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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 Spring Missions Celebration

Sunday, April 11 ~ 3-4:15 p.m.

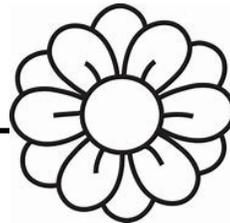
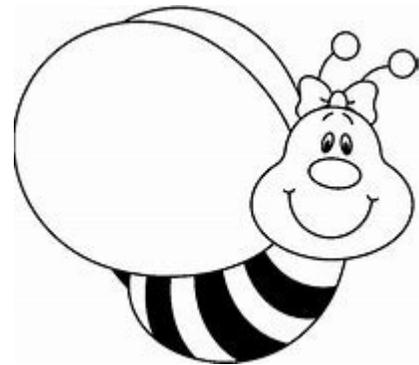
Orange Baptist Church

221 West Main Street, Orange VA 22960

~*Missions Unlimited Panama* ~ Jan Oliver & Debby Jenkins

~*Missions Unlimited Romania* ~ Ginger Garton

Offering for Mission Projects in Panama & Romania



Goshen Annual Spring Meeting

Tuesday, April 27 ~ 2 p.m.

Mechanicsville Baptist Church

10200 Louisa Road, Gordonsville VA 22942



~*Rev. Rob Bratcher* (New Hope) will bring the Devotional

~*Rev. Chris Gourley* (Rhoadesville) will bring the Doctrinal Message

~*Guest Speaker: Rev. Kevin James* (pastor of Salem Baptist in Hermon Association for 30 years; former Second VP for BGAV; and a Stewardship Consultant) will speak on the importance of developing healthy relationships and longevity of church pastorates.

Thank You Note

I am overwhelmed with the wonderful response to my anniversary with Goshen and my birthday. All of your words of encouragement and remembrances are so appreciated. Thank you also for the many generous contributions to our Goshen Mission Offering. So many Roma children, our partners in Panama, and those we assist locally through RuraLove will be blessed because you care.

In Love, Joy <>

Mission Opportunities

Project for April: Candy & Gum Bags for Tidewater Transportations pack a sandwich sized zipper bag with individually wrapped hard candies (no chocolate) and two packs of gum to be given to men and women who come into the ports on the Eastern Shore as an opportunity to share the Gospel, Christian literature, and Bibles. Also, we are collecting funds for VBS camps throughout the summer break for Roma children who attend **The Ruth School** (\$2400 needed) and \$4400 for the Warm Clothing Project needed ASAP.

RuraLove 540.894.8440, 587 Mica Road, Mineral, is 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. RuraLove always needs: Chest of drawers, refrigerators, electric stoves, washers/dryers, twin & full mattresses, good vehicles.

RuraLove accepts a wide variety of items not listed. 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 Wednesday 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.

Fred. Pregnancy Center 540.370.1800

1616 Stafford Ave., Fredericksburg 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

Mission Stitchers

All are invited on Sat, April 17, 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

2020-2021 Annual Budget Report

Budget for 2020-2021	156,742.00
Monthly Needs	13,062.00
Received Feb.	11,075.00
Received Oct-Feb.	59,817.00
Budget	- 5,491.00



RuraLove Ministry Update

RuraLove is open to the public while asking customers to practice safe distancing and wear masks inside buildings. In the past month (through your contributions and donations to RuraLove) you have helped local families in crisis by providing:

- 7 Families with financial needs (**\$2,893.00**) (Rent, Mortgage, Utilities)
- 6 Families with a household need

In the past month the RuraLove Thrift Store sales have:
Served 117 families with clothing

Served 497 families with household items

Total sales from the Thrift Store for clothing and other donated yard sale items for the month: **\$4,350.25**

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

Before bringing larger donations, please call: 540.894.8440.

Save the Date:

VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON

*For all RuraLove Volunteers
& all Church RuraLove Coordinators*

Place: Elk Creek Baptist

Saturday May 22 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The luncheon will be outdoors (under a pavilion)

Call or text Keith 703.403.9930 to reserve your spot

CHURCH NEWS

Blue Ridge Shores has welcomed 11 new members.

First Baptist welcomes church family members and the community on Easter Sunday at 11 a.m. Federal safety guidelines will be required for all who attend or watch live on FaceBook.

Gordonsville more than doubled their Lottie Moon Offering goal and received a total of \$5,747.

Hebron is having a pot luck lunch every fifth Sunday after the service. One Sunday a month, a deacon will share their testimony. On Easter Sunday, there will be an Easter breakfast before the 11 a.m. service in place of Sunday School.

Louisa is having Homecoming Services Sunday, May 16 with a Unity Service at 11 a.m. with dinner on the grounds following. (Everyone brings their own lunch.) Children's Wednesday night ministries have resumed and more and more Sunday School classes are restarting with masks and social distancing.

