



GOSHEN
BAPTIST CHURCH

October 2025

Goshen Messenger

Celebrating Disaster Relief

I hope you are planning to join us for our annual Homecoming celebration on Sunday, October 5. This year we will be celebrating all that God has done at Goshen in establishing our disaster relief ministry.

Our speaker for the 10:45am worship service is Shawn Ames who serves as the Relief Ministries Director for SBC of Virginia. I'm excited to welcome Shawn to Goshen to preach God's Word regarding God's heart of compassion and how we get to be part of sharing that heart through disaster relief. I trust this will be a challenging and encouraging message for our church.

We also will be presenting the very first Goshen Legacy Award to Rev. John W. Gordon Jr. who served as Goshen's pastor from 1963-1967. Beth Yeziarski will be here to accept the award on behalf of her father who died earlier this year. Rev. Gordon was instrumental in the early stages of SBC disaster relief ministry in Virginia. We are thankful for his ministry at Goshen and throughout Virginia and look forward to honoring his legacy of service with this first Goshen Legacy Award.

We will also collect a special offering during the worship service for our church's disaster relief ministry. 100% of the money you give to this offering will be used to support the work God is doing through Goshen in disaster relief. We hope you will come ready to give to support this important work.

Our worship service will be followed by a potluck meal in the fellowship hall. Please plan to stay for this wonderful time of fellowship. We ask that you bring a main dish and a side or dessert to share. We want to ensure that we have plenty of food for any guests who may join us on this special day.

During the meal, you will have a couple of additional special opportunities. The first is to step inside our newly donated and outfitted disaster relief trailer. The trailer will be here on site and open during lunch for you to see it. Our disaster relief volunteers are understandably very proud of this trailer. So many of you have helped get it prepared in various ways, and we want to take advantage of this opportunity to show it off.

We also will have Sarah Dye with us. Sarah is the author of a new book called *To Give & To Gain: The Women of Todd's Tavern Sewing Circle*. The book highlights the stories of a group of remarkable women in our community who made up Todd's Tavern Sewing Circle. Among these women was Sophia Haney, the mother of Wade Haney and Barbara Faulconer. Sarah will have copies of her book available for you to purchase. She also will be here to sign the book and chat about it. Please come prepared with cash if you would like to purchase a copy of the book.

We have an exciting day planned for this year's Homecoming celebration. Be sure to be here and invite others to join us as well. God is at work through our church, and that's worth celebrating!

God bless,

Pastor Adam

Kids Corner

Goshen Family,

I want to share a little bit about the children's ministry conference I attended at the beginning of September.

The small group of us had such an amazing evening of fellowship and networking with other leaders in the area. Times like these always give me a little extra umph of motivation and excitement for things that will be happening in the life of Goshen.

In the beginning of the conference, the speaker Kris Buckman, asked us to raise our hand if we had accepted Jesus into our heart at the age of 10 or younger. Some hands went up. Then she asked to add hands of those who had accepted Jesus at the age of 18 or younger. Majority of hands were then in the air. As we looked around it left a lasting impression to see a room full of people who currently serve in the children's ministry that had been impacted at some point in their life by people exactly like those of us sitting in that room. Kris went on to say that no matter where she was speaking or what conference she was at, about 90% of people in attendance would have their hands raised as being saved at the age of 18 or younger. This demonstration shows just how important this area of ministry truly is.

We have such an amazing opportunity to share the gospel with these children and build a foundation that they will be able to stand on for the rest of their life. Their hearts are so tender and open, and we can help guide their journey of understanding God's love and gift of salvation. I feel so incredibly blessed to be a part of this journey for so many and look forward to what God has in store for our kids at Goshen.

God Bless,

Laura Bonner

Wednesday Night Meal...Mark your calendar for Wednesday, October 1 at 5:30pm for our Wednesday Night Meal. Tacos (beef & chicken), rice, black beans, and desserts will be on the menu. Please sign up on the bulletin board or through the Goshen App so we have an idea of the number attending. Suggested donation of \$3 per person and no more than \$10 per family.

Friday Food Bags/BJ's Coupons...We will begin our sixth year of the Friday Food Bag ministry with Spotsylvania Elementary School. Each week we deliver a bag of food/snack items for children to take home over the weekend. The school provides us with the number of bags needed. This number can change throughout the school year. Last year we provided 57 bags for the majority of the school year. We appreciate any unused BJ's coupons to use towards purchasing the items. During our first shopping trip to begin restocking items, we were able to save \$171.25 with coupons. Thank you for your generous support and continued prayers for this ministry.

