



# 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."*

**We welcome Rev. Kevin James as Director of Missions as he begins his ministry with Goshen on February 1!**

The Board of Directors has voted to

**Change the Date**

for the

**Goshen Annual Spring Meeting**

to enable our new Director of Missions to report on his mission trips to Armenia and Panama.

Mark your calendar. The new Goshen Spring Meeting date is:

**Tuesday, May 17, 2022**

**At Rhoadesville Baptist**

**2022 Mission Opportunities for You:**

*Call 540.894.8440 for more information.*

***Refugee Educational Mission Trip to Italy***

**June 17-27, 2022**

Italy is both a destination and a transitional country for refugees. We're looking for missions-minded women who are interested in learning more about the refugee journey. There may be opportunities to help with small projects, however, this is primarily an educational trip with the goal of understanding the refugee journey process and how we can make a difference. Deadline to apply is March 1, 2022.

***Standing Rock Reservation ~ July 24-29, 2022***

See [WMUV.ORG](http://WMUV.ORG) for more information.

***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. We are looking for at least two pastors plus six volunteers.

***Ladies Conference Team ~ November 2022***

We are looking for four women who would be interested in attending a two-day Ladies Conference in November in Panama as representatives from Goshen.

# Mission Opportunities

**Project for February: Paul Stefan Home**  
*Www.paulstefanhome.org*

**Needs:** kitchen trash bags, toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap, sponges for doing dishes, adult bath towels and more. See website for complete list.

**Also seeking volunteers for:** leading Bible studies, cooking instruction, driving instruction, literacy, teach parenting or office skills. Plus general medical care, OB/GYN care, nursing care, eye care, dentistry care, and counseling.

**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.

**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.

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

## Mission Stitchers

*All are invited on Sat, February 19 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. For more information on this ministry contact Terry Graham, 540.661.6268 or email [mrsjrg@aol.com](mailto:mrsjrg@aol.com).

## \*Pray for our Goshen Churches:

~Pray for Crossroads Community as they seek a pastor

~Pray for Dogwood and Pastor Lee Bowers

~Pray for Elk Creek and Pastor Mickey Robertson

~Pray for First Baptist of Louisa and Pastor Bruce Jones

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

*Mechanicsville, Mt. Gilead, Rhoadesville, Crossroads Community, Memorial of Columbia, Trinity, and Zoar.*

## 2021-2022 Annual Budget Report

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| Budget for 2021-2022 | 179,428.00         |
| Monthly Needs        | 14,952.00          |
| Received December    | 13,133.00          |
| Received Oct-Dec     | 30,878.00          |
| <b>Budget</b>        | <b>- 13,978.00</b> |



## 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:*

- 7 Families with financial needs (**\$4,149.08**)  
(Rent, Mortgage, Utilities)
- 9 Families with household needs
- 1 Family with a medical need
- 1 Family with clothing

**In the past month the RuraLove Thrift Store sales have:**

Served 31 families with clothing

Served 112 families with household items

Total sales from the Thrift Store for clothing and other donated yard sale items for the month: **\$1,310.25**

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

# CHURCH NEWS

**Mechanicsville** continues the Pastor search and search for a Ministry Assistant. Join the Men's Breakfast the second Saturday of every month at 7 a.m. A Bible Study on the Book of John will resume January 11 and following Tuesdays at 2 p.m. Roy Thomas will continue as interim pastor through June 2022. [www.mechbaptist.com](http://www.mechbaptist.com)

**Memorial of Columbia** has called Rev. Jim Benson as Interim.

**Mineral** Upward basketball & cheer are underway; aerobics class continues faithfully; Mineral Christian Preschool was voted one of the "county's favorite daycare center" in a CV poll; the AWANAS recently collected \$600.00 for missions. [www.mineralbaptistchurch.org](http://www.mineralbaptistchurch.org)

**Mount Gilead**—Pastor Ben Boyd concluded his ministry and accepted a call to Mount Olivet Church in Dover Association.

**Rhoadesville** has called Dr. Don Campbell as Interim.

## HELP WANTED ADS

SEEKING Part-Time church **Music Director/Pianist** at **Zoar Baptist Church** (31334 Zoar Road, Locust Grove, VA 22508). If interested, send an email to: [zoarbc@gmail.com](mailto:zoarbc@gmail.com)  
Job Description: pianist is responsible for planning, organizing and conducting all facets of the music ministry. The pianist works with the pastor to lead worship from the piano including accompanying the choir, soloists, congregational hymn singing and preparation of preludes and postludes. The pianist will prepare for and accompany the rehearsals for the choir, as needed, as well as additional services such as Christmas Eve, Lenten and Holy Week services.  
Close date: February 15 or when filled.

