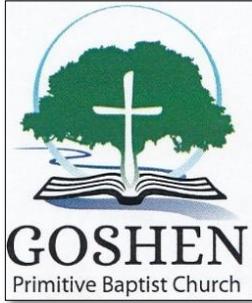


**JANUARY 05, 2020**

**Attendance: 57**



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

01-08 – Ladies Circle at Brenda Austin’s at 7:00 p.m.

01-19 – Breakfast With The Lord at 8:45 a.m.

01-26 – PBYF Donation Lunch (Super Bowl Foods)

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

01-06 – Ray Ash

01-06 – Steve Sapp

01-10 – Cory Blackburn

01-10 – Jackson Fischer

01-12 – Kathryn Crump

01-21 – Brenda Austin

01-21 – Brian Sapp

01-22 – Chris Bennett

01-24 – Cray Estes

*Prayers & Concerns:*

*JAMES 5:16 PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER  
GOSHEN CHURCH*

Dorothy John, Rex Taggart, Patti Sapp, Gertie Davis  
Bruce Begemann, F.W. Glascock,  
Sue Roberts, Leroy Calvin, Bev Leach, Nadine Bennett  
Sharon Winner, Tyler & Rachel Snyder,  
Seth Cunningham, Samuel Jones,  
John Randall Bullard

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

**Bible Study:**

**Adults 1/15 & 1/29 @ 6:00 p.m.**

**Young Adults 1/8 & 1/22 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**PBYF 1/19 @ 4:30 p.m.**

**JANUARY BUSINESS MEETING:**

Brother Bruce Martin, Moderator called the January meeting to order with prayer. He asked for reports from the various committees. Deacon’s report was given regarding new siding for the building. The Sanctuary committee will meet again and give a presentation at the February meeting. Mitchell Calvin gave a treasurer’s report. The meeting was close in prayer.



**Elder Aaron Beaty, Pastor**

**Exodus 14:8-12**

**Faith In The Unseen**



**GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US**

Do you know God is always with you? This is a question that each of us should regularly ask ourselves. Of course, there are those who will deny even the existence of God much less His eternal presence and power over His creation. What I write today is not a defense of the fact of God’s existence. I will leave that for someone smarter and better equipped at writing than I am. Who I hope this finds is the everyday believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. Those of us that fight the constant conflict of everyday life. Those of us who stress to juggle our spiritual life and growth with the trials and strains of living in “the real world”. I believe most of us are overwhelmed by the constant strain and stress of everyday life. We then find little to no time left to focus on our spiritual well-being. We have the desire and good intentions to grow spiritually. We know we should pray more, read our Bibles more and go to church on a regular basis but time is so precious and fleeting. By the end of a day full of commitment and responsibilities there is simply no time left to focus on spiritual things. We become consumed with “just surviving” rather than growth. Most Christians find themselves fighting this internal battle for balance. What happens to us, is that we are left with shallow roots straining to go deeper in the dry hard earth of everyday life. Spiritual roots starving of moisture and nutrition that simply cannot be found in the world. Spiritual roots grasping to hold on and survive, rather than grow deeper and stronger in the grace and knowledge of God.

It has always amazed me that my most trying times is so often the same times I fail to see God’s hand and work in my life. It is not that God isn’t there, it’s simply that I have my eyes closed to seeing him. I do not believe it is a coincidence that many of life’s trials plague us when our hearts are in a state of self-centeredness rather than a state of God-centeredness. How wonderful it is though that the smallest degree of effort from us can bring an overflow of God’s blessings and strength to us. James 4:8 tells us, “Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.” So many times, we believe we must meet God halfway. The wonderful truth I have found is that many times, it’s as simple as one step in the right direction being all that is required. Reading a simple verse, saying a quick prayer, having a few quiet moments of reflection can be the still waters that satisfy our souls in the driest droughts of life. I have always found greater comfort in knowing that the solutions to life’s greatest problems and trials is always within arm’s reach. The answer I’m blindly struggling to find is, simply one step away from where I am. God is always with us! If we know this to be true, then we should also know that He is the answer and solution to every trial and stress we face. Within arm’s reach is the greatest strength and sweet peace we could ever hope to find. Within arm’s reach is the very hand of God Himself. May we open our hearts and minds to remember this truth and reach up to take God’s hand and walk in his grace and peace in this life.

By His Grace, Bro. Aaron