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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."

Meet Goshen's DoM Candidate

The Director of Missions Search Committee would like to present Rev. Kevin James as a candidate for the position of Goshen's new Director of Missions.

Kevin earned a BS Degree in Education from the University of Virginia in 1983. In 1987, Kevin received his Master of Divinity from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary with the emphasis on Pastoral Care and Counseling. He has served as Youth Minister, Associate Pastor, and for the last 32 plus years—as the pastor of Salem Baptist Church in Sparta, Virginia.

Kevin has been married to Brenda for 38 years and together they have three children and seven grandchildren.

Striving to lead by example, Kevin has served on various committees and teams with the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) and Hermon Baptist Association. He also served as a consultant with Capital Stewardship Services, a ministry of the BGAV under the supervision of the Baptist Extension Board. He consulted with churches to provide training and leadership for capital campaigns for new buildings, debt retirement, and renovations. Kevin has just completed serving a term on the Executive Board of the BGAV.

In the community, Kevin has served as a Medical First Responder/Firefighter and helped launch and serve at Glory Outreach (a food and clothing ministry in Caroline County). Kevin has also served as a tour bus driver for various groups and churches in the community and also



Rev. Kevin James

served as the president of Caroline Emergency Relief Volunteer Effort, made up of churches in the county. He has also served as president of the PTA, and on various boards in the community.

Kevin has been on mission trips to Ghana and encouraged Salem's partnership in Niger and the Ivory Coast for the past 15 years. Other trips include Android Island, and Disaster Relief with the BGAV. He also led the partnership between Salem Baptist and Southwest Virginia, headquartered in Nicholsville.

The Director of Missions Search Committee has determined from talking to Kevin and from talking with his references, that

Kevin has a "heart for missions." The committee also said that one of his references stated that Kevin was a "pastor of pastors." This will be an asset with his work in Pastoral Care with our Goshen pastors.

Kevin is known as a motivator without being authoritative. Another reference stated, "He is a very positive and forward-looking leader whose spirit and positivity is also evident in members of his church."

During the Goshen Council Meeting on Monday, October 18, a vote will be held to present Rev. Kevin James as candidate for DoM at the Goshen Fall Meeting. Then, the messengers sent to the Goshen Fall Meeting on Tuesday, October 26th at Mine Road Baptist Church will vote. Prayerfully consider Rev. Kevin James as Goshen's new DoM.

Mission Opportunities

Project for November: Chaplain Willett Financial Support & Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes. 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 in 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)

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 ~ Orange

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. **Their next mission trip is December 1-4. The deadline for fall supplies is November 15.** Spring supplies are needed by March 15 for their April teams.

2020-2021 Annual Budget Report

Budget for 2020-2021	156,742.00
Monthly Needs	13,062.00
Received September	14,711.00
Received Oct-Sept.	141,997.00
Budget	- 14,745.00

Mission Stitchers

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

Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Jan and Don Campbell (DoM Interim) for the passing of their daughter-in-law, Misty on September 16, 2021.

*Pray for our Goshen Churches:

- ~Pray for Trinity (searching for a pastor)
- ~Pray for Vertical Life @ Thornburg and Pastor Danny Lester
- ~Pray for Waldrop and Pastor Hubert Hart
- ~Pray for Wallers and Pastor Jojuan White
- ~Pray for Zoar and Interim Pastor Rick Clore

Pray for Goshen churches in search of a pastor:

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



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:

- 9 Families with financial needs (**\$5,207.00**)
(Rent, Mortgage, Utilities)
- 3 Families with a household need
- 2 Families with a project

In the past month the RuraLove Thrift Store sales have:

Served 144 families with clothing

Served 557 families with household items

Total sales from the Thrift Store for clothing and other donated yard sale items for the month: **\$4,943.75**

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

**Before bringing larger donations, please call:
540.894.8440.**

CHURCH NEWS

Louisa welcomes a new member by letter and another by baptism. "Timeless Gift" a live nativity will be presented December 3 & 4 from 6-8:30 p.m. www.louisabaptistva.org

