



Goshen News

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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."

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS AND SPECIAL OFFERING FOR ITEMS NOT COVERED IN THE BUDGET WILL NOW BE HELD

➔ **JULY 19-26** ←

THE OFFERING THIS YEAR WILL GO TO SUPPORT PANAMA PROJECTS, RURALOVE MINISTRIES, AND THE CAMP OF DREAMS FOR ROMA CHILDREN
(The Week of Prayer packets will be delivered in June)

Covid-19 Services

We have listed on the Goshen Facebook page and website (*as many as have let us know*) Goshen church's worship services during the Covid-19 crisis. If you have an update for Facebook and the website about worship services or your church's page in general... please send the information to GoshenAssociation@hughes.net

Notice to Churches

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

The Spring Missions Celebration program has been postponed until the Fall Missions Celebration in October

If you were scheduled to speak or sing at the Spring Missions Celebration... you are on the program for the Fall Missions Celebration at Louisa Baptist.

Mission Emphasis ~ Panama: Speakers: Lisa Wollenberg, Keith Wollenberg, Dennis Parrish, Sherry Vick & Pam Hush. Special music: Chris and Kalie Bock

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The Goshen Annual Spring Meeting's program has been cancelled altogether.

Goshen's Annual Fall Meeting will be held at Mineral Baptist in October.

Email address: GoshenAssociation@hughes.net

Mission Opportunities

Project for June: RuraLove needs: cleaning supplies and brooms, baby layettes, and ministry funds since the Thrift Store has been closed for two months due to the Governor's shutdown. The Thrift Store should be re-opening in June.

RuraLove 540.894.8440 A ministry of Goshen Association to local families in crisis. We need churches who will **follow up** with families in crisis to build a relationship with the goal of meeting spiritual needs.

The Thrift Store is open year-round on Wednesdays 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month April-Nov. Needs (to go to local families in crisis): Refrigerators, electric stoves, washers/dryers, electric can openers, brooms, cleaning supplies, crib sheets, blankets, recliners, full mattresses, good vehicles.

We accept a wide variety of items not listed such as building supplies, household goods, decorations, and much more. To find out if your items are needed, call 540.894.8440. Smaller donations may be left in the green wooden donation shed anytime. Larger donations may be brought to the warehouse on Wednesdays 7 a.m. until noon or by appointment. Volunteers may also be **scheduled** to pick up **LARGE** items on a Wednesday morning.

RuraLove does not accept old style TVs, lg. entertainment centers, sleeper sofas, office desks, appliances which have issues (**we do not have funds for repairing and neither do our clients**) also, no torn, damaged, moldy, or dirty items. If you have pets, we cannot accept upholstered items or mattresses due to allergies. All items are to be nice enough to give in Jesus' name.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please call.

Bethany Christian Services 540.373.5165 Christ-Centered Crisis Pregnancy Center and Adoption Services. www.bethany.org/Fredericksburg 5610 Southpoint Centre Blvd. #107, Fredericksburg 22407

Fred. Pregnancy Center 540.370.1800 1616 Stafford Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401 www.FredericksburgPregnancyCenter.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 434.963.4676 Working to end domestic violence. Charlottesville

2019-2020 Ministry Action Budget

Budget	170,833.00
Monthly Needs	14,236.00
Received Apr.	15,352.00
Received Oct.-Apr.	84,085.00
Budget	- 15,607.00

Mission Stitchers

Saturday, June 20, 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.

"We were grateful to be able to meet yesterday (May 16) and sew. We had a great time and it was so good to see everyone. We will meet again on Saturday, June 20. This will be our last meeting before Joyce and I take all the dresses, pads, and underpants to Little Dresses for Africa on July 8th. Donations of girls underpants sizes 14 and 16 or monetary donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you for all your support. Prayers for safe travels to Michigan are appreciated. Contact me for information."

Terry Graham
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Thank You Note

RuraLove paid this family's mortgage and electric:

"Oh my gosh. Thank you so much. You don't know how much this helps and means to us."

RuraLove Ministry Update



During the past two months RuraLove's Thrift Store has been closed to the public, but still accepting donations through the deposit of items into the Donation Shed. Several faithful volunteers have worked behind the scenes to continue the ministry: Since the last report, RuraLove has ministered to:

- 29 Families with financial needs (\$6,590.00) (Rent, Mortgage, Utilities)
- 6 Families with a household need
- 3 Families with a medical equipment loan

The Thrift Store sales since last report: \$455.00

One hundred percent of all sales and donations go to local families in crisis.

CHURCH NEWS

Craigs www.craigsbaptistchurch.org

First Baptist invites you to keep up with all that is going on in the life of the church at [FaceBook.com/FirstBaptistLouisa](https://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistLouisa) each Sunday at 11 a.m. Also available by dial in is the Tuesday 10 a.m. Prayer Service and Thursday 7 p.m. Bible Study. Dial 1.978.990.5000 548621#

Hebron www.hbcnow.org

Louisa is looking for volunteers and churches to partner in "Louisa Cares 2020." For information or to volunteer email: PastorRichardSandberg@gmail.com. Louisa has been broadcasting worship services on Facebook; YouTube; "drive-in" services at 8:30 a.m.; and Sunday 11 a.m. worship to resume in the building at half-capacity May 24. Louisa also has a chat room on 'Line' to help keep everyone connected. www.louisabaptistva.org

Mechanicsville www.mechbaptist.com

Oakland's deacons have been delivering the worship service on DVD to congregants. They plan to resume services in the building June 7. Oakland-Baptist.com

Orange has been holding "Drive-In" worship services on their property on Route 15 and on Facebook live.

