



Goshen News

Goshen Baptist Association

WWW.GOSHENASSOCIATION.COM

April 2026

Volume XXXXII

Number 4

New email address: gba587m@gmail.com

"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 Missions Celebration!

Sunday, April 12 ~ 3 p.m.

Perkins Baptist Church

3146 Hadensville Fife Road, Goochland

Guest Speakers:

Terry Graham ~ the Goshen's sewing ministry

Tammy Wood ~ testimony & 2025 Mission Trip to Armenia



Make your reservations now for the...

Goshen Association Spring Picnic

Saturday, April 25 3-6 p.m.

A Family Community Event

Louisa Baptist Church (305 E. Main St., Louisa)

Food & Fellowship



Special Music



Yard Games



Kids' Fun Zone

Hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and more will be provided. Bring a lawn chair!

For food preparation, please **RSVP** the number of people attending to Rev. Jim Graham by emailing: revjrg1948@aol.com or call 540.661.6269

Donations to off set the cost of food accepted.

Let's Revislon, Reconnect, and Revive our communitles together!

Also See:

Page 2 for Bill Groome Honored

Page 5 for 2026 Mission Teams to Armenia named

Page 4 for Carpenters for Christ

Page 6 for Religious Liberty Pathway



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 February 16 - March 15

- 16 Families with financial needs (\$10,352.78)
(Rent, Mortgage, Utilities)
- 4 Families with needed household items
- 7 Families with clothing
- 4 Families with the loan of medical equipment

Total Thrift Store sales: **\$7,960.75** During the month noted, the RuraLove Thrift Store had:

286 sales with clothing and 736 sales with household items.

- ◆ 763 volunteer hours were donated in February with the average of 10-12 volunteers on Mondays (sorting); 18-22 volunteers each Wednesday (sale day); and volunteers taking applications
- ◆ 1 pick up of donations
- ◆ 1 delivery of purchased items
- ◆ 1 delivery to families in need

RuraLove is in need of:

Metal bed frames (twin, full & queen), microwaves, electric stoves, refrigerators, washers & dryers, chest of drawers, can openers. Medical equipment to loan out such as: rollators, grab bars, wheelchairs, lift chairs, etc.

RuraLove is a ministry of Goshen Baptist Association churches to local families in crisis with the goal of Goshen churches reaching out in the name of Christ, developing a relationship, and ultimately meeting spiritual needs.

All items are to be nice enough to give in Jesus' name.

Do you have a heart to help and pray for those who are struggling? Call to see how you could be a part of this vital ministry. Call 540.894.8440 for more info.

100% of proceeds go to local families in crisis

Bill Groome Honored



The 2026 Donald P. Reid, Sr. Servant Award was presented to Bill Groome of Oakland Baptist Church during the Goshen Missions Dinner on Saturday, March 14, 2026. Bill Groome is pictured here with Sarah Reid (Pastor Don Reid's widow) who was on hand to present the plaque.

While impossible to list here all of Groome's accomplishments listed in his nomination, here are just a few:

A man of strong faith and such a generous heart, he has dedicated his life to the service of our Lord and has volunteered his practical building and plumbing skills through service with Carpenters for Christ, at RuraLove and Goshen properties, at Oakland, and in his community.

Groome also has served in various volunteer positions at Oakland (deacon, teller, teacher, trustee, property & grounds, the community outreach committee, etc.), the Goshen Association (including vice-moderator, moderator, property & grounds, etc.), and in his community (serving in Mt. Gilead's food pantry, on the Louisa County Commission on Aging Board, and with The Good News Club at Randolph Elementary School teaching young children about Jesus), and so much more.

If you know a mission-minded, servant-hearted, giving person who you believe deserves this award—nominations are accepted by the Goshen Missions Committee from November through January 31 of each year. See www.GoshenAssociation.com for the form.

Church History

Do you have a written church history? If so, would you send the Goshen office a copy for our historical records?

