



Goshen Messenger

The Blessing of Sunday School

We just wanted to take a moment to share why we find such joy in teaching and participating in Sunday School.

Goshen has always had a rich and long history recognizing the importance of Sunday School. From its earliest days, Goshen's founding members realized that to be a part of a church family means continually learning, growing in faith, and sharing with others the importance of knowing the Bible and striving to live it out the best they could. It has always been important to make sure we set aside time to come together to learn in an environment where people feel they can ask questions and seek biblical answers. Sunday school breaks down complex scriptural concepts into age-appropriate lessons, ensuring children and adults alike can process and apply biblical truths in the everyday world. Sunday school provides a structured, cumulative curriculum that helps students see how the entire Bible connects and points us to Christ.

We recognize that everyone's life is so full these days. Unlike the days of old where church was the center of our lives and we fit everything around it, it seems now everything else takes center stage and sometimes we are just trying to fit church in. These other commitments mistakenly become the priority. That is one of the reasons we are such supporters of Sunday School. It offers a wonderful opportunity to come together as church as a family, attend Sunday school as a family and then worship together as a family. It is a wonderful venue to prepare our hearts for worship at 10:45.

Sunday school functions as an entry point for newcomers and unchurched families, serving as a relational bridge into the wider church body. Sunday school creates a sense of belonging where attendees are personally known, cared for, and prayed for. We also hope that for both the children and adults that the Sunday School hour is a chance to really get to know their fellow church goers in a meaningful way. We hope Sunday School fosters friendships, provides opportunities to support one another and share joys and concerns, and creates a place where we can grow together as a Goshen family.

We feel that teaching the upper elementary class has been such a blessing because it has given us the wonderful opportunity to not only get to know some really great children, but we have also gotten to know some really great families through our time with our class. Watching children learn about God's Word is rewarding, but seeing them begin to apply biblical truths to their own lives is especially meaningful. There is no greater joy than watching the lessons of Scripture take root in their hearts and influence the way they treat others and navigate the world around them.

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Goshen has so many wonderful ministries and outreach opportunities, and all of them are so important. Sunday school is one of those ministries that focuses on those who call Goshen church home. We, as a church, always want to be reaching out to the community, and we are proud that Goshen does that so well. At the same time, we believe Sunday School is a way to strengthen our church family from the inside. There is an old saying that you cannot pour from an empty cup. In order for us to reach out to the world around us, we must always be making sure we are strengthening our core, so that we are prepared for whatever God calls us to do.

We feel like Sunday school instills in us the need to work together, to pray together, and to care about each other and those beyond our walls. Teaching our students to serve others allows us to model the love and compassion that Christ taught us through Scripture. Watching the children get excited to make food for shut-ins, create care baskets with thoughtful gifts, decorate bulletin boards with biblical themes, and pray for each other and those within our church reaffirms the value of Sunday School constantly. These experiences help children put their faith into action and learn that serving others is an important part of living out God's Word.

It is such a blessing to teach our Upper Elementary Sunday School class. We know that everyone who teaches or attends Sunday School feels that blessing as well.

Our prayer is that everyone will seek out what their passion is and use it to serve in our church. We pray that all will use their gifts and talents to serve God. We pray that we will look back on these years and know that we helped carry on Goshen's longstanding tradition of Sunday School by continuing to learn, grow in faith, build relationships, and serve God together.

What a blessing it is to be a part of a church family that continues to grow in God's Word and strives to live it out each day!

Laura Dye, Mary Eure & Dale Trigg

Wednesday Night Meal...Mark your calendar for Wednesday, November 4 at 5:30pm. The kitchen crew has missed seeing everyone for the Wednesday Night Meals and although we cannot resume them on a regular basis we would love to get together again for one night before the busy holiday season begins. On the menu: baked potatoes, chili, hotdogs, chips, salad, and dessert. To help us know how many to prepare for, we do ask that you please sign up no later than Monday, November 2. You can sign up on the bulletin board or on the Goshen app.

Vision Review Committee...Our 5-10 Year Vision Review Committee will meet on Sunday, November 1 at 6pm.

