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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."*



## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR GOSHEN MISSIONS

**MAY 21-28 &**

## GOSHEN MISSIONS OFFERING

Please pray for Goshen Baptist Association, the staff, volunteers, churches, ministries, and mission work—locally through RuraLove and around the world. Please pray for Goshen's Mission Team to Armenia listed below.

The Goshen Missions Offering (GMO) this year will be divided 75% towards Goshen Mission Projects and 25% towards Property & Grounds improvements at Leland-Madison Park. This special offering supports ministries not covered in the budget. Goal: \$12,000.

**Goshen's Mission Team to Armenia:** Rev. Kris Hutchinson (Mineral Baptist), Team Leader; Tucker Swanson (Louisa Baptist), construction; John Bevard (Mineral Baptist), construction; Kelly Taylor (Mineral Baptist), ladies conference & construction; Kim Rosson (Oakland Baptist), VBS; Catherine Young-Turgal (Antioch Baptist), VBS; Mindy Poland (Mineral Baptist), VBS and Upward Sports. Please commit to holding this team up in prayer as they plan and prepare for their trip this August. Pray that hearts would be prepared to hear the Gospel and the Armenian Christians will be blessed.

### *Disaster Response Baby Boxes Packing Day*

Saturday, May 20

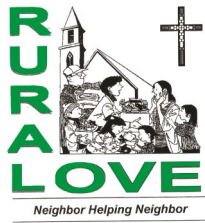
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*Mineral Baptist Church Family Life Center*

### **Five Voices Conference**

This conference is on the subject is communication - based on Ephesians 4 concerning the five-fold ministry. Each church is encouraged to send their pastor/pastors, leadership and anyone else interested to Rhoadesville Baptist Church on Saturday, May 6 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Rhoadesville is located at 26042 Lafayette Dr., Rhoadesville.

**To register contact Jim Graham, 540.661.6269.**



## 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:

- 21 Families with financial needs (\$7,650.26)  
*(Rent, Mortgage, Utilities)*
- 3 Families with household needs
- 2 Families with a whole household
- 1 Family with a medical loan
- 9 Families with clothes
- ◆ 771.5 volunteer hours were donated in March with the average of 10-12 volunteers on Mondays (sorting) and 18-22 volunteers each Wednesday (sale day).

*In March volunteers made:*

- ◆ 2 deliveries of donated items
- ◆ 5 deliveries of purchased items
- ◆ 18 pick ups of donations
- ◆ received \$197 for recycling metal
- ◆ 280 total miles driven for pick ups and deliveries
- ◆ RuraLove has gotten connected with Planet Aid to recycle clothing that doesn't sell. They pick up the clothing and also pay RuraLove \$0.05/lb. *(Another opportunity to be good stewards of what the Lord has blessed us with.)*

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

- ◆ Served 213 families with clothing
  - ◆ Served 642 families with household items
- Total sales from the Thrift Store for clothing and donated yard sale items for the past month: **\$6,534.25**

**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:*

**bed frames (metal or wood in all sizes),  
microwaves  
electric stoves, refrigerators, washers & dryers  
chest of drawers**

*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.*

## Thank You So Much

An anonymous member of one of Goshen's churches came and cleaned the gutters of the Goshen Ministry Center. He also power washed the building, roof, gutters, porch, benches and sidewalk. We Praise the Lord for this generous gift of service.

Dear Friends,

I want to offer GraceInside's heartfelt thanks for your generosity of your gift of \$4500 to help with the salary of the chaplain at Goochland Women's Correctional Center. I don't have words that are sufficient to express my gratitude for your years of faithful and generous partnership. Blessings to each of you.

Rev. Randy Myers, president  
GraceInside (Virginia's  
Prison Chaplain Service)  
[www.graceinside.org](http://www.graceinside.org)

## Thank You Notes

*from people helped through your generous donations to RuraLove recently*

Thank you for helping us. This has been a process over the last few months. I found that resources are maxed out or there is a very large waiting list. I am so very grateful that RuraLove had resources and was able to help me and my children.

