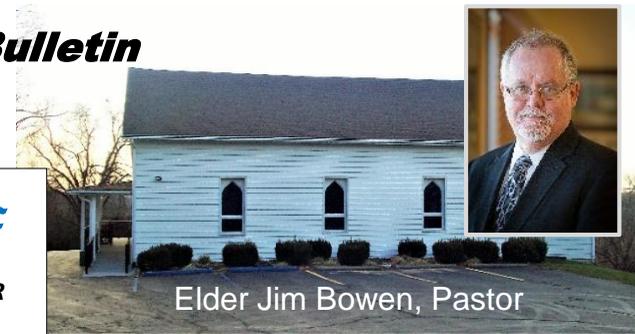


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Elder Jim Bowen, Pastor

## GOD DESERVES OUR BEST

2 Samuel 12:20 "Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the LORD, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat."

It has been a long two weeks as I have traveled from Missouri to Georgia and back again. I spoke before God's people during that time and I must admit, I asked myself, did I do my very best? I attended a foundation meeting and two wonderful sermons were delivered. The first sermon caused me to ask myself if I was doing my best to witness to others. The second sermon caused me to ask if I was doing my best in prayer that God would revive His people in this country. Finally, the hymn "Our Best" was sung. Can you tell where this is going? God is surely worthy and deserves our Praise! He gave His best to save His people from their sin and I just happen to believe He was perfect in what He set out to do.

David had been fasting and praying to God for a while (the child died after 7 days of the sickness, and we might infer from the reading of it that David was doing this for almost the whole time). During this time, he is in sackcloth and ashes, but when David discovers his child is dead there is a change in his behavior. One might think - at least I would - that eating would be a high priority. Yet, David understood what Job did, and that was that God's word and service came before even our necessary food. "I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food." (Job 23:12) Today, people are so focused on their pleasure that God gets "the left overs" of our lives. God Deserves Our Best! David's foremost thought after prayer and fasting was not his natural needs. No sir, the worship of the Lord came first. And David made preparation to enter into the house of the LORD and present himself as best he could.

In closing: One final thought; President Jimmy Carter wrote a book "Why not the best". In that book President Carter gives an account of an event that took place in his life at the Naval Academy. Mr. Carter applied for a spot in the Nuclear Submarine Program. An Admiral interviewed him for that spot. The Admiral, near the end of a tough interview, asked a question that Mr. Carter thought would be a place where he could help himself. The Admiral asked, "How did you stand in your class at the Naval Academy?" Full of pride he answered, "Sir I stood 59<sup>th</sup> in a class of 820". He waited to hear the congratulations. No congratulations came. Instead another question came, "Did you do your best?" Mr. Carter started to answer "YES SIR", but thought about it and responded "NO SIR, I DIDN'T ALWAYS DO MY BEST!" The Admiral looked at Mr. Carter for a while, and then the Admiral turned around to end the interview but the Admiral asked one final question, He asked "WHY NOT?" Can we answer that question before God today? What God has done for us has not changed. God Deserves Our Best!

## Prayers & Concerns:

GOSHEN CHURCH/OUR NATION  
**JAMES 5:16 - PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER**  
Pastor Matt Goodsell, Ray Ash,  
Nancy Rupard, Peggy Bowen,  
Russell Hargis  
Zereta Alsobrook, Betty Craig,  
Cathy Wilkinson, Esther "Janie" Lewis  
*Those In The Nursing Homes  
& Health Care Facilities  
Our Military and Military Families*



**Spring Meeting Schedule:**  
Goshen Annual Spring Meeting – May 3-6  
**Guest Speaker: Elder Howard Rushing**  
United Primitive Baptist Church – Swainsboro, GA  
**THURSDAY:**  
Carry In Dinner @ 5:45 – Service @ 7:00 p.m.  
(Fried Chicken Provided by Ladies Circle)  
**FRIDAY:**  
Youth will provide Dinner @ 5:45 – Service @ 7:00 p.m.  
**SATURDAY:**  
Service @ 10:00 a.m. - (Carry In Salad Lunch)  
**SATURDAY NIGHT:**  
Carry In Dinner @ 5:45 a.m. - 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 05-01 – Men's Choir Practice @ Church @ 6:00 p.m.
- 05-01– Choir Practice @ 6:30 p.m.
- 05-03-06 – Spring Revival Meeting
- 05-06 – Celebrate May Birthday's/Anniversary's/Lunch/  
Business Meeting
- 05-09 – Ladies Circle @ Sister Janice Wobbe's @ 7:00 p.m.
- 05-12 – Mother's Day Lunch @ 11:30 a.m.
- 05-13 – Celebrate Mother's Day
- 05-20 – Breakfast With The Lord @ 8:45 a.m.
- 05-23 – Seasoned Citizen's Cones & Cokes  
@ McDonald's/Ashland @ 2:30 p.m.
- 05-28 – Celebrate Memorial Day
- 05-30 – Choir Practice @ 6:30 p.m.



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## 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 (98)
- 05-23 – Layton Kirmse
- 05-25 – Bruce Glascock
- 05-28 – Michelle Bennett