

Goshen News

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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 Spring Missions Celebration

Sunday, April 7

3 p.m.

Mineral Baptist Church
51 Louisa Ave, Mineral

~ Jan Meeks speaks about her experiences
on mission with Hope for Appalachia

~ Josué Luckunchang will
share about his ministry with
the Latinos

~ Tammy Wood will share an
update & video from Armenia



Goshen Spring Meeting

Tuesday, April 30

2 p.m.

Dogwood Baptist Church
5677 New Line Road, Gum Spring

~ Rev. Jason Bird (devotional message)

~ Rev. Jim Graham (doctrinal message)

~ Rev. Kris Hutchinson (mission message)

Business: voting to bring **Mountain View Community Church** into Goshen as a full member; and voting on **proposed changes to the Policy and Procedure Manual** under Disaster Response.

Goshen Missions Luncheon

Saturday, March 9 beginning at 11 a.m.

In the Family Life Center at Mineral Baptist Church

Cost: \$7 each Reservations required.

Deadline for reservations is February 29 at 1 p.m. Call 540.894.8440.

Come enjoy a meal, fellowship, and hear about Goshen Missions locally and abroad.

No matter your age or ability...

there is a way for you to be involved in Missions!

We can accomplish so much more for Christ when we work together!



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:

17 Families with financial needs (\$9,762.21)

(Rent, Mortgage, Utilities)

3 Families with household needs

1 Family with a whole house of furniture

1 Family with a baby layette

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

In January volunteers made:

- ◆ 3 deliveries of donated items
- ◆ 3 deliveries of purchased items
- ◆ 7 pick ups of donations
- ◆ 306 total miles driven for pick ups and deliveries
- ◆ Received \$148.00 for recycling metal

In the past month the RuraLove Thrift Store sales have:

- ◆ Served 201 families with clothing
- ◆ Served 481 families with household items

Total sales from the Thrift Store for clothing and donated yard sale items for the past month: **\$3,959.25**

RuraLove is in need of:

Microwaves, metal bed frames (queen, full, & especially twin); mattresses & box springs (especially full & twin), 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.



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.

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.

Temporary Ramps and Firewood

The Crosspoint Outdoorsman Ministry has a ramp ministry for anyone needing a temporary ramp. Crosspoint also gives firewood to those in need. For more information contact Roy Hopkins at 804.943.0734.

Dr. Valerie Carter Smith announces retirement

The Executive Director and Treasurer of WMUV, Dr. Valerie Carter Smith has announced her retirement date effective January 31, 2025. She has served in this role since 2014. Be in prayer as the WMUV begins searching for the leader God is preparing.

Standing Rock 2024 Mission Opportunities

VBS Mission Teams ~ July 20-27

Baptist Nursing Fellowship Team ~ July 20-27

Wachinyeya (Hope) Teams ~ October 2-9

Approximate cost \$1,500-\$1,800

For more information and to see which teams still have availability contact Maria Lynn at

(email) standingontherock316@gmail.com

Mission Opportunities

Projects for March:

Military & Veteran Ministries

Annual Church Planter Support Due

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!**

The Journey Home www.journeyhomeminer.org

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.

BGAV Impact Virginia Disaster Response See www.bgav.org for more information and trainings.

Christ In Action (Disaster Response Org) in the Culpeper Air Park, 21465 Business Court, Elkwood, VA 22718. Call Susan Boston, 703.368.6286 to schedule a tour Mon-Fri 8-4. www.ChristInAction.com

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.

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.



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 2023-2024

<u>Church</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>GMO</u>
Antioch	554.34	1,346.76	
Berea			
Blue Ridge Shores	405.15	612.70	
Craigs			
Crossroads CC		500.00	
Dogwood	333.00	1,161.00	
Elk Creek		1,875.00	
FBC, Louisa			
Gordonsville	2,069.53	3,981.64	
Louisa	1,949.98	2,601.54	
Mechanicsville	2,403.36	4,915.75	
Memorial of Columbia			
Mine Road	350.00	1,370.00	
Mineral		3,760.00	
Mount Gilead	259.64	879.94	
Mount Hermon		400.00	100.00
Mountain View	200.00	500.00	
North Pamunkey	750.00	2,377.52	
Oakland	1,349.00	2,343.00	
Orange	1,291.86	2,220.99	
Perkins			
Rhoadesville	625.00	2,375.17	
Shady Grove	500.00	500.00	
Smyrna	425.00	850.00	
South Anna		416.00	
St. Mark		250.00	
Trinity	100.00	400.00	
Waldrops		875.00	
Walters	940.28	1,459.60	
Zoar	488.70	1,296.95	
Others	2,080.00	6,690.00	
Total	17,074.85	45,958.56	

