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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 Fall Missions Celebration

Sunday, October 12

3-5 p.m.

Berea Baptist

(5271 Poindexter Road, Louisa)

Guest Speakers:

Tammy Starkey, Restoration Ministries
(working in West Virginia)

Dwight & Susan Boston, Christ in Action
(Disaster Response)



Goshen Fall Meeting

Tuesday, October 28

2 p.m.

Wallers Baptist

(4001 Partlow Road, Partlow)

**Wallers will serve light refreshments
from noon-1:45 p.m.**

"Telling Goshen's Story" ~ Rev. Rick Clore

Annual Sermon ~ Rev. Heather Saunders

Election of Officers, Committee Reports,
Ministry Budget

**Attention! Goshen Association
has a NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:**

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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:

From August 16 - September 15

- 19 Families with financial needs (\$6,807.13)
(Rent, Mortgage, Utilities)
- 7 Families with household items
- 3 Families with a whole household of items
- 7 Families with a medical equipment loan

Total Thrift Store sales: **\$7,910.75**

During the month noted, the RuraLove Thrift Store had: 345 sales with clothing and 806 sales with household items.

- ◆ 1,010 volunteer hours were donated in August with the average of 10-12 volunteers on Mondays (sorting); 18-22 volunteers each Wednesday (sale day); and volunteers taking applications
- ◆ 10 pick ups of donations
- ◆ 4 deliveries of purchased items

RuraLove is in need of:

Mattresses & box springs (especially queen), metal bed frames (twin, full & queen), microwaves, electric stoves, refrigerators, washers & dryers, chest of drawers, etc.

Medical equipment to loan out such as: rollators, grab bars, wheelchairs, lift chairs, toilet risers, 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.

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

Thank You Notes

“Thank you so much. I hope one day I can provide another the peace of mind you have given me during this time. I will pay it forward. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and may God bless you!”

RuraLove client

“Bless you! Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I appreciate your help more than I am able to express.... Thank you again!”

RuraLove client



The Goshen Missions Committee made three important decisions during their meeting in August following the return of the 2025 Mission Team to Armenia.



1. The Missions Committee received notice that Asatur's son, Levon Nahapetyan, is living in North Carolina and attending Southeastern Seminary and was in need of help with his tuition. The Goshen Missions Committee voted to support Levon with a one-time donation of \$1,000 towards his tuition.
2. The Goshen Missions Committee voted to extend our partnership with our two Armenia church planters for three additional years. We will now serve alongside and send supplemental support through 2029.
3. Our newest church planter, Pastor Hrach, shared the need for an assistant pastor to visit, teach, preach, and aid him in ministering in all of the church plants he has started in the neighboring villages as well as visiting in the apartment buildings surrounding the church. The Goshen Missions Committee voted to send supplemental support so Hrach could hire an assistant that has already completed seminary and is eager to begin ministry with Hrach.

Ramps and Firewood

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

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Mission Opportunities

The Projects for October:

1. **Christmas/All Occasion Cards** (NO Calendars) for Goochland Women's Correctional Center

2. **Kindergarten Bags** ~ please include: hat, gloves, toothpaste, toothbrush, & toy. (Bags are for Hope for Appalachia) Bring to Goshen by Oct. 15.

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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.journeyhomeminer.al.org](http://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](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: [gba587m@gmail.com](mailto:gba587m@gmail.com)

## 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://facebook.com/doorofhopeSA)

## Collecting

~Old prescription eye glasses and reading glasses (found in stores) for a missionary in Guatemala. Bring to the Goshen Ministry Center during office hours. Please **do not** bring medicine or vitamin bottles. Thank you!

