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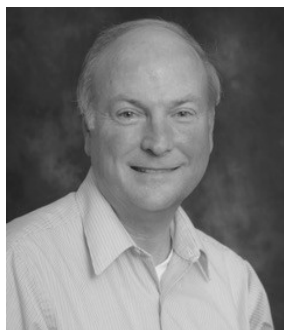
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"The purpose of this Association shall be to proclaim Christ as Lord, to expand the Kingdom of God, and to assist our affiliate churches to carry out their mission before God."

An Introduction to DoM Candidate Dee Whitten



Dee Whitten

The Goshen Director of Missions (DoM) Search committee is presenting a candidate for our consideration and vote, Aubrey DeWitt "Dee" Whitten, Jr.

Dee has been married to Jane for 46 years. The couple have two adult married daughters, six grandchildren and live in the Fredericksburg area.

Dee gave his life to Christ at the age of ten and felt the call into full-time ministry during a summer missions experience in 1971 at 21 years of age. He earned degrees at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Doctor of Ministry & Master of Divinity) and Vanderbilt University (Bachelor of Arts).

Dee writes: "During the past 40+ years, all of my ministry has taken place in the northern part of Virginia: I have served as the pastor of two churches (Emmanuel in Alexandria and Mount Ararat in Stafford) and have launched a new church in Fredericksburg called (at the time) Fairview at River Club.

In addition, I served for five years as the Field Strategist for the BGAV in northern Virginia (Including the Goshen area); served about five years as the part-time DOM for the Hermon Association (twelve churches in Caroline County); and served as Executive Director of NorthStar Church Network in northern Virginia (170 churches) for nine years. So, I have a deep love for this part of Virginia and for the churches in this area!

Jane and I just recently moved back to Fredericksburg in preparation for my retirement from NorthStar and in order to be close to one of my daughters, son-in-law, and three grandkids. My other daughter is married to a Marine officer, and they have three children. The good news is that

they will be moving back to the Quantico area from San Diego this summer. We are excited about that! So, this coming year I am looking forward to pouring a lot of time and energy into my grandkids.

In addition, I would love to pour half of my time and energy into the churches which are a part of the Goshen Baptist Association. Throughout my years of active ministry, my passion has been to assist churches in carrying out their God-given mission. According to the Goshen "Purpose" Statement, that would be my role and focus with the Association."

The Board of Directors unanimously voted in favor of recommending the candidate to the Advisory Council (January 30). If the candidate is affirmed by the Council, a Special Called Business Meeting will be held at Mineral Baptist in the white historic church (51 Louisa Ave., Mineral) to meet Dee on Tuesday, February 21 at 7 p.m. and all eligible messengers may cast their votes.

Mission Opportunities

Projects for February:

1. **Disaster Response Baby Boxes:** Collect *new single 8-ounce bottles (leave in packaging) and diaper sacks or the \$1 box of 4 gallon trash bags from any dollar store* (more info below).

2. **project** ~ Hope Boxes for Hope for Appalachia.

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.

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 See website for current needs. **Volunteers also needed!** For more info contact Evelyn at 540.379.9924.

Also Collecting

~Old prescription eye glasses for a missionary in Guatemala.

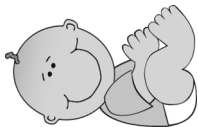
~Old prescription bottles and non-prescription bottles (aspirin, vitamins, etc.) for Doctor's Without Borders. Labels do **NOT** have to be removed. Bring to the Goshen Ministry Center.

Collecting Completed

~Please, **NO** more men's neck ties. More than enough have been received. Thank you! Your response was overwhelming.

See www.WMUV.org

For: Mom & Me; SHINE; Sisters Who Care; Summer Camps; Mission Trips for Kenya (*Medical*), Peru, and Standing Rock Reservation (*located in the Dakotas*), etc.



