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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."

Unanimous Actions at Fall Meeting

Goshen Baptist messengers voted unanimously to call Rev. Kevin James as our next Director of Missions. He will begin his service on February 1, 2022.

Mount Hermon was also welcomed into full fellowship with Goshen Baptist Association during the Fall Goshen Meeting.

Merry



Christmas

From the Goshen Staff

Don



Keith



Joy

& Volunteer Receptionists

Donna ~ Brenda ~ Sara ~ Hazel



Mission Opportunities

Project for December: Chaplain Willett Financial Support & Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree. Donate funds to support Chaplain Willett and keep her working in the coming year with the inmates of Goochland Women's Correctional Center. Donations are crucial to keep this ministry alive. Chaplains do not receive any funding from the state of Virginia. **Send monetary donations to the Goshen Ministry Center by December 16. Goal: \$4,000** (If you would like more information about chaplains working with the men and women in Virginia's prisons see www.graceinside.org) To adopt a nearby child "Angel" of an inmate in their name, contact the Goshen Ministry Center at 540.894.8440. Deadline for bringing gifts to GMC for delivery is December 20.

RuraLove 540.894.8440, 587 Mica Road, Mineral, is a ministry of Goshen Association 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. 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.

RuraLove always needs: Chest of drawers, refrigerators, electric stoves, washers/dryers, twin & full mattresses, good vehicles.

RuraLove accepts a wide variety of items. Smaller donations may be left in the green wooden donation shed anytime. Please call ahead for larger donations. Volunteers may also be **scheduled** to pick up **LARGE** items on a Wed. morning.

RuraLove does not accept old style TVs, lg. entertainment centers, sleeper sofas, office desks, appliances which have issues. Also, no torn, damaged, moldy, or dirty items. If you have pets, RuraLove cannot accept upholstered items or mattresses due to allergies. **All items are to be nice enough to give in Jesus' name.**

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.

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

Hope for Appalachia <http://hfavateam.com> ~ make "Hope Boxes" for students age 4-18 to be given out with salvation message at schools in Kentucky in the spring and fall. See website for list of items being collected. Spring supplies are needed by March 15 for their April teams.

2021-2022 Annual Budget Report

Budget for 2021-2022	179,428.00
Monthly Needs	14,952.00
Received October	9,413.00
Budget	- 5,339.00

Mission Stitchers

All are invited on Sat, December 11, 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. For more information on this ministry contact Terry Graham, 540.661.6268 or email mrsjrg@aol.com.

Remember in Your Prayers

Deepest sympathy to Pastor Jojuan White (Waller) in the homegoing of her husband, Joe.

Pray for Pastor Steve McClary (South Anna) as he recovers from a heart attack. Also remember the McClary family in the passing of Steve's son, Jeremiah.

Thank You

Thank you for your generous donations of greeting cards, puzzle books, and composition books to the women at Virginia Correctional Center in Goochland which were delivered recently. We now have enough composition books to cover both VCCW and the nearby Work Center. We now also have plenty of cards for people to send to family and friends and new puzzle books which are a welcome gift in the infirmary or while in quarantine.

Rita Willett, Chaplain



RuraLove Ministry Update

RuraLove is open to the public to purchase clothing and yard sale items. In the past month (through your contributions and donations to RuraLove) you have helped local families in crisis by providing:

- 10 Families with financial needs (**\$3,419.00**)
(Rent, Mortgage, Utilities)
- 6 Families with a household need
- 5 Families with clothing
- 4 Families with medical

In the past month the RuraLove Thrift Store sales have:

Served 338 families with clothing

Served 865 families with household items

Total sales from the Thrift Store for clothing and other donated yard sale items for the month: **\$6,602.00**

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

CHURCH NEWS

Gordonsville Youth and Children's Christmas program, "Wise Guys and Starry Skies" will be held Sunday, Dec. 12 at 11 a.m.

Louisa welcomes a new member by baptism. A live nativity will be presented December 3 & 4 from 6-8:30 p.m. A Christmas Eve Service will be held at 6 p.m.

Mechanicsville continues the Pastor search and is also searching for a Ministry Assistant. A Christmas Eve Communion Service will be held at 7 p.m. Men's Breakfast is the second Saturday of every month at 7 a.m. All are welcome. www.mechbaptist.com

Mineral is having a women's evening Bible Study group the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month in the leader's home studying "Discerning the Voice of God." Louisa Baptist and Mineral Baptist participated in a Youth Evangelism Training Event called Dare 2 Share Live. Volunteers are to start packing and wrapping Santa Council Christmas gifts Dec. 2nd. Four Bible studies are occurring weekly. www.mineralbaptistchurch.org

Orange is holding a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 4 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Pine Room. They welcome a new member by transfer. The Singing Christmas Tree will be held Sat., Dec. 11 at 5 & 7:30 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 12 at 5 & 7:30 p.m. Masks recommended.

