

Goshen Primitive Baptist Church Bulletin



Elder
Jim Bowen,
Pastor

NOVEMBER 25, 2018 - Attendance: 54

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

Patricia Baker, Sue McCubbin, Lora Jones, Ola Mae Taggart

Kyle Wood (Friend of Myron) Brian Kirmse's Uncle,

Justin John, Jo Gallup, Linda Cunningham, Laura Shrum,

Steve Sapp's Grandson Emmitt,

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

The Poinsettia Tree Will Be Next Week
As Well As The Christmas Card Table.



PRONE TO WANDER

The Bible teaches us that we are to teach and admonish one another through psalms and hymns and spiritual songs. In our hymns we are taught about a mighty God who is Sovereign and powerful to save. We are taught about Jesus Christ and His perfect work of redemption, but there are also hymns that deal with our everyday life. In these hymns we find someone who has traveled the same path that we are traveling. I would like to call your attention to the expression "Prone to wander" which is found in the hymn "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing". It is my experience in life that I am very prone to wander, to lose focus on something and have my mind drift off to something else altogether.

Hebrews 3:12-15 says this, "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end; While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation." "Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love."

When I am "Prone to wander", then I have a great need of the Lord's grace, His blessings; His interventions. We are inclined to wander when the cares of the world begin to crowd out our interest in spiritual things. How easy it is for that to happen, how subtle are the interferences that distract us and pull us away from the things that are of greatest importance. In the parable of the sower in Matthew 13:22 Jesus said "He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful." How many times have you listened to a message, you had to concede that the truth was preached, you felt a measure of conviction, you saw there was some changes that ought to be made in your life, you said in your heart at that moment that by Gods grace you were going to make changes, but by the time you left the service and found yourself back in the middle of things that keep you far too busy, the message that you had heard, the commitments that you had made began to fade and were soon gone.

We need the grace and mercy of God to be upon us when we are "prone to wander". We need the Holy Spirit within us to fight against the sinful desires of the flesh that are ever present with us. We need God's help to keep us on the edge of our seats looking for those moments when Jesus is with us, supping with us. Lord, rescue me, forgive me, warm my heart; help me to be drawn close to thee. God be ever so close to us as we are "Prone to wander"! Yes, in the weakness of the flesh we are prone to wander, so let us hold fast to the truth of God, that we may follow and serve our Saviour Jesus Christ!

