



Goshen Messenger

September 2017

Fall is here!

September is always an exciting time in the life of our church. Summer vacations are over, and some sense of normalcy returns to our church schedule. This September I am especially excited about some of the things we have going on. Worship, serve, and grow are three words that I have been talking about a lot over the last several months. It is my hope that every member of Goshen Baptist Church will regularly participate in corporate worship, serve the church in some way, and participate in a discipleship group.

As we seek to implement a strategy that will help us meet these goals, we will be launching an additional worship service on September 10. The first worship service will begin at 9:15am and end at 10:30am. The second worship service will begin at 10:30am and end at 12pm. The primary reason for providing another worship service opportunity at this time is to free you to serve in some way or participate in a discipleship group during the other time slot on Sunday mornings. Both services will be exactly the same in music style and sermon content. We hope you will choose which service you will attend based on service and growth opportunities. We also want to guard against dividing the church generationally by having two different styles of music.

Another change that is coming this fall is the addition of three off-campus small groups. These small groups will meet in homes and will take place during the week at a time that is convenient to the group. More information concerning these groups can be found in this newsletter, on the bulletin board outside the church library, and in the newly printed Fall 2017 Goshen Menu that is available in the same place where you normally get your bulletin and newsletter. Consider joining one of these groups, and contact the group leader to let him know you plan to attend. The groups will begin the week of September 10.

It is also important to note that Sunday School for children and youth will begin at 9:15am to accommodate parents attending the first service. Adult Sunday School will begin at 9:30am. The full schedule is also available in this newsletter, on the bulletin board, and in the Goshen Menu. Service opportunities are also listed in each place. Help with children's church is a big need for us right now. Please contact the church office with any questions you may have.

There will certainly be kinks that will need to be worked out once the new schedule is implemented. Thank you for your patience as we all make the necessary adjustments. If you have suggestions about how things can work more smoothly, please let us know.

Of course, the worship, serve, and grow changes aren't the only thing going on this month. AWANA will kick off on September 13. Trail Life and American Heritage Girls will also begin in September. I will be teaching Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University on Wednesday nights and Saturday mornings. It's a 9 week class, and you can decide whether Wednesday nights or Saturday mornings are more convenient for you.

I will resume our sermon series through Acts on September 10. We finished Acts 12 in June, so we will pick back up with chapter 13. I have enjoyed examining the life of Gideon and spending some time considering how we can be good stewards of the resources God has entrusted to us as we manage our money, but I am excited to get back to Acts. I hope you are as well.

Please continue to pray for our church. We've seen the Lord's hand of blessing upon us in many ways, but there are challenges we face as well. Let's trust the Lord to guide us into the future that He has prepared for us.

God bless you,

Pastor Adam

Operations Team... The Operations Team will meet on Monday, September 11 at 7pm.

Deacons... Deacons will meet on Monday, Aug. 28 & Sept. 25 at 7pm.

Elders... Meeting will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 5 at 7pm.

Church Office... Is closed on Monday, September 4 for Labor Day.

Children's Church... We are in desperate need of Children's Church volunteers. The last Sunday that we have volunteers for is September 3. Please consider serving in this very important ministry, even if only for a season.

Wednesday Night Meals... It will soon be time for all of our Wednesday night activities to begin. We have not yet made any plans for Wednesday night dinner. If you are interested in forming a plan and executing that plan, please contact the church office.

Ladies Bible Study... Begins on Thursday, September 7 at 9:30am at Mary Vakos' home. The study is "Jesus The One & Only" by Beth Moore. For further information call Mary at 540.582.5953.

Financial Peace University... Pastor Adam will be leading Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University beginning in September. One class will meet on Wednesday nights at 6pm beginning September 13. The other class will meet on Saturday mornings at 9am beginning September 16. Both classes will meet at the church, and childcare will be provided. If you wish to participate, contact the church office for registration info.

