



Goshen Messenger

Beautiful Feet Who Preach the Good News



A child in Southeast Asia can grow up in a Buddhist home and go their entire life without ever hearing the hope of the gospel.

"How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!'" (Rom. 10:14-15).

We are all born in sin. This is true of every person on the planet. The Bible teaches us that our sin makes us enemies of God. We all deserve God's punishment for our sin.

Buddhism offers no hope in the face of this reality. **Only the gospel of Jesus Christ offers the salvation we all need.**

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (Jn 3:16). God has made a way for us to be reconciled to Him through the death of His Son as our substitute. "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised

him from the dead, you will be saved" (Rom. 10:9). "Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ" (Rom. 10:17).

During my recent trip to Southeast Asia, I was reminded afresh of the weight of the missionary task that has been given to us by Jesus. Where there is a Baptist church on every street corner in the American South, there is a Buddhist temple on every mountain and in every valley in Southeast Asia. Millions of people are born, live their entire lives, and then die without ever hearing the message of the gospel.

That's why I am so thankful for our missionary partners who have given so much for the sake of Christ and His kingdom. I was challenged and encouraged just by spending time with them and seeing their tremendous heart for the people they have been called to serve. God is using them in a mighty way to proclaim the truth of the gospel in a dark place.

During the month of December, we are collecting our **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**. 100% of the money we collect goes to support our International Mission Board missionaries who are taking the message of the gospel to some of the most difficult and unreached places around the world.

Our goal for this offering this year is \$17,000. Our goal last year was \$16,000, and we were able to meet that goal. I am challenging us to increase our Lottie Moon goal to \$20,000 by 2028. This will require a \$1,000 increase each year. My family considers this our most important Christmas gift each year.

Will you consider how you can give generously and sacrificially to support our missionaries as they take the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth?

You will have opportunities in December and January to hear directly from our missionary partners. Our **friends serving in North Africa and the Middle East** will be with us on **December 7**. They will even host a Q&A during our ministry rally that day. And then on **January 18**, our **friends serving in Southeast Asia** will be with us.

God has called all of us to be a part of taking the gospel to the nations. He is establishing a people for Himself from every tribe, tongue, and nation. And we get to be a part of building His kingdom! Maybe someone reading this article feels called to go as a full-time missionary. Maybe someone else feels called to go on a short-term trip. Maybe you are called to give a widow's mite or write a big check to help support the work financially. We are all called to pray.

God desires to use Goshen Baptist Church to push back lostness and accomplish His Great Commission. May we be found faithful.

Pastor Adam

Wednesday Night Meal...Please note that we will not be having a Wednesday night meal in the month of December or January. We will resume meals starting in February.

Hanging of the Greens...We will be getting together to decorate the church for Christmas on Tuesday, December 2 at 10am. We'd love to have you join us if you're available.

Christmas Potluck...Please join us for a Christmas potluck at the home of Bill and Mary Vakos, December 13 at 6:30pm, open to all Sunday School members. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share. Children welcomed. For any questions, please reach out to Mary Vakos at 540-582-5953.

Christmas Production...Have you gotten so angry that you've 'blown up.' Mr. Samuel Stone has, in fact, 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 the true "Reason for the Season." For details or more information please contact Travis Earley.

Ministry Rally...Our year end ministry rally will be on Sunday, December 7 following the worship service. We will enjoy a pizza meal together followed by the ministry rally presentations. Please bring a dessert to share. Some of our mission pastors will host a Q&A. Pastor Adam will also share about his recent mission trip to Southeast Asia. Ministry rally presentations will also include information concerning the 2026 budget and 2026 deacons and elders. These items will be voted on during a brief members meeting following our worship service on Sunday, December 21.

Christmas Donations...Spotsylvania Elementary has provided requests of Christmas gifts for six children. The gift tags for each child and requested gift can be found on the small tree outside the church office. We ask that the gift is wrapped and returned with tag (gift receipt if possible) no later than Sunday, December 14. Thank you for your ongoing support to Spotsylvania and their families. For any questions, please contact Winnie Boyce at 540-847-9287.

Spotsylvania Luminary...Our praise team will be participating in the Spotsylvania Courthouse Luminary at The Marshall Center on December 7 at 4:45pm. Come and support our musicians as you get into the Christmas spirit.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service...Please join us Wednesday, December 24 for our Christmas Eve service starting at 5:30pm.

