



Elder
Jim
Bowen,
Pastor

AUGUST 26, 2018 - Attendance: 41

Prayers & Concerns:

JAMES 5:16 PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER

Randall Baker, Brian Kirmse,
Carol Rumble, Fern McDonald
Beverly Sapp

Jenna's Friend Ashley
John Randal Bullard,

Peggy Bowen, Thomas Bloodgood,
Zereta Alsobrook,

Cathy Wilkinson, Russell Hargis,
Betty Craig, Pat Waller, John Sapp
*Those In The Nursing Homes & Health
Care Facilities, & Our Military.*

Guest Speaker
**ELDER
AARON BEATY**
Athens, AL
Sunday,
September 2nd!



Isaiah 41:13
For I the Lord they **GOD**
will hold thy right hand,
saying unto thee, Fear not;

I will help thee.

- 09-02 – Welcome Elder Aaron Beaty & Family
- 09-02 – Celebrate September Birthday's/Anniversary's/
Carry-In Lunch/Business Meeting
- 09-03 – Labor Day
- 09-09 – Bible Study @ 3:00 p.m.
- 09-12 – Ladies Circle @ Carol Rumble's @ 7:00 p.m.
- 09-16 – Breakfast With The Lord @ 8:45 a.m.
- 09-22 – Autumn Begins
- 09-23 – Morning Prayer Service @ 9:10 a.m.
- 09-23 – Bible Study @ 3:00 p.m.
- 09-30 – PBYP Donation Luncheon/Singspiration

Annual

**CHICKEN SUPPER
& LADIES CIRCLE
CRAFT SALE**

October 27th



**GOSHEN
HOSTING**

**CENTRAL STATES
FALL MINISTERAL
MEETING**

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Lord willing, let's look at some thoughts presented in John 1:35-42. The message of Jesus had just been presented by John the Baptist with the words, "Behold the Lamb of God" and the response of two to that message was "they followed Jesus."

The next thing we see here is the welcome. Jesus says "Come and see." What a wonderful experience to have Jesus welcome his disciples into His life. We find that wonderful welcome even in Old Testament. Isaiah 55:1 says this "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." Let him come, the one that's thirsty, let him come unto me. You don't have anything to offer, but not to worry, you are blessed by the grace of God. So in our text, Jesus welcomed these followers to "Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him."

The next thing we see here is a witness. Our text now goes on to say that Andrew "first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ." Andrew was excited to spread the good news. What an example, Andrew invited someone else to come and be near Jesus. When was the last time you got excited in telling others about Jesus? What kind of a witness are you? Are you intimidated because you are afraid someone will think that you are a religious nut? Are you scared that someone won't like you?

And the last thing we find in this passage is change. "He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone." Jesus informs Simon of a change in his life. Your name is going to be Cephas or Peter, a stone. Who would ever imagine that after Peter's heart breaking failure in denying the Lord that he would be chosen as the one to deliver such a powerful discourse on the day of Pentecost, but that goes to show that God was at work to make a change in this man. Peter wasn't intimidated, he wasn't fearful of man. He preached the Gospel in power and 3000 souls joined the church. And there is a sense in which all of God's children are recognized as a stone. 1 Peter 2:5 says "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." As part of Christ's house, as part of his family, you are a lively stone. Here is a lesson my friends. By the grace of God change is possible in the life of a follower of Jesus Christ. It's by his grace, by the strength and mercy.

Do you rejoice in the message of John the Baptist? Are you ready to follow the Lamb? The welcome is still just as true today for that one who comes to him. Take up your cross and witness to others about him and be amazed at the change he works in you.