



## **Goshen Messenger**

### **Testimony of God's Grace**

Dear Goshen Family,

Each week there is a small white piece of paper inserted in our bulletins, and on one side is a prayer list. At times, names are on the list for a short period, maybe a week or two or a couple months, and other names remain on the list for a very long time, sometimes years. Often, we are praying for some of the names on this list and we may not even know them personally. Sometimes we do not know if they are doing better or worse, but we continue to pray for them. One of the great things about this prayer list is it does not make a difference whether we know them or not, we just know they are on this list because they need prayers and they know someone is praying for them. We may never know personally the impact of Goshen's prayers. I can speak personally that when a name is placed on this prayer list, it is because prayer is needed, and we know we can count on our church family to keep them in their prayers. It is a comfort knowing Goshen has come along side us to help us through these times when we just do not know what the future holds.

February 26-28, 2021, my granddaughter, Charlotte, was hospitalized (she was just under 2 years old) with what we thought was dehydration from the flu. It was discovered during this hospital stay that she had mono, and it was also during this hospital stay they discovered her iron and hemoglobin were depleted. She was referred to the Hematology Unit at VCU on March 19, 2021. It was probably around this time that we began asking for prayers for Charlotte and she went onto the prayer list. She would go on and off the list, mostly on, for a very long time.

March 31, 2021, was the first of 12 iron infusions that would take place over the next three years, ending May 2024. Over this period, she had a bone marrow biopsy, again showing the absence of iron. Several genetic tests were done. August 2022, Charlotte was diagnosed with Nonverbal Level 3 Autism. She underwent two surgeries, February 2024 and October 2024. Her doctor at VCU very affectionately referred to her as an enigma. They just could not pinpoint exactly what the cause was. Charlotte remained on the prayer list.

After these surgeries, she was on the road to recovery. She was not the constantly sick little girl she had been the past few years. I asked my daughter if she wanted to have her name taken off the prayer list, but she just was not ready to carry it alone yet. Then in December 2024 she began to have nose bleeds and the iron dropped off again but did not require an infusion. After a visit to the ENT in March 2025 to take care of the nose bleeds, all took a turn for the better. In September 2025, she entered maintenance level and every three-month blood work was able to go to every six months. She remained on the prayer list. (cont. on next page)

When she went to her most recent appointment, April 2, 2026 (two days before her 7th birthday, she was cleared!! Her levels were trending in the right direction and no longer depleting her hemoglobin!! Praise God!!!

I want to thank our church family for all the prayers that you have prayed for Charlotte over these past five years. A simple thank you is just not adequate to truly express how important and what a difference it has meant to my family knowing Charlotte was being prayed for. You didn't give up praying for this sweet child that was unable to even verbalize what she was feeling. When her parents were exhausted from it all, your prayers carried them through. When frazzled seemed to be the only way, your prayers brought calm. When the doctors didn't have answers, your prayers gave them strength. When doctors were baffled, we told them Charlotte was being prayed for. God heard your prayers and five years later, with much rejoicing, Charlotte Morelock's name has been able to come off the prayer list! Our family is so grateful for your continued prayers.

That simple little insert in the bulletin each week can make a huge difference in the life of the person you are praying for.

Beyond grateful,

Winnie Boyce

**Wednesday Night Meal...**Mark your calendar for Wednesday, May 6 at 5:30pm for our Wednesday Night Meal. We're having pizza! 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.

**Wednesday Night Meals...**The Wednesday Night Meal Kitchen Crew would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to everyone that has joined us over the years for the Wednesday night meals. Sadly, we have made the difficult decision that May will be our last hurrah, and we will not resume in the Fall. When we began the Fall of 2018, we never imagined we would still be going this long. Our first night we maybe had 30 attending, and now we regularly have 80-90 each meal. We have enjoyed our time together in the kitchen. We have had many laughs and made many memories, but most of all, we enjoy seeing all the families come together once a month to share a meal together. We have met new GBC and AWANA families, we have seen families grow, we have seen children that were carried through the line now go through on their own, and the list could go on. We cannot tell you the joy these years in the kitchen preparing meals for our church have brought us. Please know it was not a decision we made without much wrestling. Of course, we would love to see the Wednesday Night Meals continue and if anyone would like to continue them, please feel free to contact us. We are very happy to give you any guidance or tips. Again, thank you, Goshen and AWANA families for all the wonderful years of meeting us on the 1st Wednesday of each month. The WNM Kitchen Crew, Wade Haney, Vickie & Terry Falls, Kelly Ashley, Mark Jones, Donna Overstreet, Bob & Kimberly Kelly, Wendy Warlick, Susan Schubel, Debbie Norris/AWANA, and Winnie Boyce

**Disaster Relief Rebuild...**There is a disaster relief rebuild opportunity in Mountain City, TN June 7-13. We would like to send volunteers from Goshen. Because this is a rebuild opportunity, the disaster relief training is not required. You will be required to have a background check. Please contact Randy Wolfe if you may be interested in going yourself or helping support the team through a financial gift.