CPR Training...Mark your calendar for Sunday, November 1 at 1pm. We are excited to let you know that Gwyneth's Gift Foundation will be coming to Goshen to host a training for our church family. Gwyneth's Gift Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness of CPR and AEDs. This training will not certify anyone but will give us the knowledge we need in case of an emergency. If you are interested in joining us for this training, please reach out to Laura Bonner at laurabonner511@gmail.com.

Offering Envelopes...If you would like a box of envelopes for 2027, or if you have received them in the past and wish not to receive them, please contact the church office at goshenchurch@goshenbaptistchurch.net or 540-786-7500.

IMGN Walk 4 Life...IMGN Life's Walk 4 Life will be taking place on Saturday, November 7 at Old Mill Park starting at 8am. You can sign up to walk on our team on the link on our Facebook page or on the Goshen app. Please contact Karen Jones at 703-986-7256 with questions or more information.

Children's Church...Children ages 4-7 are invited to participate in children's church when they are dismissed right before the sermon. We will not be having children's church the first of last Sunday of November. If you have any questions or are interested in joining our volunteer team, please contact Laura Bonner at laurabonner511@gmail.com.

SBCV Homecoming...The SBCV annual homecoming will be November 8-10 at The Heights Baptist Church in Chesterfield. Join as they worship Jesus Christ through music and teaching and be encouraged through breakouts and fellowship. Please visit <https://www.sbcv.org/annual-homecoming/> for more information. Contact Pastor Adam if you are interested in attending as a messenger from Goshen.

Cocoa & Cookies...Join us for a fun evening of fellowship, cocoa, and cookies by the fire in the pavilion on Friday, November 20 at 6pm. Cocoa will be provided. Please bring lawn chairs to cozy up by the fire, and cookies to share.

No Wednesday Evening Activities...There will be no Wednesday evening activities on November 25 due to Thanksgiving break.

Church Office...The church office will be closed the week of Thanksgiving, November 24-27.

Spotsylvania Elementary Thanksgiving Meals...For the past few years, our Goshen family has so generously helped Spotsylvania Elementary provide food for some of their families during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. They have asked if we are able to help again this year. We have been provided with four families to help with Thanksgiving meals. Food does not need to be prepared; we only provide the items for them to prepare their meals. A sign-up sheet can be found on the bulletin board. All items need to be returned by Sunday, November 15. For any questions, please contact Winnie Boyce at 540-847-9287.

Spotsylvania Elementary Angel Tree...Our Goshen family has provided gifts (clothing, shoes, toys) for six children from different Spotsylvania Elementary families and they have asked us to support this program again this year. Please be on the look out in the coming weeks for the tree outside the church office with the children's requests. The school will get the names to us before Thanksgiving and further information will be provided soon.

New Member Class...Pastor Adam will be teaching our New Member Class after the service on November 22. Lunch will be provided. You can sign up on the bulletin board or on the church app. Please contact Pastor Adam if you have any questions.

Worship Devotionals...Each week, as I prepare worship devotionals, I am reminded of what a blessing it is to spend time in God's Word. My prayer is always that these messages will encourage and uplift others, but I must say, they are just as much a blessing to me. God has a beautiful way of speaking to our hearts, even as we seek to encourage someone else. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (ESV) reminds us, "therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." It is my prayer that these weekly devotionals continue to strengthen our faith, encourage our hearts, and draw us close to God. What a blessing it is to grow and worship together. To God be the glory!

Election...There will be 2 important amendments voted on this November addressing marriage and abortion. We encourage you to vote 'no' on these matters. You can find an article written by Pastor Adam on our website under the resource dropdown and 'newsletter and events' for more information.

Goshen Guild...Goshen Guild will meet Sunday, November 29 at 1:30pm. Please contact Sarah Martin for more information.

Red Cross Blood Drive...We will be hosting a blood drive here in the fellowship hall on Thursday, December 17 from 10am-3pm. There are still plenty of spots available to schedule an appointment or to donate. You may schedule online at redcrossblood.org.

