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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."



FALL MISSIONS CELEBRATION

Sunday, October 13

3-5 p.m.

Smyrna Baptist

1470 Rock Castle Road, Goochland

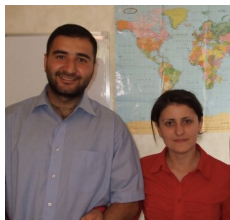
Featuring speakers:

~Nancy Falls and John Johnson of Mount Gilead speaking about their thriving Food Ministry for the community and their Mission Trip to Southwest Virginia Partnership, LLC.

~Lesley Alford and Kim Rosson of Oakland Baptist speaking about their recent Mission Trip to Armenia.

Special Music by: Cathy Johnson

Please continue to pray for our church planters. Pictured are Pastor Vardan and his wife, Lusine who minister is Sisian, Armenia.



Goshen Fall Meeting

Tuesday, October 29

2 p.m.

Elk Creek

5916 Kentucky Springs Road, Mineral

Featuring speakers:

~Rev. Mike Gray, devotional

~Jennifer Conley, History of North Pamunkey Church (250 years)

~Dr. Ken Pruitt, President of the John Leland Theological Seminary

Special Music by: Elk Creek Praise Band

ATTENTION CHURCH CLERKS

The ACP deadline is October 10 by 1 p.m.

The ACP must be turned in for church messengers to be able to vote at the Goshen Meetings.



RuraLove Ministry

587 Mica Road,
Mineral

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:

- 22 Families with financial needs (\$9,237.12)
(Rent, Mortgage, Utilities)
- 3 Families with household items
- 2 Families with a whole household
- 4 Families with the loan of medical equipment
- 2 Families with projects

Total Thrift Store sales: **\$6,890**

The RuraLove Thrift Store served:

259 with clothing and 693 with household items

- ◆ 812.5 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 deliveries of donated items
- ◆ 3 deliveries of purchased items
- ◆ 8 pick ups of donations
- ◆ 394 total miles driven for pick ups and deliveries
- ◆ Received \$140.40 for recycling metal

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.



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 is in need of:

Mattresses & box springs (especially full & twin), metal bed frames (twin, full & queen), 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.

Call 540.894.8440 for more info.

100% of proceeds go to local families in crisis

Thank You Notes

Thank you so much! This is such a blessing that RuraLove was able to assist with \$783.00 on my rent and it will help me and my kids tremendously. I can't thank you enough for all of your help. God is so good! Prayers truly work.

RuraLove Client

I wanted to thank you so much for the blessing of paying my electric bill. With me being out of work and on medical leave, things have been hard. Thank you! I am so grateful!

RuraLove Client

With deepest gratitude, my family and I thank you for helping us in our time of need. It is humbling when you fall on hard times and worry if you will have a roof over your kids to sleep. We thank God for the gift of your generosity. And I now am training in a new job. Blessings!

RuraLove Client



Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Darrell Wise, former pastor of Oakland Baptist Church, where he ministered for twelve years. Darrell passed away September 7, 2024 in Texas. He is survived by his wife, Cheri and a daughter.

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.

Mission Opportunities

The Projects for October:

Christmas/All Occasion Cards ~ NO calendars. For Goochland Woman's Correctional Center.

Kindergarten Bags ~ hat, gloves, toothbrush, toothpaste, and toy. Deadline: Bring to the Goshen Ministry Center by October 16th at 1 p.m.

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**Paul Stefan Home** (Pro-Life Maternity Housing & Educational Center) [www.paulstefanhome.org](http://www.paulstefanhome.org) ~ 120 Caroline St., Orange. 540.854.2300 See website for current needs. **Volunteers also needed!**

**The Journey Home** [www.journeyhomeminer.org](http://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](http://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](http://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 703.368.6286 to register for **WORK DAY October 5 to repair roof.** [www.ChristinAction.com](http://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** see: [www.project-ruth.org](http://www.project-ruth.org)

**Little Dresses for Africa:** [littledressesforafrica.org](http://littledressesforafrica.org)

**Door of Hope, South Africa (finding homes for unwanted children)** [www.doorofhopesa.com](http://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.

**UPDATE** ~ with your donations... in August, 171 pairs of reading glasses were given to the missionary who serves in Guatemala. Keep sending the glasses in! You are making a difference!

