

Goshen Primitive Baptist Church Bulletin

THE GOSPEL DECLARATION



Elder
Jim Bowen, Pastor

OCTOBER 07, 2018 - Attendance: 45

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 10-10 – No Ladies Circle
- 10-14 – Bible Study @ 3:00 p.m.
- 10-17 – Choir Practice
- 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.
- 10-31 – Choir Practice

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

- 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

Prayers & Concerns:

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

Annual

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



In today's business meeting an unanimous vote to call a new pastor.
May God add his blessing to the call and decision and continue to bless Goshen Church and the church family.

1 Corinthians 15:1 begins with these words “Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel...” If there was not another verse in the Bible to that teaches me that the gospel is a declaration rather than some sort of proposition, this would be enough. The gospel is a declaration of truth that proclaims the God of glory.

Paul now makes another very important statement here, he says “By which also...” (1 Corinthians 15:2) That means “in addition also to that” “By which also ye are saved” and here is a condition “if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.” Friends, I want you to know that I believe it is possible that God’s children may believe in vain. This verse teaches that to me. Here were some people who had understood the gospel of the resurrection, they had believed it and no doubt they had rejoiced in it, but now people like Hymenaeus and Philetus had come and preached that the resurrection had passed already and “overthrew the faith of some.” (2 Timothy 2:17-18)

Just like there were in that day, there are many of God’s children today that need saving and I’d be one of them. Well Paul was telling some folks here that you need to be delivered (saved) from these false teachers that have carried you in the wrong direction. It’s been about 2000 years and we still need to be saved from false teachings.

In 1 Corinthians 15 we are told that Jesus “was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.” (1 Corinthians 15:4-6) That’s the gospel! Paul goes on to say “And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.” (1 Corinthians 15:14) He says “Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.” (1 Corinthians 15:15) If what other folks would have us to believe is the gospel truth, that Jesus’ bones are in some box, then I’m guilty of preaching a falsehood. Brethren, stand firm in what the gospel teaches us.

Paul then says “But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.” (1 Corinthians 15:20) Friends I want to tell you that in the days of old that if and when the firstfruits were blessed of God, then the whole crop was judged to be holy on the account of the firstfruits. We have a friend who sits on the throne of glory who defends our holiness, not because of what we are but on the account of His position as the firstfruits.

So let me close by saying that the gospel is that great declaration and that wonderful testimony that Jesus Christ was a complete and total success in what he did. That’s simply the gospel.