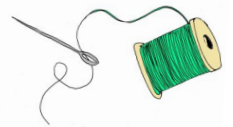
2023-2024 Annual Budget Report

Budget for 2023-2024	186,562.00
Monthly Needs	15,547.00
Received Jan.	17,075.00
Received Oct-Jan	45,959.00
Budget	- 16,199.00

Totals as of 1-31-2024

Mission Stitchers

All are invited on Sat, March 16, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.



"A word with Dee"

About ten years ago Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon wrote an excellent book entitled "The Art of Neighboring." The background story concerning this book goes back to the year 2009 when Dave and Jay gathered with about 20 pastors in the Denver area for their monthly pastor's luncheon. The invited guest that day was the mayor of the small town outside of Denver where all of the pastors resided.

The major question for the mayor to answer on that occasion was "how can we as churches best work together to serve our city?" The mayor discussed a variety of the normal things that churches commonly do in order to meet the needs of people in the area (support the homeless shelter, food banks, etc.) Then, he paused for a few moments before he concluded his comments and finally said, "by far, the best thing that churches can do for our community is to teach your members to love their neighbors."

After the mayor departed the meeting, the pastors sat still for a few moments before Jay spoke up and said, "it is embarrassing for the non-Christian mayor of our city to tell us that the best thing our churches can do for the community is to teach our folks to love their neighbors."

So, these pastors organized some specific ways that church members could literally love their neighbors. This resulted in Jay and Dave writing the book entitled "The Art of Neighboring." The basic idea is that when Jesus tells us to love our neighbor, maybe he means our literal neighbor...the person who lives next door.



Dee Whitten

Dave and Jay encourage us to learn the names of the eight neighbors who live closest to us. Then, we can pray for these neighbors on a daily basis and find ways that we can reach out in love to meet the needs of these neighbors. Ultimately, we can pray that God will give us an opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus with our neighbors in a very natural way. This is, by far, the best way to carry out evangelism in our churches today. If we want to reach our community for Christ, it can all begin with meeting the needs of our neighbors and loving our neighbors, just as Jesus commanded us." ~ Dee

Goshen Missions Committee proposes changes

The Goshen Missions Committee is proposing to make some changes to the Goshen Policy and Procedures manual in several areas of the Disaster Response section at the Spring Meeting Tuesday, April 30. *(See front page for details on the meeting)*

Some of the proposed changes would allow the Goshen Disaster Trailers #1 and #2 (as well as tools) available for churches to borrow to do outreach projects in their communities as well as Impact VA and any disaster work. The Missions Committee felt the current guidelines limited their use so much that they weren't being utilized to

their potential.

If the changes to the Policy and Procedures manual are approved, the trailers must be reserved through the Goshen Ministry Center office. There are a few basic safety requirements such as: the towing vehicle must have a 7 point hook up to work the lights and electric brakes; need a 2 5/16th ball on the hitch; and provide some basic information.

Other proposed changes include the responsibilities of the Disaster Response Coordinator for the Association and a few changes to the Tool Master's role as well.



The Goshen Missions Committee prays these changes will help our churches and association minister and serve our communities, state, and beyond in the Name of our Lord in the hopes of meeting spiritual needs as well as physical ones.

An explanation of the changes and a chance to tour the trailers will be given following the Goshen Missions Luncheon on Saturday, March 9. Reserve your spot now! 540.894.8440

CHURCH NEWS

Crossroads Community www.gotothecrossroads.org

Elk Creek says they are being blessed already by new Pastor Mike Gray and wife Cathy. They served as Master of Ceremonies for the Valentine's Day social with games and lots of food. The Elk Creek Band led us in singing romantic songs from the past. Meanwhile, Woodchuckers were busy but, alas, have run out of wood for the season and are busy stockpiling and drying wood for next winter. The card ministry sent out six cards and prayers for those in need. The trash cleanup volunteers are still active as weather permits.

