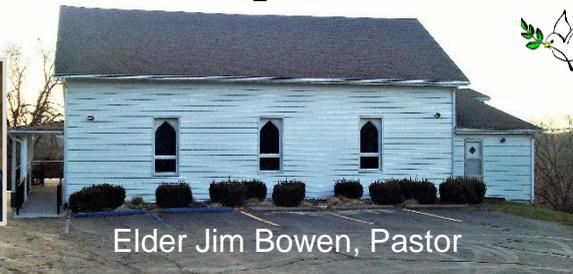


Prayers & Concerns: Goshen Primitive Baptist Church Bulletin

GOSHEN CHURCH

JAMES 5:16 - PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER

Lori Wilson, Alva Sapp, Betty Sapp,
Gail Calvin, Liz Roberts, Laura Shrum,
Jayne Bennett, Zereta Alsobrook,
Cathy Wilkinson
Danny Sapp, Esther "Janie" Lewis
Those In The Nursing Homes
& Health Care Facilities
Our Military and Military Families



Elder Jim Bowen, Pastor

March 03, 2018 - Attendance 57

He Set Me Free

A lot of people in this country have a hard time relating to the idea that we have been made free. But friends, not all prisons are made of iron bars and razor wire. We are being held in bondage to idols, pride and fear in the country like never before. Just over 2000 years ago, Jesus Christ in an act of supreme sacrifice set His people free. Yes He Set Me Free. No greater words can ever be said. I would draw your attention to the account of Jesus, Barabbas and Pontius Pilate as written in Mark 15:7-15.

The life of every man, woman and child has something in common. The truth is we are all guilty of sin. Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God". But too often we are selectively blind to see our own sins, but oh so quick to see other people's shortcomings. It is so easy to cast stones. Yet, we are all more like Barabbas than we care to think. I've been places I should not have been. I've done things I should not have done. There are plenty of folks bound today because they are not living the life God has called them to. They would rather try to do things their own way. But Jesus said, "I am the way..." (John 14:6)

And there is another person in this account who was about living life his way. And that was Pontius Pilate. When there was an issue that needed to be resolved, Pilate had the supreme authority to make the final judgement; or so he thought. Pilate is pressured by those around him to do something that even he felt in his heart was not right. There will be times in our lives in which we will have to make some important decisions. In those instances there may be some who will try to persuade us to do the wrong thing. In this account, the chief priests delivered Jesus to Pilate in an attempt to seek judgement against Jesus. So now we see that Pilate has a decision to make. But he cared more about satisfying the people. We are all more like Pilate than we care to think. How many ways and how many times have we denied our Savior? How many times have we been in a restaurant yet decided against blessing the food that God provided? How many times have we bowed to peer pressure to be like everybody else? How many times did we know the Lord wouldn't be pleased, but because of those around us, we went along?

Mark 15:15 says "And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified." How is that a high note? Jesus did what only God could do; He lived, died and three days later He rose again and in so doing, He Set Me Free! Barabbas was a guilty man who was set free. A guilty man was set free because an innocent man took his place. Barabbas was set free because Jesus took his place. Get this, it wasn't Pilate, the Sanhedrin, or the people who set Barabbas free, it was the love of God in the person of Jesus Christ. And because of that love our Lord Jesus died upon that old rugged cross for us. Romans 5:8 "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Praise God, He Set Me Free!



Children's Church:
Bro. Brian spoke to the children about spring and all the things we enjoy like baseball, flowers, green grass, soccer, and "spring cleaning". John 2:14-16 speaks of Jesus doing a little spring cleaning in the temple.

Please Note:

There will be no lunch or business meeting in April as it falls on Easter Sunday.

**Concord PB Church Spring Meeting
March 16, 17, 18.**

Brother Bruce Martin reminded everyone he will need help preparing the Easter Breakfast.

**Men's Group
March 6 @ Lora's
Choir Practice
March 7, 21, 28**



Easter Services – April 1 – 7:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.
PBYF Donation Lunch – April 29
Goshen's Spring Meeting – May 3-6
Elder Howard Rushing, Guest Speaker
Mother's Day Lunch – May 12
Memorial Day – May 28
Church Youth Camp – B 3-7
Father's Day Breakfast – June 17
Independence Day – Wednesday, July 4
Ministerial Conference – July 17-19
PBYF Donation Lunch - July 30

MARCH BIRTHDAYS!
03-07 - Carrie Fischer
03-13 - Maggie Crane
03-14 - Colleen Nichols
03-19 - Jenna Ash
03-20 - Diane Crump
03-22 - Braeden McCubbin
03-26 - Bruce Martin
03-26 - Bryan Wobbe
03-28 - Glen Sapp
03-29 - Faith Steelman
03-30 - Opie Diederich

UPCOMING EVENTS:

03-11 – Daylight Savings Time Begins (Spring Forward)
03-11 – Bro. Jim & Sister Peggy Out of Town/No Bible Lessons @ 3:00 p.m.
03-14 - Ladies Circle @ Lora Jones @ 7:00 p.m.
03-18 – Breakfast With The Lord @ 8:45 a.m.
03-20 – Spring Begins
03-25 – Circle Prayer @ 9:15 a.m./Bible Lessons @ Church @ 3:00 p.m.
03-30 – Communion Service @ 7:00 p.m.