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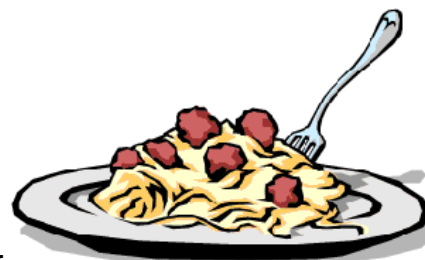
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"The purpose of this Association shall be to proclaim Christ as Lord, to expand the Kingdom of God, and to assist our affiliate churches to carry out their mission before God."

Sign up now for the *Goshen Missions Dinner*

Monday, March 17th ~ 5 p.m.

**At Mineral Baptist Church in the Family Life Center
(51 Louisa Road, Mineral)**



With special guest **Asatur Nahapetyan**, the General Secretary of the Baptist Union of Armenia. *Everyone is encouraged to come, ask their questions about Armenia, and learn how we can pray and encourage our brothers and sisters in Christ!*

Dinner is \$6 each. *Menu: spaghetti, salad, fruit cup, bread and apple crumble. Please specify when signing up if you prefer a chef's salad instead of spaghetti.*

Reservations are made through the Goshen Ministry Center
Call: 540.894.8440 or Email: goshenassociation@hughes.net

Reservations must be made by **Monday, March 3** (to prepare for food and seating). *Pre-payment is preferred. Stop by Goshen or mail checks to: Goshen Baptist Association, P.O. Box 296, Mineral, VA 23117 with Missions Dinner in the memo.*



**Working together to
accomplish His will!**

Don't Miss Out... Reserve Your Seat Today!

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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:

- 9 Families with financial needs (**\$5,511.64**)
(Rent, Mortgage, Utilities)
- 1 Family with household items
- 2 Families with a whole household
- 1 Family with medical equipment loan
- 3 Families with projects

Total Thrift Store sales: **\$1,373.75**

The RuraLove Thrift Store served:

79 sales with clothing and 149 sales with household items



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

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.

Now accepting....

Scholarship Applications

The Goshen Scholarship Committee will accept applications January 2 through March 15.

Applications may be printed off the Goshen website:
www.goshenassociation@hughes.net

Any active participant in a Goshen church (with the church in good standing) may apply regardless of age, college, or vocational training.

Applications must be received at the Goshen Ministry Center by noon on March 15.

Communications Help Wanted

"The Goshen Baptist Association Communications Committee shall be composed of five (5) members."

The committee has a few responsibilities with the emphasis on coordinating the sharing of information among the GBA affiliated churches. As of the October 2024 Fall Business Meeting, there are still two openings on this committee. If you have an interest in working on this committee, please contact the Chairman, Tom Sutterfield (Oakland Baptist) at 804.405.4046 (cell).

Thank You Note

To Goshen staff, volunteers, and ministers;
Thank you so much for the cards and beautiful flowers. That was so kind of you. I miss the first Thursday of the month breakfasts (for pastors) with you. It is always so nice to see all of you and be a part of your ministry. I plan to be back the first Thursday in February and look forward to getting back to "normal" and be able to serve you again. ~ Shirley Collins

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.

Crosspoint Outdoorsman Event

Saturday, April 26

8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. (registration begins at 8 a.m.)

@ The Joy Center (5478 Yanceyville Road, Louisa)

Tickets are \$10 (buy one and get one free!)

Axe throwing, fishing, archery, cornhole, sporting clay, deer and turkey shoot. (All guns, ammo, and archery equipment provided. Ages 13 and up. Waiver must be signed.)

Crosspointoutdoorsman.org

Mission Opportunities

The Project for February: Fill Hope Boxes for Hope for Appalachia ~ make "Hope Boxes" for students for the spring mission trip where the missionaries will share the story of Hope because of Easter with students at schools in the mountains of Kentucky where Hope is hard to find. For the Hope Box instructions see <http://hfavateam.com>

Hope Boxes due at Goshen by February 11, 2025

The Church Planter Support for 2025 is now being accepted.

