



Goshen Messenger

Where is Your Mission?

A testimony from our recent mission trip to Puerto Rico by team member Bob Kelly.

I was blessed to be able to join our mission endeavor to the Iglesia Bautista Castillo Fuerte in Puerto Rico. As you know, Goshen is partnered with them, and we assist them financially and in other ways. Those who went included Adam Blosser, Addie Blosser, Mark Jones, Karen Jones, Michael Martin, Susan Schubel, and myself.

Our main purpose was to help them do work on their church building. They have been worshipping there for several years, and the building was in need of some improvements. We were told that they needed painting done and some outside clean up. This information was accurate, but when we arrived, the list of things to do was a bit harder and longer than that. I have always been told that you need to be flexible when going on a mission trip because more often than not, God's plans are not our plans, and that was the case here.

Our primary task was installing drywall on one wall of a room directly behind the sanctuary. This room would be a meeting room primarily for the teens. Also, the outside door of this room needed to be sealed to prevent lizards from getting in. Yes, lizards! Also needed was rerouting of some cables to the inside of the walls of the sanctuary, as they were currently hanging from the ceiling in two different corners. We were not expecting any of these tasks. Mark and I worked on these tasks while the rest of the team painted 90% of the church both inside and outside.

But we didn't do it by ourselves. God sent an angel to Mark and me (no kidding... his name was literally Angel). He was one of the leaders in the church and had construction experience. He pitched right in and was a tremendous help. And some of the youth were there the entire time to help with painting.

What a blessing to be able to help out our partner church! And the opportunity to work hand-in-hand with church members was awesome. What a loving church! Everyone we met was friendly, cheery, and very appreciative of what we did. To God be the glory!

I love short term mission trips. You get to know and bond with your team members. You get to meet new people and make new friends. You get to be the hands and feet of God. You get to bless others, and you get blessed in return (you can't outgive God). You get the satisfaction of doing God's will. Often, you get to experience different cultures (I certainly did).

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How do you know if you are called to go? Being called to do anything for God doesn't necessarily mean that you get a call from the pastor or from a church member, although God may use them. It means you get a call from God. Often that comes from a still small voice from inside you (the Holy Spirit) that keeps poking you.

What if you don't feel equipped to handle the purpose of the mission? To be honest, you may not be. But God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called. Was Moses equipped when he was called to lead the Israelites? Absolutely not, but God made a way, and Moses turned out to be one of the greatest leaders in the Bible. Was David equipped when he was called? No, he was just a shepherd boy, but God knew his heart and molded him into Israel's greatest king. If you are called by God to serve on a mission, know that God will equip you too.

Your mission may not be in Puerto Rico, or Standing Rock, or Mountain City, TN. It may be serving in the church kitchen, in the nursery, on the praise team, or any number of other ministries within the church, and all of these must be covered in prayer. So, your prayer closet is a mission field as well. Just keep listening to God's call – He has a plan for you to serve!

Bob Kelly

My Testimony

Goshen member Jim Clark shares his testimony of how he came to faith in Christ. If you would like to share your testimony in written format in a future newsletter, please send to goshenchurch@goshenbaptistchurch.net.

75 years ago in 1950, I was 12 years old and attended a revival at the Methodist church located in Lewis County just down from the Upshur County line about a mile from where we lived. They would announce the start of the meetings and would continue as long as the Holy Spirit was active.

I can remember several of the older ones who were there. There was Uncle Alvie and Aunt Ellie Marple, they were probably relatives, and Brice Propst. They were real prayer warriors and when the invitation was given, everybody who claimed to have Jesus in the heart would go to the altar and pray as the organist would play Jesus is Calling or some other invitational and those who were not sure (that included me and most likely others) would stay in the back. I remember Aunt Ellie coming back and putting her arm around my shoulder and telling me that Jesus would like to talk to me. After much prayer and persuasion with tears running down my cheeks, she led me to the altar and I knelt and asked Jesus to come into my heart.

I sincerely believe that was when the Holy Spirit took up residence and started educating my conscience as to what is right and wrong. I haven't always paid attention, but thank God He never gave up on me. I could tell you the many many times that He has protected me in spite of me.

You won't remember when you were born the first time but you won't forget when you were born again, thank God. I talk to Him every day and read His words and many the time I will say 'I didn't know that'. If you don't understand it, keep reading and you may be enlightened.

Several years later I went to visit the old church on the hill and looked in the window. The pews were all missing and the bell was missing out of the belfry. Someone would always ring the bell on Sunday morning and you could hear it up the creek and up and down the hollows. The pulpit was gone and the old organ. The Holy Spirit was never in the building but in the hearts of the people who went there, and now most have gone to their heavenly home.

Jim Clark

New Member Class...Pastor Adam will be teaching our New Member Class after the service on August 2. 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.

Sermon on the Mount Journals...We have journals available in the foyer and across from the church office for our Sermon on the Mount series.

Moms Breakfast...We will be having a Mother's Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, August 8 at 9am. You can find the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or our Goshen app. Come for a morning of fellowship, encouragement, and mutual support. Childcare will be provided.

Sunday School Promotion...We will be recognizing all our children that will be moving up classes on Sunday, August 9. We invite everyone to join us in the fellowship hall that morning at 9:30am to celebrate the children.

AWANA...Registration for AWANA for the 2026-2027 school year is now open! AWANA is for children ages 3 (potty trained) through 5th grade. You can find registration on our website under the ministries dropdown or on our Goshen app. Please contact Laura Bonner at laurabonner511@gmail.com for questions or more information.