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The search continues for a **Ministry Assistant** for Mechanicsville Baptist, Gordonsville; 15 hour week (for three 5-hour days); should be familiar with Microsoft Office Suite & a working knowledge of QuickBooks is a plus. Send resumes to: MBC Admin. Assistant, 10200 Louisa Rd., Gordonsville, VA 22942. Questions can be left with the answering service at 540.832.3269 and the call will be returned.

## Have you been on a Goshen Led Mission Team?

We are putting together a notebook of stories, experiences, and pictures of people who have been on Goshen led mission teams and disaster response teams (*any year*).

If you have been on a Goshen Missions Team or Disaster Relief Team we would like to include your experiences. Share as the Lord leads—the notebook will stay in the Goshen Ministry Center to hopefully inspire others to go on mission trips. The book will also serve as a record for future generations.

If you have been on a team/teams and would like to share your stories please email to [goshenassociation@hughes.net](mailto:goshenassociation@hughes.net) or bring to the Goshen Ministry Center to be included.

## "Kevin's Korner"

Dear Friends in the Goshen,

My name is Kevin James and I look forward to serving with you beginning Feb 1. I have just retired from pastoring Salem Baptist in Sparta for 32+ years. These first few months will be filled with trying to get to know you and the churches.



Rev. Kevin James

Two Sunday's per month I will be visiting Goshen churches and I look forward to meeting many of you. Pastors I hope to get to know you and become a friend and resource for you as you serve.

The church, the body of Christ is central in our faith experience. I pray that the Goshen will be able to facilitate relationships and partnerships that will enhance and grow the effectiveness and impact of every church.

As soon as I get settled in we will post contact info and planned office hours.

See you in February.

~ Kevin

## MISSIONS UPDATE

*The Goshen News will be sending out a special edition soon highlighting the Mission work that Goshen is supporting and encouraging Goshen people to participate in for the next few years.*

*We will share testimonies from Armenia and hopefully a picture of our third church planter, Pastor Avo.*



Pastor Vardan

*There are still openings for commitments of \$200 per year for three years to support these dedicated church planters, serving even while under severe persecution.*

*Call 540.894.8440 to sign up to join God in planting churches in Armenia.*

*Please keep Pastor Svin, Pastor Vardan, and Pastor Avo in your prayers as well as their families.*



Pastor Svin

## Disaster Relief Training

**For Supply Distribution**

*Sunday, March 27*

If you are interested in training for Supply Distribution at a Disaster Relief site then you should sign up to take this class. The fee is \$25. Everyone interested must register at [www.bgav.org](http://www.bgav.org)

The hands-on Forklift training session is to be held at the Louisa Resource Council from 1:30-2:30 p.m. with the classroom portion being held from 3-5 p.m. at Louisa Baptist Church.

See [www.BGAV.org](http://www.BGAV.org) to register or for more information.

**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

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

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## February

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|----|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 5  | Linda Terry       | Retired                 |
| 9  | Terry Green       | Antioch                 |
| 11 | Tom Everett       | Mineral                 |
| 14 | Amy Lester        | Vertical Life/Thornburg |
| 19 | Barbara Ellington | Retired                 |
| 19 | Kris Hutchinson   | Mineral                 |

**To donate and help people effected by  
disasters go to: [www.bgav.org](http://www.bgav.org) or call  
1.800.255.2428**

100% of money donated goes to help people in crisis

## February

|       |                                     |
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| 3     | Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.  |
| 13-20 | Focus on WMU Week                   |
| 14    | Goshen Missions Team GMC 10:30 a.m. |
| 19    | Mission Stitchers GMC 9 a.m.-2 p.m. |

## *“Shine”*

**March 18-20**

**For teen girls in grades 6-12  
At CrossRoads Camp & Conference Center**  
Limited to 75 registrants. Girls and leaders from the  
same church will stay together for health protocols.  
*See [WMUV.ORG](http://WMUV.ORG) for more information.*

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