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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."

DEADLINE is near for the *Goshen Missions Dinner*

To be held on Monday, March 17th ~ 5 p.m.

At Mineral Baptist Church in the Family Life Center

Address Correction: 51 Louisa Ave., Mineral

(Address was wrong in previous newsletters. It is Louisa Ave.)

With special guest **Asatur Nahapetyan** from Armenia.



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).

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

Goshen
Missions Fair
Sunday, April 6 from 3-5 p.m.
At the Goshen Ministry Center (587 Mica Rd, Mineral)

Celebrate RuraLove's 30th Year of Ministry with a guided tour; also The Paul Stefan Home; Hope for Appalachia; Armenia Mission Team members share; Prison Ministry; Seafarer Ministry; Goshen's Trailers & Tools Ministry; What's new at The Ruth School in Romania; and Southwest Virginia Partnership Mission Team members share. Food and fellowship will follow the tours. All ages are invited! *(comfortable shoes encouraged)*



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:

- 20 Families with financial needs (\$9,458.63)
(Rent, Mortgage, Utilities)
- 5 Families with household items
- 2 Families with a whole household
- 1 Family with medical equipment loan
- 1 Family with a project

Total Thrift Store sales: **\$2,984.00**

The RuraLove Thrift Store served:

222 sales with clothing and 448 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 the 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.



Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to Rev. Kris and Kendall Hutchinson on the passing of Kendall's grandmother, Diana Lee Creasey on Sunday, January 19, 2025. Kris is the pastor of Mineral Baptist.

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The Goshen Property and Grounds committee mourns the loss of long time member, Rea Jones of North Pamunkey. Rea served faithfully for many years and took it upon himself to take special care of Leland-Madison Park even into his 90s. If Rea saw a problem at the Park and wasn't able to physically do it himself, he would pay someone out of his own pocket.

Rea also served faithfully as an advisory council member. In 2017, he was honored at the Goshen Missions Dinner with the Donald P. Reid, Sr. Servant Award and the 2022 Goshen Annual was dedicated in his honor. Rea was a humble yet amazing man with too many accomplishments to list.

Rea's life was a testimony of faith and devotion to God, his family, his church, and his community. Vernon Rea Jones met his Savior face to face on January 17, 2025 at the age of 94. Rea is survived by his loving wife, Margaret Ann, and family.



## Scholarship Applications

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

Applications may be printed off the Goshen website:

**[www.goshenassociation@hughes.net](mailto: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. The Goshen Scholarship Committee accepts applications January 2 through March 15 each year.

## Ramps and Firewood

The Crosspoint Outdoorsman Ministry has a ramp ministry for anyone needing a 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](http://Crosspointoutdoorsman.org)**

# Mission Opportunities

*The Project for March:*

**Church Planter Support for 2025 is due.**

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

The Journey Home www.journeyhomeminer.al.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

BGAV Impact Virginia Disaster Response See 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

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

International Mission Opportunities

Romania: Ministry to Roma People at Ruth School 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

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>January</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>GMO</u>
Antioch	767.23	1,733.35	
Berea	2,084.33	2,084.33	
Blue Ridge Shores	221.15	793.74	
Craigs			
Crossroads CC		250.00	
Dogwood	702.00	1,507.00	
Elk Creek		1,250.00	
FBC, Louisa			
Gordonsville		2,415.08	1,200.00
Louisa	1,755.81	6,181.72	
Mechanicsville	3,333.14	4,862.22	
Memorial of Columbia			
Mine Road		1,050.00	
Mineral		2,918.00	
Mount Gilead	569.84	1,438.04	
Mount Hermon		500.00	
Mountain View	117.00	717.00	
North Pamunkey	1,236.00	3,890.02	
Oakland	959.00	3,440.00	
Orange	780.60	2,213.71	
Perkins	434.00	1,736.00	
Rhoadesville	625.00	2,500.00	
Shady Grove		500.00	
Smyrna	2,150.00	2,150.00	
South Anna	624.00	624.00	
St. Mark		250.00	
Trinity	100.00	400.00	
Waldrops	655.00	655.00	
Walters	962.44	2,301.84	
Zoar	208.79	842.65	
Others	5,775.00	24,328.00	
Total	\$24,060.33	\$73,531.70	\$1,200.00

2024-2025 Annual Budget Report

Budget for 2024-2025	\$186,562.00
Monthly Needs	\$15,547.00
Received Jan.	\$24,060.00
Received Oct-Jan.	\$73,531.00
Budget	\$11,343.00

Totals as of 1-31-2025



Mission Stitchers

All are invited on Sat, March 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.