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

**The Journey Home** [www.journeyhomeminerall.org](http://www.journeyhomeminerall.org)

**Hope House 540.371.0831** Battered women's shelter for abused women and their children ~ 902 Lafayette Blvd., Fredericksburg

**Shelter for HELP in Emergency** Working to end domestic violence. Charlottesville. 434.963.4676

**Hope for Appalachia** <http://hfavateam.com> ~ make "Hope Boxes" for students age 4-18 to be given out with the salvation message at schools in Kentucky in the spring and fall.

**Southwest Virginia Partnership Inc.** based in Nickelsville, VA and ministering in Clinch Valley, Powell River and Wise Counties. For more info or to register see [www.swvpartnership.org](http://www.swvpartnership.org)

**BGAV Impact Virginia Disaster Response** See [www.bgav.org](http://www.bgav.org) for more info and trainings.

**Christ In Action (Disaster Response Org)** in the Culpeper Air Park, 21465 Business Court, Elkwood, VA 22718. 703.368.6286 [www.ChristinAction.com](http://www.ChristinAction.com)

**Construction Outreach:** If your Goshen church is working on an outreach construction project it may be possible to check out a **GOSHEN TRAILER** and/or **TOOLS:** for tools, call 540.894.8440 and a member of Goshen's Tool Team will contact you. For requirements to check out one of the trailers email: [goshenassociation@hughes.net](mailto:goshenassociation@hughes.net)

## 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)

## SWVA Mission Trip

Sign up now to be on a mission team to Southwest Virginia Partnership from July 7-11, 2025 along with members of Mt. Gilead Baptist. Members went this past summer and worked in the very large and impressive food pantry. For more info call Mt. Gilead at 804.457.2938.

## Ministry Action Budget 2024-2025

| <u>Church</u>        | <u>December</u>    | <u>YTD</u>         | <u>GMO</u>        |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Antioch              | 335.30             | 966.12             |                   |
| Berea                |                    |                    |                   |
| Blue Ridge Shores    | 221.15             | 572.59             |                   |
| Craigs               |                    |                    |                   |
| Crossroads CC        | 250.00             | 250.00             |                   |
| Dogwood              | 253.00             | 805.00             |                   |
| Elk Creek            | 1,250.00           | 1,250.00           |                   |
| FBC, Louisa          |                    |                    |                   |
| Gordonsville         |                    | 2,415.08           | 1,200.00          |
| Louisa               | 2,464.04           | 4,425.91           |                   |
| Mechanicsville       |                    | 1,529.08           |                   |
| Memorial of Columbia |                    |                    |                   |
| Mine Road            | 700.00             | 1,050.00           |                   |
| Mineral              |                    | 2,918.00           |                   |
| Mount Gilead         | 262.44             | 868.20             |                   |
| Mount Hermon         | 250.00             | 500.00             |                   |
| Mountain View        | 200.00             | 600.00             |                   |
| North Pamunkey       | 451.00             | 2,654.02           |                   |
| Oakland              | 501.00             | 2,481.00           |                   |
| Orange               | 447.88             | 1,433.11           |                   |
| Perkins              | 434.00             | 1,302.00           |                   |
| Rhoadesville         | 625.00             | 1,875.00           |                   |
| Shady Grove          | 500.00             | 500.00             |                   |
| Smyrna               |                    |                    |                   |
| South Anna           |                    | 250.00             |                   |
| St. Mark             |                    | 300.00             |                   |
| Trinity              | 100.00             |                    |                   |
| Waldrops             |                    |                    |                   |
| Walters              |                    | 1,339.40           |                   |
| Zoar                 | 191.00             | 633.86             |                   |
| Others               | 7,275.00           | 18,553.00          |                   |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$16,710.81</b> | <b>\$49,471.37</b> | <b>\$1,200.00</b> |

| <b>2024-2025 Annual Budget Report</b> |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Budget for 2024-2025                  | \$186,562.00      |
| Monthly Needs                         | \$15,547.00       |
| Received Dec.                         | \$16,711.00       |
| Received Oct-Dec.                     | \$49,471.00       |
| <b>Budget</b>                         | <b>\$2,830.00</b> |
| Totals as of 12-31-2024               |                   |



## Mission Stitchers

All are invited on Sat, Feb. 15, 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 micro-fiber), cotton fabric by the yard (new), girls underwear sizes 14, 16 & 18 (new). 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"

There are definitely occasions in the history of organizations when the culture changes significantly because of an influx of new leadership. I believe that the Goshen Association is entering one of these pivotal moments. January 12 was a very special day which signified this dramatic cultural shift. On this special occasion two of our key churches, Mineral Baptist and Louisa Baptist, officially recognized the "call" of their youth pastor to the position of senior pastor. Kris Hutchinson, Associate Pastor and Student Minister at Mineral Baptist, preached his sermon in view of a "call" to the Senior Pastor position and was voted on almost unanimously by the congregation.