## Ministry Action Budget 2024-2025

| Church               | August             | YTD                 | GMO                |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Antioch              |                    | 3,801.64            | 380.00             |
| Berea                | 1,304.10           | 5,679.86            |                    |
| Blue Ridge Shores    | 171.30             | 2,118.02            |                    |
| Craigs               |                    |                     |                    |
| Crossroads CC        |                    | 1,000.00            |                    |
| Dogwood              | 344.00             | 3,286.00            |                    |
| Elk Creek            | 416.67             | 4,583.35            |                    |
| FBC, Louisa          |                    |                     |                    |
| Gordonsville         |                    | 9,182.57            | 600.00             |
| Louisa               | 1,764.56           | 12,355.90           | 2,060.00           |
| Mechanicsville       | 888.34             | 10,399.54           | 2,115.00           |
| Memorial of Columbia |                    |                     |                    |
| Mine Road            | 350.00             | 3,850.00            |                    |
| Mineral              |                    | 9,996.00            | 1,649.50           |
| Mount Gilead         | 476.60             | 4,078.40            |                    |
| Mount Hermon         | 300.00             | 1,700.00            | 200.00             |
| Mountain View        | 117.00             | 1,813.00            | 125.00             |
| North Pamunkey       | 1,320.35           | 8,228.37            | 1,915.00           |
| Oakland              |                    | 7,040.00            | 1,480.00           |
| Orange               |                    | 5,458.64            | 430.00             |
| Perkins              | 530.00             | 4,870.00            |                    |
| Rhoadesville         | 625.00             | 6,875.00            |                    |
| Shady Grove          |                    | 1,000.00            |                    |
| Smyrna               |                    | 3,050.00            | 350.00             |
| South Anna           | 332.00             | 1,952.00            |                    |
| St. Mark             |                    | 250.00              |                    |
| Trinity              | 100.00             | 1,100.00            |                    |
| Waldrops             |                    | 655.00              |                    |
| Walters              |                    | 5,922.04            | 2,040.00           |
| Zoar                 | 202.95             | 2,250.58            | 25.00              |
| Others               | 1,106.67           | 38,918.31           |                    |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$10,349.53</b> | <b>\$161,414.22</b> | <b>\$13,369.50</b> |

## 2024-2025 Annual Budget Report

|                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Budget for 2024-2025 | \$186,562.00        |
| Monthly Needs        | \$15,547.00         |
| Received in August   | \$10,350.00         |
| Monthly Needs YTD    | 171,017.00          |
| Received Oct-Aug     | \$161,414.00        |
| <b>Budget</b>        | <b>- \$9,603.00</b> |

Totals as of 8-31-2025



## Mission Stitchers

All are invited on Sat, October 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).

**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).



Dee Whitten

## "A word with Dee"

The world was shocked this past week by the brutal assassination of Turning Point Founder, Charlie Kirk. Those of you who were "coming of age" in the 1960s, as I was, had the unfortunate experience of living through three horrific political assassinations, including President Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert Kennedy. It was a time of

turmoil within our country, and the late 1960s was filled with rioting and destruction in our cities. In the summer of 1971 I served as a summer missionary in Anacostia, a community of southeast D.C. There was still a lot of evidence of the riots in those D.C. neighborhoods.

Fortunately, the response to the Charlie Kirk assassination has been peaceful, even though the gruesome event can be viewed graphically on the internet. In fact, there have been many news reports of large gatherings of people to honor the life of Charlie Kirk throughout our nation and around the world. For instance, thousands of young people gathered for a vigil in D.C. Hundreds of people gathered in a candlelight vigil in Dublin, Ireland. Tens of thousands gathered to honor and remember Charlie in London. Hundreds of thousands gathered to mourn his death in South Korea, and this is happening all over our country and around the world. So far, all these gatherings have been peaceful. This coming Sunday a Memorial Service for Charlie will be held at the new Arizona Cardinals Stadium in Phoenix, and over 70,000 people are expected to attend.

There are a lot of important lessons that we can learn from Charlie's life and teachings. By the way, you don't have to agree with all his political positions and all his theological opinions. However, there is one important lesson from his life upon which all of us as Christians can wholeheartedly agree. Several months ago, someone asked Charlie about the main thing that he wanted people to remember about his life. Without hesita-

tion, he said, "I want to be remembered for courage for my faith....the most important thing in my life is my faith in Jesus Christ." Charlie had a personal opinion about almost every political issue and about almost every Bible verse. However, when all is said and done, Charlie wanted people to know that his commitment to Jesus was the most important thing about his life. In fact, Charlie was an "evangelist" in the true sense of the word. He took every opportunity to encourage people to put their faith in Jesus. He did this whether he was speaking to evangelicals, Catholics, protestants, atheists, or Muslims. Charlie knew that his most critical message was the encouragement to follow Jesus. We can all agree with Charlie on that crucial point and learn an important spiritual lesson from him. ~ Dee

### Leadership Conference Sept. 25

Dr. William Attaway will be leading a conference, entitled: "Catalytic Leadership: Building Healthy Culture in Your Church." This event will be held Thursday, September 25, 10:00 a.m. - noon at Mineral Baptist. Lunch will be provided.

