

# Goshen Primitive Baptist Church Bulletin

## THE SWEETEST STORY



Elder  
Jim Bowen,  
Pastor

  
**December 09, 2018 - Attendance: 81**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS

*The Sweetest Story Ever Told*

**Narrators: Ellie Helms, Layton Kirmse, Gavin Blackburn**  
**Angel Choir: Maggie, Lyta & Holly Stratman**  
**Mary And Joseph: Raelyn Dooling & Colton Rumble**  
**Come To Worship Him: Jackson Fischer, Opie Diederich, Emerson Fischer, Elsie Diederich & Hattie Diederich**



### DECEMBER:

- 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 (Beef Stew and Ham & Beans)

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 12-13 – Liz Roberts
- 12-14 – Doug Baylous
- 12-15 – Nancy Louise Bryant
- 12-15 – Gail Calvin
- 12-16 – Cameron Wobbe
- 12-17 – Renee Christopher
- 12-19 – Dena Stratman
- 12-21 – Sammie Davidson
- 12-21 – Jim Hunter
- 12-24 – Justin John
- 12-25 – Keith Baylous
- 12-28 – Johanna McCune
- 12-31 – Raelyn Dooling

### *Prayers & Concerns:*

*JAMES 5:16 PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER*

**Liz Roberts,**  
**Kyle Wood (Friend of Myron)**  
**Brian Kirmse's Uncle,**  
**Linda Cunningham,**  
**Laura Shrum,**  
**Steve Sapp's Grandson Emmitt,**  
**John Sapp,**  
**Doug Baylous**

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

Psalm 119:103 "How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" That verse reminds of a story told in the pages of God's Holy word. Now I like a good story. I have been reminded this week of the life story of a former President of the United States who passed into eternity. His story was very much a part of my life. But my friends the Holy words of God tell the Sweetest, Greatest, most Amazing Story ever told. It tells the story of Jesus, the Son of God. And I hope to spend a moment looking at just a small part of that story.

When did the story of Jesus begin? Many will tell us that story began about 2000 years ago with the birth of a baby in the hills around Bethlehem. But friends, I have a sweeter story than that. Before time was, before the Sun rose, in eternity past, there existed but one thing... GOD in three persons purposed to create and in that creation He would be glorified. And God knew before He created that His creation would fall. So if any of God's creation was going to be housed with Him in eternal glory, something sweet would have to occur. God would have to come down to make atonement for His fallen people and friends He Came Down... Galatians 4:4 "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law". For thirty-three and half years Jesus (God manifest in the flesh) lived among His creation and obeyed the Will of God to the jot and tittle. That is sweet but it gets even sweeter. At the end of that time, we find a time when He would NOT Come Down... Matthew 27:40-42 "And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him." Jesus came and He came with a purpose... Matthew 1:21 "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." It is the sweetest thing that has ever been done for anyone of us.

Why would God do such a thing? 1 John 4:7-10 "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." Many would quickly agree that God loves people, but many tell the story of a God who needs help to do what He planned to do before time began. They will say words along the line that God is great and good, but man must somehow assist God to make our eternal salvation sure. I've got a better, sweeter story for you... Listen my friends our Bible does not teach a weak and compromising God. Over and over we have passages that suggest just the opposite... Isaiah 59:1 "Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save..." The Bible does not teach anywhere that it took a great work on our part to satisfy a Just and Holy God, but rather that God looked down on the works of one person (Our Hero) and found His work to be exactly and all that was required. Isaiah 53:10-11 "Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities." We should not have to wait till Christmas each year to be reminded of the sweetest story ever told. It is a part of His people's lives every day. God is SO good.