*RuraLove was able to help her get caught up with her rent.*

I just wanted to say thank you so much! Many Blessings! I appreciate your help so much!!!

*From a senior lady that got behind on her mortgage due to unexpected expenses. She only has one year left on her mortgage and RuraLove helped her catch back up.*

## 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](mailto:PastorRichardSandberg@gmail.com)**

# Mission Opportunities

## Projects for May:

- Disaster Response Baby Boxes:** collect pacifiers (*new in package*), store brand diaper rash cream or Desitin, size 4, 5, or 6 name-brand diapers or size 2-3 T, 3-4 T, or 4-5 T Pull-Ups. For more info see page 5.
- Goshen Missions Offering** ~ this special offering helps fund Goshen Mission efforts and projects that are not in the operating budget.

**Southwest Virginia Partnership Inc.** based in Nickelsville, VA and ministering in Clinch Valley, Powell River and Wise Counties. Register a team of volunteers or get info at [www.swvpartnership.org](http://www.swvpartnership.org)

**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 info.

**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](http://www.paulstefanhome.org) ~ 120 Caroline St., Orange. 540.854.2300 See website for current needs. *Volunteers also needed!*

## International Mission Opportunities

**Romania: Ministry to Roma People at Ruth School**  
Brittany Garton: [Brittany.garton@project-ruth.org](mailto:Brittany.garton@project-ruth.org) or see: [www.project-ruth.org](http://www.project-ruth.org)

**Little Dresses for Africa:** [littledressesforafrica.org](http://littledressesforafrica.org)

**Door of Hope**, South Africa (*finding homes for unwanted children*) [www.doorofhopesa.com](http://www.doorofhopesa.com) & [facebook.com/doorofhopeSA](https://www.facebook.com/doorofhopeSA)

## Collecting

~Old prescription eye glasses and reading glasses (found in stores) 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 ties.

**See [www.WMUV.org](http://www.WMUV.org)**

**For:** Summer Camps; Mission Trips and see the qualifications to receive Grants for certain church ministries.

## Ministry Action Budget 2022-2023

<u>Church</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>GMO</u>
Antioch	304.14	1,755.18	
Berea			
Blue Ridge Shores	193.20	1,021.16	
Craigs			
Crossroads CC		500.00	
Dogwood	279.00	1,606.00	
Elk Creek	1,875.00	3,830.00	
FBC, Louisa			
Gordonsville	5,500.32	15,228.61	
Louisa	599.65	4,795.20	
Mechanicsville	830.82	6,330.44	
Memorial of Columbia			
Mine Road	320.00	2,160.00	
Mineral	1,000.00	9,404.00	
Mount Gilead	465.27	1,821.98	
Mount Hermon	250.00	550.00	200.00
Mountain View			
North Pamunkey	499.31	3,055.89	
Oakland	665.00	3,791.00	
Orange	405.58	2,917.62	
Perkins	2,600.00	2,600.00	
Rhoadesville	583.39	3,216.93	
Shady Grove		500.00	
Smyrna		850.00	
South Anna			
St. Mark		250.00	
Trinity	100.00	600.00	
Waldrops		1,161.00	200.00
Walters	1,083.92	2,881.14	
Zoar	126.66	1,358.68	
Others	265.00	10,147.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,946.26</b>	<b>82,331.83</b>	<b>400.00</b>

## 2022-2023 Annual Budget Report

Budget for 2022-2023	174,384.00
Monthly Needs	14,532.00
Received March	17,946.00
Received Oct-March	82,332.00
<b>Budget</b>	<b>- 4,860.00</b>

Totals as of 3-31-2023

## Mission Stitchers

*All are invited on Sat, May 20, 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](mailto:mrsjrg@aol.com).