"A word with Dee"

Jim Cymbala is the pastor of Brooklyn Tabernacle Church in New York City. When he arrived at the church in 1972 at a very young age, the church had about 15 people in attendance. It was tremendously challenging trying to energize the church and reach new people and keep paying the bills. Eventually, Jim became depressed about his situation at the church, and this depression caused him to become physically sick. Jim just could not regain his health, and so, he took a vacation and visited his wife's family in Florida. While Jim was fishing with his father-in-law, he had a life changing experience which he describes in his excellent book entitled Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire. Here is how Jim describes that experience:

"Lord, I have no idea how to be a successful pastor", I prayed softly out there on the water. "I haven't been trained. All I know is that Carol and I are working in the middle of New York City, with people dying on every side, overdosing from heroin, consumed by materialism, and all the rest. If the gospel is so powerful..."

I couldn't finish the sentence. Tears choked me. Fortunately, the others on the boat were too far away to notice as they studied their lines in the blue-green water.

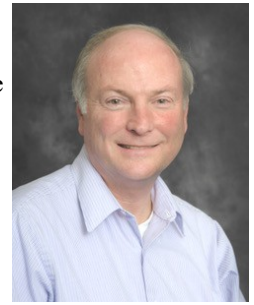
Then quietly, but forcefully, in words heard not with my ear but

deep within my spirit, I sensed God speaking:

If you and your wife will lead my people to pray and call upon my name, you will never lack for something fresh to preach. I will supply all of the money that's needed, both for the church and for your family, and you will never have a building large enough to contain the crowds I will send in response.

Of course, Jim went back to the Brooklyn Tabernacle and firmly grounded that church in the ministry of prayer. The Tuesday night prayer gathering became the most highly attended service during the week. It wasn't very long before thousands of people began attending this Tuesday Prayer Meeting. The famous Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir was one of the results of this weekly Prayer Gathering.

There is no doubt that God works in different ways in various churches. However, fervent prayer should always be one of the major components of a healthy church. ~ Dee



Dee Whitten

CHURCH NEWS

Elk Creek volunteers have been working around the community and the Woodchuckers have been especially busy. In January, they delivered free firewood to 16 families, totaling over 7 cords of wood. The Elk Creek Band is in need of a drummer. Contact Tony Wilson at wilsonTony540@gmail.com for more info.

First Baptist of Louisa will sponsor an educational workshop on Saturday, March 1 at 10 a.m. Get your papers in order, Facilitated by attorney Earl Dee from Richmond. Also on March 17, 18, and 19, "The Gospel According to Her" will be held at 7:30 p.m. Speakers will be Elder Faith Jones of Louisa, Dr. Kimberly Rigley of Richmond, and Dr. Goode Champ of Richmond. All are welcome to attend.

Gordonsville has set their VBS dates as June 15-20 (9 a.m.-noon) with the theme "Magnified" (Made to Magnify God).

Louisa welcomes two new members. The Young at Heart group has been active collecting items for mission projects such as Hope for Appalachia's Hope Boxes, items for the Goshen Mission Stitchers, and more.

Mechanicsville youth served a Valentine Dinner and raised funds for summer mission projects. The youth will take part in Ablaze for God and Winter Jam. All are invited to Ash Wednesday Service, March 5 at 7 p.m. A Spring Fair will be held on Saturday, April 5 from 2-4 p.m. with food, games, an egg hunt, and more! Maundy Thursday Service is April 17 at 7 p.m. Easter Sunrise Service is April 20 with breakfast to follow, 9:30 a.m. worship, then Sunday School. See www.mechbaptist.org

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

Oakland (2965 Oakland Church Road, Gum Spring) Oakland's Spring Children's Clothing Consignment Sale is March 27 & 28 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and Sat., March 29 and April 5 from 9 a.m.-noon. Both Saturday sales: all items marked "discount" will sell at half price. www.oakland-baptist.com

Orange has voted to restore and preserve a large stained glass window. Orange has begun Upward Basketball.

Walters continues to serve a Free Community Meal on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. www.waltersbaptist.com

Notice to Churches

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

*Pray for our Goshen Churches:

~Pray for St. Mark and Pastor Tracie Daniels

~Pray for Trinity and rotating pastors

~Pray for Waldrop and Pastor Hubert Hart

~Pray for Walters and Interim Pastor John Shutlock

~Pray for Zoar and Interim Pastor Doug Gibson

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

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Goshen on



Goshen Baptist Association has a very rich history and as the editor of the Goshen News, I would like to share some of that history with you. I am going to start backwards and share some of the Mission work which Goshen people have worked together to accomplish since the 1980s. I wish I could share every detail with you but that would require volumes. I have been working on summarizing the history of Goshen's early years and I do hope to share with you smaller articles of facts as all the information at once may be hard to appreciate. So read on and be amazed with how God has used Goshen to impact His Kingdom.