SBC Disaster Relief...Our disaster relief team has been doing great things and are still working behind the scenes even when not deployed. If you ever wish to give a donation, please label it SBC Disaster Relief so we can ensure the funds go to the appropriate place.

Ladies Bible Study...Our Tuesday morning ladies Bible study meets each Tuesday morning at 9:30am at the home of Mary Vakos. They are studying *Psalms 23: The Shepherd with Me* by Jennifer Rothschild. Please contact Mary Vakos at 540-582-5953 for more information.

Good News Club...We are currently looking for volunteers for our Good News Club at Spotsylvania Elementary. We love the relationship that we are able to have with this school and can't wait to continue bonding with the students and sharing the love of Jesus. We will be losing some current volunteers after this fall, so please reach out if you're interested in helping out. Contact Susan Schubel at 540-840-3713 for more information.

Wednesday Night Youth...Join our youth ministry on Wednesday nights at 6:15pm for youth group! They are studying Romans this year. Contact Sarah Martin at goshen.sarah.m@gmail.com for more information.

Family Bonfire Night...Please join us Friday, October 10 from 6:30pm-9pm for a family bonfire night on the church lawn. Hot dogs and s'mores will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Sign up online in the Goshen app or on the bulletin board in the hallway. For questions or more information please contact Sarah Martin.

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting...Join us on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm for our adult prayer meeting. Lee Brothers is leading each week.

AWANA...We have had a great group of children attend AWANA on Wednesday evenings so far this year. We have a total of 39 registered kids. We are currently looking for some substitutes to fill in when our leaders are unavailable. Please contact Laura Bonner for more information or if interested in volunteering.

Goshen Guild...Student Ministry will be hosting The Goshen Guild on Sunday, October 19. Goshen Guild is a mission to reach the students of our community through popular table-top role play games. For more information, see the Student Ministry page on our website.

IMGN Walk4Life...Lace up your sneakers and bring your crew – it's time for Walk4Life on Saturday, October 4th. Join IMGN Life for a fun filled morning as we walk, celebrate life, and rally together to support moms, dads, and babies right here in our community. Sign up to walk or raise money – and join our team – Go Go Goshen. www.imgnlife.org/events/walk-4-life

Red Cross Blood Drive...We will be hosting a blood drive here in the fellowship hall on Wednesday, October 15 from 10am-3pm. There are still plenty of spots available to schedule an appointment or to donate. You may schedule online at redcrossblood.org.

Pastor Appreciation Month...October is Pastor Appreciation Month. We are blessed to have Adam's faithful leadership and dedication to preaching the Word of God. Let us take some time this month to show our gratitude and appreciation.

Parenting Conference...Mark your calendar for February 20-21, 2026. We will be hosting Tate and Wendy Cockrell for a parenting conference. More details will be forthcoming. You won't want to miss it!

Christmas Production...Have you gotten so angry that you've 'blown up'. Mr. Samuel Stone has, and in fact, has almost destroyed Christmas! Be sure to join us Saturday, December 6th at 6:30pm as some of our church members (including children) tell us about "The Christmas We Didn't Plan". You'll laugh, you'll cry and can even join in on the singing. This play will remind us of what the true "Reason for the Season" is. For details or more information please contact Travis Earley.

Online Giving...We offer convenient online giving through our website at goshenbaptistchurch.net and in the Goshen Baptist Church app.

Prayer Requests...One of the groups we offer in our new Goshen app is our Prayer Community. We encourage you to join this group and use this tool for your prayer requests. This is an easy and great way to get requests out immediately without having to go through the church office. If you have any questions about the app or how to join one of the groups, please contact the office.

Emails From Goshen...Are you on our church email list? If you have not been getting our emails, please let us know so we can add you to the list.

Sermon & Bible Notes...You can take sermon and Bible notes in our church event using the YouVersion Bible app. It will save your notes for access at any time. When you are in the app, select More>Events and search for Goshen Baptist.

Goshen Merch Shop...We now have an online Goshen Merch Shop which you can find at <https://thechurch.shop/shop/goshenbaptist/>. The shop has various clothing items in multiple colors with our Goshen logo and new items have been added. You will pay for your items directly at the link and they will ship directly to you. If there is something you would like to see in the shop, please let the office know, and we may be able to make it happen based on availability.