# CHURCH NEWS

**Antioch** welcomes a new member by letter. They have begun planning their homecoming which is held in August.

**Elk Creek** continues its search for a pastor. They feel God has the right person picked out and ask for prayers to help find God's chosen person. The Woodchuckers served 10 families this winter and have stocked about 10 cords to season for future help. Between Feb. 1 and April 7th, volunteers picked up 243 bags of trash.

**First Baptist** would like to invite all women to their fundraiser, "Becoming the Woman God Destined You to Be" on Saturday, May 6 at 11 a.m. for a Women's Tea featuring a guest speaker, music, food, and fellowship. Ladies are asked to wear pastel colors and a hat. Visit [www.FBClouisa.org](http://www.FBClouisa.org) to register and pay \$15 online. First Baptist is located at 102 Meadow Ave., Louisa. Sponsored by the Women's Ministry. They look forward to having your fellowship.

**Gordonsville** has scheduled Vacation Bible School for June 5-8 between 9 a.m.-noon, with the theme: "Twists & Turns—following Jesus changes the game, Psalm 25:4."

**Mechanicsville** The annual Don Reid Fish Fry is May 6th at 6 p.m. and is free. All are invited! The 2023 Vacation Bible School is July 17-21 for ages 0-12 with commencement after Sunday worship, July 23 with a picnic after Sunday School. Men of all ages are invited to the monthly Men's Breakfast each second Saturday at 7 a.m. The Bible Study on Tuesdays, 2 p.m. at the church, continues with the study of Acts. [www.mechbaptist.com](http://www.mechbaptist.com)

**Mineral** welcomes 10 new members. The Youth sponsored a banquet and raised \$1,700 for youth mission trips. A coffee social is now being held before services. A musical concert is held at 4 p.m. the first Sunday of each month in the historic church. May features "Branch Fork" (Gospel). A child dedication service will be held on Mother's Day during the service. For Upward Sports information and events see [www.mineralbaptistchurch.org](http://www.mineralbaptistchurch.org)

**Mine Road** welcomes a new member. They helped 6 families with large food boxes during the Easter season.

**Perkins** has scheduled their Vacation Bible School for June 19-23 from 8:45-noon with the theme: "Twists & Turns—following Jesus changes the game, Psalm 25:4." Four people were baptized April 16. Homecoming and Revival services will be held beginning the fourth Sunday in July.

**Oakland** celebrated its 25th anniversary of their consignment sale with over 10,000 items in stock this spring. They exceeded their goal for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering by collecting \$1,800.

**Orange** will have a baby/child dedication service during worship on Mother's Day.

**St. Mark** is celebrating 150 years in June of 2023 with the theme, "Building on 150 Years of Faith" Luke 6:48. The celebrations begin on June 4 at 3 p.m. at St. Mark in Maidens with an all-choir reunion concert. On Saturday, June 10 at 4 p.m., a Sesquicentennial Celebration Banquet at the Claude G. Perkins Living and Learning Center at Virginia Union University, Richmond will be held. Tickets are \$50 per person. Contact the church office for tickets. The month of celebration will conclude with an Anniversary Worship Experience on Sunday, June 18 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Mark. If anyone would like to place an ad in their Commemorative Journal, contact the office. For more info see [www.stmarkbaptist.me](http://www.stmarkbaptist.me)

**Rhoadesville** Quilting Group has made over 400 blankets for those in hospitals. The Youth held a 30-hour fast to raise funds for World Vision.

## "A word with Dee"

### "Faithful in the Little Things"

I recently read an excellent book by Andy Andrews entitled The Little Things: Why You Really SHOULD Sweat the Small Things. In this very insightful book Andy tells the true story about a fishing trip that he initiated with a close friend when they were about twenty years old. They borrowed a small fishing boat from a young man who volunteered to steer the boat for them. So, the three of them headed out to a huge oil rig about one hundred miles off the Florida coast. Andy had traveled to this oil rig many times through the years and knew that this was the best spot for great fishing.