Wallers celebrates two new members and two returning members. www.wallersbaptist.com

Pray for our Goshen Churches:

Each month we will be featuring four of our Goshen Churches as space permits.

Pray for Berea Baptist (Trevilians) and pastor, Jim Stone.

Pray for Craigs Baptist (Spotsylvania) and pastor, John Swain.

Pray for Crossroads Community (Zion's Crossroads) as they search for a pastor.

Pray for Dogwood Baptist (Gum Spring) and pastor, Lee Bowers.



Parkinson's Support Group

A Parkinson's Support Group is held the first Monday of each month in the fellowship hall of Louisa Baptist Church at 1 p.m. The group is for caregivers, family, and friends. Call Cathy for more info, 540.894.3973.

"Campbell's Comments"

The cars were neatly aligned in rows as we waited for the beginning of the morning "drive-in" worship service to begin. Greetings were shared through open windows by members thrilled to be seeing each other for the first time in weeks. There were expressions of hugs being sent across the parking lot when out of a car window stretched one of those grippers used to lift an unreachable object from a shelf. As the claws opened and closed you heard "bear hugs, bear hugs." I felt like what the Psalmist must have felt when he stated, "I was glad when [I] went into the house of the Lord."



It has been a constant source of joy to hear and to visit churches in "The Goshen." From livestream to Facebook to YouTube and to parking lot services our churches are continuing to share the good news of our resurrected Lord. In these days touched by tragedy there are also glimmers of potential and hope. Our churches are learning new ways to tell the old, old story. Our members are learning new ways of greeting and adjusting and even communicating with neighbors. In our communities we are seeing tremendous outpourings of love and concern as food is gathered and distributed. We are seeing celebrities create concerts with proceeds going to 'heroes' (those on the COVID 19 front lines). Other fundraisers are focused on restaurants, wait-staff.

Perhaps what we can learn from all of the expressions of care and togetherness by the secular communities is what we might do long after the pandemic has been relegated to history books.

For the most up-to-date information about your church and response to COVID 19 check this website:

Governor.Virginia.Gov

If you go to the site above - navigate to:

"Safer at Home: Phase One Religious Services"

Thank you one and all for your continual support of The Goshen. It is your faithful support that makes our ministries and missions possible. We are here for you and we look forward to the time when we can gather without restriction, masks, or social distancing. May the Lord richly bless you!

~ Don

Louisa Cares 2020

A one day ministry (Sept. 12) designed to show the love of Christ and meet people's needs in Louisa. **Who is eligible to benefit?** Anyone in Louisa Co. who: has annual household income below \$30,000, single parent, handicap, spouse of deployed military, elderly, etc.

How can you or your church get involved? You can refer projects; Be on a Leadership Team; Volunteer; Help with Funding.

Rev. Richard Sandberg Coordinator, 540.967.1364, cell 540.223.5840 or email PastorRichardSandberg@gmail.com

Goshen Counseling Center: 587 Mica Road, Mineral, VA 23117
 Samantha J. Reynolds, BS, MSW, PA-C phone: 540.894.8440
 email: samtheuropa10@hotmail.com

Ministry to Roma People at Ruth School—Romania contact
 Brittany Garton: Garton.Brittany@gmail.com or check out Ruth
 School’s website at : www.project-ruth.org

Living Hope Community Centre News—South Africa
 (Ministering to those living with HIV/AIDS).
 Www.livinghope.co.za

Door of Hope—South Africa (Saving unwanted babies)
 www.doorofhopesa.com or facebook.com/doorofhopeSA

Arise Ministry Group—South Africa www.arisemg.org.za

Newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month.

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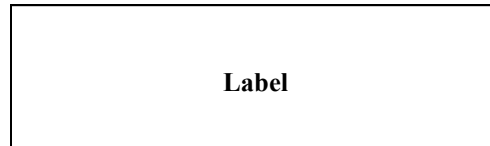
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| 2 | Susan Hunter | Retired |
| 5 | Nancy Emerick | Retired |
| 6 | Bowers Anniversary | Dogwood |
| 7 | Deborah Durham | Retired |
| 8 | John Swain | Craigs |
| 11 | Mike Durham | Retired |
| 11 | Lee Bowers | Dogwood |
| 12 | A. Miller Anniversary | Orange |
| 15 | Hutchinson Anniversary | Mineral |
| 17 | Rick Clore | Retired |
| 21 | Wollenberg Anniversary | Mine Road |
| 26 | Wilson Anniversary | Perkins |
| 26 | Jarrell Anniversary | No. Pamunkey |
| 27 | Tim Wilson | Perkins |
| 30 | Jojuan White | Waller's |

- 4 Minister’s Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
- 8 WMU Leadership Planning Meeting GMC 6 p.m.
- 20 Mission Stitchers GMC 9-2
- 21 Father’s Day “Sock It To Me” Sunday—collecting children’s socks for Standing Rock

JULY

*Week of Prayer for Associational Missions and Special Offering
 July 19-26*

**To donate and help people effected by disasters go to:
 www.bgav.org or call 1.800.255.2428
 100% of money donated goes to help people in crisis**