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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."

Mission Team Commissioning Service

The Mission Team, made up of members from four of our Goshen churches, was commissioned during a special service on Sunday, August 13th. The team of eight will be in Armenia from August 17-28.

We will be excited to hear about how God is working in Armenia.

Pictured are: (front row l-r)

Catherine Young-Turgal,

Mindy Poland, Diane Ragland, Kim Rosson, and Kelly Taylor. (back row l-r)

John Bevard, Tucker Swanson, and Kris Hutchinson.



Please continue to pray for our church planters in Armenia: Pastor Svin, Pastor Avo, and Pastor Vardan and their families. Pray that God would continue His work through the Mission Team long after they are home.

Goshen Fall Missions Celebration

Sunday, October 15 from 3-5 p.m.

Wallers Baptist Church

4001 Partlow Road, Partlow 22534

Featuring:

~ Impact Virginia in Louisa

~ Testimonies from the Mission Team to Armenia

~ The Mission Work of the Women at Wallers



Goshen's Annual Fall Meeting

Tuesday, October 31 from 2-4 p.m.

Louisa Baptist Church

305 E. Main Street, Louisa 23093

Dr. Wayne Fiason, Executive Director of the BGAV
will bring the Mission Message



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:

- 24 Families with financial needs **(\$8,901.01)**
(Rent, Mortgage, Utilities)
- 7 Families with household needs
- ◆ 762.5 volunteer hours were donated in July with the average of 10-12 volunteers on Mondays (sorting) and 18-22 volunteers each Wednesday (sale day).

In July volunteers made:

- ◆ 2 delivery of donated items
- ◆ 3 deliveries of purchased items
- ◆ 8 pick ups of donations
- ◆ 482 total miles driven for pick ups and deliveries
- ◆ Received \$222.60 for recycling metal
- ◆ Received \$628 for the past 3 months of recycling un-sellable clothing from Planet Aid.

Come on out and give volunteering a try...

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 382 families with clothing
- ◆ Served 943 families with household items

Total sales from the Thrift Store for clothing and donated yard sale items for the past month: **\$6,425.75**

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, etc.**

RuraLove is a ministry of Goshen Baptist 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 should be nice enough to give in Jesus' name.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Brittany and Dani Garton on the birth of their second daughter, Adalyn on July 12, 2023. Adalyn was welcomed home by her 3 1/2 year old sister, Maya. The family will be home in Gordonsville for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Brittany (a member of Gordonsville Baptist Church) is a missionary on staff with Project Ruth in Bucharest, Romania.

Thank You!

A big thank you to Billy Towsey for delivering and donating a huge load of gravel to the Goshen Ministry Center which enabled us to fill ruts in the driveway and parking lot created by the storms.

Thank you also to Wes Wood for many hours of work using his tractor to move the gravel around and filling the ruts.

Attention Church Treasurers

Please remint all GMO funds this month.

Goal: \$12,000 Receipts as of 7-31-23: \$10,300.

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.

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



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, New Testaments, and tracts) 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 welcome.

Mission Opportunities

Project for September:

Little Dresses for Africa—Dignity Project: collecting flannel material, 100% cotton fabric, girls cotton briefs size 14-16 & women's briefs size small & medium.

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.

Ministry Action Budget 2022-2023

<u>Church</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>GMO</u>
Antioch		3,194.10	570.00
Berea			
Blue Ridge Shores	146.30	1,878.02	
Craigs			
Crossroads CC		750.00	
Dogwood	245.00	2,756.00	275.00
Elk Creek		5,705.00	1,675.00
FBC, Louisa		200.00	
Gordonsville	1,791.73	19,056.61	275.00
Louisa	586.07	7,527.67	765.00
Mechanicsville	685.66	9,412.86	1,869.00
Memorial of Columbia			
Mine Road	320.00	3,440.00	300.00
Mineral	1,000.00	12,404.00	
Mount Gilead	175.84	2,952.86	195.00
Mount Hermon	250.00	800.00	400.00
Mountain View	100.00	300.00	
North Pamunkey	441.37	5,167.16	115.00
Oakland	457.00	5,511.00	1,410.00
Orange	465.52	4,824.38	485.00
Perkins	434.00	4,336.00	
Rhoadesville	583.39	5,550.49	201.00
Shady Grove		1,000.00	
Smyrna	425.00	1,700.00	
South Anna			
St. Mark		250.00	
Trinity	100.00	1,000.00	85.00
Waldrops		1,161.00	200.00
Walters		4,591.70	320.00
Zoar	179.84	2,136.18	
Others	932.00	36,514.07	1,150.00
Total	9,318.72	143,759.10	10,300.00

2022-2023 Annual Budget Report

Budget for 2022-2023	174,384.00
Monthly Needs	14,532.00
Received July	9,318.00
Received Oct-July	143,759.00
Budget	+ 1,561.00

Totals as of 7-31-2023

Mission Stitches



All are invited on Sat, September 16, 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.