Dee Whitten

So, they set the autopilot for their destination and began their one hundred mile journey. However, after four hours of travel, there was no sight of the oil rig. This seemed a little strange, since the oil rig was monstrous in size...you could see it from a great distance. Finally, after traveling further across the Gulf of Mexico, they knew that they had to turn around and head back to shore. Unfortunately, they had traveled so far that their gas ran out before they even caught sight of the land. It was quickly becoming dark and this meant that their small boat had to be anchored in the Gulf overnight. Much to their relief and embarrassment, a rescue boat found them the following day.

It took several weeks for them to figure out what had caused their very dangerous plight. An electronics survey revealed that the boat's autopilot was off by two degrees. Of course, there are 360 degrees of bearing in an autopilot's internal compass. So, two degrees is just a smidgen of difference...less than one-sixteenth of an inch on an actual compass. However, the distance makes the difference. They were traveling just a very, very small distance off course... but over the course of one hundred miles, they missed their mark by a significant amount of water.

Jesus tells us (Luke 16:10): *"If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities."*

There is no doubt that the little things count in life. If you slightly veer off course in terms of being faithful, being ethical, and sharing God's love with others, then over the long haul, you will miss God's mark for your life. However, if you are faithful in the little things, then God will bless your life with His abundant grace.

Please remember the Goshen Mission Offering and the Week of Prayer for Goshen Ministries, May 21-28. Also, our Goshen Association Spring Meeting will be held on April 25 at 2:00 p.m. at Shady Grove Baptist Church.

~ Dee

**Please continue to pray for our Church Planters in Armenia...**

*Pastor Avo, Pastor Svin, and Pastor Vardan depend on our prayers and support.*





## 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 (we will provide) are to contain:

- a 4 ounce tube of Desitin or store brand version (*which is much cheaper*)
- 1 pacifier (*sealed in packaging*)
- 1 bottle (8-ounce sealed in packaging)
- 1 blanket
- 1 sm. box of disposable diaper sacks **or** 4 gal trash bags (*any dollar store has the sm. trash bags for only \$1*)
- 3 packs wipes (*unscented 50-100 count each*)
- 2 packs of name brand diapers (*25-35 count*)

We have purchased 240 boxes and 240 "Hope" New Testaments to put in each box. 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.

### **Important Side Note**

If you are saving your items to bring on packing day—please note that the baby blankets need to be laundered in baby-friendly detergent, then sealed in a zipper bag, and labeled "Laundered in \_\_\_ and ready to use." Substitute the blank with whatever detergents & softeners you used. Thank you for your consideration to these young families which may have no access to laundry facilities during their crisis. If you bring the blankets earlier than the packing date—they will be laundered and packed for you.

**We plan to pack Baby Boxes Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m. at Mineral Baptist Family Life Center.** *If you are saving items until the packing day—Please let the office know how many of each item you have collected beforehand.*

## Impact Virginia!

Impact VA!, the mission camp for youth to do mission projects in Jesus' name, is scheduled to work in our community

**July 9-15, 2023**

While Louisa Baptist will be the official sponsor, all churches in Goshen are encouraged to participate.

### **NEEDS:**

**Project coordinators, Hospitality teams, and Goshen Youth groups** to join in.

If you or your church are interested in participating please contact the camp's director Rev. Richard Sandberg for more info: **540.223.5840 or**

**PastorRichardSandberg@gmail.com**

## *The early years of* Goshen Baptist Association

(from "Land of Goshen" prologue page xix)

The Baptist presence was not without opposition. Virginia had transplanted much of England: the language, culture, laws, and the religion. There was a state church, the Anglican, in Virginia and everyone was required to attend and support the Established Church. Baptists and other dissenters were on the outside. Sometimes they were tolerated. At other times they were imprisoned or otherwise persecuted for their faith.