Smyrna welcomed a new member in September. They collected items for Hope for Appalachia. Every month they collect for Goochland Cares food pantry. They also recently sponsored a First Responder's Luncheon.

Medical Missions

Attention Medical Persons: Medical mission teams are being formed now to work in Kenya March 4-13, 2022 led by WMU of Virginia. Email Laura Davis at ldavis@wmuv.org for info.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS!



Please keep our Church Planters working in Armenia in your prayers! If you haven't yet made a commitment of support, call GMC at 540.894.8440 to sign up. We would love more commitments of \$200 per year for three years to take on a third church planter.

Pastor Svin *Your help and prayers are needed! Their work is in an area of unrest and they suffer persecution because of their faith in Christ in a part of the world that is predominately Muslim.*



Pastor Vardan

Evangelism Teams

October 3-8, 2022

Panama has requested help with an evangelistic crusade. The Chiricana have wanted to establish an evangelical presence in four of the districts of the Chiriqui Province where currently no work is being done. Teams are needed to preach and do outreach in these districts to begin new churches or mission points. Each site would need an evangelist and others to help with the daily outreach. More about this request will be shared later but our hope is that teams will form by the Spring of next year so they may begin the prayer, study and team building necessary for such a work. Call 540.894.8440 for more info.

"Campbell's Comments"

The stygian darkness would have been oppressing had it not been for the shining and sparkle of a million stars punctuating the darkness. The shepherds most likely were resting for the evening with their sheep safely corralled. Perhaps a small fire cast its glow across the ground where the shepherds sat drinking hot tea and talking about the day's experiences. This scene was mostly a repetition of every night as they moved their sheep to find food and shelter. How could they ever have known that this night would be a night that changed their lives and the history of the world forever?



It certainly was a night that changed our lives forever. The God of creation, the God who stands outside the Universe, the God who spoke the chaotic mass into a life supporting sphere, this God who is Word, broke into human history because of our human predicament and made his dwelling among us.

The impact of this event upon our lives, our faith and our theology is measurable only in terms of grace received, lives empowered and service rendered. We can take time during the days approaching Christmas by considering the weeks of Advent. Each week will focus on a particular emphasis of the Advent Season: hope, joy, love, prophecy. As we focus on the themes of Advent perhaps we can face all of the Christmas celebrations with a sense of calm. Perhaps this year someone will read the instructions before assembling toys. Perhaps you will enjoy shopping for those special gifts because of the eternal gift you have received from the Christ of Christmas. As you purchase and wrap or decorate your gifts take time to ask yourself "What will I give to my Lord this year?"

During this past year so many folks have blessed "The Goshen" by praying, serving, supporting and volunteering. The Lord has blessed many in the foreign countries made possible by your giving. Our prayer from "The Goshen" is that the Christ of Christmas will richly bless you during the time of Advent and the days of your Christmas gatherings. ~ Don

Help Wanted Ads

Ministry Assistant for Mechanicsville Baptist Church, Gordonsville; 15 hour week (for 3 5-hour days); familiar with Microsoft Office Suite & a working knowledge of QuickBooks - a plus. Send resumes to: MBC Admin. Assistant, 10200 Louisa Rd., Gordonsville, VA 22942. For Questions, leave a message at 540.832.3269 and your call will be returned.

The Journey Home (in Mineral) is currently seeking to hire a Resident House Manager couple. Call 540.259.3627 for more information.

VBS Mission Team

January 19-23, 2022 ~ Call 540.894.8440 for more info

Panama has requested volunteers to work with eight churches in Panama to do Vacation Bible Schools. Goshen's Mission Team would love to send at least two volunteers to work with each church from January 19-23, 2022. The cost is approximately \$1,200 per person. So, call a friend and sign up now!

Free Christian Counseling: Email Samantha J. Reynolds, BS, MSW, PA-C for availability: samtheuropa10@hotmail.com

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

Little Dresses for Africa - www.littledressesforafrica.org

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

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

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December

13	Sylvia Moore	Shady Grove
17	Karen Clore	Zoar
18	Everett Anniversary	Mineral
21	Hartsfield Anniversary	Retired
22	Wright Anniversary	Retired
24	Rob Bratcher	New Hope
30	Jim Graham	Mt. Hermon
31	McClary Anniversary	South Anna

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

December

11/28-12/5	Week of Prayer for International Missions
2	Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
11	Mission Stitchers GMC 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
16	Financial support due for Chaplain Willett
20	Angel Tree Deadline GMC 1 p.m.
23-1/1	Office Closed for the holidays

December Shelter for Help in Emergency Needs:

dish detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, trash bags (13 gal), sanitizing spray & wipes, hand soap, nitrile gloves, grocery & gas gift cards.

December Paul Stefan Home Needs:

13 gal. trash bags, toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap, dish sponges, adult bath towels, lg. black trash bags, etc. (listed by order of priority) See paulstefanhome.org for complete list

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