So far we have: *A Church Called Antioch; Face Forward Mt Gilead; A Portrait of Rhoadesville; and Bury Me at Pamunkey.*

Ramp and Firewood Ministry

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.

Mission Opportunities

Project for April:

1. **“Armenia Projects”** ~ help support the 2026 Goshen Mission Teams to Armenia by donating funds to help purchase needed items for ministry while in Armenia. The funds will be used for VBS supplies, construction materials, and to help meet the needs of Refugees.
2. **Send in your 2026 Church Planter support please**
3. **“Funds for Bibles”** ~ The Mission Team has requested funds to purchase children and adult Bibles for ministry while in Armenia. The cost per Bible ~ \$10 for adult & \$6 for children’s. They will be printed in Armenia.

~~~~~

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

**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. We are **NOT** collecting them anymore. Thank you!

[gba587m@gmail.com](mailto:gba587m@gmail.com)

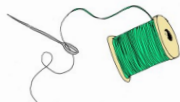
## Ministry Action Budget 2025-2026

| <u>Church</u>        | <u>February</u>  | <u>YTD</u>       | <u>GMO</u>    |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Antioch              | 236.75           | 2,000.79         |               |
| Berea                |                  | 1,141.08         |               |
| Blue Ridge Shores    | 309.60           | 1,063.65         |               |
| Craigs               |                  |                  |               |
| Crossroads CC        | 250.00           | 500.00           |               |
| Dogwood              | 199.00           | 1,314.00         |               |
| Elk Creek            |                  | 1,354.15         |               |
| FBC, Louisa          |                  |                  |               |
| Gordonsville         | 891.34           | 5,068.97         |               |
| Louisa               | 881.41           | 5,231.35         | 100.00        |
| Mechanicsville       |                  | 2,341.44         |               |
| Memorial of Columbia |                  |                  |               |
| Mine Road            | 770.00           | 2,240.00         |               |
| Mineral              | 3,153.46         | 10,153.46        |               |
| Mount Gilead         | 452.23           | 2,118.10         |               |
| Mount Hermon         |                  | 600.00           |               |
| Mountain View        | 100.00           | 551.00           |               |
| North Pamunkey       | 603.96           | 3,380.96         |               |
| Oakland              | 861.00           | 2,874.00         |               |
| Orange               | 531.30           | 3,561.06         |               |
| Perkins              | 460.00           | 2,300.00         |               |
| Rhoadesville         | 667.00           | 3,209.00         |               |
| Shady Grove          |                  |                  |               |
| Smyrna               |                  | 1,075.00         |               |
| South Anna           |                  | 838.00           |               |
| Trinity              | 100.00           | 500.00           |               |
| Waldrops             |                  | 790.00           |               |
| Walters              | 1,064.95         | 3,406.10         |               |
| Zoar                 | 302.77           | 1,519.75         |               |
| Others               | 2,250.00         | 13,307.89        |               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>14,084.77</b> | <b>72,439.75</b> | <b>100.00</b> |

## 2025-2026 Annual Budget

|                                |                     |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Budget for 2025-2026           | \$177,567.00        |
| <b>Expended Budget Oct-Feb</b> | <b>\$65,187.00</b>  |
| Monthly Budget Needs           | \$14,797.00         |
| Received February              | \$14,085.00         |
| Received Oct-Feb               | 72,440.00           |
| Budget Needs Oct-Feb           | 73,985.00           |