*(Editor's side note: It is well documented that Baptist preachers were arrested, beaten, shot, almost drowned, etc. Some were even murdered just for being a Baptist preacher.)*

### **Excerpts from Chapter 1 of "Land of Goshen"**

(1792) For the Goshen it was time for Bethel building, pulling together the scattered country churches into a cooperative body of like-minded Baptists. It was time for planting a Baptist witness throughout the isolated rural countryside and especially in its "destitute" regions. It was time for nurturing the growth of religious fervor. It was time for developing friendships among God's servants, relationships which could be mutually beneficial and which, in many cases, lasted lifetimes.

Each year a few individuals from each of the churches would become interested enough of the larger work of Baptists to be appointed delegates to the association's meeting.

John Waller, one of the leading evangelists among the Baptists of the late 18th century and persecuted in the 1760-70s for his faith, was likely the first moderator of the association. The earliest extant minutes of 1793 list him as moderator.

Waller had come a long way from the days of his youth when he frequented gaming tables and earned the nickname of "Swearing Jack." Once he was served three arrest warrants for the same ruckus. The locals used to observe that "there can be no devilry among the people unless Swearing Jack was at the head of it."

He was among the detractors to the Baptists and even served on the grand jury which charged Lewis Craig with unlawful preaching. Craig shocked his hearers by boldly declaring:

*"I thank you, of the grand jury, for the honor you have done me. While I was wicked you took no notice of me, but since I have altered my course of life and endeavored to reform my neighbors, you concern yourselves much about me."*

Waller was convinced that Craig possessed something he lacked. In 1767 Waller was converted and baptized, and within three years he became pastor of a Baptist church in his neighborhood.

Waller endured imprisonment in four jails for 113 days and a public whipping. Despite his trials, he baptized over 2,000 persons and presided over the ordination of 27 ministers and planted 18 churches. He served as pastor of five churches.

Waller's nephew and successor as pastor of his Virginia churches was Absolom Waller, and he, too, was among the earliest pillars in the Goshen Association.

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## **Notice to Churches**

Please include:

**GoshenAssociation@hughes.net** in your church's email list for your newsletter, prayer concerns, and event news blasts.

## **May Calendar**

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

2	Susan Hunter	Retired
5	Nancy Emerick	Retired
6	Bowers Anniversary	Dogwood
7	Deborah Durham	Retired
7	John Swain	Craigs
9	Nancy McDaniel	Retired
11	Mike Durham	Retired
11	Lee Bowers	Dogwood
12	Miller Anniversary	Orange
15	Hutchinson Anniversary	Mineral
17	Rick Clore	Retired
21	Wollenberg Anniversary	Mine Road
26	Wilson Anniversary	Perkins
26	Jarrell Anniversary	North Pamunkey
27	Tim Wilson	Perkins
27	David Nelson	Smyrna
30	Jojuan White	Waller's

### **Events**

4	Minister's Breakfast	GMC 8:30 a.m.
6	RuraLove Yardsale	8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
14	Mother's Day—Undies Sunday (new in package— all sizes)	
20	Disaster Response Baby Boxes Packing Day, 9 a.m. Mineral Baptist Church Family Life Center	
20	Mission Stitchers	GMC 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
21-28	Week of Prayer for Association Missions & Goshen Missions Offering	
29	Memorial Day—Office closed	

## **Adventure Camps for children & teens ages 6-17**

For Camp Piankatank see:

**[www.CampPiankatank.org](http://www.CampPiankatank.org)**

For CrossRoads Camp schedule see:

**[www.crossroadscamp.com](http://www.crossroadscamp.com)**

*Visit sites for camps now hiring staff.  
Various camps are offered year round.*

## **RE-Missioning Cohort**

*Awakening Your Established Church*

Visit: **[thev3movement.org/training](http://thev3movement.org/training)**

## **Christian Counseling**

Daystar Pastoral Counseling, Samantha J. Reynolds, BS, MSW, PAC, LCSW.

Reasonable fees. For appointment availability call 540.308.7500 or

Email: [DaystarPastoralCounseling@gmail.com](mailto:DaystarPastoralCounseling@gmail.com)

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