Boots on the Ground

Goshen has led Mission Teams since the 1980s to Tanzania, Africa; South Africa; India; Austria; Czech Republic; Slovakia; Germany; Russia; Moldova; Romania; France; Honduras; Mexico; Brazil; Hungary; Nicaragua; multiple areas in Panama and the San Blas Islands; and now Armenia. There were many years in the annuals which listed as many as 6 or 7 Mission Teams per year sent out under the direction of Goshen—sometimes to multiple countries during the same year.

Goshen also sent teams to various places in Virginia—such as rebuilding a church which fire destroyed in Blackstone. Goshen volunteers also went to do various projects on mission teams to New Jersey; New York; Pennsylvania; the Dakotas to work with the Native Americans in the Standing Rock Reservation; and so much more.

Goshen also sent teams to help with Disaster Relief efforts in Barbados, Grand Bahamas, Jamaica; Grenada, as well as all over the United States.

Goshen has organized multiple Impact VA! Camps over the years which helped many people in our communities with home projects they couldn't afford. Volunteers also built a home for a retired missionary couple, Charles and Phyllis Hardie in 2004.

Mission Projects Since the 1980s

In the last 45 years, Goshen people have jointly volunteered or donated to efforts such as (*not in any particular order*) "Seeds of Hope" collecting seed packets and sending to countries in need; "Food for Liberia" collecting funds to purchase food for Liberia; built local "Habitat for Humanity" homes; sent funds to purchase mosquito netting for "More Than Nets" which shared Jesus and planted churches in Yendi, Ghana while reducing malaria through giving out a million nets; purchased "Angel Tree" gifts for children of an incarcerated parent; baked homemade cookies for the "Cookie Caper," packed, and sent to a deployed ship during the holidays (Goshen people enjoyed sending the cookies for close to 20 years until the terrorist events of September 11, 2001 and the Navy stopped accepting them for safety reasons); made "Inmate Bags" provided hygiene supplies for incarcerated women; supporting the chaplain at Goochland Women's Correctional Center and supplying them with notebooks for journaling and cards to give the inmates; worked on construction projects of those in need in our communities; collected funds for "Stop Hunger Now" and

packed the food bags - this project is now called "Rise Against Hunger;" collected funds to purchase 16 fishing boats and additional support following a deadly tsunami in India; purchased horses for missionaries and pastors to navigate the mountains in Panama so they could preach in hard to reach areas; purchased bicycles for village pastors in South Africa enabling them to go from village to village and teach; funded 3 sleep away camps for Roma children in Romania; donated funds to rebuild a new oven for a bread ministry in Romania and sent funds for ingredients; sent funds to help Ukrainian refugees; raised funds to purchase a vehicle for the Arise Ministry Children's Village in South Africa (a village for abandoned children); donated baby items to fill 242 Baby Boxes which were sent to North Carolina to help flood victims last fall; and so much more.

Church Planter Pastors

The very first church planter pastor which generous Goshen churches and individuals sent supplemental support for was Benford in Grasslands, South Africa in the early 2000s; next was a church planter in Moldova for three years; when that commitment was completed, Goshen people supplemented 36 church planters in Ghana for three years which worked in conjunction with the "More Than Nets" ministry; and three church planter pastors in Armenia for four years (2021-2024); and now two church planter pastors in Armenia (2025-2026).

Bibles

A Goshen Mission Team played a large role in the very first distribution of the New Testament to the Kuna Indians native to the San Blas Islands of Panama in 1996. The New Testament had just finished being translated into the Kuna language for the very first time. This Mission Team divided into four smaller teams in order to reach more of the islands. The Mission Teams also showed the "Jesus Movie" (which was translated into Kuna) on large white sheets using projectors and generators.

Goshen has collected funds many times over the years to purchase Bibles for mission teams and have also purchased study Bibles and "libraries" for seminary students in India, Armenia, and more.

Local Missions through RuraLove

RuraLove celebrates 30 years of ministry in 2025. RuraLove was designed to help you to minister to those in need in your community in the name of your church with the ultimate goal of meeting people's spiritual needs and draw them into your church family. Goshen people have been very generous in their donations to RuraLove and through those donations thousands of families have been helped in the name of Jesus.

What is next...

The future of missions in Goshen Baptist Association is up to every individual and church. Let's join God in His work and serve Him together—for we can accomplish far more together than we ever could alone.

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.



March

Birthdays & Anniversaries

4	Rudy Hornberger	Louisa
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
26	Fran Chancellor	Retired
26	Jan Campbell	Rhoadesville

Events

2-9	Week of Prayer for North American Missions
3	Deadline to sign up for Missions Dinner
6	Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
15	Mission Stitchers GMC 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
15	NOON Deadline for Scholarship Applications
17	Missions Dinner—Mineral Baptist Family Life Center 5 p.m.

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 or call 540.894.8440 and leave your name, church, and contact info.



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

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

Working together to accomplish His will!

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