



# 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."*

## New Goshen DoM Steps Down



*Kevin James, DoM*

I am writing today to ensure that everyone receives this announcement. It is with a very heavy heart that I must offer my resignation effective June 1 and continue to serve 30 days to July 1.

In the last month, several circumstances have changed in our family, not the least of which is the establishing of a new school by our daughters and sons-in-law. Everyone is well but our family will need my help and attention as we navigate through the next few years.

In this season of life, the Lord has given Brenda and I the privilege of supporting and assisting our children as they raise our grandchildren and that is a priority and ministry for us. They will need my full attention 3-4 days a week and I cannot give Goshen the time and attention it needs and deserves and be present in this season with my family.

This has been a very difficult decision that has been prayed over and I truly believe this is where the Lord is leading

us.

I had no idea that these needs would arise when I accepted the position at Goshen but life does continue happening all around us. I had every intention to serve for several years.

Everyone has been so welcoming, generous and gracious to me. I have enjoyed getting to know many of the pastors, leaders and church folk of Goshen. The Goshen Association is a special and unique group of people and churches.

You come together for mission and service unlike any group of churches I know. I hope to stay connected with you and will help in any way I can as you move forward. Thank you for the opportunity to serve and grow with you.

I know the Lord has great plans for the Goshen in the future. He is faithful and will honor the efforts of the Goshen Association as it works to further the Kingdom of God.

In His Grace,  
*Kevin*

# Mission Opportunities

**Project for July:** *Christmas in July* ~ \$20 will purchase warm clothing for Roma children for this winter who attend the *Ruth School in Romania*. Or collect school supplies for a local school to give to children who cannot afford needed items. Also, please send in your annual church planter support for 2022 and your Goshen Missions Offerings.

**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.

**Paul Stefan Home** (Pro-Life Maternity Housing & Educational Center) [www.paulstefanhome.org](http://www.paulstefanhome.org) ~ 120 Caroline St., Orange. 540.854.2300 **Current needs:** Swiffer pads for wet mops and Swiffer pads for the dry mops.

## Volunteers wanted!

The Paul Stefan Home (a Pro-Life Maternity House at 120 Caroline Street in Orange) is seeking volunteers to restart a weekly Bible Study or Christian Book Study with the moms. They are looking for teachers/leaders for the study and volunteers to do childcare while the study is going on.

There is also a need for volunteer childcare to help with a set of three month old twins occasionally when the mother has an appointment.

If interested, please contact Evelyn James at 540.379.9924.

## Thank You Note

Greetings. We just wanted to say "Thank You" on behalf of Project Ruth for your continued gifts which care for Ukrainian refugees. I have just returned from six weeks helping the Project Ruth team purchase food, pack the boxes, and deliver them to desperate families. God bless!

Ralph Stocks

## Camp Piankatank

See [CampPiankatank.org](http://CampPiankatank.org) for info on:

Father/Son Weekend Aug. 12-14

Mother/Daughter Weekend Aug. 19-21

## Retreat for Youth and Adults with Special Needs

October 21-23

Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center

See [EagleEyrie.org/Special-Needs](http://EagleEyrie.org/Special-Needs)



## RuraLove Ministry

587 Mica Road, Mineral  
540.894.8440

The RuraLove Thrift Store is open to the public to purchase clothing and yard sale items on Wednesdays (year-round) and the first Saturday of the month April-November from 8-12:30. 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 (\$4,318.32)  
(Rent, Mortgage, Utilities)
- 4 Families with household needs
- 1 Family with clothing
- 3 Families with the loan of medical equipment

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

Served 259 families with clothing

Served 638 families with household items

Total sales from the Thrift Store for clothing and other donated yard sale items for the past month: **\$6,367.75**

**RuraLove is in need** of good, clean, working microwaves, electric stoves, refrigerators, washing machines and electric dryers.

**RuraLove** is a ministry of Goshen Association churches 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.

**RuraLove accepts** a wide variety of items. If you have pets, upholstered items or mattresses are not accepted due to allergies. Also, no broken, moldy or torn items.

**All items are to be nice enough to give in Jesus' name.**

**100% of proceeds go to local families in crisis.**

## Mission Stitches

All are invited on Sat, July 16 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).

## Please Pray for our Church Planters

Please continue to keep our Church Planters living and working in Armenia in your prayers! (Pastor Avo, Pastor Vardan, and Pastor Svin & families) Your prayers are very important and are needed daily! Their work is in an area of unrest and often suffer persecution because of their faith in Christ in a part of the world that is predominately Muslim.

# CHURCH NEWS

**Blue Ridge Shores** recently sent a donation to Samaritan's Purse in support of its efforts in Ukraine.

**Elk Creek** hosted a successful community-supported blood drive on June 22 honoring one of their own suffering from leukemia. The "Woodchuckers" gathered and stored donated firewood to be delivered to those in need in the cold months ahead.

**First Baptist of Louisa** began in-person Sunday Worship Services (11 a.m.) and Sunday School (9:30 a.m.) the first of May. Worship service is also livestreamed on Facebook. There are strict guidelines in place for in-person services. A new deacon was ordained June 25.

