



Goshen Messenger

You Are a Theologian

This month, our summer book club is reading *You Are a Theologian* by Jen Wilkin and J.T. English. In the introduction to the book, Wilkin and English argue that everyone is a theologian. Theology is words about God, and we all have words about God. The question is not whether we will be theologians; the question is whether we will be good theologians.

If you've been around Goshen for very long, I know you are familiar with the Great Commission. I've preached on it. Guest preachers have preached on it. I recite the Gospel of Matthew's record of it before every baptism. Our 5-10-year vision is based on the outline of the Great Commission in Acts 1:8. We talk and pray a lot at Goshen about making disciples of all nations. We give generously toward the advance of the gospel here and to the ends of the earth. We are a church that is committed to the Great Commission.

The heart of the Great Commission is to make disciples. That is the mission of the church. We are to make disciples of all nations. Wilkin and English argue that a disciple is "a theologian learning to be a Christian theologian" (12). Throughout our lives as Christians, we should grow in our knowledge and love of God through theology.

In an effort to help our Goshen family grow in our knowledge and love of God through theology, I am going to be teaching Systematic Theology I on Sunday evenings this fall. About half of the 10-week course will be spent covering the doctrine of Scripture, and the other half of the course will cover the doctrine of God. My hope will be to teach Systematic Theology II and III after the completion of the first course. There is also the possibility of future courses after the completion of Systematic Theology.

The class will begin on Sunday, September 7, and we will meet from 5pm-6pm each week.

Our textbook for the course will be Wayne Grudem's *Systematic Theology*. You will experience the most benefit from the course if you have a copy of the book and read the chapters being taught that week prior to class. However, reading the chapters is not a requirement for the course. If you would like to read something along with the class but feel that the full book is too much, you could consider purchasing and reading *Bible Doctrine* by Wayne Grudem. It is an abridged version of his *Systematic Theology*.

You can register for the class in the church app or by going to goshenbaptistchurch.subspla.sh/9h364bp. When registering, you will have the option of purchasing a copy of *Systematic Theology* by Wayne Grudem. You can also register for the course without purchasing the book. The charge for the book is \$30, and it will be used for all three Systematic Theology courses. There is no charge for the course if you do not want a copy of the book. You can also purchase the book on your own. If you want *Bible Doctrine* instead of *Systematic Theology*, you will need to purchase it on your own.

I hope to have you join me this fall for this important study. Please contact me with any questions.

God bless,

Pastor Adam



You're Invited: Be Part of "The Christmas We Didn't Plan"!



Dear Church Family,

I know what you're thinking... Christmas? It's August!

However, I am beyond excited to announce a brand-new original Christmas production: "The Christmas We Didn't Plan" — a heartfelt and humorous journey that reminds us all that even in the chaos, God's plan always prevails.

This unique play, written by yours truly, blends laughter, love, and the true message of Christmas. Set in a mall, an office, and a church, it follows unexpected twists and turns that lead to an unforgettable encounter with the hope of Jesus.

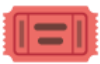


Here's how YOU can get involved:

Whether you sing, act, play an instrument, or simply want to lend a hand behind the scenes — there's a place for everyone, even the kiddos! We're looking for cast members, stage crew, and more. No experience necessary — just a willing heart and a joyful spirit.

Rehearsals are starting soon, and we'd love to have you join the team!

And mark your calendars!



Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to come experience the performance on:



Saturday, December 6th at 6:30 PM

Admission is free — but the message is priceless.



Let's come together as a church family to share the light of Christ in a creative and powerful way this Christmas season. After all, sometimes the best stories come from the plans we didn't make.

For more information or questions please don't hesitate to reach out to me. 434-420-8536 or tsearley91@gmail.com

Travis Earley

Pastor Adam on Vacation... Pastor Adam will be on vacation with his family following the worship service on July 27 through August 2. Please contact Wade Haney with any pastoral needs as Lee Brothers is also currently out of town.

2 Samuel Sermon Series... Join us beginning August 10 for our new sermon series through 2 Samuel. If you already have a 1-2 Samuel Scripture journal, you will want to bring it with you that morning for notetaking. If you do not yet have one, new copies will be available on August 10. Use them for note taking during the sermon series and for personal study.

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting... We will resume our Wednesday night prayer meeting on Wednesday, August 20 at 6:30pm. Make plans to join us as we cry out to God on behalf our friends and family, our church, and those who don't know Christ.