| <b>Budget</b>                  | <b>- \$1,545.00</b> |

Totals as of 2-28-2026



## Mission Stitches

All are invited on Sat, April 18, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Bring a lunch or about \$10 for lunch. Bring your machine, tools or fabric scissors to cut out the patterns to the Goshen Ministry Center (587 Mica Road, Mineral). **If interested, sign up with Terry for emails and updates on sewing dates & closings due to weather or sickness. Terry Graham: 540.661.6268 email: [mrsjrg@aol.com](mailto:mrsjrg@aol.com)**

**Ongoing Needs:** Funds to purchase in bulk, 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), girl’s underwear sizes 14, 16 & 18 or women’s size small & medium (new-briefs only).

# "A word with Dee"

In 1774 a leader named John Adams boldly declared his vision of a new nation, a union of 13 states independent from the Parliament and the King of England. Within two years of this prophetic pronouncement, the United States of America was born.

In 1789 William Wilberforce stood before the British Parliament and eloquently cried out for the day when men and women and children would no longer be bought and sold like farm animals. Each year for 17 years his bill was defeated. Finally, in 1833, 4 days before his death, Parliament passed a bill completely abolishing slavery.

In the late 1800s, two brothers (Wilbur and Orville Wright) announced that the age of the flying machine had arrived. Ten years of disappointing experiments followed. However, on Dec. 17, 1903, the Wright brothers made history when their small bi-plane lifted off the sandy beach in Kitty Hawk, NC. The age of air travel had begun.

In the early 20th century, a dynamic industrialist named Henry

## CHURCH NEWS

*\*To invite others to join events ~ list events a month in advance or the event will have passed before the newsletter is published.*

**Elk Creek** hosted AED training twice with 30 people total; donated to Hope for Appalachia; Woodchuckers delivered 10 cords of wood; hosted a Valentine dinner that was well attended; they continue a book study; and welcome 2 new members.

**First Baptist of Louisa** will host a special Spring Revival April 20-22 at 7 p.m. nightly sponsored by the Ministers Conference of Louisa. All are welcome. [www.fbclouisa.org](http://www.fbclouisa.org)

**Hebron WMU** will hold a Silent Auction on April 6, 5:30 p.m.

**Mechanicsville** Maundy Thursday Communion Svc, April 2, 7 p.m.; Easter Sunrise Svc 7 a.m. & Worship Svc 9:30 a.m. [www.mechbaptist.org](http://www.mechbaptist.org)

**Mineral** celebrated 3 baptisms in March; Upward soccer is underway; Pray for the joint Good Friday Svc at Rising Sun with 4 sister churches; Easter Sunrise Worship Svcs 6:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Visit website to learn how Goshen can support youth mission trips to VA Beach & Kenya: [www.mineralbaptistchurch.org](http://www.mineralbaptistchurch.org)

**Oakland's** Spring Children's Consignment Sale will be held Thurs, April 23 & Fri, April 24 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 25 & May 2 from 9-noon. Saturday sales—many items may be half price see tag. [www.Oakland-Baptist.com](http://www.Oakland-Baptist.com)

**Waller's** ~ Good Friday Service Fri., April 3; Resurrection Egg Hunt Sat., April 4 at 11:30 a.m. with puppets and pizza; Sunrise Svc on Easter Sunday & worship 11 a.m.; Free Community Meal Thurs., April 16 (fried chicken); Wed Bible Study (6:30 p.m.) led by Pastor Patrick is live on Facebook. [www.wallersbaptist.com](http://www.wallersbaptist.com)

## Volunteers needed for Carpenters For Christ Project

The Virginia Unit of Carpenters For Christ will perform cabin maintenance tasks at the Concord Baptist Association in Clarksville on April 30, and May 1-2. The project begins with supper at 6:00 pm on April 29. The cost is about \$50 each to cover meals and insurance. Bring your carpentry hand tools, toiletries, bedding and Bible. This event is for men and boys age 14+. For registration information contact Tom Sutterfield at Oakland Church, 804-405-4046.