**Louisa VBS** is to be held July 24-29 6-8 pm for children 3 years-old through the 5th grade who will go "off-road" for a *Monumental* adventure through colorful canyons and sun-baked trails of the southwest to form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead. [www.louisabaptistva.org](http://www.louisabaptistva.org)

**Mechanicsville** continues the pastor search process. VBS is scheduled for July 17-21 in the evenings. [www.mechbaptist.com](http://www.mechbaptist.com)

**Mineral** AWANA's are collecting funds for school supplies. Upward archery is in progress. The Women's Mission group ladies are sewing dresses for Africa and Appalachia. Four deacons were ordained. [Mineralbaptistchurch.org](http://Mineralbaptistchurch.org)

**Orange** VBS will be July 10-14. The theme is "Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness." Orange welcomes two new members.

**Waller's** had 5 candidates for baptism, 4 new members, and a baby dedication on May 29. VBS will be July 13-16 with a celebration on July 17. Fun activities are planned for the children and youth twice a month throughout the summer called, "God's World." So far, they have had a hayride to visit a local farm and a "Fiesta Night" where they learned about missionaries in Mexico. Contact [www.wallersbaptist.com](http://www.wallersbaptist.com) for more info.

## \*Pray for our Goshen Churches:

- ~Pray for North Pamunkey and Pastor Tim Jarrell
- ~Pray for Oakland and Pastor Dennis Barton
- ~Pray for Orange Baptist and Pastor Alan Miller
- ~Pray for Perkins and Pastor Tim Wilson

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

Crossroads Community, Mechanicsville, Mt. Gilead, Trinity, and Zoar.

## Ministry Action Budget

<u>Church</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Oct-April</u>	<u>GMO</u>
Antioch		2,923.61	
Berea	700.00	700.00	
Blue Ridge Shores	364.92	1,701.91	
Craigs			
Crossroads CC		920.35	
Dogwood	302.00	2,085.08	
Elk Creek		3,510.00	
FBC, Louisa			
Gordonsville	3,358.31	3,358.31	
Louisa	792.15	7,753.86	150.00
Mechanicsville	2,324.09	4,675.57	
Memorial of Columbia			
Mine Road	280.00	2,240.00	400.00
Mineral	2,835.00	5,792.00	100.00
Mount Gilead		2,169.35	
Mount Hermon			
New Hope		722.00	
North Pamunkey	390.30	3,072.10	
Oakland	532.00	4,775.00	
Orange	518.32	4,361.02	
Perkins	2,600.00	5,200.00	75.00
Rhoadesville	977.84	5,052.28	275.00
Shady Grove	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Smyrna		1,275.00	
South Anna			
St. Mark		250.00	
Vertical Life/Thornburg			
Trinity	100.00	800.00	
Waldrops		1,008.00	
Waller's		2,865.60	
Zoar	199.39	1,763.08	
Others	2,643.00	15,420.32	600.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,552.40</b>	<b>85,394.44</b>	<b>1,600.00</b>

## 2021-2022 Annual Budget Report

Budget for 2021-2022	179,428.00
Monthly Needs	14,952.00
Received May	19,552.00
Received Oct-May	85,394.00
<b>Budget</b>	<b>- 34,222.00</b>

Totals as of 5-31-2022.

## "Ice Cream in the Park"

Area churches interested in some fun evangelism are invited to help with "Ice Cream in the Park" on August 5 & 6 in the Town of Orange. Volunteers can help an hour or all day. Needs include scoopers for free ice cream, children's games helpers, people willing to pray as needed with attendees, and more. Please call Dwight Boston at 540.222.7954 if you would like to help.

**Christian Counseling:** Daystar Pastoral Counseling, Samantha J. Reynolds, BS, MSW, PAC, LCSW. Call 540.308.7500 or email samtheuropa10@hotmail.com ~ Reasonable fees.

**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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# July Calendar

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

10	Ellinger Anniversary	Retired
18	Lowell Wright	Retired
24	Phyliss Nelson	Smyrna
25	Gerald Chancellor	Retired
26	Lester Anniversary	Vertical Life/Thornburg
29	Mabel Holmberg	Retired
29	Bob Ellinger	Retired
31	Sarah Reid	Retired
31	Janey Barton	Oakland

### **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. Call the Goshen Ministry Center for more info at 540.894.8440.

## Events

4	Independence Day ~ Office closed
7	Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
9	RuraLove Yardsale 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
9	Property & Grounds Meeting GMC 3 p.m.
11	Board of Directors GMC 7 p.m.
16	Mission Stitches GMC 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
25	Advisory Council Meeting GMC 7 p.m.



### **Happy 89th Birthday!**

If you would like to wish Mabel Holmberg a Happy 89th Birthday by sending a card, send to:

Mabel Holmberg  
c/o Mount Gilead Baptist Church  
4768 Shannon Hill Road  
Columbia, VA 23038

Mabel, widowed since 2007, served alongside her husband Don as he pastored two of our Goshen churches, Berea and Memorial of Columbia.

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