Red Cross Volunteers...Goshen will be hosting a blood drive on Thursday, December 17 from 10am-3pm and we are looking for volunteers to be at the check-in table to handle the registration of those coming in to give blood. There are 2 shifts. 9:45am-12:30pm or 12:30pm-3pm, or you can volunteer for the entire time. If you are interested, please reach out to the church office at 540-786-7500 or goshenchurch@goshenbaptistchurch.net.

Ministry Rally...We will be having a ministry rally immediately following the service on December 6. We will enjoy a pizza lunch together followed by ministry rally presentations. Please bring a dessert to share.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting...Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting meets from 6:30pm-7:30pm in the senior Sunday School classroom each week that AWANA and youth group are in session.

Disaster Relief...Our Disaster Relief Rebuild Team will be going on multiple rebuild trips next year. January 3-9 and February 7-13 will be the first two dates of rebuild. Please contact Randy Wolfe with any interest or questions.

Upcoming Church Trips...We're excited to announce two upcoming trips! This year we will be returning to Christmas Town at Busch Gardens for another festive outing! Dates and more information are coming soon. Then, on April 24, we're planning a trip to Sight and Sound Theater to see Jonah! Church bus space is limited, so if you're interested in joining us, please reserve your spot by signing up on the Goshen app or bulletin board. Spots are filling quickly! If you have any questions, please contact Travis Earley.

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.

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.

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.

- **Systematic Theology III (Adam Blosser)**
What: Wayne Grudem's Systematic Theology
When: Sundays at 5pm
- **Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting (Lee Brothers & Adam Blosser)**
What: Study of Exodus
When: Wednesdays at 6:30pm

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 & Bob Kelly)**
What: Basic Bible Study
When: Sundays at 9:30am
- **Elementary – Grades K-2 (Kaitlin Laskowski & Serenity Hague, Laura Bonner & 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: Kings of Israel
When: Thursdays at 6:30pm (offsite)
- **Ladies Bible Study (Mary Vakos)**
What: *The Names of God* by multiple authors
When: Tuesdays at 9:30am (offsite)
- **Mens Bible Study (Josh Grimes, Bob Kelly, Rick Moore, Robert Daniel)**
What: *Footsteps of Paul: Bold Brotherhood, Gospel Mission*
When: Saturdays at 8am



Please visit or call and make their day special too!

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

03 Brittana Morelock
11 Eddie Rowe
14 Mary L. Vakos, Terry Kerr
16 Amos Blosser
18 Cole Grimes
21 Calvin Blosser
24 Jordan Morelock
25 Jayce Gresham
26 Chase Bruner
27 Virginia Ashley
28 Hudson Blosser, Sarah Martin
29 Kimberly Kelly
30 Mark Jones



Ministries

TELLERS...

DeeDee Stevens & Sharon Houston

Deacon/Elder of the Week...

11/1 – Robert Daniel
11/8 – Kimberly Kelly
11/15 – Lee Brothers
11/22 – Wade Haney
11/29 – Warren Payne

Greeters...

11/1 – Al & Eve Bonner
11/8 – Wade Haney & Lona Butcher
11/15 – Linda Kerr & Warren Payne
11/22 – Ted Schubel & Christina Mikolajczak
11/29 – Winnie Boyce & Kelly Ashley

Nursery...

11/1 – 9:30am – Ashley Blosser, Lenora Brothers
10:30am – Lenora Brothers, Linda Kerr
11/8 – 9:30am – Ashley Blosser, Lenora Brothers
10:30am – Lenora Brothers, Mary Fournier
11/15 – 9:30am – Ashley Blosser, Lenora Brothers
10:30am – Lenora Brothers, Karen Jones
11/22 – 9:30am – Ashley Blosser, Laura Bonner
10:30am – Eve Bonner, Jessica Crosby
11/29 – 9:30am – Ashley Blosser, Laura Bonner
10:30am – Cookie Sodergren, Sabrina Perry

Children's Church...

11/1 – *no children's church*
11/8 – Nathan Brothers & Jordan Brokaw
11/15 – Shane & Sabrina Perry
11/22 – Aaron & Laura Bonner
11/29 – *no children's church*