Dr. Attaway, who is an executive coach and a long-time pastor, says that *"the last few years have shifted the landscape of ministry. Many pastors feel like they're leading through fog; uncertain of what's next, stretched thin, and wondering if what they are doing is even making a difference. This conference will help pastors rediscover clarity, courage, and catalytic momentum. Whether you are feeling energized in this season or wondering if you are just going through the motions, this time will encourage, equip, and challenge you to lead with nimble agility and fresh intentionality. Come ready to engage, reflect, and walk away with practical tools you can use immediately to lead your church with purpose - even when the path isn't clear."*

Please let us know if you plan to participate by texting Dee Whitten (540-841-0040) or contacting the Goshen office.

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## CHURCH NEWS

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**First Baptist** (Cope Ministry) Christians to protect the elderly, held their monthly meeting in September. Activities included Bible trivia, Bingo, fellowship and food. FBC welcomes a new member by Christian experience.

**Gordonsville** will have Trunk of Treats on Oct. 31st from 6-7:30 p.m. Their annual Fall Brunswick Stew will be Nov. 8th.

**Louisa's** Fall Festival will be Sat., Nov. 8 from 1-4 p.m.

**Mechanicsville** Homecoming will be held Sunday, Oct. 5 at 9:30 a.m., lunch following. Their Free Fall Festival is Sunday, Oct. 26 from 4-6 p.m. ~ food, games & music. All are welcome! Three new deacons were ordained. [www.mechbaptist.org](http://www.mechbaptist.org)

**Mineral** held 2 baptisms with 3 more pending and welcomed 7 new members. MBC was pleased to have 10 on the mission team to Armenia. Please pray for fall outreaches: Light Up The Night (Nov. 1); and Upward Basketball & Cheer (register in Oct). They are thankful for a smooth transition back to 11 a.m. worship services. Learn more at [www.mineralbaptistchurch.org](http://www.mineralbaptistchurch.org)

**Mine Road's** 234th Homecoming will be Sunday, Oct. 12 beginning at 10 a.m. Revival will be Oct. 13-15 at 6:30 p.m. Trunk of

Treat: Oct. 31 with a meal at 5 p.m. and festivities at 6 p.m.

**Mt. Gilead's** Fall Festival is Sat., Oct. 4 from 1-4 p.m. with food, music, bounce house, games, bake sale, and a silent auction. All are invited! Visit [www.mtgileadbaptist.net](http://www.mtgileadbaptist.net)

**North Pamunkey** ordained two new deacons.

**Oakland** collected 210 pairs of socks for Hope for Appalachia. The Fall Children's Consignment sale days are Oct 2-3 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) and Oct 4 & 18 (9 a.m.-noon). 2965 Oakland Church Road, Gum Spring. [www.Oakland-Baptist.com](http://www.Oakland-Baptist.com)

**Shady Grove** will celebrate Pastor Joseph Moore's 23rd anniversary as pastor on October 5 at 2:30 p.m. A repast follows the 11 a.m. service. Special guests: Bishop Anthony Jones and St. Stephens Baptist Church of King George.

**Wallers** welcomed Pastor Patrick Allen and family in August. Their annual Fall Festival will be Oct 18 (with apple butter) from 10-2 for the whole family! Wallers is sponsoring the Goshen Fall Meeting on Tuesday, October 28 with light refreshments served from noon until 1:45 p.m. Trunk-n-Treat will be Oct 31st. [www.wallersbaptist.com](http://www.wallersbaptist.com)

# On Mission in Armenia ~ Construction Team

The Construction Team on the 2025 Mission Team to Armenia consisted of John Bevard, Rob Banning, and Kevin Bass (all from Mineral Baptist). This team wasn't sure what they would be working on until their first night in Sisian. Pastor Vardan asked if they could enlarge a sidewalk around the side of the church. The Construction Team did all their work at the Sisian Baptist Church site.

