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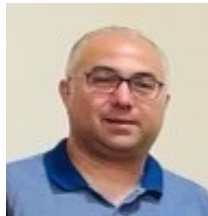
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"The purpose of this Association shall be to proclaim Christ as Lord, to expand the Kingdom of God, and to assist our affiliate churches to carry out their mission before God."

Sign up now to continue to support our three church planter pastors in Armenia



Pastor Vardan



Pastor Svin



Pastor Avo

Following the reports from members of the Mission Team to Armenia, the Goshen Missions Committee voted to extend our informal partnership with Goshen's three church planter pastors in Armenia. We are asking Goshen individuals who feel led of the Lord, to commit to donating \$200 per year for the next three years.

The previous three year commitments (made by generous churches and individuals) were completed in 2023. If you would like to make a commitment to help support the bi-vocational pastors (pictured above) by sending in

your commitment in 2024, 2025, and 2026 please let the Goshen Ministry Center know by calling 540.894.8440 or emailing goshenassociation@hughes.net

The Missions Committee also agreed that they would like to send another mission team in 2024 to work with our church planters in Armenia. If you are interested in information in possibly being a part of this team, please call the Goshen Ministry Center and you will receive a call back from the team leader. No dates have been set.

***Please continue to pray for our Church Planters...
they depend on our prayers and support***

Goshen Baptist Association & RuraLove Recognized

Goshen Baptist Association and RuraLove were recognized by the Louisa County Chamber of Commerce on Friday, October 14th during a luncheon.

Because of Goshen's partnership with the Louisa Community Emergency Fund (a member of the Chamber of Commerce), we were awarded special recognition for our ministry to Louisa County residents facing a material or financial crisis.

The Goshen volunteer receptionists are to be praised for their compassion and diplomacy in listening to each caller and recording their request for assistance. We also recognize the RuraLove volunteers as they graciously minister in various capacities.

This year RuraLove was blessed to provide over \$99,000 in financial assistance to those in need plus loads of household items to help meet material needs.



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:

- 14 Families with financial needs **(6,681.00)**
(Rent, Mortgage, Utilities)
- 3 Families with household needs
- 1 Family with a medical equipment loan
- ◆ 702 volunteer hours were donated in September with the average of 10-12 volunteers on Mondays (sorting) and 18-22 volunteers each Wednesday (sale day).

In September volunteers made:

- ◆ 2 delivery of donated items
- ◆ 3 deliveries of purchased items
- ◆ 6 pick ups of donations
- ◆ 364 total miles driven for pick ups and deliveries
- ◆ Received \$223.50 for recycling metal

In the past month the RuraLove Thrift Store sales have:

- ◆ Served 358 families with clothing
- ◆ Served 713 families with household items

Total sales from the Thrift Store for clothing and donated yard sale items for the past month: **\$6,408.00**

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:

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.

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.

THANK YOU NOTES

I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for your incredible act of kindness and generosity in contributing to our rent through your charity [RuraLove]. Your support has alleviated an immense burden and brought us much-needed relief during a challenging time. Your compassion and willingness to help have touched our hearts profoundly, and we are truly humbled by your selflessness.

Thanks for your support, we can now focus on building a better future for ourselves and our family without the overwhelming stress of financial instability. Your kindness has given us hope and renewed our belief in the goodness of people.

We promise to pay forward the kindness you've shown us by making every effort to improve our situation and help others in need when we can.

Recipient of RuraLove assistance

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Dear Precious [WMU] Women;

We are writing to express our gratitude for your generous gift. Our trip to the Museum of the Bible was more amazing than words can describe. We are already making plans to return because there is no way one can see everything in one visit.

Thank you for your generosity in making this trip possible. God bless you. Love in Christ,

Don and Jan Campbell

*Editor's note: The Goshen WMU paid half of the trip fees to the Museum of the Bible for all pastors and spouses who went as an appreciation for their ministry in Goshen.*

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A **BIG** "Thank You" to the Rob Woolfolk family for donating a total of 62 hours to scrape and powerwash a RuraLove sea container and then put a fresh coat of paint on it.

They also powerwashed and painted the roofs of all six sea containers with roofing sealant. What a marvelous gift to the RuraLove ministry.



Mission Opportunities

Project for November:

Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Chaplain Support for Goochland Women's Correctional Center. The state of Virginia does not provide chaplains for prisons. The chaplains need our support to continue their vital ministry.

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

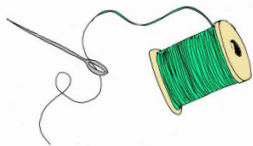
Little Dresses for Africa: littledressesforafrica.org

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.