On the same Sunday morning, Louisa Baptist held an Installation Service for Rudy Hornberger as their new Senior Pastor. He had received a nearly unanimous vote for this position in November. Both of these "pastors" are in their 30s and will bring a new generational perspective to the ministry of their churches.

Of course, we have a variety of other relatively younger pastors serving in our Goshen Association churches, including Allan Smith at Mechanicsville Baptist, Jim Stone at Berea Baptist, Alan Miller at Orange Baptist, Josh Bowen at Mountainview Community Church, and Heather

Saunders at Antioch Baptist.

In addition, during the past year or two we have had a variety of new pastors serving in other Goshen churches, including Mike Gray at Elk Creek, Mark Davis at Oakland Baptist, Jason Bird at Gordonsville Baptist. That is a significant number of new pastors within our Association in addition to an unusually high percentage of young pastors.



Dee Whitten

So, what is the meaning of these changes within our Association? Anytime you add new leaders within an organization, you change the culture of that organization. This is especially true when so many of the new leaders are from a different generational category. It may be that God is moving behind the scenes to bring about a revitalization of our Association. It may be that God is about to launch something new and vibrant and life-changing. Let's pray that God will energize all of our churches with a fresh touch of His Spirit!

~ Dee

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## CHURCH NEWS

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**First Baptist** will host a Martin Luther King Day celebration on Monday, January 20th at noon sponsored by the Minister's Conference of Louisa and vicinity.

**Elk Creek** rejoices as two more followers became members in December. Several new deacons were elected. Volunteers shared Christmas Joy with residents of Louisa Health & Rehab on Dec. 3, singing carols, decorating the tree, and sharing the love of Christ with songs, smiles, and hugs. Joy baskets with goodies and gifts were delivered to 21 in Dec. Three loads of wood were delivered to families in need by the Woodchuckers.

**Louisa** celebrated the installation service of senior pastor, Rev. Fred "Rudy" Hornberger on January 12, 2025 with guest speakers, Dr. Dee Whitten (Goshen DoM), and Dr. Jody Faig (Field Strategist, VBMB). Seven new deacons were installed.

**Mechanicsville** guest speaker, the Rev. Lura Kaval, co-chair of the Housing and Homeless Committee of Louisa and chaplain of LCSD shared needs locally. Several from the Mission Team to Armenia are to share their testimonies and 2025 opportunities in Jan. On Jan. 26, MBC will commission Richard Lee, joining the Kairos Prison Ministry trip to Colorado City, Texas. A Great Date Night with Your Valentine is Feb. 8 at 5:30 p.m. Call 540.832.3269 for reservations. All are welcome. An Easter Egg Hunt is from 3-4 p.m. on April 5. [www.mechbaptist.org](http://www.mechbaptist.org)

**Mineral** extended a call to Rev. Kris & Kendall Hutchinson as senior pastor on January 12, 2025. Mineral reports that in 2024, Mineral Baptist people gave \$7,677 to North American Missions

offering; \$1,086 to Goshen for associational missions offering; \$4,139 to state missions offering; \$6,034 for international missions offering; \$6,400 to host "Rise Against Hunger" where 75 volunteers packed 16,000 meals; supported Hope for Appalachia; a class adopted a family of five for Christmas; and collected 202 shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse. For Upward Sports and service info see [www.mineralbaptistchurch.org](http://www.mineralbaptistchurch.org)

**Oakland** (2965 Oakland Church Road, Gum Spring) will have a Brunswick Stew Fundraiser on Saturday, February 8. Pick up between 12-2 p.m. @ \$10 per quart. Pre-orders taken. The fundraiser is to support their mission team and mission work in Sisian, Armenia this July. Oakland's Spring Children's Clothing Consignment Sale is scheduled for March 27-29. To consign please see [www.oakland-baptist.com](http://www.oakland-baptist.com) for info