## NOT Collecting at this time

Please **do not** save prescription, medicine, or vitamin bottles at this time. Thank you!

## Ministry Action Budget 2023-2024

| <u>Church</u>        | <u>August</u>      | <u>YTD</u>          | <u>GMO</u>        |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Antioch              | 320.79             | 3,505.68            | 50.00             |
| Berea                |                    |                     |                   |
| Blue Ridge Shores    | 218.60             | 2,104.71            |                   |
| Craigs               |                    |                     |                   |
| Crossroads CC        | 500.00             | 1,250.00            | 200.00            |
| Dogwood              | 364.00             | 3,265.00            | 75.00             |
| Elk Creek            | 1,875.00           | 7,500.00            | 825.00            |
| FBC, Louisa          |                    | 9,873.69            |                   |
| Gordonsville         |                    | 7,622.64            | 650.00            |
| Louisa               | 3,129.98           | 9,430.32            | 2,342.00          |
| Mechanicsville       |                    |                     |                   |
| Memorial of Columbia |                    |                     |                   |
| Mine Road            | 350.00             | 3,820.00            | 400.00            |
| Mineral              | 2,000.00           | 15,005.00           | 1,086.40          |
| Mount Gilead         | 232.20             | 2,791.26            |                   |
| Mount Hermon         | 400.00             | 1,100.00            | 250.00            |
| Mountain View        | 200.00             | 1,900.00            |                   |
| North Pamunkey       | 439.05             | 6,570.84            | 945.00            |
| Oakland              |                    | 5,584.00            | 745.00            |
| Orange               | 532.33             | 6,011.17            | 391.00            |
| Perkins              | 434.00             | 4,916.00            |                   |
| Rhoadesville         | 1,250.00           | 6,750.17            | 50.00             |
| Shady Grove          | 500.00             | 1,000.00            |                   |
| Smyrna               |                    | 850.00              |                   |
| South Anna           |                    | 1,664.00            |                   |
| St. Mark             |                    | 250.00              |                   |
| Trinity              | 100.00             | 1,100.00            | 100.00            |
| Waldrops             |                    | 875.00              |                   |
| Walters              | 1,326.08           | 5,903.46            |                   |
| Zoar                 | 142.06             | 2,563.97            | 65.00             |
| Others               | 8,060.00           | 24,743.00           |                   |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$20,393.09</b> | <b>\$137,949.91</b> | <b>\$8,174.40</b> |

## 2023-2024 Annual Budget Report

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| Budget for 2023-2024 | \$186,562.00         |
| Monthly Needs        | \$15,547.00          |
| Received Aug.        | \$20,393.00          |
| Received Oct-Aug.    | \$137,949.00         |
| <b>Budget</b>        | <b>- \$33,068.00</b> |

Totals as of 8-31-2024



## Mission Stitchers

All are invited on Sat, Oct. 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).

**Ongoing 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](mailto:mrsjrg@aol.com).



# "A word with Dee"



Dee Whitten

One of the great places to visit in our country is Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. There are all types of wildlife in Yellowstone as well as some of the most beautiful landscapes in the world.

Probably the best known features of Yellowstone are the 3000 geysers and hot springs. This is the largest concentration of such phenomena in the world. Of course, the most famous geyser at Yellowstone is called "Old Faithful." This outstanding geyser is a sight to behold.

Old Faithful is not the most powerful geyser in the world, and it is not the most punctual geyser...but it is definitely the most dependable geyser. Its eruptions take place at least 22 times a day, with an average interval of 78 minutes. So, tourists know that just about every hour Old Faithful will blast forth out of the earth.

The height of the eruption from Old Faithful is anywhere from 90 to 184 feet. The duration of the eruption is anywhere from 1.5 to 5 minutes. The water temperature is about 204 degrees F, and Old Faithful spews forth about 8400 gallons of water every time it erupts.

It is an awe-inspiring sight, and the key to Old Faithful is

its dependability! It keeps on erupting almost every hour, 24 hours a day...week after week...month after month.

Faithfulness is a key to our relationship with Christ. Faithfulness means that we will put our trust in the Lord each and every day. Faithfulness means that we will live for Jesus day by day.

Faithfulness means that we will be the salt of the earth and the light of the world on a regular basis.

