

Goshen Primitive Baptist Church Bulletin

WHEN THERE IS NO ONE TO HELP



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SEPTEMBER 09, 2018 - Attendance: 52

Prayers & Concerns:

JAMES 5:16 PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER
Dale Lewis, Cathy Ash, Laura Shrum,
Peggy Bowen, Mike Varvel,
Jeremy Sapp/Shanda Schroeder
Linda Cunningham, Randall Baker,
Carol Rumble, Fern McDonald
John Randal Bullard,
Thomas Bloodgood, Zereta Alsobrook,
Cathy Wilkinson, Russell Hargis,
Betty Craig

*Those In The Nursing Homes
& Health Care Facilities, & Our Military.*

**GOSHEN
HOSTING**

**CENTRAL STATES
FALL MINISTERAL
MEETING**

**OCTOBER
2 - 4**

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 – PBYF Donation Luncheon/Singspiration @ 4:00 p.m.

**Annual
CHICKEN SUPPER
& LADIES CIRCLE
CRAFT SALE
October 27th**



MOVER OF MOUNTAINS
Faith is a force that is greater than
knowledge or power or skill,
And the darkest defeat turns to triumph
If you trust in God's wisdom and will,
For faith is a mover of mountains –
There's nothing man cannot achieve
If he has the courage to try it
And then has the faith to believe.

In John 5:1-9 we have the account of Jesus healing an impotent man. I would like to use this text to encourage God's people as we think about help "When there is no one to help". In our text we read of a man infirmed for 38 years meeting Jesus at the pool of Bethesda. The man seems to be alone with no friends. As Jesus approaches him; He asks "Wilt thou be made whole? The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man (I have no help), when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me." Apparently this man had witnessed that joy, but had never experienced that joy, because this man didn't have anyone to help. When we THINK that we are all alone in this world, when we THINK there is absolutely no way out of the mess that we are in... There is someone to help!

Now let us consider the children of Israel as they were exiting Egypt and they found themselves in what seemed to be a terrible situation. They had crossed into dessert terrain and now a very angry Pharaoh and his army were in hot pursuit; looking to do them harm. And to add more problems, they had arrived on the shore of the Red Sea, a dead end. What were their thoughts? Read Exodus 14:10-12. They thought they were going to die at that place because they believed they didn't have any help. God's answer through Moses was this "...Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD..." (Exodus 14:13) We get in a hurry and try to fix problems or at least blame the problem on someone when we can't fix it and don't see any help in getting the problem fixed. It is in those times that we need to stop, step back and take a breath.

We can never have too much help, can we? Let's take a look at Gideon in Judges Chapter seven. Have you ever been in a situation where you conclude you have too much help? The Lord told Gideon to go up against the Midianites. "And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people that are with thee are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me." (Judges 7:2) God knows they would have thought they could save themselves and we still do. We think we need to help the Lord. That is in our nature, to look for ways to puff ourselves up. Truth is God didn't need Moses or Gideon to deliver those folks and God doesn't need any one of us of the United States to deliver His people in this day either.

What the man at the pool of Bethesda didn't realize; what the Israelites and Moses didn't realize; what Gideon didn't realize...is that the One who has power to help was with them all the time! Is He not also with us? My friends, God is with His people wherever they are. And ultimately, only God can help anyone. Psalm 46:1 says that "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Whether we are in our homes, or in a Wilderness, whether we have been waiting 38 years we have someone with us when there is "no man" to help.

So what can we do knowing this? When there is no one to help think of these words found in Hebrews 4:16 "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:16) Call on Jesus, he will get you through.