First Baptist of Louisa will hold Spring Revival services, 7 p.m. nightly, March 18-20. A Good Friday service will be held at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Gordonsville gordonsvillebaptistchurch.com

Louisa has a Mission Team of nine that will be joining together with Panamanian brothers and sisters to work in Potrerillos Panama from February 24 through March 2. The team will be holding a medical clinic one day and four days of Vacation Bible School ~ while the construction team works on irrigation around The Way of Salvation Baptist Church to make the church accessible during the rainy season. Please pray as they minister and travel. www.louisabaptistva.org

Mechanicsville Men's Breakfast is the second Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. All are welcome. www.mechbaptist.org

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

Oakland will hold a Children's Consignment Clothing Sale Thursday, 4/18 & Friday 4/19 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Saturday, 4/20 & 4/27 from 9 a.m.-noon. www.Oakland-Baptist.com

Orange welcomes two new members. Orange will hold a "Brick Breaking Ceremony" on April 14 to install the first group of 50 commemorative engraved bricks (on sale now through www.obcpavilion.com). The bricks will be placed in the walkway entrance to the pavilion from the parking lot.

Perkins www.perkinsbaptistchurch.org

St. Mark www.stmarkbaptist.me

Waller www.wallersbaptist.com

Help Wanted

The Goshen Ministry Center is looking for a volunteer receptionist for one day each week from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Duties include answering phones, taking applications for RuraLove, and assisting with office tasks as needed. If you feel led of the Lord to minister to the community in this way or would like more information, please call **540.894.8440**.

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

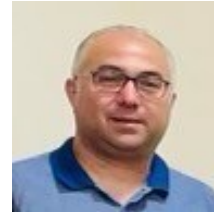
God is at work in Armenia

We are looking for Goshen individuals who feel led of the Lord, to commit to donating \$200 per year for the next three years to help supplement the income of our three church planter pastors working in Armenia. We need at least 54 commitments total to reach our goal. We are just over half-way there.

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 below) 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



Pastor Vardan



Pastor Svin



Pastor Avo

2024 Mission Team Update



If you are interested in possibly being a part of the 2024 Mission Team to Armenia, please call the Goshen Ministry Center at 540.894.8440 and you will receive a call back from the team leader, Kris Hutchinson. Currently there are two signed up: Kris Hutchinson and Kim Rosson.

The dates reserved for the 2024 mission trip: **Thursday, August 15 through Monday, August 26**. The cost is about \$2,000.

Please be in prayer as the Lord calls His different teams:
~ some to go
~ some to pray
~ some to give



Working together to accomplish His will!

Religious Liberty Project

**Pray for
Goshen churches in
search of a pastor:**

Craigs,
Louisa,
Mineral,
Mt. Gilead,
Oakland,
Waller's
& Zoar



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

Monday, April 1, 2024 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 the history of Religious Liberty in Virginia.

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

*Pray for our Goshen Churches:

~Pray for Louisa and Pastor of Youth and Children,
Rudy Hornberger

~Pray for Mechanicsville and Pastor Allan Smith

~Pray for Memorial of Columbia and Pastor Jim Benson

Notice to Churches

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

March Calendar

Birthdays & Anniversaries

5	Marilyn Gibson	Zoar
7	Nancy Swain	Retired
11	Swain Anniversary	Retired
15	Joy Dickens	Ministry Assistant
16	Susan Wilson	Perkins
18	Steve McClary	South Anna
24	Alan Miller	Orange
26	Fran Chancellor	Retired
26	Jan Campbell	Rhoadesville

Events

3-10	Week of Prayer for North American Missions
7	Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
9	Goshen Missions Luncheon—Mineral's Family Life Center 11 a.m. Registration required.
16	Mission Stitchers GMC 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
23	Property & Grounds Meeting GMC 10 a.m.
31	Easter Sunday (office closed April 1)



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