Mechanicsville's pastor, Ted Williams, has announced his retirement as of May 9th. www.mechbaptist.com

Mineral has two new Bible studies: Dr. David Jeremiah's "Persecuted for Christ" and a study of Ephesians. Mineral also continues their "Mineral Cares" committee which features snow removal, gutter cleaning, ramp building, trash hauling, and transportation to and from doctor appointments for seniors. Youth trips are planned for Costa Rica and Ridgecrest NC. Mineral welcomes five new members.

Orange on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday they will have an altered schedule to allow for more worshipers: 9 a.m. Sanctuary Worship and the 11 a.m. will be a Drive In Worship.

Walters welcomed a new member in February. They will have a Sunrise Service at Walters on Sunday, April 4th at 6:30am starting inside the Sanctuary and moving outside for the sunrise. Light Breakfast to follow Service. Everyone is invited. Walters will hold their first weekend Spring Spectacular on May 7 – 9 and would like to invite everyone to this special event. Jack Ernest will be the special Speaker Friday and Saturday evening at 7pm as well as Sunday morning at 11am. Mercy's Well will be the special music on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Walters would like to invite all the women to a "Garden Party Luncheon" led by Pasty Ernest on Saturday May 8th starting at 11:30am. Contact waltersoffice@gmail.com for more information. www.waltersbaptist.com

News from WMUV.ORG

800.255.2424 ext. 8267

Mom and Me 2021

"Spring into Action" will be virtual this year for girls in grades 1-6 and their moms via zoom at no cost Saturday, April 24 at 3 p.m. Gather for one hour of music, mission speakers, and a lot of fun! Pre-register for resources.

Journey to CrossRoads this summer

CrossRoads is offering safe and flexible opportunities for families and church groups to bring children and youth this summer to their camp. Packages range from a day trip to four nights. An adult must remain with their group.

"Campbell's Comments"

In one sense you might be wondering how Spring got here so fast. Yet, in another sense you may be saying to yourself 'finally'. It is springtime in "The Goshen". Plants are ready to turn from bud to blossom. Grass is beginning to shed its winter drab to various greens. Nature is signaling that the season has changed and fresh life is bursting forth. So much of the season reminds us of new life, new warmth and new opportunities beyond the winterized walls of our homes. We will plant, we will mulch, we will trim bushes, we will paint and do many of the outdoor things we could not do before the seasons bid goodbye to the winter and announced springs arrival.



HOWEVER, there is an even greater reason for being encouraged and inspired by the arrival of this month of April. This year Easter Day is April 4, 2021. Greater than even the arrival of Spring is our celebration of the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We can sing with heavenly chorus "Up from the grave He arose" and we can live out that reality in our daily lives. Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, because He lives I have a new name written down in glory. Because He lives I've got a mansion just over the hilltop. Because He lives I can do all things through Him. Because He lives I can walk through the valley of shadows without fear. Because He lives death is not an end but just a beginning. Because He lives sin is conquered, hope is born, forgiveness is available and grace is free.

Does it not feel good when the warmth of Spring arrives to put away the snow-boots, the gloves and scarfs, the wool hats, and snow shovels? I wonder if we who have been graced and forgiven by the resurrected Savior should feel the same way. If all things become new should I not put away the things of a former "season" and walk in the freedom of the forgiven? If Christ is in you, you are a new creation every day. Enjoy the "season". ~ Don

Pray for our Goshen Churches:

Pray for **Mechanicsville** (Louisa Co) as they begin a search for a new pastor since Ted Williams is retiring.

Pray for **Memorial of Columbia** and Int. Pastor Jim Benson.

Pray for **Mine Road** and Pastor Keith Wollenberg.

Pray for **Mineral** and Pastor Tom Everett along with Associate Pastor & Student Minister, Kris Hutchinson

Crisis negatively affected income but positively amplified the mission! See <https://vimeo.com/425943974>

Do to Covid-19, WMUV has been hurting financially since churches haven't been ordering materials (which is their main source of support). Prayerfully consider a donation to the Vision Fund at wmufoundation.com/visionfund or a check to: WMU Foundation, 100 Missionary Ridge, Birmingham, AL 35242 with "Vision Fund" in the memo.

Standing Rock

Standing Rock will look different this year due to Covid-19. Contact Cathy Banton or Laura Davis if interested.

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: Brittany.garton@project-ruth.org 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

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9	Jim Stone	Berea
10	Melinda Bowers	Dogwood
13	Novella Riggins	Retired
16	Joe White	Waller
19	Mary Beth Boyd	Mount Gilead
22	Kendall Hutchinson	Mineral
23	Jim Jarrell	North Pamunkey

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

April

1	Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
3	Clothing & Yardsale @ RuraLove Warehouse 8-12:30
4	Easter
5	Office Closed
5	Board of Directors Meeting GMC 7 p.m.
7	Missions Committee Meeting GMC 10:30 a.m.
11	Goshen Spring Missions Celebration 3 p.m. Orange
17	Mission Stitchers GMC 9-2
19	Advisory Council GMC 7 p.m.
27	Goshen Annual Spring Meeting 2 p.m. Mechanicsville
27	Deadline for Candy & Gum bags

Free Piano ~ You move

Purchased in Okinawa, Japan
(not used because they couldn't find a teacher)

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