

Goshen Primitive Baptist Church Bulletin



Elder
Jim Bowen,
Pastor

NOVEMBER 18, 2018 - Attendance: 41

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- .11-23 – Thanksgiving Day
- 11-25 – Circle Prayer Service @ 9:10 a.m./Bible Study @ 3:00 p.m.
- 11-28 – Choir Practice @ 6:30 p.m.

DECEMBER:

- 12-01 – Deacon's Meeting @ Mitchell Calvin's @ 6:30 p.m.
- 12-02 – Celebrate December Birthday's/Anniversary's/Carry In Lunch Business Meeting
- 12-05 – Choir Practice @ 6:30 p.m.
- 12-09 – Children's Christmas Program @ 10:30 a.m.
- 12-09 – Bible Study @ 3:00 p.m.
- 12-12 – Ladies Circle Christmas Gift Exchange @ Church with Carry-In Finger Foods @ 6:00
- 12-16 – Breakfast With The Lord @ 8:45 a.m.
- 12-19 – Choir Practice @ 6:30 p.m.
- 12-21 – Winter Begins
- 12-23 – Circle Prayer @ 9:10 a.m./Brother Jim's Farewell Service @ Goshen
- 12-25 – Celebrate The Birth of JESUS
- 12-30 – Elder Aaron Beaty (Pending Weather)
- 12-30 – PBYF Donation Lunch



Prayers & Concerns:

JAMES 5:16 PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER
Dee Wood-Coffman,
Nadine Bennett, Dorothy John,
Mitchell Calvin,
Jo Gallup, Linda Cunningham,
Laura Shrum,
Shanda Schroeder & Emmitt,
Those In The Nursing Homes
Health Care Facilities,
& Our Military.

Thankful

THANKFULNESS

Today is the Lord's Day and it is the beginning of Thanksgiving week in this nation. I particularly like Thanksgiving because the beginnings of this holiday are centered on thanks to God for His providence in the affairs of our Nation. This holiday is not tarnished with arguments of pagan origins. And so I have a wonderful opportunity to simply thank God, but I'm not the first, nor the only one to enjoy thanking God.

The Apostle Paul was in a Roman prison as he wrote the Colossian letter and even though he was confined, chained, in a prison cell, bound, we find that the word of the Lord was not bound. In that word Paul thanked God. In Colossians 1:3 Paul writes "We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you". Paul was thanking God for a small body of believers. In most every letter he wrote, Paul starts off by saying something like "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you". (Philippians 1:3) Every time Paul thought of the church at Philippi, he thanked God for them. Do you want to thank God for something? Thank God for your church!

Colossians 2:6-7 "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving." Here is another reference that Paul makes to being thankful. As you have received his word, (believed the gospel) walk in his likeness. We are taught here to be planted "rooted" not a bunch of tumbleweeds that move with the wind. Paul says in another place "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine..." (Ephesians 4:14) This word "abounding" can give us a picture of a river overflowing its banks. The Lord's people ought to be a people overflowing with thanksgiving.

In Colossians 3:15 Paul again writes "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful." But how can I be thankful? Paul teaches us how we can be thankful, when he says "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." (Colossians 3:16) How can you show your thanks to Christ, how can you glorify God? by singing to others about Christ. That is a way that we can show God how thankful we are.

One last verse of thanks written by the Apostle Paul in Colossians 3:17, he says "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." Here is a good rule of thumb to go by in giving thanks to God. If what you are about to say cannot be said in the name of Jesus, you probably shouldn't say it. If what you are about to do can't be done in the name of Jesus, then you probably shouldn't do it.

Surely we ought to give thanks to God for such great truths that are contained in his word. HAPPY THANKSGIVNING!