The Bible says that: *"Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see."* (Hebrews 11:1)

The Bible says that: *"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast."* (Ephesians 2: 8-9)

Make sure that your faith is as predictable as Old Faithful!

~ Dee

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## CHURCH NEWS

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**Berea** has two new Sunday School classes established. Berea held a special called business meeting regarding meeting the financial needs of Goshen. Fall Revival is from October 24-26.

**Elk Creek** recently celebrated 211 years of serving our Lord and the Goshen community with a special Homecoming service. Elk Creek held five baptisms and two new church members. The Woodchuckers are busy gathering the harvest of fallen trees for firewood for the needy this winter. And 15 Caring Community members sang hymns and laid on hands and prayed over a member preparing for major surgery.

**Gordonsville** will have a Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 26 from 2-4 p.m. with trunk themes of Events in the Bible. For children through 5th grade. Gordonsville is partnering with Children's Bible Ministries to bring God's Word to Gordon-Barbour Elementary Students. Starting in Oct., kids from 2-5 grades will come to the church on the third Wednesday of the month to learn about the saving love, mercy, and grace of Jesus Christ.

**Louisa** will have a Fall Festival and Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, October 19 from 1-4 p.m. and sharing Jesus with kids! Anyone wishing to participate in the Chili-Cook Off, please bring a list of ingredients of the chili (for people with allergies), and bring in a crock pot to maintain temperature.

**Mechanicsville** will hold their 196th Homecoming on Sunday, October 6 with worship at 9:30 a.m. and lunch to follow. A free Fall Festival is Sun., Oct 27 from 4-6 p.m. with costume contest, games, music, crafts, and more! Members collected 172 pair of socks and 196 undies for missions projects. They made 18 hygiene bags, etc. for Trevilians Elementary students. Two new deacons were ordained in September. [www.mechbaptist.org](http://www.mechbaptist.org)

**Mineral** ~ For Upward Sports and service info see [www.mineralbaptistchurch.org](http://www.mineralbaptistchurch.org)

**Oakland's** Fall Children's Consignment Sale: Thurs., Oct. 3 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Fri., Oct. 4 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Sat., Oct. 5 from 9-noon; and Sat., Oct. 19 from 9-2 p.m. during their annual Fall Festival. They recently collected 225 pair of socks for the "Sock it to Dad" ministry. All items marked discount will be half-price both Saturdays. 2965 Oakland Church Road, Gum Spring. For more info see [www.Oakland-Baptist.com](http://www.Oakland-Baptist.com)

**Rhoadesville** will hold a Women's Retreat on Sat., Oct. 5 from 9-3 at the church. Reservations requested. 540.854.7527

**Waller's** is excited to share 3 baptisms, 1 rededication, and 3 new members (one by transfer) in the past two months. A successful Revival was held in Sept. with Rev. Stevenson Reed. Waller's will have their Harvest Festival with apple butter on Sat., Oct. 19 from 10-3. The Sisters of Strength Ministry will have a retreat Oct. 25-27. Their Trunk-N-Treat will be held on Oct. 31. In honor of Veteran's Day, Waller's will celebrate their Veteran's on Nov. 9th. [www.wallersbaptist.com](http://www.wallersbaptist.com)

### Virginia Church Library Association

The Virginia Church Library Association is having a Fall Conference "Renewing the Future of VCLA" on October 18-19 at Monument Heights Baptist Church, 5716 Monument Ave., Richmond. They have two guest authors attending, Rev. Richard Sandberg and Howard Bartholf. See [www.vacla.org](http://www.vacla.org) for more information, scholarship application, and registration details under the upcoming events tab.

# Life is all about Christ! Share the Gospel as you go...

Josué Luckunchang shared about his recent mission trip to Armenia in August with seven other Goshen team members during the worship services at Louisa Baptist on Sunday, September 15th.

As the Latino Pastor at Louisa Baptist, he had just completed a four week Latino-American Soccer Tournament just days before taking off. This had required a lot of hours of preparation, coordination, and volunteers. Upon completion, Josué quickly changed his focus toward Armenia and prepared to go share Jesus with kids.



thought that our main job here on earth is to share the Gospel... here and around the world... wherever we go.

Josué had packed two portable soccer goals in his suitcases and an inflatable soccer ball. When they arrived in Sisian, Josué asked the team leader, Kris Hutchinson, if they could go to “the square” and see if they could play soccer with some kids and invite them to Vacation Bible School (VBS). The Square is a part of town where people gathered. Two children accepted our invitation to play and by the end, twenty kids were playing soccer with them.



