

# Goshen Primitive Baptist Church Bulletin



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Jim Bowen,  
Pastor

**DECEMBER 16, 2018 - Attendance: 52**



## *Prayers & Concerns:*

*JAMES 5:16 PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER*

Cathy Wilkerson (Friend of Norm & Patricia)  
Dee Wood-Coffman, Phebe's Friend  
Howie  
Linda Cunningham, Laura Shrum,  
Steve Sapp's Grandson Emmitt, John Sapp,  
Doug Baylous

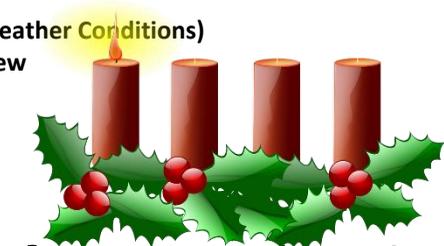
*Those In The Nursing Homes Health Care  
Facilities, & Our Military.*

### DECEMBER:

- 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 Conditions)
- 12-30 – PBYP Donation Lunch (Beef Stew and Ham & Beans)

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 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



*Hope, Peace, Joy & Love.*

A baby was born in a manger  
While a bright star shone down from above  
And the world learned the depths of God's mercy  
And the comfort and strength of His love  
May the thought of that long-ago Christmas  
And the meaning it sure to impact  
Bring a wonderful message of comfort  
And a deep new peace to your heart.

# BEHOLD

About this time every year, Christians spend a lot of time looking at the birth of Jesus as recorded in Luke chapter two. There is great emphasis placed on a baby in a manger and the giving of presents. But I find that in the Bible many important things about Jesus are introduced with the simple word "Behold". In Luke 2:8-11 we find these words, "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Behold a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. This description using the word "Behold" and seven others tell us much about Jesus Christ the Lord.

Matthew 12:18-20 "Behold my servant ..." teaches us that Jesus came to serve. While He served man He always served the Will of God. Jesus is called God's "righteous servant" in Isaiah 53:11. To serve implies you have a job to do and the greatest job Jesus accomplished was saving all those that the Father gave Him before time began. Jesus Himself said in Luke 22:27 "...I am among you as he that serveth." Jesus set a biblical example of serving in John 13:4-5 "He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel wherewith he was girded." Jesus would say John 13:14-17 "If I then, *your* Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

In John 1:29 "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Jesus is described at the Lamb of God. Lambs were the focus of the most important of sacrifices in the Old Testament dispensation. They were given to God as a sacrifice for man's sin. Jesus carried that much further and the Lamb of God that would give Himself to save His people from their sin.

There is coming a day when that Great Servant who gave Himself as a Lamb without spot or blemish to redeem us, the people God chose and gave to Him. In that day He will make this statement, Hebrews 2:13 "...Behold I and the children which God hath given me."

How do you Behold Jesus? Do you see Him today? Yes He came to earth as a little baby, but more importantly He came to earth as Saviour, Christ the Lord. I pray you see Him more clearly. May God bless you to Behold Him as never before!