**Youth Retreat...**Our youth will be going on a youth retreat on May 1-3. Please pray for their safety during their travels and that the Lord will continue His good works in their lives.

**Calling All Graduates...**We will be celebrating our high school and college graduates on Sunday, May 31 during our worship service. If you are a graduate or have a family member who lives with you graduating this year, please contact the church office with the name, degree/diploma earned, and future plans. Email [goshenchurch@goshenbaptistchurch.net](mailto:goshenchurch@goshenbaptistchurch.net).

**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering...**We collected our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American missions last month. 100% of the money given will go to support church planters and other missionaries working with the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Because of your sacrificial and generous giving, we collected a total of \$15,335.80. Thank you!

**Summer Office Hours...**During the summer, when school is not in session, our office manager Laura's office schedule will be limited. You will still be able to reach her via email at [goshenchurch@goshenbaptistchurch.net](mailto:goshenchurch@goshenbaptistchurch.net). Should you have an in-person need, please make arrangements to meet someone prior to coming to the build since it is possible that no one will be present. You can also reach Pastor Adam at [pastoradamblosser@gmail.com](mailto:pastoradamblosser@gmail.com).

**Goshen Guild...**The youth will meet for Goshen Guild on May 17 at 1:30pm. This is open to all middle and high school students, with the intention of growing leadership, teamwork, and communications skills while providing a safe place to play. Register on our website or contact Sarah Martin for more information.

**Hotdogs and Handlebars...**Mark your calendar for May 16 from 12-2pm. The children's ministry will be having our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Hotdogs and Handlebars event. We will be providing a hot dog lunch while the kids have an opportunity to ride their bikes and scooters on the paved parking lot. Please bring a dessert to share with everyone. You can sign up on the church app or on the bulletin board. Helmets required for all riders! Parents and guardians, feel free to bring chairs.

**Brandon Hembree at Goshen...**Brandon Hembree from Impact Church of Fredericksburg will be with us on Sunday, May 17 to preach God's Word. Be sure to be here to hear God's Word and all that God is doing at Impact!

**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](mailto:goshen.sarah.m@gmail.com) for more information.

**AWANA Awards...**Please join us on May 24 during our worship service as we congratulate all our AWANA children for completing another successful year.

**VBS...**Get ready for an adventure through Rainforest Falls! Our Vacation Bible School will take place on June 1-5 from 6-8pm. Registration is open on our website and app. If you are interested in helping in any way or have any questions, please contact Laura Bonner at [laurabonner511@gmail.com](mailto:laurabonner511@gmail.com). We will also be having a brief meeting after the worship service on May 17.

**Church Family Cookout...**Make plans to join us on Sunday, June 28 at 5pm for our Goshen Church Family Cookout! Hotdogs and hamburgers will be provided. Please bring a side and dessert to share. We're looking forward to a wonderful time of fellowship together as a church family!

**Online Giving...**We offer convenient online giving through our website at [goshenbaptistchurch.net](https://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.

**Homecoming...**Mark your calendar for Goshen's Homecoming 2026 on Sunday, October 4! We will be celebrating Pastor Adam's 10-year anniversary as Goshen's pastor.

**Children's Church...**Please note that May 17 will be our last day of children's church until resuming in August. We are taking a break for the summer and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We are very short on volunteers and need to give them a break for the summer. If you are interested in being a part of the team when we resume in August, please reach out to Laura Bonner at [laurabonner511@gmail.com](mailto:laurabonner511@gmail.com).

**Red Cross Blood Drive...**We will be hosting a blood drive here in the fellowship hall on Thursday, June 11 from 10am-3pm. There are still plenty of spots available to schedule an appointment or to donate. You may schedule online at [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org).

**Southern Baptist Convention...**Pray for the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Orlando, Florida June 9-10. The SBC Pastors' Conference is June 7-8. Pastor Adam, Mark and Karen Jones, Sarah Martin, Mahea Thomas, and Travis Earley will be attending as messengers from Goshen.

**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](mailto:pastoradamblosser@gmail.com)? Please include your name, the names of other family members, and the best way to get in touch with you.

**Summer Book Club...** I believe that one of the ways I can help you grow as a Christian is by encouraging you to read good books, so we will again be having a summer book club. I have chosen three books that I believe will really help you grow in your understanding of the Bible, theology, and the Christian life.