The first day they spent digging out the hard, rocky ground and removing chunks of old concrete. They took a trip to the hardware store and ordered lumber for the frame and other needed items. The lumber arrived by taxi— on the roof of the car, wedged under a metal bar!

When it was time for the concrete, there was not a nice concrete truck that was going to do the work for them. The men hand mixed the concrete on the ground using a hoe and shoveled it into a wheelbarrow to move the mix into place.

They got plenty of support and sweat equity from Vardan, the pastor of the church and his son, Martin. They also were assisted by another older gentleman from the community who's grandson was attending the VBS.

Pastor Vardan shared the need for two new windows in the sanctuary to replace ones that would no longer open. The ventilation the windows provide is very important for comfort. There was also a broken door which needed replacing at the church. The construction team ordered the windows and door out of their construction fund budget.

The Construction Team also purchased security cameras for the church building to protect items Goshen has already pur-



chased for use during worship services, ministry, and care of the church property. The security cameras have now been installed.

Kevin shared that the Lord told him that his main job was not the construction, but to pray for and encourage PK as often as possible.

*(PK is Pastor Kris Hutchinson, team leader)*



*John (laying down), (back l-r) Kevin and Rob*

***The next issue of the Goshen News will feature stories from the Refugee Team...***

# 24th Regional Community Health Fair

The Shady Grove Baptist Church and Orange Baptist Church will sponsor their 24th Regional Community Health Fair on Saturday, October 25 from 9 a.m.—1 p.m. at Shady Grove Baptist Church, located at 21024 Piney Woods Road, Orange.

The keynote speaker will be Samantha Reynolds, certified grief educator and member of Orange Baptist. Her topic will be “*Finding Meaning in Grief.*”

The Health Fair will consist of several free screenings. 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 multiple educational tables, good food, music by Orange Baptist, Dr. Dena Jennings & Friends, and Shady Grove’s Fifth Sunday Singers, as well as a “flair” for children.

## October

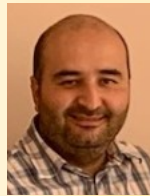
### Birthdays & Anniversaries

|    |               |             |
|----|---------------|-------------|
| 06 | Joe Moore     | Shady Grove |
| 06 | Diane Davis   | Oakland     |
| 08 | Una Wright    | (Retired)   |
| 14 | Joyce Childs  | (Retired)   |
| 23 | Dennis Barton | (Retired)   |
| 28 | Bea Bess      | (Retired)   |

### Events

|    |                                                                                      |
|----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2  | Minister’s Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.                                                   |
| 4  | RuraLove Yardsale 8-12:30 p.m.                                                       |
| 6  | Mission Committee Meeting GMC 9 a.m.                                                 |
| 6  | Board of Directors GMC 7 p.m.                                                        |
| 12 | Goshen Missions Celebration, Berea, 3-5 p.m.                                         |
| 12 | World Hunger Day                                                                     |
| 14 | Audit Committee GMC 10:30 a.m.                                                       |
| 15 | Kindergarten Bags Deadline (see page 3)                                              |
| 18 | Mission Stitchers GMC 9 a.m.-2 p.m.                                                  |
| 20 | Advisory Council Meeting GMC 7 p.m.                                                  |
| 28 | Goshen Fall Meeting, Wallers, noon-1:45 light refreshments, meeting begins at 2 p.m. |
| 28 | Deadline for cards for GWCC (see page 3)                                             |

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



Pastor Vardan



Pastor Hrach

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

### \*Pray for our Goshen Churches:

- ~Pray for Mt. Hermon and Pastor Jim Graham
- ~Pray for North Pamunkey and Pastor Tim Jarrell
- ~Pray for Oakland and Pastor Mark Davis
- ~Pray for Orange and Pastor Alan Miller

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

Crossroads, Mt. Gilead, Rhoadesville, and Trinity

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