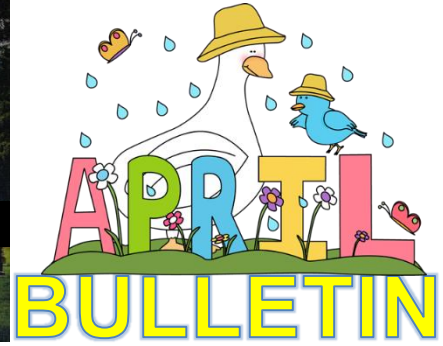


ELDER JIM BOWEN

April 30, 2017



Goshen Primitive Baptist Church

Attendance 71



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. (Deacon's Meeting @ 6:15 a.m.)

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

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

05-02 – Men's Choir Practice @ the Parsonage @ 6:30 p.m.

05-03 – Choir Practice @ 6:30 p.m.

05-04-07 – Spring Meeting

05-07 – Celebrate May Birthday's/Anniversary's/Lunch/Business Meeting

05-10 – Ladies Circle @ Sister Peggy Bowen's @ 7:00 p.m.

05-13 – Mother's Day Lunch @ 11:30 a.m.

05-14 – NO 3:00 Bible Study

05-14 – Celebrate Mother's Day

05-19 – Seasoned Citizen's Lunch @ Longhorn Steakhouse in Columbia @ 11:30 a.m.

05-21 – Breakfast With The Lord @ 8:45 a.m.

05-29 – Celebrate Memorial Day

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

Mark Your Calendar:

SOBOCO Baccalaureate MAY 7

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH May 13/11:00 a.m.

RECOGNIZE SENIORS May 28

PBYF Church Camp June 4-8 Pinckneyville, IL

Central States Ministerial Conference July 18-20 Vincennes, IN

Revived -- Romans 14:9 "For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living." This verse reminds us of Christ's victory over death, hell and the grave. Because of that victory, He has secured unto himself a people that will worship Him for all eternity. And in this passage, we see the word "revived" used to reinforce the idea that a body which was void of life was made to live; life came into that dead body and it lived, revived! How could that have happened? How can life come into a dead body? It should be obvious, that not one of us has the power to accomplish such a miracle. But in the case of Jesus, He, himself gave us the answer in John 10:18 when speaking of His life, He said "No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again".

So the thought of being revived carries the thought of life coming into a lifeless body. But according to scripture revived carries some other meanings. There is the account Jacob (Israel) who for years mourned and carried the sorrow of thinking that his son Joseph was dead. And yet there came a day when that changed as Jacob met his sons coming back from Egypt and those returning sons "...told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them: and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived". (Genesis 45:27) Sorrow and sadness was, in an instance, turned to great joy! Jacob was revived.

And then we have a time when Sampson went into battle against the Philistines with the jawbone of an ass and the Spirit of the LORD. That was all he would need to slay 1000. As the stress of combat gave way to peace, Sampson found himself exhausted. And in Judges 15:19 we are told that "...God clave a hollow place that was in the jaw, and there came water thereout; and when he had drunk, his spirit came again, and he revived". Sampson was refreshed!

Many are looking for revival in their lives and in the lives of churches. But my friends, we cannot bring revival to ourselves or to churches. Only God moving within each of us and our churches can produce a revival. So, what can we do? For one thing, we can meditate on the words of God, to know more about Him, who God is and what He purposes for His children. And then we can pray, pray without ceasing. Luke 11:13 says "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" David asked for revival, "Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?" In Psalm 51:10-12 David again asked God for renewal, refreshing, REVIVAL, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit."

I will be praying that God will revive His people, wherever they may be, that God will revive our church and most importantly, in the words of a hymn, Lord send a revival and let it begin with me.

Prayers: GOSHEN CHURCH

Randy Robbins, Amy Puckett, Cory Blackburn, Deanna Perkins, Bev Steelman, Colton's Grandpa, Laura Shrum, Becky Sanders, Virginia Bennett, Larry Martin, Esther Lewis, Unspoken Prayer Request Those In The Nursing Home & Health Care Facilities

MAY BIRTHDAYS:

- 05-01 – Emerson Fischer
- 05-02 – 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



Sister Jordan Helms asked the children what had been going on this week. RAIN... what do you need to protect yourself from the rain? Umbrella, Boots, Water Proof Jacket!!! GOD is our umbrella. He protects us doing cloudy days and rain storms of life. Psalms 18:30 God is our shield.