Mechanicsville celebrated her 193rd Homecoming in October. Please pray for the Pastor Search process. www.mechbaptist.com

Mineral is having a Precept Women's Bible study on Thursday mornings from 10-noon. Mineral volunteers put together 15,100 meals in less than two hours with 49 volunteers for Rise Against Hunger (Stop Hunger Now). See www.riseagainsthunger.org for more information on that ministry. 250 shoeboxes have been distributed and are being filled for Samaritan's Purse. The collection of items for Hygiene packs for Afghan refugees was very successful. www.mineralbaptistchurch.org

Orange is holding a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 4 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Pine Room. To reserve a space and/or table, contact bcmorris012@gmail.com.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS!



Pastor Svin

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 need five more commitments of \$200 per year for three years to complete the desired supplemental support for these two church planters.



Pastor Vardan

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.

Women's Conference

Panama has invited women from the Goshen to attend the Annual Women's Conference in November. We would like to send two or three women who would attend and help with the conference which is the largest women's event of the church year.

The time for this is very short, but, as a sign of our commitment to one another, we hope some women from the Goshen churches will attend with their sisters in Panama. We do have one lady interested in going if we can find someone to attend with her. Call 540.894.8440 for info.

VBS Mission Team

January 19-23, 2022

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! Call 540.894.8440 for more info.

"Campbell's Comments"

Can you believe that this is already November? When you read this you will be just days away from Turkey, Sweet Potatoes, Dressing and Pumpkin Pie or Sweet Potato Pie. It will be a time when folks will rationalize what "in mode ration" means as they overeat. It will also provide millions of people time to pause to give thanks for family, country and for the provisions rendered by an Almighty God.



At Goshen we are so grateful that the Lord led so many of our Goshen churches to participate in our Goshen Missions Offering. We are so blessed by the fact that those churches that participated helped us exceed our goal by over two thousand dollars. This means our reach into all of our mission endeavors can be just a little bit longer because of the increased offering. A puzzle for me is why a number of our churches totally missed the opportunities of extending their ministries by not participating in our Goshen Missions Offering.

As I type Campbell's Comments I am thrilled that the Goshen is considering calling Rev. Kevin James to become our new Director of Missions. I have known and worked with Kevin for several years and I could not imagine anyone more capable of serving Goshen Association. It has been a great pleasure to share all of the various ministries of Goshen with Kevin over the past months as I believe they have been a source of inspiration to him and certainly helpful to his decision making. One of the impressive items in Kevin's pastoral ministry is the fact that in his surroundings and in the city he has the reputation of being a "pastor's pastor".

May I just take a moment to thank all of our churches and individuals who responded so graciously to our family and to our son during his wife's terminal illness. As we shared your comments with our son and with our daughter in law in her last days, they were so pleased. Thank You! ~ Don

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.

Medical Missions In Kenya

Attention Medical Persons: Medical mission teams are being formed now to work in Kenya March 4-13, 2022 organized by the WMU of Virginia. (For general medical, dental, eye care, physical therapy, labs & pharmacy.) Contact Laura Davis at ldavis@wmuv.org 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

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November

1	Toni Miller	Retired
4	Moore Anniversary	Shady Grove
5	Nancy Corr	Retired
11	Lisa Wollenberg	Mine Road
11	Don Campbell	DoM Int.
16	Tina Collis	Gordonsville
17	Hubert Hart	Waldrops
18	Shirley Ellinger	Retired
21	Graham Anniversary	Mount Hermon
22	John Miller	Retired
23	Collis Anniversary	Gordonsville
24	Lillian Sparks	Retired

November

1	Baptist Women World Day of Prayer
4	Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
4-7	Women's Getaway ~ virtual
6	WMU Annual Meeting ~ virtual
6	Clothing & Yardsale @ RuraLove Warehouse 8-12:30
20	Mission Stitchers GMC 9-2
25	Thanksgiving—Office Closed

**Nov. 28 ~ Dec. 5
Week of Prayer for International Missions**

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

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