T-Shirts... If you did not purchase a t-shirt before, but saw how awesome they look and would now like to buy one, we are assembling another order. The cost is \$10, which can be turned into the church office. The money must be paid when the shirt is ordered.

Hospitality Volunteers...Volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen for church-wide fellowship meals. Contact the church office if interested in helping or use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the church's main hallway.

Missions Offering...We will be collecting our Vision Virginia State Missions Offering during the month of September. You can give by using one of the Vision Virginia offering envelopes provided in the bulletin or by designating your check and placing it in the offering plate on Sunday morning. This offering supports important ministries of our state convention like church planting, Baptist Builders, seminary scholarships, church strengthening ministries, and many other important projects. Last year our church goal was \$500 and we collected \$1,126. This year our goal is \$1,500. Let's see if we can exceed our goal again! More information about this offering is available at www.sbcv.org/2017-vision-virginia.

Goshen Fall Festival...Save the date! Our fall festival will be on October 21 from 2pm-4pm at the Spotsylvania Courthouse Village. More info will be coming soon.

Service Opportunities...Looking for a place to serve at Goshen? Service opportunities are now posted on the bulletin board outside the church library. You can also find available opportunities in the newly created Goshen Menu. This menu is attached to this newsletter. You can also find it in the same places where you normally pick up your bulletin and newsletter.

Worship Schedule...Please note that the announced changes to our worship schedule will begin on September 10. You can find more information about these changes in this newsletter, on the bulletin board outside the church library, in the newly created Goshen Menu, and by contacting the church office.

Simulcast... Good Hope Baptist Church is hosting a Living Proof Simulcast with Beth Moore on September 16 from 9:30am to 4:30pm. Tickets are \$20 each and lunch is included. For more information contact Shannon at 540.894.1622.

ESL Training... Interested in teaching English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL)? Family Life Baptist Church, 206 S. Washington Highway in Ashland, VA will offer a four-part training which qualifies you for certification through the North American Mission Board. You must attend all sessions. Fri., Sept. 15 at 6:30-9:30pm & Sat., Sept. 16 at 8:30am-5pm. The cost is \$20 to cover registration & materials. Spouses can attend for an additional \$10. Please contact Sue Sawyer [804.270.1848](tel:804.270.1848) or ssawyer@sbcv.org with questions.

Homecoming...Our annual homecoming services will be held on Sunday, October 1. We will have a fellowship meal following the 10:45am worship service. Invite your friends, family, former members, etc. to join us for this event. The lunch is "pot luck" so bring a main dish, side, and desert—bring enough for your own family and extra to share with someone else as well. Former Goshen pastor Rob Moor will be our preacher that day. Rob is currently a director of missions for a Baptist association in Southwest Virginia. Please make plans to be a part of all of our homecoming day festivities. We will need help to set up, serve, and clean up after the meal. Please let Debbie Nissley know if you are able to help.

AWANA... Clubs will resume on Wednesday, September 13 at 6pm. Volunteers are needed so if you'd like to help out, there is a meeting for the leaders on Sunday, August 27 after the worship service. Also, registration will begin that day. Please contact Don Gray with any questions. 540.642.8688.

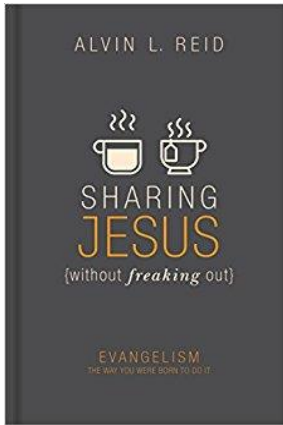
Attention Youth... (grades 6-12)

- Youth will be prayer walking and hanging door hangers in local neighborhoods on Wednesday, August 30 during our regular Wednesday night youth group at 6:30pm.
- Youth will be celebrating "Moving Up Sunday" on September 10. We will have breakfast in the youth room for all the youth and we will have a pool party after church at Don & Teresa Gray's home. We will drive the church van directly from church so bring your towels and modest swimwear. We are asking all youth families to send a breakfast item to share for 9:30am Youth Group.
- The youth has several service/fellowship/ministry outings coming this fall. Be watching the bulletin board and church calendar for details!

