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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 Fall Missions Celebration

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

Wallers Baptist Church

4001 Partlow Road, Partlow 22534

Goshen's Annual Fall Meeting

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

Louisa Baptist Church

305 E. Main Street, Louisa 23093

Come and hear testimonials of:

- ~ Impact VA! Louisa Leader—Shelby Corbin
- ~ Impact VA! Louisa Youth—Colleen Sandberg
- ~ Mission Team to Armenia Report by Rev. Kris Hutchinson, Team Leader
- ~ Learn about Wallers Historic Preservation & Outreach and take a walking history tour

A Special Offering will be collected to help pay part of the salary for the chaplain at Goochland Women's Correctional Center in 2024. (Chaplains in Virginia are not funded by the state.)

~ Annual Sermon—Dr. Dennis Barton

~ Mission Message—Dr. Wayne Faison
(Executive Director of the BGAV)

~ Special Music—Rev. Heather Saunders & Mr. Michael Williams



Goshen's Mission Team to Armenia with Mt. Ararat in the background. See pages 5-6 for stories from the team.



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 (10,019.00)

(Rent, Mortgage, Utilities)

- 5 Families with household needs
- 3 Families with whole household needs
- 3 Families with a medical equipment loan
- ◆ 806 volunteer hours were donated in August with the average of 10-12 volunteers on Mondays (sorting) and 18-22 volunteers each Wednesday (sale day).

In August volunteers made:

- ◆ 2 delivery of donated items
- ◆ 3 deliveries of purchased items
- ◆ 5 pick ups of donations
- ◆ 307 total miles driven for pick ups and deliveries
- ◆ Received \$196.00 for recycling metal
- ◆ Received \$142 in donations from our guests throughout the month and \$30 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 still 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.

RuraLove was recently blessed with the addition of a 2018 Hino box truck with a lift gate. The truck was able to be purchased due to a \$22,000 donation from Richard and Joyce Myers (who attend Elk Creek Baptist) toward the purchase price. The Myers donated the funds in memory of their daughter, Karen J. Myers. Joyce asked that the truck be named "Elmo" and generously gave her late daughter's own stuffed Elmo (which is now seat-belted in) to ride along with each delivery and pick up. Elmo joins the small fleet along with "Big Bird," "Kermit," and "Snuffleupagus" and a pick-up needing to be named. We were very blessed that Enterprise worked with us on the purchase of the truck because they learned and understood the mission of RuraLove.

In the past month the RuraLove Thrift Store sales have:

- ◆ Served 212 families with clothing
- ◆ Served 672 families with household items

Total sales from the Thrift Store for clothing and donated yard sale items for the past month: **\$5,625.254**

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:

Full-size mattresses & box springs, bed frames (metal or wood with frames 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 are to be nice enough to give in Jesus' name.
100% of proceeds go to local families in crisis.*

YOU + CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Mission Opportunities

Project for October:

Christmas and All Occasion Cards for the Goochland Women's Correctional Center. NO calendars please.

Kindergarten Bags—hat, gloves, toothpaste, toothbrush & toy.

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

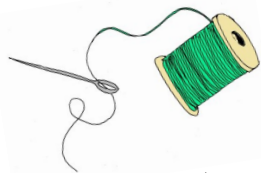
Little Dresses for Africa: littledressesforafrica.org

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.



Mission Stitchers

All are invited on Sat, October 21, 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.

Ministry Action Budget 2022-2023

<u>Church</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>GMO</u>
Antioch	684.84	3,878.94	570.00
Berea			
Blue Ridge Shores	425.69	2,303.71	
Craigs			
Crossroads CC		750.00	
Dogwood	358.00	3,114.00	275.00
Elk Creek		5,705.00	1,675.00
FBC, Louisa		200.00	
Gordonsville		19,056.61	285.00
Louisa	724.96	8,252.63	765.00
Mechanicsville		9,412.86	1,869.00
Memorial of Columbia			
Mine Road		3,440.00	300.00
Mineral	1,000.00	13,404.00	
Mount Gilead	205.91	2,798.77	195.00
Mount Hermon		800.00	400.00
Mountain View	100.00	400.00	
North Pamunkey	567.08	5,734.24	915.00
Oakland	525.00	6,036.00	1,410.00
Orange	571.18	5,395.56	485.00
Perkins	434.00	4,770.00	
Rhoadesville	583.39	6,133.88	201.00
Shady Grove		1,000.00	
Smyrna		1,700.00	
South Anna			
St. Mark		250.00	
Trinity	100.00	1,100.00	85.00
Waldrops		1,161.00	200.00
Walters	1,029.92	5,621.62	320.00
Zoar	257.29	2,393.47	
Others	1,035.00	37,549.07	1,150.00
Total	8,602.26	152,361.36	14,100.00