DISASTER RESPONSE BABY BOXES

As a part of the BGAV's new disaster response program for supply distribution, Goshen is collecting supplies for baby boxes so families can have the essentials to care for their baby during a crisis. This is a brand new idea and Goshen is the first to put together these needed supplies.

The boxes (will be provided) are to contain: a 4 ounce tube of Desitin or store brand version (which is much cheaper), 1 pacifier (in packaging), 1 bottle (8-ounce in packaging), 1 blanket, 1 sm. box of disposable diaper sacks **or** 4 gal trash bags, 3 packs of unscented wipes (50-100 count each), 2 packs of name brand diapers (25-35 depending on size).

We have purchased 240 boxes and 240 "Hope" New Testaments to use. We plan to pack boxes in the spring (depending on donations) to be prepared for hurricane season 2023.

Save items until a packing is scheduled or bring to Goshen Ministry Center during office hours. For any questions, call, 540.894.8440. You may also donate funds and we will shop for you - the cost is approximately \$50 per box.



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:

28 Families with financial needs (**\$18,916.00**)

(Rent, Mortgage, Utilities)

5 Families with household needs

1 Family with a whole household

1 Family with a layette

1 Family with a project

◆ 564.5 volunteer hours were donated in December by 32 different volunteers.

In December volunteers made:

◆ 3 deliveries of donated items

◆ 3 deliveries of purchased items

◆ 11 pick ups of donations

◆ received \$87.00 for recycling metal

◆ received \$2,683.50 in customer donations over and above their purchases including a \$2,500 check mailed in from a shopper.

◆ 563 total miles driven for pick ups and deliveries

In the past month the RuraLove Thrift Store sales have:

◆ Served 133 families with clothing

◆ Served 377 families with household items

Total sales from the Thrift Store for clothing and donated yard sale items for the past month: **\$3,932.25**

We are concentrating on focusing on better outcomes allowing the Lord to provide the income and for us to be good stewards of His income.

RuraLove is in need of:

twin & full-sized mattress sets, bed frames (*metal or wood in all sizes*), toasters & microwaves electric stoves, refrigerators & washing machines

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.

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

Pray for Goshen churches in search of a pastor:

Elk Creek, Gordonsville, Mt. Gilead, & Zoar

CHURCH NEWS

Elk Creek provided 3 families with Christmas gifts (including one with 6 children). Blood was donated by 36 members. Woodchuckers delivered 2 loads of firewood to needy families. They welcomed 2 new members. Mickey Robertson concluded his ministry at Elk Creek.

Louisa welcomes a new member. "One Bright Night," a Christmas light show fundraiser which shared the Gospel message was successful in raising \$3,900 for the Mission Team to purchase materials to complete The Way of Salvation Church in Panama. The Team is heading to Panama on Feb. 4 to complete the construction and hold VBS. www.louisabaptistva.org

Mechanicsville announces the calling of Rev. Allen Preston Smith as their pastor. A Valentine Dinner (chicken Cordon Bleu, rice pilaf, broccoli, salad, breadsticks, strawberry parfait or cream puffs \$15 per person or \$25 couple) to benefit youth local mission projects will be Feb 11. Call 540.832.3269 to reserve your seat/seats. The annual Don Reid Fish Fry is scheduled for May 6th. Interim Pastor Roy Thomas will conclude his ministry at Mechanicsville Jan. 29. www.mechbaptist.com

Mineral has a prayer ministry joining with 20 churches in eight different states. For Upward Sports information and events see www.mineralbaptistchurch.org

Mountain View Community Church (Culpeper & Orange Campus) has requested membership into Goshen Baptist Association. The request will be presented to Goshen messengers at the Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, February 21 at 7 p.m. at the historic Mineral Baptist Church (*white building in lower lot*). Mountain View Community Church will be placed under watch care during the application process prior to being accepted into full membership.