AHG...

- Tuesday, September 12 & 26, 6:30-8:30pm: Troop Night
- Saturday, September 16: National Day of Service- Unit Hike

Book of the Month...Our book of the month for September



is *Sharing Jesus Without Freaking Out* by Alvin Reid. Dr. Reid teaches evangelism at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC. Do you long to be a faithful witness for Jesus but find it difficult to talk to people about Jesus? This book is for you. This book will help you learn to connect the gospel story with your own story, and share your story in everyday conversations with the people you know. The book is available to you for a donation of \$5

(the cost of the book). You can find copies of the book in both the Library and on the table in the foyer. Please make sure that all money for the books is turned in to Sunny in the church office.

Small Group Options...Interested in participating in one of our newly created off-campus small groups? Prefer to attend an on-campus Sunday School class? Interested in Ladies Bible Study? Here's the information you need:

ON CAMPUS:

The Seekers - Wade Haney

- What: A Study in the Gospel of Luke
- When: Sundays at 9:30am

SonShine Class - Bill & Mary Vakos

- What: Master Work Bible Study, The Antioch Effect & Invisible War
- When: Sundays at 9:30am

Adult Disciple Group - Shane Brooks

- What: A Study in 1 and 2 Peter
- When: Sundays at 9:30am

Senior Adults - Ray & Joyce Perrin; Don Gray; Jennifer Hoskins

- What: Bible Studies for Life, The Dark Side & Second Nature
- When: Sundays at 9:30am

OFF CAMPUS:

Ladies Bible Study

- What: Jesus the One and Only by Beth Moore
- When: Thursdays at 9:30am
- Where: Mary Vakos' Home

Raphael Small Group

- What: Sermon Discussion, Application, & Prayer
- When: Thursdays at 7pm
- Where: Raphael Home

Gardner Small Group

- What: Sermon Discussion, Application, & Prayer
- When: TBD
- Where: Gardner Home

Blosser Small Group

- What: Sermon Discussion, Application, & Prayer
- When: Sundays at 5pm
- Where: Blosser Home

Contact the church office or group leader with any questions.

NURSERY WORKERS...

	S/S	Worship Svc.
SEPT. 3	Kathy Brooks & Adam Blosser	Gena & Maren Williams
	9:15am Svc.	10:45am Svc.
SEPT. 10	Kathy Brooks & Sunny Seay	Lenora Brothers, Renae & Ashley Chase, Sandra DuVal
SEPT. 17	Kathy Brooks & Leanne Combs	Jennifer, Jenna, & Hanna Bareford
SEPT. 24	Kathy Brooks & Winnie Boyce	Lenora Brothers, Dee Dee & Samantha Stevens & Becca Creed

Sunday School Teachers

First Steps/Pre-K through Kindergarten:
Gay Britt & Katie Brooks

1st & 2nd Grade:
Adam & Mahea Thomas

3rd through 5th Grade:
Jason Hoskins

6th through High School:
Jason & Leann Thompson
John Smith & Renae Chase

CHILDREN'S CHURCH...

3rd- Terry & Sunny Seay
Volunteers are still needed for the rest of September.

Tellers for September...

Terry & Vickie Falls; Jennifer Bareford



**SEPTEMBER
BIRTHDAYS**

02 Jeri Harper, Lila Johnson, Josh Parrish
07 John Smith
08 Cheryl Snyder, James McGee
13 Debbie Nissley
14 Alyce Roberts
16 Janet Parrish
17 Candi Smith
18 Renae Chase
20 Charles Britt
21 Lee Brothers
23 Jennifer Bareford
26 Mitchell Brothers
27 Joanne Goodin
29 Mary D. Vakos



Please visit or call and make their day special too!

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Fredericksburg, VA 22407
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