Ford stood before a rag-tag group of employees and vowed to make automobile transportation affordable for the average American family. The nation laughed out loud. However, 15 years later, millions of Model T Ford automobiles had been bought and sold for only \$250 each.

In the 1940s a young evangelist named Billy Graham had a radical dream. He and a few college buddies envisioned packed stadiums where lost people could come and hear the Gospel and be saved. Since the 1940s Billy Graham has preached to over 210 million people in packed stadiums throughout the world.

Now, tell me, what did all of these leaders have in common? What was the one thing that tied them all together?

All of these leaders had vision. They all had a dream, and they were all willing to pay the price to see their vision come true..

Believe it or not, God has a vision for your life. The Bible says "without a vision, the people perish." Without a vision, your life is meaningless. We all need to have a vision for what God wants to do with our life. Then, we need to pray and ask God to bring about a fulfillment of that vision. That's how individual Christians and local churches can impact our world for Jesus Christ.

~ Dee



Dee Whitten

## Help Wanted Notices

Oakland is looking for a **full-time pianist**. The position includes playing for Sunday morning worship services, choir practices, annual revival services, and other special services. Playing for weddings or funerals will be at the discretion of the pianist.

The pianist will first serve on an interim basis. Pay is \$150 per Sunday, or \$675 monthly, equal to \$8,100 annually. If the church and the pianist determine that he/she is a good fit, he/she will become permanent. We expect our permanent pianist to become a member of the church and Sunday School, and to become a valuable part of our church body.

If interested, please call Lesley Alford at **804.512.3854** or Rev. Mark Davis at **540.292.4668**.

.....

Mineral Christian School is hiring a **full-time Administrative Assistant**. This work does include physical aspects and working with children. They are looking for someone who loves the Lord, is flexible, organized, and comfortable with Google applications.

The Administrative Assistant must be able to prioritize time as a problem solver with multiple adventures throughout the day. They must be willing to learn about Classical Christian Education and be a member in good standing of a church.

Please send resumes to [mineralchristianschool@gmail.com](mailto:mineralchristianschool@gmail.com)

# Goshen on



July 30 - August 10, 2026

## Mission Teams to Armenia

Kris Hutchinson (Mineral Baptist) - Group Leader

### Sisian Team ~ Working with Pastor Vardan, Lusine and family

Kim Rosson (Oakland Baptist) – Assistant Group Leader, Sisian Team Leader & VBS Leader

#### VBS Ministry (Sisian)

- Nikisha Diggs (Mineral Baptist)
- Collins Beasley (Waller's Baptist)
- Ruth Small (Louisa Baptist)

#### Refugee Ministry (Sisian)

- Jan Meeks (Mineral Baptist) – Refugee Ministry Leader
- Betsy Burt (Mineral Baptist)
- Lois Bond (Gordonsville Baptist)

Please continue to pray for our Pastor Vardan, Lusine, family & church in Sisian



Pastor Vardan

### Armavir Team ~ Working with Pastor Hrach, Anahit and family

Mindy Poland (Mineral Baptist) – Armavir Team Leader

#### VBS Ministry (Armavir)

- Tammy Wood (Louisa Baptist) - VBS Leader
- Diane Ragland (Mineral Baptist)
- Josué Luckunchang (Louisa Baptist)
- Savannah Lee (Mineral Baptist)

#### Construction Ministry (Armavir)

- John Bevard (Mineral Baptist) – Construction Leader
- Robert Banning (Mineral Baptist)



Pastor Hrach

Please pray for Pastor Hrach, Anahit & family and associate pastor, Valera in Armavir & nearby villages

## Ways you could be involved...

Ways to be involved in Mission work around the world... Pray ~ Give ~ Go!



1. Goshen is seeking Prayer Partners for the 2026 Mission Teams to Armenia.
2. Funds are always needed to finance projects in Armenia.
3. Funds to purchase Bibles in the Eastern Armenian dialect for children and adults to be given out by the mission teams.