"A word from Dee"



Dee Whitten

During the Goshen Commissioning Service for the Mission Team headed for Armenia I shared this story about the power of prayer:

In his excellent book entitled "If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat" John Ortberg tells the true story about Doug Coe who led a Bible study in Washington, D.C. for politicians and power brokers.

A man by the name of Bob made a commitment to Christ through the influence of Doug Coe. This new Christian read the passage in which Jesus said, "Ask whatever you will in my name and you will receive it."

So, Bob decided that he would put God to the test...and he told Doug that he was going to start praying for Africa. Doug advised him to narrow down his focus a little bit...so he decided to pray for one country in Africa...,the country of Kenya.

Doug asked Bob if he knew anyone in Kenya...the answer was "No"

Had he ever traveled to Kenya?...again the answer was "No"

So, Doug made a very unusual arrangement with Bob. He told Bob to pray for Kenya every day for the next 6 months. If Bob would do that...and nothing extraordinary happened, then Doug would give Bob \$500. However, if he prayed for Kenya for 6 months and something miraculous did happen, then Bob would give Doug \$500..

So, Bob agreed to this arrangement...and he began to pray fervently every day for Kenya...nothing happened for a long time. Then, one night Bob was at a dinner in D.C. and the guests begin to share around the table what they did for a living. One lady said that she ran an orphanage in Kenya...the largest of its kind.

Suddenly, Bob began to take a great interest in the conversation...and began to ask the lady many questions about her orphanage. Finally, the lady asked Bob if he knew anyone in Kenya...he said "No!" Have you ever been to Kenya? The answer again was "No!"

Well, why are you so interested in Kenya? So, Bob told the woman that he had been praying for Kenya every day for almost 6 months. The lady asked Bob if he wanted to come to Kenya and visit the orphanage.

Bob took her up on her offer...and when he arrived he was appalled at the poverty there and the lack a basic health care. So, when Bob came back to the U.S. he began writing letters to major pharmaceutical companies...encouraging them to send to Kenya the medical supplies that they threw away every year.

Some of the pharmaceutical companies followed through on Bob's request and the next year the orphanage in Kenya received over \$1 million in medical supplies.

Of course, the lady who was in charge of the orphanage was thrilled and she called Bob and asked him to come back to Kenya for a huge celebration.

Bob flew back to Kenya and this time he had a chance to meet

the President of Kenya, who came to the celebration.

The president proceeded to take Bob on a tour of the capital city, Nairobi. During their tour they saw a prison, and Bob discovered that the prison was primarily for political prisoners. Bob told the president that this was a bad idea...that he should set these prisoners free.'

Several weeks after Bob returned to the U.S, the State Department called him and asked if he had made any statements to the president of Kenya about political prisoners. Bob said, "Yes, I told the president that he should set them free!"

Well, that's exactly what the president did...the State Dept had been working for years to have these prisoners set free...but to no avail.

Several months later, the president of Kenya called Bob and told him that he was about to make a huge reorganization of the government...and he wanted Bob to come back and pray for him for three days while he made this very important decision.

So, Bob went back to Kenya to pray for the president...

All of this happened because Bob began to pray fervently for Kenya...and he was willing to take a risk and go to Kenya and get involved.

Reminder to sign up now...

Let me remind pastors and church staff members to sign up asap for our trip to the Museum of the Bible on Thursday, September 28! This will be an awesome adventure that you don't want to miss!

The Goshen WMU is covering half the cost for pastors, church staff members, and their spouses. After visiting the Museum, you will want to take a bus load of your church members to experience this incredible resource.

If we still have available seats on our bus on September 1, we will open the reservations to all of our church members first come-first served. ~ Dee

Another Fun Opportunity for Pastors & Families

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.

All Current Disaster Response Certified People... please respond

The Goshen Missions Committee is trying to make a list of all people in Goshen Baptist Association who are currently certified to respond to a disaster. The last list that was compiled is over ten years old and needs to be updated so Goshen's Disaster Response Coordinator can keep Goshen people informed of news, events, trainings, and call outs.

Areas of certification could be in (but not limited to): food service, mud out, chaplain, fork lift operator, and/or distribution supply coordinator.

Please let the Goshen Ministry Center know your name,

church, what you are certified in, and expiration of your certification, and which disaster response organization you were certified by.

If you are interested in being trained in a particular area... please let the office know your name and contact information and the area in which you are interested in training so we can see about scheduling some training events.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Call 540.894.8440 or email: goshenassociation@hughes.net

CHURCH NEWS

Antioch is having a new sign installed. Homecoming was held in August. They are collecting backpacks and school supplies for children in need in the church & community.

