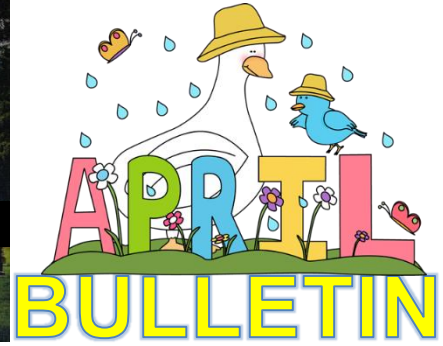


ELDER JIM BOWEN

April 23, 2017



Goshen Primitive Baptist Church

Attendance 53



Spring Meeting Schedule:

Goshen Annual Spring Meeting – May 4-7

Guest Speaker: Elder Buck Grantham

Middleground PB Church, Statesboro, GA

Thursday, Youth will provide Dinner @ 5:45 – Service @ 7:00 p.m.

Friday, Carry In Dinner @ 5:45 – Service @ 7:00 p.m.

(Fried Chicken Provided by Ladies Circle)

Saturday, Service @ 10:00 a.m., (Carry In Salad Lunch)

Saturday, Carry In Dinner @ 5:45 – Service @ 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, Bible Study @ 9:30 a.m., Service @ 10:30,

First Sunday Carry In Lunch @ Noon/Business Meeting to follow.



Three Callings: Romans 1:1-7 “Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,) Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead: By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name: Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ: To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.” Mentioned here are three callings applied to God’s chosen people.

Paul - Called to preach the gospel in a special calling...Romans 1:1 “Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God”. God at times will call people to special tasks. In Saul of Tarsus, God called the least likely of people, one known for his anti-Christian stance. Yet on the road to Damascus, God brought the Apostle Paul into a special work. Paul came to see himself as a servant, a bond slave, for the Lord. Paul wasn’t called to be an apostle because he chose to be, had the ability, had been encouraged to work toward being an apostle or because he liked working with people. No God chose Paul to this special calling. God has not changed and God alone calls His ministers into their vocation.

But even as Paul received grace from God in his special calling, there was still another calling mentioned which is poured out on many just as it was Paul. Romans 1:6 “Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:” This is the calling by God in the New Birth. It is absolutely effective upon those to whom it is directed. In John 5:25 Jesus said “Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.” There is no debate, there is no cooperation; God calls and the hearer lives. Romans 8:30 “Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.” Before anyone can be called to special God given tasks, they must first have been called of Jesus Christ. Because of this spiritual birth, we have the capability to seek after God and to be obedient to His calling.

God makes all those He calls in the New Birth saints, but as a saint, we are now challenged to be a saint! Peter said it this way in 1 Peter 1:15 “But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation”. Paul said it another way in Ephesians 4:1 “I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,”

We have been blessed throughout history that God has called out people and given them special tasks. Our lives have been blessed because of their work and we thank God for them. But they like us are most blessed in that God called them out of darkness while they were yet sinners. We are called to be saints. Let us live a life that reflects that we are saints. May God’s Spirit give us wisdom, understanding and zeal to be saints!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

04-26 – Choir Practice @ 6:30 p.m.

04-30 – PBYP 5th Sunday Donation Lunch

MAY BIRTHDAYS:

05-01 – Emerson Fischer

05-03 – James Stafford

05-04 – Ethan Blackburn

05-04 – BreAnna Hunter

05-11 – Jerome Glascock

05-13 – Ola Mae Taggart

05-16 – Jonathan Ash

05-17 – Esther Lewis (97)

05-23 – Layton Kirmse

05-25 – Bruce Glascock

05-28 – Michelle Bennett

Special Invitation to Celebrate
Sister Ola Mae Taggart’s
90th Birthday,
MAY 6th – 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Ashland Masonic Lodge

Mark Your Calendar:

PBYF 5th Sunday
DONATION LUNCH
April 30th

Goshen Spring Meeting
May 4-7
Elder Buck Grantham
Middleground PB Church
Statesboro, GA

SOBOCO Baccalaureate
MAY 7

MOTHER’S DAY LUNCH
May 13/11:30 a.m.

PBYF Church Camp
June 4-8
Pinckneyville, IL

Central States Ministerial
Conference
July 18-20
Vincennes, IN

Prayers:
GOSHEN CHURCH
Cory Blackburn, Bob Bryant,
Mitchell Calvin, Bev Steelman,
Colton’s Grandpa,
Kevin Brown, Janice Holland,
Laura Shrum, Becky Sanders,
Virginia Bennett, Larry Martin
Those In The Nursing Homes
& Health Care Facilities