2022-2023 Annual Budget Report

Budget for 2022-2023	174,384.00
Monthly Needs	14,532.00
Received August	8,602.00
Received Oct-Aug	152,361.00
Budget	- 7,491.00

Totals as of **8-31-2023**



CHURCH NEWS

Blue Ridge Shores WMU supplied Trevilians Elementary School with computer headsets and earbuds along with over \$350 for students needing shoes. The Men's Ministry will be hosting a Men's Breakfast the second Saturday at 8 a.m. each month during the Fall season. Fall Fest is scheduled for October 21 at 2 p.m. with music, hay-ride, petting zoo, and food. Brunswick Stew is scheduled for November 11 at \$9 per quart.

Elk Creek continues its search for the new pastor God has chosen for them. Elk Creekers trash pickup continues on area roadsides - now over 400 bags and counting. Homecoming was held September 10th, marking 210 years of God's blessings to the church and the community.

Mechanicsville will celebrate 195 years with Homecoming on October 1 - worship at 9:30 a.m., Sunday School at 10:45 a.m., and all are invited. Noon Lunch for all! On October 29 (5th Sunday) lunch will follow Sunday School and all are welcome! www.mechbaptist.org

Mineral ~ For Upward Sports, event, and service information see www.mineralbaptistchurch.org

Mt. Gilead will hold its annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 7 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. There will be food, music, games, petting zoo, a bounceable, face painting, Brunswick stew, bake sale, and a silent auction to benefit the church ministries. All are invited!

Oakland will hold its 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. Oakland's Carpenters for Christ team will be working at Sandy Creek Baptist in Jetersville, VA (Amelia County) from October 25-28. Oakland's pastor, Dr. Dennis Barton has announced his plans to retire December 31.

Orange is having its annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 2 from 9 a.m.—2 p.m. If you are a crafter and are interested in renting a table for \$15 to sell your crafts, contact the church office for contact information, 540.672.2996. The Singing Christmas Tree has begun practice. The dates for their concerts will be December 9-10.

Perkins will hold a baptism on October 15.

Waller's welcomed 5 new members and baptized 4 new believers over the past couple of months. Waller's welcomes Pastor John Shutlock as Interim after their beloved Pastor Jojuan White retired the beginning of September. Waller's is sponsoring the Fall Goshen Missions Celebration on Sunday, October 15. Waller's annual Fall Festival will be October 21 with a yard sale beginning at 8 a.m. and the Festival starting at 10 a.m. WBC Trunk-n-Treat will be on October 28 from 5-6:30 p.m. Www.wallersbaptist.com

"A word with Dee"

There is no doubt that churches in the United States are struggling these days. Very few churches are growing in attendance. In fact, most churches are trying to keep their attendance from declining. The primary element that is missing is the presence of a vibrant, God-given vision. Jesus provided the church with such a vision when he told his disciples to *"go and make disciples of all the nations, 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."* (Matthew 28: 19-20)

Every church needs to prayerfully decide how they intend to put that vision into action. What is their specific plan for carrying out the "great commission?" The pastor and the key leaders within the congregation have the responsibility to make sure that their church has a specific vision from the Lord. Then, they need to make certain that they activate that vision...

For instance, maybe the primary vision for a specific church is to reach the young families in their community for Christ. Another church might decide to pour their energy into reaching senior adults for Jesus. A third church might choose to adopt a small village in Africa and reach people for Christ in that village and, at the same time, reach people in their own community who are excited about this vision. Every church has to have a practical vision and a simple plan for carrying out that vision.

Andy Stanley, pastor of North Point Community Church in Atlanta, wrote an excellent book entitled, "Making Vision Stick." In this very brief book, Stanley says that "one of the greatest challenges of leadership is making vision stick. Vision doesn't have much adhesive." Then, the entire book is an explanation of how to significantly increase the "adhesiveness" of your church's vision. Stanley says that there are five basic things that church leaders need to do: 1) state the vision simply; 2) cast the vision convincingly; 3) repeat the vision regularly; 4) celebrate the vision systematically; and 5) embrace the vision personally.

There is no doubt that with a God-given vision and with the power of God's Spirit, your church (regardless of size) can make an impact for Jesus Christ within your community and around the world. ~ Dee



Dee Whitten

The Goshen Mission Team shares...

Kris Hutchinson (Mineral Baptist), Team Leader:

People ask me all the time, “Why would you want to go on an international mission trip?” My usual response is “Why not?”

Armenia was amazing. I am always amazed at how the family of God works. No matter where in the world, literally, you go, the bond between believers is almost instantaneous. This was especially evident during our time in Sisian with Vardan and Lucine. Hearing their stories and their heart for Christ and the work that needs to be done in their area is captivating, inspiring, and heart breaking all at the same time.