Goshen Baptist Church Mobile App...Have you downloaded our church app (available from the app store) on your device? Search for Goshen Baptist Church in the app store. Make sure to enable push notifications through the app. You can also listen to or watch past sermons, share prayer requests, connect with a group, and access online giving. Contact the church office with questions.

New to Goshen?...Are you new to Goshen? If you have not had an opportunity to have a visit with Pastor Adam, he would love the opportunity to sit down with you, get to know you, and answer any questions you may have about our church. Would you send him an email at pastoradamblosser@gmail.com? Please include your name, the names of other family members, and the best way to get in touch with you.

Kitchen Volunteers Needed...We are in need of a few extra kitchen volunteers to help in times of potlucks or events. If this is something that would interest you or if you have any questions, please reach out to Winnie Boyce.

Youth First Friday...Our youth will have First Friday on October 3 at 6:30pm. Stay on the lookout for e-mails from Sarah Martin or visit the our website for more information.

Youth Halloween Party...The youth will be having a Halloween party on Saturday, October 25th. More information to come soon.

Gideon Sunday...We will have a representative from the Gideons International with us on Sunday, October 12 to share an update about their important ministry. A special offering to support Bible distribution will be collected.

Groups at Goshen...Have you gotten connected to one of our Bible study and fellowship groups at Goshen? Growth in our understanding of God's Word often happens in the context of a small group Bible study. We all also need fellowship with other Christians. At Goshen, we have lots of options for getting connected. See the following list and contact the church office with any questions.

Small Group Options...

- **Sonshine Class (Mary Vakos, Connie Laskowski, Mark Jones)**
What: Master Work Bible Study
When: Sundays at 9:30am
- **The Seekers (Josh & Haley Grimes)**
What: Study of the Epistles
When: Sundays at 9:30am
- **The Seniors (Robert Daniel)**
What: The Gospel Project
When: Sundays at 9:30am
- **Bible 101 (Wade Haney)**
What: Basic Bible Study
When: Sundays at 9:30am
- **PreK-K – Ages 3-Kindergarten (Laura Bonner & Aaron Bonner)**
What: The Gospel Project
When: Sundays at 9:30am
- **Elementary – Grades K-2 (Kaitlin Laskowski & Serenity Nolan)**
What: The Gospel Project
When: Sundays at 9:30am
- **Elementary – Grades 3-5 (Dale Trigg, Laura Dye, & Mary Eure)**
What: The Gospel Project
When: Sundays at 9:30am
- **Youth – Grades 6-12 (Sarah & Michael Martin)**
What: The Gospel Project
When: Sundays at 9:30am
- **Systematic Theology I (Adam Blosser)**
What: Doctrines of Scripture and God
When: Sundays at 5:00pm
(Beginning September 7)
- **Morning Ladies Bible Study (Mary Vakos)**
What: *Psalms 23: The Shepherd with Me*
by Jennifer Rothschild
When: Tuesdays at 9:30am (offsite)
(Beginning September 16)
- **Evening Ladies Bible Study (Linda Shrum)**
What: Study of the Book of Acts
When: Thursdays at 6:30pm (offsite)



Please visit or call and make their day special too!

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

03 Landon Thomas, Daniel Smith
06 Gay Britt
09 Joyce Perrin
18 Scarlett Eure
22 Linda Chambers
23 Mary Eure, Cordell Boyce
30 Penelope Smith
31 Lona Butcher



TELLERS...

Terry & Vickie Falls and Ted & Susan Schubel

Deacon/Elder of the Week...

10/5 – Mary Vakos
10/12 – Josh Grimes
10/19 – Gay Brit
10/26 – Al Bonner

Greeters...

10/5 – Al & Eve Bonner
10/12 – Ted Schubel & Robert Daniel
10/19 – Warren Payne & David Chambers
10/26 – Kelly Ashley & Winnie Boyce

Nursery...

10/5 – 9:30am – Lenora Brothers, Ashley Blosser
10:30am – Lenora Brothers, Karen Jones
10/12 – 9:30am – Lenora Brothers, Ashley Blosser
10:30am – Lenora Brothers, Linda Kerr
10/19 – 9:30am – Lenora Brothers, Ashley Blosser
10:30am – Lenora Brothers, Theresa Brubaker
10/26 – 9:30am – Lenora Brothers, Ashley Blosser
10:30am – Lenora Brothers, Eve Bonner

Children's Church...

10/5 – Dan & Kaitrin Smith
10/12 – Michael Martin & Nathan Brothers
10/19 – Edgar Mondragon, Meredith Alty, Laura Bonner
10/26 – Michael & Desiree Warlick