Homecoming at Piney Branch... Pastor Adam will be preaching at Piney Branch Baptist at 2:30pm on Sunday August 3 for their Homecoming service. There will be a meal prior to the service. You are encouraged to attend. Piney Branch had a strong showing at Goshen when Pastor Michael preached here. It's important for us to attend their Homecoming service on August 3.

Sunday School Promotion Sunday... Please join us on August 10th at 9:30am during the Sunday School hour (in the fellowship hall), as we celebrate the children and youth that have been a part of Sunday School throughout the year. We look forward to acknowledging the students that will be moving up to a new class and celebrate those who have made Sunday School attendance such a priority in their lives. Join us for coffee and a small breakfast as we have a morning of fellowship and celebration!

E2Kids Conference... The children's ministry will be getting a group together to attend the E2Kids Conference that the SBCV will be hosting this September. The conference will be held at Spotswood Baptist Church on September 5, from 7-9pm. This conference is designed to equip children's ministry leaders with different teaching, discipling, and outreach tools. Please reach out to Laura Bonner if you are interested in attending.

Supply Donations... The children's ministry is looking to replenish some supplies needed as we teach the Gospel to our young ones each week. There will be a blue bin in the fellowship hall for any donations. Some materials needed are glue, glue sticks, colored pencils, washable markers, stickers, hand sanitizers, dry erase markers, popsicle sticks, and pipe cleaners. We appreciate any and all donations!

First Friday Fellowship...Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for a special First Friday at a location yet to be determined on August 1 from 6pm-9pm. We will enjoy a faith-based movie and spend time in prayer over the upcoming school year. Please reach out to Sarah Martin with any questions.

School Campus Prayer Walk...Everyone is invited to join the Student Ministry Leadership team as we caravan to local school campuses for a special time of prayer for our students. We will meet at the church at 10am and decide our route and carpool from there.

Student Conference...The Redefine Student Conference is coming September 6! Please help us spread the word by handing out postcards to anyone in grades 6-12 whom you think may be interested. You may sign up on our website or at <https://goshenbaptistchurch.net/redefine-student-conference>.

Goshen Guild...Student Ministry will be hosting The Goshen Guild on Sunday, August 17. 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.

AWANA Registration...Our Awana season will be starting back up on August 20th at 6:15pm. If you have kids that would like to attend this year, please register on our website under the children's ministry tab. Feel free to reach out to Laura Bonner if you have any questions or are interested in volunteering.

Summer Book Club...The summer book club will meet on the following dates at 5pm:

- Sunday August 3- chapters 6-10 and conclusion of *You Are A Theologian*.
- Sunday August 17- Intro and chapters 1-4 of *Tim Keller on the Christian life*.
- Sunday August 31- chapters 5-8 and conclusion of *Tim Keller on the Christian Life*.

National Night Out...Your help is needed as we reach out to our community for National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5 at the Spotsylvania Towne Centre. The event begins at 5pm and ends at 8pm. You can help for the whole time or just part of the time. Whatever time you have to give is appreciated. We will be offering free sand art for kids and teens and passing out small New Testament Bibles and information about our church. Help is needed with the sand art, passing out the Bibles and church information, and interacting with kids and families in ways that lead to gospel conversations. You can sign up on the bulletin board or in the church app.

Summer Nights of Worship...Join us for Summer Nights of Worship (S.N.O.W.)! This informal, intimate evening of praise and prayer will be held on August 15th at 6:30pm near the pavilion. Everyone is welcome to come, and songs can be requested by the congregation. Please bring a chair. We'll move indoors if the weather is bad. For more info, contact Travis Earley at tsearley91@gmail.com or 434-420-8536.

Red Cross Blood Drive...We will be hosting a blood drive here in the fellowship hall on Thursday August 14, from 10am through 3pm. There are still plenty of spots available to schedule an appointment or to donate. One may schedule online at redcrossblood.org. (You may call the church office if you need assistance with this.) They will also accept walk-ins. We will need assistance to take down tables and prepare after service on Sunday August 10, as well as putting the tables back up on Sunday August 17 after service. Please contact Winnie Boyce to help with this.

Ministry Rally...Our third quarter ministry rally will be on Sunday, August 24. After the worship service, we will have a potluck meal in the fellowship hall with the ministry rally presentation taking place after everyone gets their food. Please bring an entrée and side or dessert.