**Orange** recently welcomed a family of 6 into their congregation.

**Walters** continues to serve a Free Community Meal on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. In Jan., they collected funds in Baby Bottles to support the Choices Pregnancy Center. WBC Adult Bible Study is studying the Gospel of John. A New Member Class has begun based on the book, "I am a Church Member." [www.waltersbaptist.com](http://www.waltersbaptist.com)

### Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to Rev. Allan Smith for the loss of his grandmother, Jean Smith on Christmas Eve. "I rejoice that she spent her Christmas morning with Jesus," Allan said. Jean was 98. Allan is the pastor of Mechanicsville Baptist.

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# Goshen on



## *A Message from Sisian*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We thank God every day for knowing you. We are so blessed by you. Our church would like to present you with a small end-of-year report:



*Vardan and Lusine*

From August until December 22, we have conducted all Sunday school and youth services with the funds you provided. We had a great excursion with the youth. All Sunday school gifts, activities, and refreshments were through that funding. Today's big Christmas event, with all its gifts, was also carried out with your donated funds. The remaining amount was used today.

May the Lord abundantly bless you and always use you in His works. We were all joyful, and our spirits rejoiced in the Lord. We are always ready to serve for the glory of the Lord.

Our verse for the upcoming year is Philippians 4:4.

*Lusine*

## *A June Mission Team to Armenia*

A second Mission Team to Armenia is in the process of being planned for June 15-30, 2025. Donnie McKinney of Mountain View Community Church will be the Team Leader. If you are interested in the June Mission Team, please call the Goshen office at 540.894.8440 so Donnie can contact you with more information as it becomes available.

The July 24-Aug. 4 Mission Team to Armenia is full.

## *Mission Team Speakers*

If your church or church group would like to have a couple of members from the 2024 Mission Team to Armenia come and speak (plus see a video) and share their stories —please contact the Goshen office at 540.894.8440 and a team member will contact you. Some are available on Sunday mornings and others are available other days to speak.

## *2025 Prayer Partners Needed!*

Please sign up to become a prayer partner for the 2025 Mission Teams to Armenia. You will only receive a couple of emails (or paper copy if no email). All you have to do is email [goshenassociation@hughes.net](mailto:goshenassociation@hughes.net) or call 540.894.8440 and leave your name, church, and contact info.



*Armenian youth*

***Please continue to pray for our Church Planters in Armenia...***

***Pastor Vardan and Pastor Hrach depend on our prayers and support!***

# Save the date!



**MISSIONS FAIR**

## Missions Fair

**Sunday, April 6 from 3-5 p.m.**  
**At the Goshen Ministry Center**

*Watch for more info*

### **\*Pray for our Goshen Churches:**

- ~Pray for Shady Grove and Pastor Joseph Moore
- ~Pray for Smyrna and Pastor David Nelson
- ~Pray for South Anna and Pastor Steve McClary

**Pray for Goshen churches in search of a pastor:** Craigs, Mt. Gilead, Trinity, Wallers & Zoar

### ***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](http://www.GriefShare.org)

To donate and help people effected by disasters go to:  
[www.bgav.org](http://www.bgav.org) or call 1.800.255.2428  
100% of money donated goes to help people in crisis

### ***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.

## **February**

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

|    |                   |              |
|----|-------------------|--------------|
| 9  | Terry Green       | Retired      |
| 11 | Tom Everett       | Retired      |
| 14 | Jason Bird        | Gordonsville |
| 19 | Barbara Ellington | Retired      |
| 19 | Kris Hutchinson   | Mineral      |

### **Events**

|      |                                   |     |               |
|------|-----------------------------------|-----|---------------|
| 3    | Goshen Missions Committee         | GMC | 9 a.m.        |
| 6    | Minister's Breakfast              | GMC | 8:30 a.m.     |
| 9-16 | Focus on WMU Week                 |     |               |
| 11   | Deadline to Goshen for Hope Boxes |     | 1 p.m.        |
| 15   | Mission Stitchers                 | GMC | 9 a.m.-2 p.m. |

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***Newsletter deadline is noon the 15th of each month.***