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Jim Bowen, Pastor

Matthew 11:2-5 reads, "Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them." (Matthew 11:2-5) I have heard this passage preached from the view of doubt when it creeps into the minds of God's people and I won't disagree that is a primary lesson, but Jesus pointed out some miraculous examples of His sole claim to be the one that should come. I would like to focus on one in particular.

What would we think a miracle would look like? Would we be amazed if the blind were given sight, if the lame began to walk, if the deaf could hear, if the diseased were healed, or a dead person came back to life? Sure we would, but it is a miracle also that we can sometimes draw nigh to God and hear Him speak to us through the preaching of the Word.

What a miracle it is that God would call, equip and allow a man to stand before His people time and time again and proclaim the truth of the gospel. And what is the truth of the Gospel? Paul recorded it this way in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:"

So my friends it is through the Gospel that we are taught just how poor we were, yet how rich we have become by the grace of God. 2 Corinthians 8:9 "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

This country seems to be working hard to put God out of sight and out of mind, yet we are still blessed to have the freedom to worship Him. Listen we could lose that blessing. So let us be careful to give God the highest praise for working a miracle in our lives almost every Lord's Day. It is nothing less than a miracle that God has given us hearing ears and at the same time called men, equipped them and sent them to preach the Gospel. We are so rich. God Bless you.

**SEPTEMBER 23, 2018 - Attendance: 49**

**Gentle Reminder:**

**Important discussion (Pastor Call) at the next business meeting October 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**Please make every attempt to attend.**

### *Prayers & Concerns:*

*JAMES 5:16 PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER*

Kathryn Crump, Robert Diederich,  
Richard McCubbin, Sue McCubbin,  
Lori Wilson, Dale Lewis, Cathy Ash,  
Laura Shrum, Mike Varvel,  
Shanda Schroeder,  
Carol Rumble, John Randal Bullard,  
Thomas Bloodgood, Zereta Alsobrook,  
Cathy Wilkinson, Russell Hargis,  
Betty Craig

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



BYF  
Donation Lunch  
**TACO BAR**  
& Desserts  
Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>

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**DON'T FORGET  
SINGSPARATION**  
Same day!

**GOSHEN HOSTING  
CENTRAL STATES  
FALL MINISTERAL  
MEETING  
OCTOBER 2 - 4**



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