- *Desiring God* by John Piper is a paradigm-shattering work that dramatically alters common perspectives on relating to God. Piper reveals that there is really no need to choose between duty and delight in the Christian life. In fact, for the follower of Jesus, delight is the duty, because God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him.
- *Everyday Revolutionary* by JD Greear will help you learn how to transcend the culture war and transform the world. In this practical and encouraging book, you can discover biblical insights for witnessing well in our polarized, post-Christian world.
- *Even Better than Eden* by Nancy Guthrie traces 9 themes throughout the Bible, revealing how God's plan for the new creation will be far more glorious than the original. But this new creation glory isn't just reserved for the future. The hope of God's plan for his people transforms everything about our lives today.

It is \$30 to join the book club. By joining, you will receive a copy of all three books. You will read the books on your own, and we will meet on 3 occasions throughout the summer to discuss what you're reading. Meeting dates will be announced soon. Participating in the discussion times is not a requirement for joining the book club, but I do believe that these discussion opportunities will enhance your experience. If you are not able to make all of the discussion times but you are able to make some of them, that is totally fine.

You can register for the book club at [www.goshenbaptistchurch.subspla.sh/gypmnx9](http://www.goshenbaptistchurch.subspla.sh/gypmnx9). You'll need to pay when you register. Please register ASAP so we know how many books to order. If you are not able to pay online or have any questions, please contact Pastor Adam at [pastoradamblosser@gmail.com](mailto:pastoradamblosser@gmail.com).

**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 4-Kindergarten (Laura & Aaron Bonner)**  
What: The Gospel Project  
When: Sundays at 9:30am
- **Elementary – Grades 1-2 (Kaitlin Laskowski & Serenity Hague)**  
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)
- **Systematic Theology Class (Adam Blosser)**  
What: Systematic Theology II  
When: Sundays at 5pm



*Please visit or call and make their day special too!*

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| 1. Aurie McGee<br>540.582.2892<br>P.O. Box 539<br>Spotsylvania, VA 22551                 | 5. Donnie & Carolyn Wheeler<br>540.786.0606<br>10027 Piney Branch Road<br>Spotsylvania, VA 22553 |
| 2. Anne Smith<br>540.729.0799<br>1001 Northside Drive<br>Fredericksburg, VA 22405        | 6. Margaret Stanchik<br>540.898.6069<br>10111 Hillside Lane<br>Fredericksburg, VA 22408          |
| 3. Rose Rudd<br>540.786.6520<br>6355 Autumn Leaf Circle<br>Fredericksburg, VA 22407      | 7. Carol Walker<br>540.848.1942<br>9208 Mill Pond Road<br>Spotsylvania, VA 22551                 |
| 4. John Stanchik<br>Carriage Hill<br>6106 Health Center Lane<br>Fredericksburg, VA 22407 |  |



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 04 Karen Jones
- 06 Laura Dye
- 08 Aurie McGee, Christina Pierce, Joshua Baggett, Madison Grimes
- 11 Roy Turner
- 12 Addie Blosser
- 15 Michael Goodin
- 17 Don Shrum
- 20 Jordan Brokaw
- 21 Autumn Earley
- 24 Megan Warlick
- 25 Ryan Hague
- 27 Amia Moore
- 31 Donna Overstreet

### TELLERS...

Terry & Vickie Falls, Ted & Susan Schubel

### Deacon/Elder of the Week...

- 5/3 – Gay Britt
- 5/10 – Al Bonner
- 5/17 – Kimberly Kelly
- 5/24 – Bob Kelly
- 5/31 – Robet Daniel

### Greeters...

- 5/3 – Chip & Theresa Brubaker
- 5/10 – Ted Schubel & Robert Daniel
- 5/17 – Wade Haney & Lona Butcher
- 5/24 – Terry & Vickie Falls
- 5/31 – Susan Schubel & Bill Bakos

### Nursery...

- 5/3 – 9:30am – Lenora Brothers, Ashley Blosser  
10:30am – Lenora Brothers, Eve Bonner
- 5/10 – 9:30am – Lenora Brothers, Ashley Blosser  
10:30am – Lenora Brothers, Linda Kerr
- 5/17 – 9:30am – Lenora Brothers, Ashley Blosser  
10:30am – Lenora Brothers, Karen Jones
- 5/24 – 9:30am – Lenora Brothers, Ashley Blosser  
10:30am – Lenora Brothers, Theresa Brubaker
- 5/31 – 9:30am – Lenora Brothers, Ashley Blosser  
10:30am – Cookie Sodergren, Sabrina Perry

### Children's Church...

- 5/3 – Dan & Kaitrin Smith
- 5/10 – Michael Marin & Laura Bonner
- 5/17 – Nathan Brothers & Jordan Brokaw
- 5/24 – \*no children's church\*
- 5/31 – \*no children's church\*