Christmas Cantata...We're excited to invite you to be a part of a special combined Christmas Cantata with Goshen Baptist Church and Piney Branch Baptist Church on Saturday, December 12. If you enjoy singing and would like to join this meaningful celebration, we would love you to participate. Our first rehearsal will be Sunday, August 9 at 2pm. If you're interested, please contact Travis Earley at tsearley91@gmail.com or 434-420-8536.

Children's Church...We will be having children's church every other week in the month of August. Children ages 4-7 are invited to participate on August 2nd, 16th, and 30th when they are dismissed right before the sermon. We are in need of more volunteers so that we are able to offer it more often. If you have any questions or are interested, please contact Laura Bonner at laurabonner511@gmail.com.

Youth Conference...We will be having our annual youth conference on Saturday, September 12 from 9:45am-3pm. This event is open to students grades 6-12. Come join us for a powerful worship, Biblical teaching, thought-provoking break outs, and community and connection with one another. Registration can be found on our website under the ministries dropdown. Please contact Sarah Martin at goshen.sarah.m@gmail.com for questions or more information.

E2Kids...SBC Virginia is hosting E2Kids on Friday, August 28 from 7-9pm at Spotswood Baptist Church. This event is designed to encourage and equip kid's leaders. We had a group go last year and had some incredible information and resources given to us. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Laura Bonner.

Summer Book Club...The summer book club will meet 2 more times this summer for book discussions, all at 5pm. The meeting for *Even Better than Eden* by Nancy Guthrie will meet on August 2, and *Desiring God* by John Piper will meet on August 30.

Youth...There will be no youth on August 12 but will resume the following week on August 19.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting...Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting will resume on Wednesday, August 19. The group will meet from 6:30pm-7:30pm in the senior Sunday School classroom each week that AWANA and youth group are in session.

Red Cross Blood Drive...We will be hosting a blood drive here in the fellowship hall on Thursday, August 13 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, August 13 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. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to the church office at 540-786-7500 or goshenchurch@goshenbaptistchurch.net.

Vision Review Committee...Our 5-10-Year Vision Review Committee had their first meeting on Sunday, July 26. They will meet again on Sunday, August 23.

Ministry Rally...We will be having a ministry rally on August 16 immediately following the worship service. We will enjoy a pizza lunch together followed by ministry rally presentations. Please bring a dessert to share.

SBCV Church Town Hall Meeting...You are invited to a one-hour Town Hall Meeting for a time of prayer, to hear information, and ask questions. This will take place on August 13 at 6pm at Spotswood Baptist Church. Invited guests include Pastor Jonathan Falwell, Pastor Gary Hamrick, Bishop E.W. Jackson, and the team from the Family Foundation. Two proposed constitutional amendments that go against God's design for life and marriage will appear on the Virginia ballot this November, so come get involved and pray for our state and leaders.

Men's Bible Study...Some of our Goshen men will be leading a video-driven men's Bible study called *Footsteps of Paul: Bold Brotherhood, Gospel Mission* beginning Saturday, September 19. The study is by Tony Merida who pastors Imago Dei Church in Raleigh, NC. The group will meet each Saturday at 8am for 8 weeks at the church either in the fellowship hall or the large room in the basement depending on availability. The cost of the book for the study is \$15. This includes access to the study videos on your own in case you miss a week or two of the study. You can sign up for the study either in the Goshen app or on the bulletin board in the main hallway. If you sign up in the app, you will need to pay for your book at that time. If you sign up on the bulletin board, you can pay by turning your money into the church office or placing it in the offering plate with a note that it is for your book for the men's Bible study. Please sign up as soon as possible so we can make sure we have enough books prior to the start of the study. Contact Pastor Adam with any questions.

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.

Systematic Theology III...Pastor Adam will be teaching Systematic Theology III on Sunday evenings beginning September 6. The course will cover the doctrine of the church and the doctrine of last things. This is the third course in a series of three systematic theology courses, but you do not have to have taken the first two courses to participate in this one. 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. Registration for the course is open in the church app. 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. It is the same book 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.

Acevedo Family at Goshen...We are excited to host Christian and Valeria Acevedo and their family on Sunday, September 13. They are our church planting partners in Puerto Rico with Iglesia Bautista Castillo Fuerte. Christian will be speaking during our youth conference on September 12. Christian will also preach during our worship service on September 13. We will have a pizza fellowship lunch that day following the worship service.

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.

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
- **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)



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
17 Lisa Payne, Joseph Eure
19 Susan Schubel
20 Kelly Ashley
30 Carolyn Wheeler
31 Lydia Colcombe



TELLERS...

Joanne Goodin & Lona Butcher

Deacon/Elder of the Week...

8/2 – Connie Laskowski
8/9 – Kimberly Kelly
8/16 – Robert Daniel
8/23 – Lee Brothers
8/30 – Wade Haney

Greeters...

8/2 – Lona Butcher & Wade Haney
8/9 – Al & Eve Bonner
8/16 – Winnie Boyce & Warren Payne
8/23 – Lee Brothers
8/30 – Wade Haney

Nursery...

8/2 – 9:30am – Ashley Blosser, Karen Jones
10:30am – Karen Jones, Sabrina Perry
8/9 – 9:30am – Ashley Blosser, Theresa Brubaker
10:30am – Linda Kerr, Sarah Martin
8/16 – 9:30am – Ashley Blosser, Sarah Martin
10:30am – Theresa Brubaker, Laura Bonner
8/23 – 9:30am – Ashley Blosser, Sarah Martin
10:30am – Eve Bonner, Laura Bonner
8/30 – 9:30am – Ashley Blosser, Sarah Martin
10:30am – Cookie Sodergren, Sabrina Perry

Children's Church...

8/2 – Aaron & Laura Bonner
8/9 – *no children's church*
8/16 – Michael & Sarah Martin
8/23 – *no children's church*
8/30 – Nathan Brothers & Jordan Brokaw