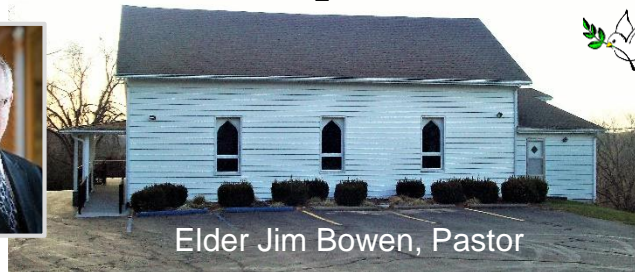


# Prayers & Concerns: Goshen Primitive Baptist Church Bulletin

## GOSHEN CHURCH

**JAMES 5:16 - PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER**

Peggy Bowen, Lori Wilson,  
Laura Shrum, Zereta Alsobrook,  
Cathy Wilkinson, Esther "Janie" Lewis  
Those In The Nursing Homes  
& Health Care Facilities  
Our Military and Military Families



Elder Jim Bowen, Pastor

## RESURRECTION

1 Peter 1:3 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead".

I thank God that on this day that we call Easter, we were blessed to gather in the Lord's House and again recall the time when Jesus lived, died and was resurrected on this earth. Our verse tells us that the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ought to cause us to praise God for His abundant mercy in our lives. His great mercy has given His people great hope by the resurrection.

If resurrection is not real, then everything else doesn't matter. Without resurrection, even all the other great teachings of the Bible are meaningless. Did Jesus shed His precious blood of redemption for His people so that they might die and remain dead? If there is no resurrection, then Jesus is dead. If Jesus is not resurrected, then nobody else ever will be.

In response to those who doubted the reality of a literal resurrection, Paul countered that if there is no such thing as resurrection, then all faith is empty, all dead are perished, all hope is nothing, and all men are most miserable. Resurrection is what separates Christianity from all others. At the resurrection Of Jesus Christ, the angel said, He is not here: He is risen. Paul said: But now is Christ risen from the dead. Jesus declared, "I am the resurrection, and the life." OUR SAVIOR LIVES!!! A dead hero doesn't cause me to have hope.

On the other hand, if there is really such a thing as resurrection, then all the terrible things of this world will eventually amount to nothing. And when our faith leads us to believe in the reality of resurrection then we experience a changed life. After Jesus' resurrection the apostles were new men. There was no more arguing about who was the greatest. None of that mattered. There was no more denying that they knew Him. They suddenly had courage. What was the worst thing that could happen to them? They had seen resurrection. They knew He was real. They had watched Him go up through the clouds. They knew He was coming back. They knew that resurrection was real and nothing else mattered.

Christ is risen from the dead! That gives us hope and O what a hope! In our glorious resurrected bodies we will enjoy the very presence of Jesus for eternity. As Elder Turner used to love to sing, What a Day that will be? Resurrection is everything! Resurrection is worth getting excited about!

There is coming a day when we must face death and no message brings more hope and comfort than that of resurrection. The closer you get—the better it sounds. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! Amen and Amen!

**APRIL 01, 2018**  
**Attendance 91 & 29**

**Please Note:**  
**CONCORD CHURCH**  
**PRAYER MEETING**  
April 13-14

**DEACON'S ORDINATION**  
**(Norm Baker & Myron Helms)**  
**APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup> - 7:00 p.m.**

**Annual Church Cleaning, Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Late Afternoon/Early Evening**



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

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS:**  
04-05 – Braeden Anderson  
04-12 – Valerie Welch  
04-15 – Norman Baker  
04-19 – Junetta House  
04-21 – Justin Wobbe  
04-21 – Shelly Helms  
04-23 – Peggy Bowen