People are hungry for Christ. Kids shout His praises. The churches want to reach the next generation hence our construction project building walls for a future youth center and Sunday School classrooms. All who would have ever thought a game of musical chairs would be so eventful? And who would have thought that a simple smile and “double point” gesture would create a bond between people thousands of miles away?

Oh, and by the way, *Hallelujah* and *Amen* translate really easily into Armenian.



The children were excited to show their bracelets which read “Jesus Loves Me” in English and Armenian. These special bracelets (350) were donated by an individual at Oakland Baptist.



So to anyone who wants to know why we went, “Why not?”

I can’t possibly catch everything here, but I encourage you to read the other testimonies and if available, come to our Missions Celebration on October 15 at Wallers Baptist Church to hear more.



Kim Rosson (Oakland Baptist): I had no idea what God had in store for me when I arrived in Armenia. Travelling 7,000 miles away from home, there was no way to know what we were going to experience in the way of culture and communicating with the Armenian people. God gave us two incredible young ladies that translated and explained so many things to us—we were truly blessed from the beginning. The churches we visited were open, loving, and receptive to our Bible stories and activities.

I think what touched me most was that the adults and children we interacted with truly love God, no matter where they live and what language they speak—we all speak the same language—the word of God. I was truly blessed to be part of this team and the opportunity that God gave me to experience His love and compassion half-way across the other side of the world.



Pictured above is the Mission Team with Pastor Vardan, his wife Lucine, and interpreters. Picture to the right: Pastor Svin and his wife are on the left back, next is Pastor Avo and his wife along with the team. All three church planter pastors pictured here are bi-vocational and supplemental support has been sent by our Goshen people for the past few years.





The construction part of the Mission Team laid about 200 block to help create a youth room in the attic level of a church in the capital city of Armenia. There are two congregations that use this church building at different times.



Cathrine Young-Turgal (Antioch Baptist): The biggest highlight of my mission trip was Vacation Bible School. The children were eager to learn and their singing with motions was so wonderful to listen and watch the actions. I could have listened to them all day. From the tunes they were singing, I knew some of the songs such as “If You’re Happy and You Know It.” I brought an old familiar classic “Jesus Loves Me” for the children to learn in English. On the last day of Vacation Bible School at the Maranata Church; we were asked to leave the room because the children were preparing a surprise for us. They sang with motions, “Jesus Loves Me” in perfect English. It was so magnificently breathtaking that it brought tears to my eyes.



Tucker Swanson (Louisa Baptist): Learning about the Armenia people and the world around them was very interesting. The Genocide Museum just outside of the capital city was very moving to me. The construction team worked in a shared church building in the capital city on the third floor where we were laying block to help start the creation of a youth hang-out room. Behind the block we laid, they would use as storage in the part where the eaves are too low for other uses. On the second floor of that church, there was a kitchen and classrooms and they were in need of bathrooms on that floor. We were able to purchase all the materials to finish the bathrooms and the items were delivered the next day.

We also traveled to Sisian to check out their needs. While there, some work was done to the landscaping and we were able to help with some future upgrades. The team was blessed to be able to meet each of the three

church planters that the people of Goshen have been supporting along with their families.

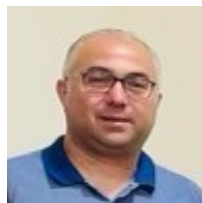
Kelly Taylor (Mineral Baptist): Mission trips are my favorite way to see the world because you get to know “people” in the places and means in which they live. Armenians in global politics are seeking justice for genocide a century ago. Armenians in local churches have different struggles than we do here in America. All the churches I saw were beautiful stone buildings, several still under construction in the upper floors while the lower floors are used for worship and teaching. The hospitality was warm and wonderful! One church even offered translation devices with the pastor’s daughter providing real-time translation of the presentations and prayers into English. It was the exception, but the heart for hospitality was everywhere.

The construction team laid about 200 cinderblock in four days to prepare a third floor for classroom space, and they filled a second level classroom concrete floor divots with mortar to level the floor in prep for laminate flooring. While at the church in Sisian, the construction team, along with Arkaty (our bus driver), helped to clear the church orchard of weeds while VBS was conducted inside the church building. The Sisian Baptist Church is close to a war zone in every context, and Pastor Vardan and Lucine have been struggling to maintain a Christian presence there. The church windows have been broken out 13 times during their tenure!

My thanks to Goshen Association, who not only supported our travel, did the planning, made the trip possible, and also helps coordinate supporting three church planters in Armenia. In addition, funding was donated to purchase materials, tools, and help with urgent needs. An abundant supply of yarn was donated to the women’s group in Sisian. All because of the cooperative efforts of the generous people and churches in Goshen.