Christmas Devotional...As the busy Christmas season approaches, we want to help you set your mind on the saving gospel of Jesus Christ. We would like to give you a copy of the Christmas devotional *Darkness, Then Light* from Christianity Today. This advent devotional is a 4-week devotional to help individuals, small groups, and families journey through the 2025 Advent season. This devotional is available at no cost to you. We do ask that you take one per family. You can find copies of the devotional both in the main hallway and on the table in the foyer beginning November 23. We pray the Lord uses this devotional to prepare your heart to worship Christ this Christmas.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering... We are collecting our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions during the month of December. Our goal this year is \$17,000. You are encouraged to consider how you can give sacrificially to help support the spread of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. 100% of the funds raised will be sent to the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to place missionaries on the field.

Friday Food Bags...We would like to thank everyone for their continued support of the Friday Food Bag Ministry at Spotsylvania Elementary. When we began the school year in August we delivered 40 bags, and by mid-September they requested 45. Beginning November 20, we are delivering 50 bags to students each week. The counselors have expressed so much gratitude to Goshen and all that is done for these students, and were especially grateful during the recent government shutdown, as it had been difficult for so many families during this time. Thank you again for your ongoing support to this ministry!

Christmas Cards...There will be a box outside of the church office for Christmas cards you wish to distribute to church members/attendees. Place the cards in the box (no address required), and we will sort and arrange them in the fellowship hall for pickup. There will also be directories available to pick up across from the church office.

SBC Disaster Relief...Thank you for your gracious giving to our disaster relief. These funds will help in aiding in trips, buying supplies and tools, and helping share the good news of Jesus wherever we go. If you ever wish to be a part of a deployment or get involved, please contact Randy Wolfe or any of the other current disaster relief team volunteers.

AWANA...We will be having our AWANA Christmas party on Wednesday, December 17 in the fellowship hall starting at 6pm. We'll spend the evening in fellowship, making gingerbread houses, watching a movie, and celebrating the birth Jesus!

Goshen Guild...Student Ministry will be hosting The Goshen Guild on Sunday, December 14. 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.

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.

Wednesday Night Activities...There will be no Wednesday Night activities on Wednesday, December 24 or 31.

Office Closed...Due to Christmas, the church office will be closed December 24-26.

Red Cross Blood Drive...We will be hosting a blood drive here in the fellowship hall on Thursday, December 18 from 10am-3pm. There are still plenty of spots available to schedule an appointment or to donate. You may schedule online at redcrossblood.org.

New Year's Prayer Service...Join us on December 28 at 10:45am for our Sunday morning worship service. We will be spending the morning in prayer and worship through song.

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!

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.

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

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.

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 & Aaron Bonner)**
What: The Gospel Project
When: Sundays at 9:30am
- **Elementary – Grades K-2 (Travis Earley & JoBeth Neuberger)**
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 Book of Matthew
When: Sundays at 9:30am
- **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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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

03 Serenity Hague
06 Laura Rowe
10 Barb Wolfe, Todd Talley
11 Laura Bonner
12 Kaitrin Smith
15 Warren Payne
18 Bill Vakos
19 Ben Smith
23 Linda Shrum



TELLERS...

Joanne Goodie & Lona Butcher

Deacon/Elder of the Week...

12/7 – Randy Wolfe

12/14 – Conie Laskowski

12/21 – Bob Kelly

12/28 – Mary Vakos

Greeters...

12/7 – Michael Martin & Bill Vakos

12/14 – Ted Schubel & Warren Payne

12/21 – Wade Haney & Lona Butcher

12/28 – Terry & Vickie Falls

Nursery...

12/7 – 9:30am – Lenora Brothers, Ashley Blosser

10:30am – Lenora Brothers, Theresa Brubaker

12/14 – 9:30am – Lenora Brothers, Ashley Blosser

10:30am – Lenora Brothers, Linda Kerr

12/21 – 9:30am – Lenora Brothers, Ashley Blosser

10:30am – Lenora Brothers, Karen Jones

12/28 – 9:30am – Lenora Brothers, Ashley Blosser

10:30am – Lenora Brothers, Eve Bonner

Children's Church...

12/7 – Aaron & Laura Bonner

12/14 – Michael Martin & Nathan Brothers

12/21 – Dan & Kaitrin Smith

12/28 –