Mission Stitchers

All are invited on Sat, November 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.

Ministry Action Budget 2022-2023

<u>Church</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>GMO</u>
Antioch	285.90	4,164.84	570.00
Berea	700.00	700.00	240.00
Blue Ridge Shores	164.74	2,468.45	
Craigs			
Crossroads CC		750.00	
Dogwood	277.00	3,391.00	275.00
Elk Creek	1,900.00	7,605.00	1,675.00
FBC, Louisa		200.00	
Gordonsville	1,910.04	20,966.65	285.00
Louisa	1,279.57	9,532.20	765.00
Mechanicsville	1,796.26	11,209.12	1,869.00
Memorial of Columbia			
Mine Road	640.00	4,080.00	300.00
Mineral		13,404.00	
Mount Gilead	159.41	2,958.18	195.00
Mount Hermon		800.00	400.00
Mountain View	100.00	500.00	
North Pamunkey	459.00	6,193.24	915.00
Oakland	502.00	6,538.00	1,410.00
Orange	578.36	5,973.92	485.00
Perkins	434.00	5,204.00	
Rhoadesville	583.39	6,717.27	201.00
Shady Grove		1,000.00	
Smyrna		1,700.00	
South Anna	2,500.00	2,500.00	
St. Mark		250.00	
Trinity	100.00	1,200.00	85.00
Waldrops		1,161.00	200.00
Walters	656.32	6,277.94	320.00
Zoar	207.54	2,601.01	
Others	1,040.00	38,589.07	4,150.00
Total	16,273.53	168,634.89	14,340.00

2022-2023 Annual Budget Report

Budget for 2022-2023	174,384.00
Monthly Needs	14,532.00
Received Sept.	16,274.00
Received Oct-Sept	168,634.00
Budget	- 5,750.00

Totals as of 9-30-2023



CHURCH NEWS

Blue Ridge Shores - 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 21st 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. Also, see the article on page 5 "Woodchuckers"

First Baptist of Louisa hosted a three night revival Oct 9-11 sponsored by the Minister's conference of Louisa and vicinity. It was a community event. First Baptist also recognized breast cancer awareness month in October. The culminating activity on October 22 will recognize all members who are breast cancer survivors. The church's 157th anniversary will be celebrated Sunday, November 12th. For more information, call Pastor Bruce Jones at 804.658.8782. All are welcome to attend.

Gordonsville welcomes their new pastor, Jason Bird, his wife Jeannie, and family. Jason will begin his ministry with Gordonsville on November 1st.

Louisa baptized six in August and two in September. For the One Bright Night Christmas light show see page 5 for info.

Mechanicsville welcomes three new members in September. www.mechbaptist.org

Mineral ~ Upward Basketball registration is now open. "A Glorious Christmas" will be presented on Christmas Eve at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. For Upward Sports, event, and service information see www.mineralbaptistchurch.org

Orange is having its annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 2 from 9 a.m.—2 p.m. The Singing Christmas Tree has begun practice. The dates for their concerts will be December 9-10.



Pastors Christmas Lunch

A Christmas lunch for Goshen pastors with BGAV's executive director, Dr. Wayne Faison, and field strategist, Jody Faig, will be held on Wednesday, December 13 at noon at Tim's at Lake Anna.

To reserve your spot, please call or text Jody at 804.921.5177.

"A word with Dee"

November is the month that we focus specifically on giving thanks. Of course, this is a theme that we need to emphasize each and every month of the year. Concerning this topic, I heard the true story about a man named John Kralik, who was a lawyer living in Los Angeles in 2008. For a variety of reasons he was at the very bottom of his life...nothing seemed to be going his way. His law practice was not going very well, he was separated from his wife, and he was living in a one room apartment in L.A.

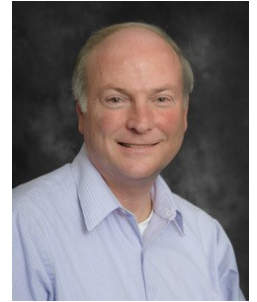
So, John decided to take a walk at the beginning of that year in the mountains around Pasadena. While on this walk he heard an inner voice say very clearly to him: "Until you learn to be grateful for the things you have, you will not receive the things you want."

So, John decided that he was going to begin writing thank you notes to people whom he was grateful. He began with his son who had given him a coffee maker for Christmas. However, when he went to mail the thank you card he realized that he did not even have his son's address. So, he had to call his son and get the address... and his son asked John to meet him for lunch. When they met for lunch, his son gave him a check for \$5,000 to repay a loan that his Dad had given to him a long time ago. They had a great visit together.