4. The Goshen Missions Committee is seeking commitments of \$200 each year for 2027, 2028, and 2029 to help supplement the support of Goshen's two bi-vocational church planters & an associate pastor so they will have more time to minister.
5. Request a mission team guest speaker for your church event.

Contact the Goshen Ministry Center at: [gba587m@gmail.com](mailto:gba587m@gmail.com) or 540.894.8440

# Religious Liberty Pathway

In 1774, James Madison wrote to his college friend William Bradford about events occurring in Virginia. He wrote, *“That diabolical Hell conceived principle of persecution rages among some and to the eternal Infamy the Clergy can furnish their Quota of Imps for such business. This vexes me the most of any thing whatever. There are at this [time?] in adjacent County not less than 5 or 6 well meaning men in close Goal for publishing their religious Sentiments which in their main are very orthodox.”*

Madison, as a young man, had become aware of the persecution and jailing of dissenters in Orange and surrounding counties. His neighbor Elijah Craig had been among those arrested for preaching at least twice. Arrests had become commonplace in the area as the local gentry and elected officials sought to put down any non-Anglican congregations. Craig had already established Blue Run Baptist Church and his brothers had also established their own church in Spotsylvania. These men were also persecuted and jailed along with their contemporary John Waller. The two oldest continually operating Baptist churches in Virginia, Craigs and Wallers Churches, come from their legacies.

Please join us for the **Spring Clean up** at Leland-Madison Park on Sat., April 18, 9-11 a.m. Bring yard tools, chain saws, weed eaters, wheel barrows, gloves, and lots of help. Water provided. *Many hands will make the work load lighter.* The Park is located at **10553 Clifton Road, Orange.**

## April

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

|    |                    |                |
|----|--------------------|----------------|
| 1  | Pam Lloyd          | Retired        |
| 4  | Nelson Anniversary | Smyrna         |
| 9  | Jim Stone          | Berea          |
| 10 | Melinda Bowers     | Dogwood        |
| 11 | Kendall Hutchinson | Mineral        |
| 17 | Josh Bowen         | Mountain View  |
| 21 | Gibson Anniversary | Zoar           |
| 22 | Bird Anniversary   | Gordonsville   |
| 23 | Tim Jarrell        | North Pamunkey |

### Events

|       |                              |        |                   |
|-------|------------------------------|--------|-------------------|
| 2     | Minister’s Breakfast         | GMC    | 8:30 a.m.         |
| 4     | RuraLove Yardsale            |        | 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. |
| 5     | Easter ~ <i>He is Risen!</i> |        |                   |
| 6     | Office Closed                |        |                   |
| 12    | Missions Celebration         | 3 p.m. | Perkins Baptist   |
| 13    | Missions Committee Meeting   | 9 a.m. | GMC               |
| 13    | Board of Directors           | 7 p.m. | GMC               |
| 18    | Mission Stitchers            | GMC    | 9-2.              |
| 24-25 | Mom & Me I—EE                |        |                   |
| 25-26 | Mom & Me II—EE               |        |                   |
| 25    | Goshen Spring Picnic         | 3 p.m. | Louisa Baptist    |

**gba587m@gmail.com**

### Religious Liberty Videos

The BGAV has 3 interesting videos about the struggles faced in the pursuit of Religious Liberty in Virginia plus a video by Dr. Fred Anderson on Rev. John Leland. One of the videos focuses on Goshen’s Leland-Madison Park and its history. Most videos are 3-4 minutes. Search YouTube: “BGAV Religious Liberty.” A couple of the videos are produced by Yellow Hat Films.

## Goshen News

### Goshen Baptist Association

587 Mica Road  
P.O. Box 296  
Mineral, Virginia 23117



Phone: 540.894.8440  
Fax: 540.894.8442  
Email: gba587m@gmail.com  
Website: www.goshenassociation.com

Dr. Dee Whitten, DoM  
Cell: 540.841.0040  
Email: whittendee@gmail.com  
Joy Dickens, Ministry Assistant  
Collins Beasley, RuraLove Coordinator  
Tammy Wood, Editor

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