As the airplane was taking off for Armenia, Josué felt God reveal to him,

*“When you go on a mission trip it is not about yourself and the country you’re coming from. It’s about Christ and His Kingdom!”*

He focused on the

There were a lot of displaced Armenian refugees who attended the VBS with what seemed to be around 100 children in total attending. Most of the children who had played soccer with them in the evenings did come and attend VBS with 15-20 kids accepting Christ that week... including some from the impromptu soccer games.

Spending time in worship with the Armenians in Sisian was also very meaningful. Even though the team and the Armenians were from different cultures, there they were... praising the same God together!

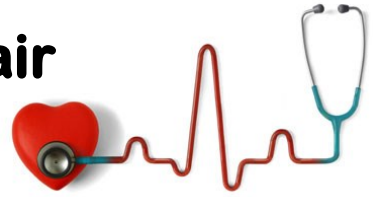
Please continue to share your faith as you go!



*Josué asks for prayers for Vika (right) who has touched his life. This beautiful little girl is battling cancer. Please include her on your prayer list.*



# 23rd Regional/Community Health Fair



The Shady Grove Baptist Church, 21024 Piney Woods Road, Orange, Virginia and Orange Baptist Church are coming back with their 23rd Regional/Community Health Fair after not having it for four years because of Covid-19. It will be Saturday, October 26 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

The keynote speaker will be Sentour Dillard, currently working as Integrated Care Manager working in Community Health at Sentara Starr Hill Health Center. She has been employed at Sentara Martha Jefferson Hospital for 41 years. She has a Bachelor of Science Degree from Old Dominion University. Mrs. Dillard provides education to individuals about chronic diseases by teaching classes, performing health screenings and providing one on one support to assist community members to

develop a healthy lifestyle. Her topic will be **“Taking Care of Yourself.”**

The health fair will consist of several free screenings to include blood pressure, Covid-19 Antibodies, balance assessments, chair massage, acupuncture, body fat analysis, A1c, and hearing. Flu shots will be given (covered by your insurance). Other vaccines (Covid, RSV, Pneumonia, Shingles) can be available but you must call Orange Pharmacy direct (540) 661-5006 to pre-register for them. There will be 15 plus educational tables, good food, music by Orange Baptist Church and Shady Grove’s Fifth Sunday Singers as well as a “flair” for children.

## Notice to Churches

Please include: [GoshenAssociation@hughes.net](mailto:GoshenAssociation@hughes.net) in your church’s email list for your newsletter, prayer concerns, and event news blasts.

## October Calendar

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

|    |               |              |
|----|---------------|--------------|
| 6  | Joe Moore     | Shady Grove  |
| 6  | Diane Davis   | Oakland      |
| 8  | Una Wright    | Louisa       |
| 14 | Joyce Childs  | Retired      |
| 23 | Dennis Barton | Retired      |
| 24 | Ken Kessler   | Mineral Int. |
| 28 | Bea Bess      | Retired      |

### Events

|    |                                                                                   |
|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3  | Minister’s Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.                                                |
| 5  | RuraLove Yardsale 8-12:30                                                         |
| 7  | Missions Committee GMC 9 a.m.                                                     |
| 7  | Board of Directors GMC 7 p.m.                                                     |
| 10 | ACP Deadline                                                                      |
| 13 | Goshen Fall Missions Celebration 3-5 p.m. Smyrna, 1470 Rock Castle Rd., Goochland |
| 15 | Audit Committee GMC 10:30 a.m.                                                    |
| 16 | Deadline Kindergarten bags to Goshen, 1 p.m.                                      |
| 19 | Mission Stitches GMC 9 a.m.-2 p.m.                                                |
| 21 | Advisory Council Meeting 7 p.m.                                                   |
| 29 | Goshen Fall Meeting 2 p.m. Elk Creek, 5916 Kentucky Springs Road, Mineral         |

## The Timeless Gift

Louisa Baptist (305 E. Main St., Louisa) will present a walk-through event depicting the life of Jesus from birth to resurrection on Saturday, December 7 from 7-9 p.m.

Jesus is the timeless gift, offering to meet our needs today. Come take a walk through Jesus’ life and the day everything changed.



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