SBCV Missions Offering...We will be collecting our Vision Virginia State Missions Offering during the month of September. This offering supports important ministries of our state convention like church planting, disaster relief, seminary scholarships, church strengthening ministries, and many other important projects. Begin considering how you can give generously and sacrificially to this offering. More information about this offering is available at www.sbcv.org/2025-vision-virginia-week-of-prayer-offering-for-state-missions.

Hike Old Rag...Join us on September 1 for a Labor Day Goshen family hike of Old Rag! All who are able are invited! Featuring hikes with adventurous rock scrambles and 360-degree views that make you feel like you're on top of the world, there's no wonder why Old Rag is the most popular destination in Shenandoah National Park. Please be aware that this is a very strenuous 9.4-mile circuit hike that the National Parks Service says takes 7.5 hours. The adventure along the way and the views at the top are worth it, but this hike is designed for those in good physical condition. It is not recommended for young children. We will leave Goshen at 7am to arrive at Old Rag before it gets too crowded. You can sign up using the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the main hallway or by emailing Pastor Adam. A \$2 day-use ticket will be needed, so please sign up ASAP to guarantee your ticket. More information for preparation will be provided to those planning to go on this hike.

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!

Friday Food Bag Program...Thank you, Goshen family, for your continued prayers and generous support of the Friday Food Bag Program. Each Thursday throughout the school year, we deliver a bag of easy-to-prepare food, snacks and fresh fruit items to Spotsylvania Elementary School to be sent home with students on Fridays. During the 2024-2025 school year, we ended up providing bags for 57 students. We delivered a total of 2,137 bags with 5,958 pounds of food. We will be continuing this effort this year when school starts back. If you have any questions, or would like to help out, please contact Winnie Boyce.

Homecoming...Mark your calendar for Goshen's Homecoming 2025 on Sunday, October 5! We will be highlighting our growing disaster relief ministry. Shawn Ames from SBC Virginia will be here to preach God's Word and help us think about how compassion ministry allows us to minister the gospel in Jesus' name. The elders will be presenting a newly created Goshen Legacy Award to a representative of the family of Rev. John Gordon. Rev. John Gordon died earlier this year. He pastored Goshen from 1963-1967 and was very active in Baptist Disaster Relief in Virginia

Jukebox corner...Have a favorite song or a song we haven't done in a while? Please feel free to share it with Travis or any member of the Worship team. Whether it's a hymn, worship song, or just a special piece that speaks to your heart, we would LOVE to hear it. Let us know and we'll do our best to include it in an upcoming service!

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.

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

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.

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)
- **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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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

04 Adam Thomas, Brian Dye
06 Aaron Bonner
11 Raelynn Gresham
12 Edna Carter
16 Faith MacDonald
17 Lisa Payne, Joseph Eure
19 Susan Schubel
20 Kelly Ashley
23 Rochelle Moore
30 Carolyn Wheeler
31 Lydia Colcombe



TELLERS...

Joanne Goodin, Joyce Perrin & Lona Butcher

Deacon/Elder of the Week...

8/3 - Al Bonner
8/10- Kimberly Kelly
8/17- Robert Daniel
8/24- Lee Brothers
8/31- Wade Haney

Usher/Greeter...

8/3 - Chip & Theresa Brubaker
8/10 - Warren Payne & Susan Schubel
8/17 - Christina Pierce & Michael Martin
8/24 - Wade Haney & Lona Butcher
8/31 - Kelly Ashley & Robert Daniel

Nursery...

8/3 - 9:30am - Lenora Brothers, Ashley Blosser
10:30am - Lenora Brothers, Karen Jones
8/10 - 9:30am - Lenora Brothers, Ashley Blosser
10:30am - Lenora Brothers, Theresa Brubaker
8/17 - 9:30am - Lenora Brothers, Ashley Blosser
10:30am - Lenora Brothers, Eve Bonner
8/24 - 9:30am - Lenora Brothers, Asley Blosser
10:30am - Lenora Brothers, JoBeth Neuberger
8/31 - 9:30am - Lenora Brothers, Ashley Blosser
10:30am - Lenora Brothers, Linda Kerr

Children's Church...

8/3 - Aaron & Laura Bonner
8/10 - Dan & Kaitrin Smith
8/17 - Aaron & Laura Bonner
8/24 - Michael Martin & Nathan Brothers
8/31 - *need leaders*

***Leaders needed for Children's Church**