

Goshen Primitive Baptist Church Bulletin

THE MAKING ROOM FOR JESUS



Elder
Jim Bowen, Pastor

SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 - Attendance: 64

Gentle Reminder:
Important discussion (Pastor Call) at the next
business meeting October 7th.
Please make every attempt to attend.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 10-2-4 – Central States Ministerial Conference (See back for meal schedule)
- 10-06 – Deacon's Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 10-07 - Celebrate October Birthday's/Anniversary's/Carry In Lunch/Business Meeting
- 10-10 – No Ladies Circle
- 10-14 – Bible Study @ 3:00 p.m.
- 10-21 – Breakfast With The Lord @ 8:45 a.m.
- 10-27 – Annual PBYF Chicken Supper & Ladies Circle Craft & Bake Sale @ 4:00 – 7:00
- 10-28 – Circle Prayer Service @ 9:10 a.m./Bible Study @ 3:00 p.m.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

- 10-01 - Iris House
- 10-02 - Wade Murry Lindsey
- 10-02 - Dale Helms
- 10-03 - Merideth Metcalf
- 10-09 - Cole Thompson
- 10-10 – Troy Lewis
- 10-11 - Madison Steelman
- 10-12 - Derek Rumble
- 10-17 - Alex Kirmse
- 10-17 - Jeff Estes
- 10-25 - Megan Thompson
- 10-26 - Leea Estes
- 10-30 - Melvin Sapp
- 10-30 - Mitchell Calvin
- 10-31 - Christy Sapp Stanley



Annual
CHICKEN SUPPER
& LADIES CIRCLE
CRAFT SALE
October 27th

Prayers & Concerns:

JAMES 5:16 PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER
Kathryn & Diane Crump,
Robert Diederich, Richard McCubbin,
Lori Wilson, Dale Lewis, Cathy Ash,
Laura Shrum, Mike Varvel,
Shanda Schroeder,
John Randal Bullard,
Those In The Nursing Homes
& Health Care Facilities, & Our Military.

We at Goshen are coming up on one of those special meetings that occur from time to time. We have guests coming and homes are being opened up to the visitors. At my house in particular we are cleaning up, moving stuff around and in general making room for our guests. That is my thought... Are we making room for Jesus?

My first thought is that God surely has made room for us in lots of ways, naturally and spiritually. Surely we can say that God has blessed us. And yet we who follow Jesus Christ find ourselves striving against those in this country who would seek to take away what God has given us. We are looking for God to bless us again. Can God do that? We read about God making room in the account of Isaac and his family seeking water in Genesis 26:17-22. "Isaac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar ... Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father ... And Isaac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of springing water. And the herdmen of Gerar did strive with Isaac's herdmen ... And they digged another well, and strove for that also ... And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, For now the LORD hath made room for us." There it is "the LORD hath made room for us". Those were words of comfort to Isaac and they are words of comfort to us. God has made room for us by bringing us into His family through Jesus Christ. He has made for a place in His Church where we can find rest and relief from those that strive against us. Are we making room for Jesus?

But the Bible also teaches us to make room for others. There is an account of a woman making room for a prophet in 2 Kings 4:8-10 "And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread. And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually. Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither." This woman made room for this man. She and her family had been blessed by God and she was recorded here as a "great woman". What made her great? All I can go on is that she made room for another.

So in closing, the Lord Jesus Christ has made room for His people now in His Church. He has made room in our heart, He has come into our heart, He has touched our heart and put something there where there was nothing but a heart of stony before. He has also prepared for us a city where in Hebrews 11:16 it says "they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city." My friends, the Lord has made room for you. Are we making room for Jesus?

I hope that we all can understand how important it is to make room for Jesus in our lives today, through prayer, church attendance and Bible study. The Lord has made room for us. My prayer to you is that we will be convicted and burdened to make room for Jesus in our homes, in our work and in our daily activities.