships with the adults they were serving and lives were touched. Teens from several churches around Virginia participated and even some from out of state and as far away as Germany.

Three Louisa Baptist teens made decisions during the camp.

Louisa Baptist would like to thank everyone who participated and helped by bringing meals, etc. Lives were changed because you gave!



Louisa Baptist teens and leaders



DISASTER RESPONSE BABY BOXES

Goshen is continuing to collect supplies for Disaster Response Baby Boxes so families can have the essentials to care for their baby during a crisis.

Each box (we provide boxes) contains:

- 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 (*we wash in baby friendly detergent, sealed in a zipper bag & ready to use*)
- 1 sm. box of diaper sacks **or** 4 gal trash bags
- 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*)

Bring items to Goshen Ministry Center during office hours. For any questions call, 540.894.8440. Funds are welcomed and we will shop for you at \$50 per box. Part of the GMO will provide the boxes, "Hope" New Testaments, and "Where is God in our Suffering?" tract. The next Baby Box packing day is March 9, 2024. **ALL** items must be delivered to GMC by 1 p.m. on Feb 1, 2024. We will not be accepting items on packing day.

All Current Disaster Response Certified People

Please let the Goshen Ministry Center know your name, church, what you are certified in, and expiration of your certification so we can get that information to Goshen's Disaster Response Coordinator. Thank you for your cooperation. Call 540.894.8440 or email: goshenassociation@hughes.net

Medical Missions Trip Ndalani, Kenya March 1-10, 2024

If you want to learn more about the medical mission trip to Kenya, an orientation will be held on Sat., Sept. 23 from 10-2 at 2828 Emerywood Pkway in Richmond. A team of 25-30 medical volunteers and servant leaders will be needed. For more info contact Lynne Stockman at 757.635.9115.

GriefShare Support Groups

If you need help in dealing with the loss of a loved one, you may want to join a GriefShare support group near you. For information on GriefShare and where a group is meeting near you, see www.GriefShare.org

Notice to Churches

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

August Calendar

Birthdays & Anniversaries

5	Hart Anniversary	Waldrops
6	Mary Beth Miller	Orange
6	Richard Sandberg	Louisa
9	Wayne Collis	Retired
9	Terry Graham	Mt. Hermon
10	J&T Miller Anniversary	Retired
11	Clore Anniversary	Retired
13	Murph Terry	Retired
13	Robin McClary	South Anna
14	Pauline Cornwell	Retired
17	Trish Stone	Berea
18	Carmon Hartsfield	Retired
20	Terry Anniversary	Retired
21	Durham Anniversary	Retired
23	Barton Anniversary	Oakland

Events

3	Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
5	RuraLove Yardsale 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
7	Goshen Missions Committee GMC 9 a.m.
13	Commissioning Service for the Mission Team to Armenia ~ 2 p.m. @ Mineral Baptist Church
14	Board of Directors budget prep GMC 6:15 p.m.
15	Nominating Committee Mtg. GMC 10:30 a.m.
17	Mission Team to Armenia departs
19	Mission Stitchers GMC 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

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Goshen Adds Staff

The Goshen Board of Directors approved splitting the duties of the RuraLove Coordinator position and adding Rev. Kris Hutchinson as co-coordinator to work as a team with Rev. Keith Wollenberg. Kris began his duties on July 1st. Welcome to the Team.

*Pray for our Goshen Churches:

~Pray for Mount Hermon and Pastor Jim Graham

~Pray for Mountain View and Pastor Josh Bowen

~Pray for North Pamunkey and Pastor Tim Jarrell

~Pray for Oakland and Pastor Dennis Barton

Pray for Goshen churches in search of a pastor:

Craigs, Elk Creek, Gordonsville, Mt. Gilead, Wallers & Zoar

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Awakening Your Established Church

Visit: thev3movement.org/training

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