Pastor Avo



Pastor Svin



Pastor Vardan

Please continue to pray for our church planters in Armenia. Pastor Avo, Pastor Svin, & Pastor Vardan depend on our prayers and support.

Thank You Note

Goshen Baptist Association,

On behalf of the BGAV and Peptalk Ministries, thank you so much for being our host association during Impact Louisa 2023. You played an important role in helping God's Kingdom work of reaching out to the less advantaged people in your community.

Together, we assisted with needed home repairs and restoration that the home owners could not have accomplished on their own. You helped organize these efforts as well as taking care of our volunteers from around the state. You organized meals for all of our work crews. You provided resources including volunteers to assist in the preparation and organization of the camp week. This is what partnerships in mission work looks like!

The work God did through all of the volunteers and staff in Louisa would not have been possible without a host association like yours. We are eternally grateful for your support of God's mission work alongside Impact Mission Camps!

David N. Peppler, Sr., DMIN
Owner, Peptalk Ministries LLC

Correction to above

Although many church groups and individuals in Goshen Association participated, the actual host of Impact VA! Louisa was Louisa Baptist Church and the camp director was Rev. Richard Sandberg. It was under his direction that the camp was organized. Mrs. Shirley Collins was also essential in the recruitment and planning of the lunches for the work crews.

Goshen church groups and individuals that participated in Impact VA! Louisa besides Louisa Baptist Church were from Mechanicsville, Mineral, Orange Baptist, and Wallers. Other churches in the Louisa Faith Coalition also participated.

If you are interested in hearing directly from an adult and a youth volunteer that worked with this summer's Impact Camp, please come to the Goshen Missions Celebration at Wallers Baptist Church at 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 15th.

All Current Disaster Response Certified People...

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.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Brittany and Dani Garton on the birth of their second daughter, Adalyn. Adalyn was welcomed home by her big sister, Maya. Brittany is from Gordonsville Baptist Church and has been living full-time and working as a missionary in Bucharest, Romania with Project Ruth since June of 2011.

Project Ruth helps the very poor Roma children get an education through the 8th grade, and works with Roma families in many areas such as a medical clinic, dental and eye clinics, a clothing closet, adult education classes, Bible classes and more... all as a Christian Ministry while meeting basic human needs.

Goshen has a mission opportunity each summer to collect funds to purchase warm coats, hats, gloves, and shoes for each child at the Ruth School. This year Goshen is sending \$2,200.

Brittany first went to work with Project Ruth on a Goshen-led Mission Team when she was 13 years old. The Roma have held a special place in her heart ever since as she went back summer after summer until she graduated from college and moved there to minister.

The Garton family plans on being in Gordonsville from Thanksgiving until Christmas to visit.

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

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

So far we have not had anyone respond to let the Goshen office know they have certifications in any of the Disaster Response areas. If you are certified or interested in becoming certified, please let the office know so we can begin to schedule trainings and/or make you aware of call-outs.

“The Zone”

Under the direction of Child Evangelism Fellowship, The Zone is an after-school Christian program for all students of Louisa Middle School.

The Zone starts October 12 and will be held on Thursdays from 3:15-4:45 in the school choir room. For more info email: thezonelouisa23@gmail.com

***Pray for our Goshen Churches:**

~Pray for Smyrna Baptist and Pastor David Nelson

~Pray for South Anna and Pastor Steve McClary

~Pray for St. Mark and Pastor Tracie Daniels

~Pray for Trinity and their pastors who rotate on a weekly schedule

Pray for Goshen churches in search of a pastor:

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

October Calendar

Birthdays & Anniversaries

6	Joe Moore	Shady Grove
8	Una Wright	Retired
14	Joyce Childs	Retired
15	Sandberg Anniversary	Louisa
23	Dennis Barton	Oakland
28	Bea Bess	Retired

Events

2	Goshen Missions Committee	GMC 9 a.m.
5	Minister's Breakfast	GMC 8:30 a.m.
7	RuraLove Yardsale	8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
9	Board of Directors Meeting	GMC 7 p.m.
11	ACP Deadline	
15	Goshen Fall Missions Celebration	3-5 p.m. Wallers Baptist
17	Audit Committee	GMC 10:30 a.m.
18	Deadline to Goshen—Kindergarten Bags	
21	Mission Stitchers	GMC 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
23	Advisory Council Meeting	GMC 7 p.m.
31	Goshen Fall Meeting	2 p.m. Louisa Baptist

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News regarding Goshen's Disaster Response Baby Boxes

The BGAV is trying to coordinate sending our Disaster Response Baby Boxes to Hawaii to help the families there. Please be in prayer that the Lord will work out all the necessary logistics of getting the boxes wherever He has planned. Pray that God would use our boxes to touch hearts and win souls to Christ.



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.

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