Oakland ~ Super Bowl Brunswick Stew Fundraiser (February 11): the fundraiser will help offset costs for member/members to go on a Mission Trip to Armenia this summer. Information can be found on their FaceBook page (search for Oakland Baptist Church, Gum Spring, VA). Preorders are being accepted. www.Oakland-Baptist.com

Sincere Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy to the family of Lillian Sparks on her homegoing January 13, 2023. Lillian was the widow of Rev. Dr. Garland Sparks who served as minister of Louisa Baptist for 15 years before retiring in 1985.

Stewards of Children Training

A training opportunity is available to Goshen churches for child sexual abuse prevention and response. All church leaders, teachers and children's workers are encouraged to complete this training.

The training is being offered through the BGAV's partnership with From Darkness to Light and is entitled "Stewards of Children."

If you would like Richard to come and hold this training at your church, contact Rev. Richard Sandberg at

PastorRichardSandberg@gmail.com

Ministry Action Budget 2022-2023

<u>Church</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>GMO</u>
Antioch	623.58	1,067.04	
Berea			
Blue Ridge Shores		395.95	
Craigs			
Crossroads CC		250.00	
Dogwood	249.00	772.00	
Elk Creek	1,875.00	1,955.00	
FBC, Louisa			
Gordonsville		9,728.29	
Louisa	928.98	2,447.58	
Mechanicsville	701.64	2,455.69	
Memorial of Columbia			
Mine Road	640.00	1,200.00	
Mineral		4,646.00	
Mount Gilead	175.24	982.31	
Mount Hermon		300.00	200.00
North Pamunkey	434.27	1,480.28	
Oakland	693.00	1,689.00	
Orange	343.93	1,390.75	
Perkins			
Rhoadesville	977.84	1,466.76	
Shady Grove			
Smyrna		425.00	
South Anna			
St. Mark		250.00	
Trinity	100.00	300.00	
Waldrops			
Walters	347.94	807.48	
Zoar	127.31	749.29	
Others	2,904.00	5,532.00	
Total	11,252.73	40,290.42	200.00

2022-2023 Annual Budget Report

Budget for 2022-2023	174,384.00
Monthly Needs	14,532.00
Received Dec.	11,253.00
Received Oct-Dec	40,290.00
Budget	- 3,343.00

Totals as of 12-31-2022

Mission Stitches

All are invited on Sat, February 18, 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 to the Goshen Ministry Center (587 Mica Road, Mineral).

Needs: Flannel by the yard (new), flannel bed sheets and pillowcases (new or gently used), 100% cotton quilt batting or 80% cotton/20% polyester quilt batting, cotton pillowcases (new or used-no stains, no microfiber), cotton fabric by the yard (new), girls underwear sizes 14, 16 & 18 (new), modern white wedding dresses (gently used).

For more information on this ministry contact Terry Graham, 540.661.6268 or email mrsjrg@aol.com.

Christian Counseling: Daystar Pastoral Counseling, Samantha J. Reynolds, BS, MSW, PAC, LCSW. 540.308.7500 or email DaystarPastoralCounseling@gmail.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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FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Birthdays & Anniversaries

5	Linda Terry	Retired
9	Terry Green	Retired
11	Tom Everett	Mineral
19	Barbara Ellington	Retired
19	Kris Hutchinson	Mineral

Events

2	Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
12-19	Focus on WMU Week
13	Goshen Missions Committee GMC 10:30 a.m.
14	Hope Boxes ~ Deadline to have them at GMC
18	Mission Stitchers GMC 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
21	Called Business Meeting (for all messengers) in the historic Mineral Baptist Church sanctuary 7 p.m.

**Watch for the
2023 Special Missions Edition
of the Goshen News coming soon!**

Check out:

www.Preach2023.org to see all the speakers and break-out sessions scheduled for this March conference.

www.thev3movement.org for training on awakening your established church.

Register for Camps Now

Www.camppiankatank.org

Www.crossroadscamp.com
(also hiring summer staff)

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