Berea ordained two new deacons in August.

Blue Ridge Shores is currently having a Family Movie Night at 7 p.m. each Friday evening.

Elk Creek (ECBC) continues the search for God's choice to pastor it's church. Goshen prayers requested. Progress is being made, as Pastor Jeff Crawford agreed to begin his term as Interim Pastor in September. Members of ECBC graciously stepped up to answer the needs of The Journey Home resident children by supplying both current and future supplies (and treats!) for the coming school year.

First Baptist of Louisa ~ check out their Facebook page. The program in October is sponsored by the women. Come one, come all.

Gordonsville's September prayer emphasis is for Gordonsville's own, Brittany Garton, who followed her heart and the call to Bucharest, Romania to work with Project Ruth.

Louisa held two baptisms in early August for eight people.

Mechanicsville ~ Weekly Bible Study of Acts will resume on Wednesdays, September 6 at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome! Mechanicsville celebrates their 195th Homecoming on October 1st with worship at 9:30, Sunday School at 10:45, and lunch at noon. www.mechbaptist.com

Mineral ~ Upward Flag Football begins September 9th- registration is closed for Football. Upward Basketball and Cheer's registration will be opening soon. For more info see www.mineralbaptistchurch.org

Mountain View will be hosting their annual Men's Conference on Saturday, September 30 from 8:30-noon. The half-day conference includes a light breakfast, live worship, two keynote speakers (Sonny Miller of North Run Baptist in Richmond and Pastor Randall Snipes of Oak Grove Baptist in Colonial Beach). Early bird pricing is \$10 each (open to ages 13 and up). Register at bit.ly/MENSCONF2023

Oakland will hold it's Fall Festival on Saturday, October 21st from 9 a.m.—2 p.m. with hay rides, Brunswick stew, vendors, children's consignment sale, bake sale and much more. Oakland **Children's Clothing Consignment Ministry Sale** will be held October 5,6,7 & 21. If you would like to consign, please visit the church website: <http://www.Oakland-Baptist.com> and click on the Ministries link. There you will find all the information on how to register and enter your items into the online system. Drop off for all consignment items is Friday & Saturday, September 29 & 30.

Orange welcomes two new members.

Perkins will hold a baptism on September 17th during the 11 a.m. service.

Rhoadesville's VBS collected enough funds to fill 41 boxes for Operation Christmas Child. A new member was received by baptism through their online ministry. The Linus Quilting group had its quarterly meeting with 54 in attendance and completed 358 quilts to be presented to children in the hospital. Fourteen youth went to Eagle Eyrie for Mission Week. Homecoming was held in August along with revival services. One of the youth is working on his Eagle Scout project by rebuilding the bridge at Leland-Madison Park.

"Museum of the Bible" opportunity opens to all September 1st...

A trip to this high-tech museum with its sole focus is the Word of God, the Bible in Washington D.C. is being planned for **Thursday, September 28**. A charter bus will leave from Rhoadesville Baptist Church at 8:00 a.m., arrive at the Museum at 9:45 a.m., 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 at the Museum. The total cost will be \$75 per person (bus fee, admission, two added special attractions, and lunch).

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.

Religious Liberty Project Meeting

The next meeting for the Religious Liberty Project for Leland-Madison Park will be held

Saturday, September 23, 2023 at 10 a.m.

at the Goshen Ministry Center

587 Mica Road, Mineral, VA 23117

This meeting is open to all who are interested in creating signage of the history of Religious Liberty in Virginia. Your homework is to bring six important events in VA's history which you think should be highlighted. For more information please attend the meeting.

***Pray for our Goshen Churches:**

~Pray for Orange and Pastor Alan Miller

~Pray for Perkins and Pastor Tim Wilson

~Pray for Rhoadesville and Pastor Don Campbell

~Pray for Shady Grove and Pastor Joseph Moore

Pray for Goshen churches in search of a pastor:

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

Notice to Churches

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



Medical Missions Trip to 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.

September Calendar

Birthdays & Anniversaries

5	Stone Anniversary	Berea
8	Suzanne Jarrell	North Pamunkey
8	Jane Whitten	
11	Whitten Anniversary	DoM
17	Campbell Anniversary	Rhoadesville
26	Lyn Everett	Mineral
28	Doug Gibson	Zoar

Events

4	Labor Day—Office Closed
7	Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
8-9	WMU Advisory Council—CCCC
9	RuraLove Yardsale 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
10-17	Week of Prayer for Virginia Missions & Alma Hunt Offering
16	Mission Stitchers GMC 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
23	Religious Liberty Interest Mtg. GMC 10 a.m.
28	Museum of the Bible tour for Pastors & Staff

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

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