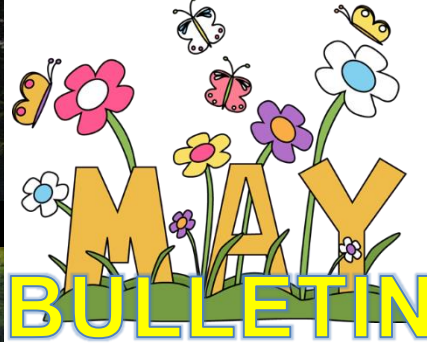


ELDER JIM BOWEN

MAY 14, 2017



Goshen Primitive Baptist Church

Attendance 60



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 05-15 – Camp Meeting @ Parsonage @ 7:00 p.m.
- 05-19 – Seasoned Citizen’s Lunch @ Longhorn Steakhouse in Columbia @ 11:30 a.m.
- 05-21 – Breakfast With The Lord @ 8:45 a.m.
- 05-28 – Bible Study @ 3:00 p.m.
- 05-29 – Celebrate Memorial Day
- 05-31 – Choir Practice

The Most Important Relationship

Matthew 12:46-50 “While he yet talked to the people, behold, *his* mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him. Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee. But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.” This text addresses an important truth. What is our MOST IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIP?

A crowd had gathered around the Lord Jesus Christ and Jesus’ mother and brethren had come desiring to speak to Jesus. Someone tells Jesus that his mother and brethren desire to speak to Him. Jesus responds with a rather odd question. “Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?” Jesus answers the question himself when he says “Behold my mother and my brethren!” Our Lord often would use a question to get us to thinking about things. Jesus sets forth a very important truth using the relationship found with families. He teaches us there is a Most Important Spiritual Relationship. Additionally, Jesus tells us that we can recognize the family of Jesus Christ as those who “shall do the will of my Father”. Jesus is stressing the truth that there is a most IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIP.

Jesus underscores that the MOST IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIP is the eternal relationship we have with Jesus Christ. That relationship is evidenced by doing “ the will of my Father which is in heaven”. Jesus uses this statement to set forth the supreme place that belongs only to Him for love, affection and devotion. Side by Side, my love and devotion for my wife or family or friends should have no competition with my love and devotion for Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ must be the supreme object of my love and devotion on this earth. That doesn’t mean that I cannot have any other interests or relations, but every other interest or relation must center on Jesus Christ.

The words of Jesus ought to remind us that if you are too busy in your roles and responsibilities then you are right, you are too busy, because the most important thing you will ever do in this life among all of your other legitimate responsibilities is to commune with the Savior. Always keep this in mind... If something (anything) is crowding out Christ, even if you are doing it in the name of Christ, it all can’t possibly be from Christ. First on the list must be real communion with Jesus. We should never come to a point where we think that sitting down to commune with God is keeping us from more important things. The cultivation of our relationship with Jesus Christ is the MOST IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIP.



Special Shout Of Thanks To The Entertainment Committee For The Sweet Mother’s Day Luncheon.

MAY BIRTHDAYS:

- 05-17 – Esther Lewis (97)
- 05-23 – Layton Kirmse
- 05-25 – Bruce Glascock
- 05-28 – Michelle Bennett

CARD:

Esther Lewis
405 Meadow Lane
Ashland, MO 65010

Brother Clay Austin spoke to the children regarding Mother’s Day. This is the day we honor our Mother’s and give them recognition for all of the love they bestow everyday.

This is the day they are given an “Award” and we pay tribute to them. SPECIAL THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO MOM’S!!!

Honoring Graduates, Sunday, May 28, 2017

High School Graduates

- Junetta House (Daughter Of Iris House)
- Alex Kirmse (Son Brian & Missy Kirmse)
- Jamison Randle (Grandson of Nancy & Bob Bryant)
- Brooke Tramell (Great-granddaughter of Ola Mae Taggart)
- Spencer Taggart (Great-grandson of Ola Mae Taggart)

College Graduates

- Jordan Helms (Daughter Myron & Shelly Helms)
- Saralyn Glascock (Niece of Nancy & Bob Bryant)

Prayers:

GOSHEN CHURCH

- JoAnn McDow Family
- Carol Rumble
- Ola Mae Taggart
- Leroy Calvin
- Randy Robbins,
- Amy Puckett,
- Cory Blackburn,
- Deanna Perkins,
- Bev Steelman,
- Colton’s Grandpa,
- Laura Shrum,
- Becky Sander,
- Virginia Bennett,
- Larry Martin,
- Esther Lewis,
- Unspoken Prayer Request
- Those In The Nursing Home & Health Care Facilities

Mark Your Calendar:

PBYF Church Camp
June 4-8
Pinckneyville, IL

Central States
Ministerial
Conference
July 18-20
Vincennes, IN