So, John decided that he was going to write a thank you note to someone each and every day... and he did. This turned out to be such an awesome experience for John that he wrote a book entitled, *"365 Thank Yous: The Year a Simple Act of Daily Gratitude Changed My Life."*

Having a heart filled with gratitude is such a Christ-like characteristic. The Bible is so emphatic about the importance of gratitude. The Apostle Paul emphasizes this theme over and over again. Paul said to the Christians in Thessalonica: "Give thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." to the Romans Paul wrote: "I thank my God through Jesus Christ." To the church at Philippi, where he was imprisoned and beaten, Paul said, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." He went on to tell them "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done." To the Christians at Corinth, who caused him all kinds of heartaches and headaches, Paul wrote, "I thank God always on your behalf."

So, giving thanks was a key element in the life and ministry of the Apostle Paul... and it should be a key element in our lives, also. During this month of November let's develop a pattern of giving thanks. ~ Dee



Dee Whitten

'Twas Christmas Night and One Bright Night



On November 12, local pastor Richard Sandberg (Louisa Baptist Church) and local artist Yvonne Agee will be launching a preorder campaign for their family Christmas book, *'Twas Christmas Night*. *'Twas Christmas Night* tells the timeless story of why Jesus came to earth to the classic rhyme of *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*.

It is their sincere desire to help churches and families share the Good News of Jesus with families and communities all over America. In addition to the printed edition, a digital video edition of the book has been created and is being offered to churches free of charge this Christmas season to use at children's events, worship services, or community outreach.

To receive the full version of the video email Pastor Richard at author@christianholidaytraditions.com To find out more about the project, go to www.twaschristmasnight.com

One way that God is using the message of *'Twas Christmas Night* to share the good news of Jesus in the community is an event that Louisa Baptist will be putting on for its second year called, **"One Bright Night."** One Bright Night is a Christmas light show with over 3,000 lights that combines the story of Jesus, lights, and music for a dramatic presentation that will impact and entertain the whole family.

One Bright Night will be hosted at Louisa Baptist (305 E. Main St., Louisa) every Friday and Saturday night of December before Christmas at 5:30 and 7 p.m. with free popcorn and hot chocolate served. The event is completely free, but reservations are requested to make sure there are enough parking spots. Go to OneBrightNight.com to find out more and reserve your spots before the tickets run out.

Museum of the Bible Field Trip

Goshen Baptist Association took a bus load of people from our churches to the Museum of the Bible in Washington D.C. recently.

The interactive museum was a great experience, and many folks said that they would like to take a group from their church.

If you have questions regarding the museum, contact Dee Whitten for more information.



Woodchuckers need recommendations

Elk Creek Woodchuckers needs your help. This summer, the Woodchuckers were busy picking up, splitting, and storing firewood for needy families to stay warm this winter. The Woodchuckers have wood, but would like to find assistance in locating who needs it. You can help by letting them know of families in your congregation or community who can't afford to purchase what they need. God bless you, the Woodchuckers ministry, and above all, those in need.

Contact Tony Wilson at: wilson540@gmail.com

***Pray for our Goshen Churches:**

~Pray for Waldrop and Pastor Hubert Hart

~Pray for Wallers and Interim Pastor John Shutlock

~Pray for Zoar and Interim Pastor Doug Gibson

Pray for Goshen churches in search of a pastor:

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

November Calendar

Birthdays & Anniversaries

1	Toni Miller	Retired
3	Tammy Bowen	Mountain View
4	Moore Anniversary	Shady Grove
11	Lisa Wollenberg	Mine Road
11	Don Campbell	Rhoadesville
16	Tina Collis	Retired
17	Hubert Hart	Waldrops
19	Bowen Anniversary	Mountain View
21	Graham Anniversary	Mount Hermon
22	John Miller	Retired
22	Collis Anniversary	Retired

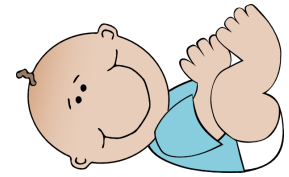
Events

2	Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
2-5	Women's Get-Away ~ Eagle Eyrie
4	RuraLove Yardsale 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
4	WMU Annual Meeting ~ Eagle Eyrie
13-15	BGAV Annual Meeting ~ Richmond
18	Mission Stitchers GMC 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
23	Thanksgiving ~ Office Closed
26-Dec 3	Week of Prayer for International Missions



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Disaster Response Baby Boxes



The Disaster Response Baby Boxes we packed in May have not gone out in response to a disaster yet. The Goshen Missions Committee is asking churches to pause their collection of the baby supplies until the boxes have been given out.

Please pray that God would send the boxes where He wants them to go and use them 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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